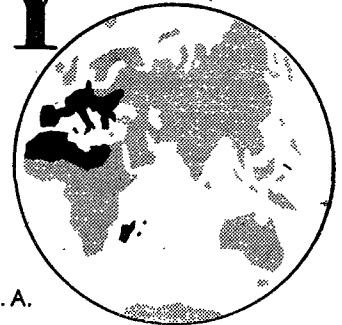


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“ Onward, Ever Onward ! ”

By W. R. Beach

With this number of the *Quarterly Review* we are resuming the publication of our official Division bulletin. The last number was dated March, 1942. The *Quarterly Review* had continued to appear despite the disturbing and shattering war conditions that had prevailed for more than two years in Europe. Reports from certain parts of the field became more and more incomplete. Our Division Committee therefore decided to discontinue publication until such a time as the purpose of the paper could be achieved more acceptably. This time has now come.

I am sure the arrival of this issue will be greeted with enthusiastic welcome throughout the Southern European Division. Our conferences and organizations have missed this official medium of communication. The reports it contained and which it will now continue to publish have been missed in the world field, too. A number of letters have come to my desk from other divisions inquiring as to our date of republication. We are happy now to be able to give satisfaction to all. We recognize, of course, that abnormal conditions still obtain in parts of this Division, a fact which will make the task of our editor most difficult and sometimes unsatisfactory. We feel, nevertheless, that a great volume of unprecedented achievements are now available for reporting and that our Division would be remiss in its responsibility to the cause were these facts not placed at the disposal of responsible leaders and workers.

The cause of God in Southern Europe presents an inspiring picture today. When the development of war operations spread an impenetrable blackout over large areas of Southern Europe, the total

membership of this Division stood at 32,955. By December 31, 1947, it had grown to 50,830. At the end of this first quarter of 1948, the total membership must be approaching 52,000. During 1946 and 1947, nearly 18,000 baptisms were reported, and I am sure this figure is incomplete.

The various reports reveal many other encouraging advances. I shall leave the reader the privilege of discovering them for himself in the following columns. The readers of our Division paper will find many new column headings and reports; new forms of denominational activity have been introduced and developed, while the old and tried methods have been hastened to greater perfection: « Press and Radio, » « Bible Correspondence School, » « team evangelism, » are terms among many others that have been adopted and represent efforts that are rendering abundant results. Our official reporting must take them into account.

The fact is that we have come to a new day in the work in Europe. Tens of thousands stand ready to listen to the advent message. In lands where unyielding walls of opposition had been met, there is today a remarkable readiness to learn what God has to say about world events. Surely, under these circumstances, we must rally to the task and be unrelenting in proclaiming the solemnity and the certainty of the coming Christ. Eighteen cities in Southern Europe of more than one million inhabitants are awaiting this message. These millions still wandering in the wilderness of sin must know the truth. Duty-bound, we must

« Before them place in dread array
The pomp of that tremendous day,
When Christ with clouds shall come. »

We know very well that this will not be an easy task. How much more zeal there would be around the world could all know the conditions under which the work must be done in many parts of Southern Europe. But our fields have set themselves to the task of winning 12,000 souls in 1948. This was the goal adopted at our Winter Council in Zurich. Leaders return to their fields resolved to strip themselves for the fray and to lead their churches and workers to the gate of victory. This will mean hardship, sacrifice, and even persecution. One of these leaders quoted this promise as the watchword for his field:

« Truth, passing by those who despise and reject it, will triumph. Although at times apparently retarded, its progress has never been checked.

When the message of God meets with opposition, He gives it additional force, that it may exert greater influence. Endowed with divine energy, it will cut its way through the strongest barriers, and triumph over every obstacle. » (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 601.)

We are confident in this divine promise. This work is not of our own seeking, but of God's appointment. He will cut through encircling difficulties, so that the ripening harvest of truth can be hastened into the heavenly garner. We are not left to fight alone. They who go forth in faith « move under the shield of Omnipotence. » (*Id.*, p. 29.) Strong in the security of these promises, the work in Southern Europe will be « onward, ever onward » to final triumph.

Statistical Summary of the Southern European Division for the Year 1947

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24								
1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV.															14	2	5	25	—	—	—	—	—	46							
2. Austrian Union Conference	31	1832	269	23	148	440	34	32	84	150	290	2122	12	4	2	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	31	227					
3. Czechoslovakian Union Conf.	109	3787	424	58	351	833	34	70	309	413	420	4207	27	4	1	18	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	62	127	154	499				
4. Franco-Belgian »	70	2870	259	33	191	483	40	20	152	212	271	3141	29	13	—	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72	159	71	253			
5. Hungarian » »	128	3861	784	77	186	1047	104	111	237	452	595	4456	20	8	6	10	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	83	159	141	480			
6. Yugoslavian » »	157	5279	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5279	78	11	—	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	136	177	600			
7. Rumanian » »	551	19000	5000	—	—	5000	2500	—	—	2500	2500	21500	12	5	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	560	3500			
8. Swiss » »	54	2922	166	17	124	307	71	55	115	241	66	2988	21	9	3	7	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	34	82	53	235	
9. Indian Ocean Union Mission	44	1527	117	9	19	145	16	24	24	64	81	1608	11	4	2	21	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	72	52	294	
10. Italian » »	39	1290	176	8	134	318	63	16	143	222	96	1386	19	—	1	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	34	78	49	164	
11. North African » »	16	492	58	5	57	120	5	6	70	81	39	531	7	—	—	10	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	42	14	47	
12. Portuguese » »	22	1003	161	9	42	212	17	16	39	72	140	1143	9	9	—	8	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	47	22	120	
13. Bulgarian Conference	39	1651	153	—	—	153	23	10	20	53	100	1751	7	4	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
14. Grecian Mission	5	139	7	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	7	146	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	13		
15. Spanish » »	10	495	87	5	22	114	7	5	25	37	77	572	4	1	2	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	16	13	62
Totals for year 1947 :	1275	46148	7661	244	1274	9179	2914	365	1218	4497	4682	50830	272	76	24	242	93	13	323	1043	1342	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

A Word from the Editor

A little more than six years have glided by since the last number of the *Quarterly Review* was published. The readers of the organ of the Southern European Division in bygone times will remember that it was in March, 1942, that Elder W. R. Beach, then editor of this paper, announced that, because of disrupted postal communications and other unfavorable conditions due to the war, it had been found advisable to discontinue the publishing of the *Quarterly Review*.

The war ended in the meantime. Peace — alas, a rather precarious peace — has been brought to our countries. Transportation and communication conditions have certainly improved since, and contact with a good part of our fields has made possible much more complete reports. However, owing to disrupted conditions in some of the most interesting fields of our Division, current data is not yet available; and, in consequence of these facts, we have hesitated to resume

the publishing of the *Quarterly Review*, hoping that these difficulties would disappear. Unfortunately, this is not the case. But, desiring to wait no longer, we decided to go forward and to begin again sending out the *Quarterly Review* to the different parts of our territory and to the other divisions of our world-wide work, publishing the reports which are available at present.

In spite of tremendous difficulties prevailing in a large part of our field, we can see that God's hand is over His work in Southern Europe, giving the assurance of unbroken progress until our Lord's return. It was our privilege to present, during the Annual Council of the Southern European Division, held at Zurich, Switzerland, last December, a very encouraging report showing the great advance made in the work of God during the last two years. During 1946

Statistical Report of the Southern European Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending March 31, 1948

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV.													14	2	5	25				46		
2. AUSTRIAN UNION CONF.														2		3	1			6		
3. Danube Conference	16	1138	53	4	20	77	9	2	16	27	50	1188	4	3			1	2		10	16	1201
4. Alpine »	16	984	49	4	3	56	8	4	7	19	37	1021	7	2			2			11	15	1119
	32	2122	102	8	23	133	17	6	23	46	87	2209	13	5	3	4	2			27	31	2320
5. CZECHOSLOVAKIAN U. C.														4			1	2		7		
6. Bohemian Conference	31	1101	30	6	22	58	5	1	12	18	40	1141	8	1		20	6	2	37	40	1500	
7. Moravian »	47	2156	33	3	61	97	7	6	66	79	18	2174	10	3		55	5	11	84	68	2434	
8. Slovakian »	34	950	4		22	26	2	3	19	24	2	952	5			25	5	2	37	34	1120	
	112	4207	67	9	105	181	14	10	97	121	60	4267	27	4		101	18	15	165	142	5054	
9. FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.														5	1		3			9		
10. Belgian Conference	13	814	13	4	6	23	16	4	9	29	-6	808	6	2		10		2	20	13	850	
11. East France »	15	404		5	1	-6	2	1	1	4	2	406	2	5		4		8	19	15	405	
12. North France »	15	968	16	1	7	24	21	5	6	32	-8	960	9	4		17		6	36	15	579	
13. South France »	27	955	4		7	11		1	13	14	-3	952	11	7		9		54	81	27	751	
	70	3141	33	10	21	64	39	11	29	79	-15	3126	33	19		43		70	165	70	2585	
14. HUNGARIAN U. C.														5	1	6				12		
15. Central Hung. Conference	45	1756	188	8	23	219	8	10	14	32	187	1943	4	4	2	2	12	12	56	45	2150	
16. East Hung. »	58	2054	239	6	5	250	15	3	27	45	205	2259	7	2	1	2	15	34	61	58	2575	
17. West Hung. »	29	646	56	8	14	78	3	3	2	8	70	716	4	2	2	1	5	25	39	29	571	
	132	4456	483	22	42	547	26	16	43	85	462	4918	20	8	6	11	32	91	168	132	5296	
18. JUGOSLAVIAN U. C.																						
19. Danube Conference	NO REPORT																					
20. Sava »	NO REPORT																					
21. Morava »	NO REPORT																					
	157	5279										5279	12	5		13			30	177	6000	
22. RUMANIAN UNION CONF.																						
23. Muntenian Conference	NO REPORT																					
24. Oltenia »	NO REPORT																					
25. North Transylvanian »	NO REPORT																					
26. South Transylvanian »	NO REPORT																					
27. Moldavian »	NO REPORT																					
28. Danube »	NO REPORT																					
	551	21500	346		346		230		230	1162	21616	78	11		47				136	560	27720	
29. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE ..														3	1					4		
30. German Swiss Conference	32	1784	3		19	-22	5	7	17	29	-7	1777	10	3	1	4	3	-19	40	32	1435	
31. Lemman »	24	1204	1	4	11	-16	3	9	10	22	-6	1198	8	5	2	3	1	4	15	38	23	948
	56	2988	4	4	30	-38	8	16	27	51	-13	2975	21	9	3	7	4	4	34	82	55	2383
32. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISS...														1	1	3	3			8		
33. Madagascar Mission	25	573	1	2	11	14	1	5	12	18	-4	569	6			8	24	5	2	45	25	1830
34. Mauritius »	13	829					3	1		4	-4	825	2	3		8			3	16	18	792
35. Reunion »	4	128										128	2							2	6	183
36. Seychelles »	2	78										78	1			2				3	3	98
	44	1608	1	2	11	14	4	6	12	22	-8	1600	12	4	3	21	24	5	5	74	52	2903
37. ITALIAN UNION MISS.														5		1	3		3	12		
38. Central Italian Mission	11	445	10	2	9	21	10	3	12	25	-4	441	5			5		9	19	20	438	
39. North Italian »	8	349	11	1	6	18		1	9	10	8	357	4			6		9	19	8	501	
40. South Italian »	20	592	6	1	14	21	4	-16	20	1	593	5				7		18	30	21	818	
	39	1386	27	4	29	60	14	4	37	55	5	1391	19			1	21	3	36	80	49	1757
41. NORTH AFRICAN UN. MISS. ..														3	1		2			6		
42. Algerian Mission	10	365	9		5	14			2	2	12	377	2	1	3		4	2	9	21	11	321
43. Moroccan »	4	106		-1		1				1	107	2		5				5	12	4	123	
44. Tunisian »	2	60	4			4	2			2	2	62	1			3		3		7	3	67
	16	531	13	1	5	19	2		2	4	15	546	8	2	8	5	4	5	14	46	18	511
45. PORTUGUESE UNION MISS. ..														3	1		1			5		
46. Portuguese Conference	14	790	3		45	48		4	52	56	-8	782	6	10		8		3	27	14	744	
47. Madeira Mission	1	103		1		1				1		103	1			2		3	6	1	138	
48. Azores »	3	77				2		2	2	4	-4	73	1	2				1	4	3	88	
49. Cape Verde »	3	76	20		20	10		2	12	8	84	1	3			1		2	6	3		
50. St. Thomas »	1	97	17		3	20				20	117	1				1			2	1	141	
	22	1143	40	1	48	89	13	4	56	73	16	1159	12	16		13		9	50	22	1111	
51. BULGARIAN CONFERENCE ..	39	1751										1751	7	4		9			20			
52. GRECIAN MISSION	5	146										146	2	2	2				6	5	130	
53. SPANISH »	10	572			1	1	2			2	-1	571	4	1	2	5	1	1	2	16	13	666
54. TOTALS	1285	50830	1116	61	315	1492	139	303	326	768	724	51554	282	92	33	325	85	18	276	1111	1326	58436

**Report of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Southern European Division
For the Year 1947**

	Austrian Conf.	Czechoslovakia U. C.	Franco-Belgian U. C.	Hungarian U. C.	Jugoslavian U. C.	Rumanian U. C.	Swiss U. C.	Indian Ocean U. M.	Italian U. M.	North African U. M.	Portuguese U. M.	Albanian M.	Bulgarian M.	Grecian M.	Spanish M.	Yearly Average and Totals 1947
Number of societies	20	75	36	56	—	—	29	16	28	6	17	—	—	3	4	290
Number of societies reporting	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Membership (all classes)	277	2200	555	1025	1500	11000	553	363	421	118	969	—	—	30	150	19161
Number reporting	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total of Senior and Junior young people baptized, regardless of who labored for them	8	254	65	222	—	—	61	—	38	3	—	—	—	—	—	651
Number baptized whom young people had a part in winning	8	—	10	84	—	—	7	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	121
Number belonging to missionary bands	—	—	—	580	—	—	231	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	811
REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK :																
Number of Bible readings or gospel meetings held	661	—	585	6146	—	—	576	37	3132	301	7389	—	—	—	—	18828
Number of missionary contacts	647	—	1469	5385	—	—	651	30	4062	249	12797	—	—	—	—	25290
Number of persons helped	586	—	352	44	—	—	620	54	972	299	5485	—	—	—	—	8412
Literature distributed	714	—	16979	40396	—	—	9993	62	16867	4272	41554	—	—	—	—	130837
DEVOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL :																
Number observing the Morning Watch	152	—	118	624	—	—	132	—	287	15	178	—	—	—	—	1506
Number completing Bible Year and Character Classics	66	—	82	240	—	—	37	—	133	6	122	—	—	—	—	686
Number Taking Reading Course	10	—	9	535	—	—	55	—	—	—	75	—	—	—	—	684
FINANCIAL :																
Offerings local society work	\$ 108,65	—	110,30	289,34	—	—	190,99	—	60,78	—	44,40	—	—	—	—	804,46
Harvest Ingathering	\$ 58,81	—	3436,45	—	—	—	1360,99	—	647,06	—	612,85	—	—	—	—	6116,16
Offerings special projects	\$ —	—	12,60	—	—	—	245,24	—	—	—	91,33	—	—	—	—	349,17

Mauritius Island, Indian Ocean

By Charles Monnier

It is with joy that we send to our brethren and sisters a report from our mission field at the beginning of a new year. First, we should like to say how happy we are that we responded to the Master's call to work for Him on this delightful little island.

The last days of the year 1947 have passed, and we must therefore strike a balance between the profits and losses. The last reports from the churches have just reached the Mission office. With all possible haste we are anxious to ascertain our situation to date. We find, first, that 34 new members have been added to the church, which brings the number to 829. True, this number is not as high as we might have wished; nevertheless, it represents great and noble victories over the adversary, and for these victories we praise the Lord.

In the realm of finances, we can record gains in all columns. Tithe receipts have increased from 43,000 rupees in 1946 to 48,000 rupees in 1947. (The rupee is now worth about 31 cents.) The Big Week increased from 134 rupees to 330 rupees; the Harvest Ingathering campaign brought in 4,586 rupees in 1947, as compared with 3,507 in 1946. The Annual Offering increased from 660 rupees in 1946 to 1,029 rupees in 1947.

For the encouragement of certain of our Sabbath schools, we should like to call attention to two points. First, here in Mauritius, many of our members have made it their duty to attend the Sabbath school regularly and to study the lesson daily. Yesterday it was

my privilege, as secretary of this department for the Mission, to sign, for one Sabbath school of 157 members, 61 perfect attendance honor cards and 58 for daily study, making a total of 58 members with perfect records for both attendance and daily study. This Sabbath school might well serve as an example for other schools.

The second point is the Investment Fund. In 1947 we received 780 rupees for this fund. Would you like to know how we accomplished this? Here is a list of suggestions distributed by one Sabbath school superintendent to the members:

- « What I can sell for the Investment Fund :
- « 1. Part of the produce from a letchier (fruit tree).
- « 2. The eggs from a missionary hen.
- « 3. Part of the produce of a longanier (fruit tree).
- « 4. Old newspapers, tin cans, or empty bottles.
- « 5. Handwork such as knitting, embroidery, woodwork, etc.
- « 6. Vegetables from the garden, bananas, etc. »

Each year we give to each member who desires it a little tin «mite box» into which, throughout the whole year, he puts the small amounts he can spare for this fund. At a date agreed upon, usually in February or March, these cans are collected. It is by such humble means that we have arrived at the wonderful result indicated above.

Our members are always ready to respond to the calls addressed to them. At the annual meeting they brought a liberal offering for the establishment of a school. They recognize that it is more blessed to give than to receive; nevertheless, they are not indifferent

to the pleasure of receiving. Their joy and gratitude knew no bounds when, at the end of the year, we announced that the necessary funds had been granted for the purchase of a property which would accommodate our mission and secondary school. Their liberal offering at the annual meeting, thanks to this generous appropriation, had yielded an increase of 200 per cent. It must be admitted that our dear Mauritians had made a profitable investment! To think that soon our many fine young people will have their own school, where workers will be trained for the various fields of the Indian Ocean and where our young men and women can better qualify themselves to serve God and their fellow men! The gratitude of the Mauritian Adventists goes out to the members of the church throughout the world who have made it possible for us to realize this long-cherished dream.

The development of the work in Mauritius is entering a new phase. The school will make our movement known in a new light. Furthermore, God willing, another project is on the way to realization, the establishment of an Adventist medical center. In October the Mission employed a midwife who is also a trained nurse. In 1948 we hope to be able to take another advance step in this field. We are not forgetting that the medical work is the right arm of the message and that it is a powerful means of opening doors for the gospel. The husband of one of our sisters, who is with us in heart as shown by his attendance at our various meetings and by his generosity, proposes to build a dispensary for us on a lot which he has just bought. In view of all these evidences of God's goodness, our hearts swell with joy.

On the other hand, a great work remains to be done on Mauritius and its surrounding islands, Rodrigues in particular. Our means are limited. We should like, dear readers, to take you into all these Indian huts where so many persons live in the most extreme poverty and know nothing of the Saviour's love. There are 300,000 Indians who need our help. Last year an evangelist held an effort among these people, giving lectures in Hindi, one of the Hindu languages. But the people were reluctant to come to our meeting hall. This year, the same evangelist has made a new attempt. He began open-air meetings, carrying with him a Sabbath school picture roll. Stopping at the entrance to a village, he hung the roll to a tree. A few persons approached, then others, and soon more than a hundred listeners surrounded him. He then began to talk of Christ and of the signs of His return. You can easily imagine our brother's joy in being able to proclaim the good news of salvation to these souls enveloped in darkness.

It is high time to undertake a systematic work among the Indians. These people give willingly toward the Harvest Ingathering campaign. If we do nothing for them now, they will rise up in the judgment and accuse us of having neglected to tell them of God's saving love. What will we answer in our defense?

We realize that the harvest is great and that we are few in number, but we rely above all on the power of the Holy Spirit. With the prophet Zechariah, we believe that this work will finally be finished, «Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.»

Report of the Home Missionary Department of the Southern European Division
For the Year 1947

	Austrian U. C.	Czechoslovakia U. C.	Franco-Belgian U. C.	Hungarian U. C.	Jugoslavian U. C.	Rumanian U. C.	Swiss U. C.	Indian Ocean U. M.	Italian U. M.	North African U. M.	Portuguese U. M.	Bulgarian Conf.	Grecian Mission	Spanish Mission	Totals
No. added to the union membership since last report as the result of missionary work of lay members	197	135	46	548	—	2233	94	—	104	47	64	—	—	—	5468
No. of churches and companies	31	109	70	129	157	551	54	44	49	19	22	39	5	12	1291
Total church membership of union	2122	4207	3141	4456	5279	21500	2988	1608	1386	531	1143	1751	146	572	50830
No. churches and companies reporting	30	105	27	109	—	509	48	34	45	13	15	—	5	4	944
No. holding first Sabbath missionary service	31	100	16	119	—	510	45	8	35	9	14	—	5	12	904
No. holding weekly missionary service	—	105	10	18	—	551	34	1	35	9	14	—	5	—	782
No. churches conducting training classes	—	50	8	—	—	—	20	—	28	6	—	—	—	—	112
No. churches with one or more service companies in operation	18	100	22	—	—	—	51	7	48	6	13	—	3	8	276
No. institutes, rallies and conventions held	—	350	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	367
No. of persons reporting missionary work	857	3500	550	3317	—	18840	597	550	956	320	597	—	95	325	30504
REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK :															
Bible readings and gospel meetings conducted	19065	30500	3800	87581	—	53200	5949	4802	24992	4376	15438	—	830	1520	252053
Missionary contacts	26368	40800	5778	148819	—	29280	8873	6399	18824	5116	20809	—	1633	2905	315604
Pieces missionary literature distributed	9703	65000	85449	289589	—	—	103451	1330	22687	30733	41310	—	2117	686	652055
Number persons helped	18334	8000	3841	2775	—	130825	14999	4384	11645	4111	13183	—	540	1044	213681
Enrolments Bible Correspondence Schools	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	400	—	—	—	—	—	425

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	Average Number of Colporteurs	Number of Hours	Val of Books in Dollars	Value of Periodicals in Dollars	Grand Total Value of Sales Local Currency	Grand Totals in Dollars
AUSTRIAN U.C.	NO REPORT					
CZECHOSLOVAKIAN U.C.	NO REPORT					
Bohemian Conf.	3	719			Kc. 62,939,—	1,258.80
Moravian Conf.	15	3,338			Kc. 246,968.50	4,939.35
Slovakian Conf.	3	595			Kc. 43,402,—	868,—
	21	4,652	7,066.15	—,—	Kc. 353,309.50	7,066.15
FRANCO-BELGIAN U.C.	NO REPORT					
Belgian Conf.	9	5,060			FFr. 980,182.25	8,821.70
East France Conf.	16	8,980			FFr. 2,956,917.30	26,612.25
North France Conf.	50	35,156			FFr. 10,282,371.50	92,541.35
South France Conf.	46	19,786			FFr. 7,074,402,—	63,669.60
	121	68,982	105,466.50	86,178.40	FFr. 21,293,873.05	191,644.90
HUNGARIAN U.C.	NO REPORT					
Central Hung. Conf.	32	37,619			Ft. 254,579.20	22,912.15
East Hung. Conf.	26	31,397			Ft. 233,844.90	21,046,—
West Hung. Conf.	20	23,185			Ft. 176,679.80	15,901.15
	78	92,201	33,628.65	26,230.60	Ft. 665,103.90	59,859.25
JUGOSLAVIAN U.C.	NO REPORT					
RUMANIAN U.C.	NO REPORT					
SWISS U.C.	NO REPORT					
German Swiss Conf.	24	36,333			SFr. 210,318,—	49,424.75
Leman Conf.	15	19,912			SFr. 142,079.45	33,388.70
	39	56,245	48,982.20	33,831.25	SFr. 352,397.45	82,813.45
INDIAN OCEAN U.M.	NO REPORT					
Madagascar Miss.	1	—			FC 28,655,—	429.85
Mauritius Miss.						
Réunion Miss.						
Seychelles Miss.						
	1	—	403.40	26.45	28,655,—	429.85
ITALIAN U.M.	NO REPORT					
Central Italian Miss.	13	14,411			Lire 4,780,341,—	17,504.15
North Italian Miss.	15	13,212			Lire 4,799,182,—	16,792.55
South Italian Miss.	27	25,931			Lire 6,434,751,—	24,325.95
	55	53,554	58,622.65	—,—	Lire 16,014,274,—	58,622.65
NORTH AFRICAN U.M.	NO REPORT					
Algerian Miss.	10	7,319			FFr. 2,580,891,—	23,228.05
Moroccan Miss.	5	3,251			FFr. 1,277,862,—	11,500.85
Tunisian Miss.	2	1,994			FFr. 743,502.50	6,691.45
	17	12,564	23,101.65	18,318.70	FFr. 4,602,255.50	41,420.35
PORTUGUESE U.M.	NO REPORT					
Portuguese Conf.	12	6,610			Esc. 129,124,—	5,487.75
Madeira Miss.	NO REPORT					
Azores Miss.	2	911			Esc. 13,701.95	533.40
Cape Verde Miss.	1				Esc. 22,020,—	935.85
St. Thomas Miss.	NO REPORT					
	15	7,521	4,191.75	2,815.25	Esc. 164,845.95	7,007,—
BULGARIAN CONF.	NO REPORT					
GRECIAN MISS.	NO REPORT					
SPANISH MISS.	NO REPORT					
RECAPITULATION						
Austrian U.C.	21	4,652	7,066.15	—,—		7,066.15
Czechoslovakian U.C.	121	68,982	105,466.50	86,178.40		191,644.90
Franco-Belgian U.C.	78	92,201	33,628.65	26,230.60		59,859.25
Hungarian U.C.						
Jugoslavian U.C.						
Rumanian U.C.						
Swiss U.C.	39	56,245	48,982.20	33,831.25		82,813.45
Indian Ocean U.M.	1	—	403.40	26.45		429.85
Italian U.M.	55	53,554	58,622.65	—,—		58,622.65
North African U. M.	17	12,564	23,101.65	18,318.70		41,420.35
Portuguese U.M.	15	7,521	4,191.75	2,815.25		7,007,—
Bulgarian Conf.	NO REPORT					
Grecian Miss.	NO REPORT					
Spanish Miss.	NO REPORT					
	347	295,719	281,462.95	167,400.65		448,863.60

A Word from the Editor

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and 1947, 17,608 souls were baptized and added to the church, which is a marvelous record. The average percentage of apostasy in relation to members added during this period is 17.7% for the Division as a whole. It is also interesting to note the progress with relation to the membership of the Division since its beginning. In 1929, the first year after the organization of the Southern European Division, the membership was 16,511. In 1936 we were able to report 27,967 members. Ten years later, at the end of 1946, the statistics showed 46,948 members, and at the close of 1947 the 50,000 mark was passed. We now have 50,830 baptized members in our Division. This means that in the period of eighteen years since the organization of this Division, the number of members has more than trebled.

Without doubt, the Lord has accomplished great things in our field in this short period. At the end of the above-mentioned annual session, after having heard all the marvelous reports presented by our union presidents and mission field superintendents, one of our most loved veteran workers, now over eighty years of age, rose and declared, «The latter rain is falling.» He was certainly right.

As this first number of the *Quarterly Review*, called to life again, is sent out to the world field, we pray that it may bring inspiration and blessing to all our readers.

M. Fridlin.

Franco-Belgian Union

This union includes all the territory of France and of Belgium. It comprises the North France, South France, East France, and Belgian conferences. In these four conferences are 70 churches with 3,200 members, as follows: North France Conference, 16 churches, 968 members; South France Conference, 26 churches, 1,014 members; East France Conference, 15 churches, 404 members; Belgian Conference, 13 churches, 814 members.

There are 91 evangelistic workers employed in this great field, distributed as follows: 30 ordained ministers; 30 evangelists; 10 Bible instructors; 4 radio employees; 17 other employees.

Evangelistic efforts were carried on during the winter of 1947-48 in some forty cities and towns of varying importance. During the year 1947, 261 persons were added to the church by baptism.

The work of evangelism, certainly, is not easy; the great majority of the population is composed of the unbelieving, the indifferent, the agitated. However, there are souls who are seeking for truth and for peace, who aspire to establish their convictions upon certainties, and who long to find rest through a sure hope. The Lord has given us the immense responsibility of preaching a message which can satisfy these troubled souls, the only message which brings to a world fearfully «looking after those things which are coming on the earth» the real solution to the problems which trouble so many people today. Are we equal to the task? Do we fully understand our responsibilities? Are our workers satisfied with what they have done? Are they continually working

with the consecration demanded by the magnitude of the task and of the honor?

Hundreds of cities, thousands of villages, have never been touched by the heralds of the advent message in our great union. We rejoice that, since a few months ago, the everlasting gospel can be heard in thousands of homes by means of the radio. We are happy to see two thousand persons already enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course. But we know that these efforts must be multiplied tenfold, yes, a hundredfold, in order to try to accomplish that which must be done. May God pour out His Spirit with power upon all His servants; may He abundantly bless all our brethren and sisters, in order that they may all, having received the baptism of the Spirit, become faithful witnesses of a gospel which is «the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.»

Under the energetic direction of Brother Charles Veuthey, the colporteur work has been largely developed of late years. One hundred and ten colporteurs are at work, and during the year 1947 they sold more than 20,000,000 francs' worth of books and periodicals. Who can estimate the work accomplished in the homes and in the hearts of the people by the printed page? May the Lord abundantly bless all our dear colporteurs, and may His blessing rest on all the magazines and books which have been distributed.

One of the most difficult problems which we have to solve in our field is that of housing, for the workers as well as for the churches. Thanks to the generous appropriations voted by the General Conference and by the Division, apartments have been purchased or rented for many of our pastors, evangelists, and colporteurs. A number of our churches have been provided with a place of worship properly representative of the advent message: Ghent, Bruges, Liège, Rouen, Angers, Montpellier. A chapel is being constructed at Valence. But many other churches need help in obtaining a place to which one can feel free to invite listeners to hear God's message for our time. Many sacrifices will be needed, and we are persuaded that each one will be eager to do his part.

This report would not be complete without some figures concerning tithes and offerings. For the four conferences, the total tithe in 1947 amounted to more than 18 million francs; Ingathering for Missions, 4,300,000 francs; miscellaneous offerings, 3,344,903 francs.

We are grateful to God for the results we have obtained. We look forward to even greater achievements. May the Lord abundantly bless His work, our churches, our workers, our colporteurs. May we all, inspired by a holy zeal for the cause of God and filled with the Holy Spirit, work together to hasten the triumph of righteousness and truth. J. C. Guenin

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HERE AND THERE
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We were delighted to welcome A. V. Olson, our former Division president, back to our field for a few days. Elder Olson has spent several months visiting our work in China and the Southern Asia Division. He arrived in Rome April 17 on his trip back from India to the United States. During his stay in our territory he visited our Berne office, the Gland sanitarium, and the Collonges school, as well as Paris, before leaving for Washington, D. C., by plane.

Our Division was happy to have the assistance of T. L. Oswald, secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, for a period of about two months. He arrived at our headquarters in Berne March 30, and after a stay of three days left Switzerland for Italy, accompanied by F. Charpiot, temporary Home Missionary secretary of the Division, to attend conventions in the Italian Union during three weeks. Elder Oswald also spent three weeks in the Franco-Belgian Union and two weeks in Austria attending Home Missionary conventions and bringing much-needed spiritual help.

In view of improved conditions in France, we reopened last year our Paris food factory, « Pur Aliment », which was closed during the war. Since the former rooms were too small, a new factory, well located and providing ample space for the various departments, was recently purchased at Clichy on the border of the city of Paris. A. J. Girau has been appointed director of this food factory. R. Schild, who formerly worked at the PHAG food factory at Gland, Switzerland, was appointed technical director of the enterprise, and C. Dudragne serves as accountant and cashier.

During the 1946 General Conference session which took place at Washington, D. C., F. Charpiot, the former secretary of the Publishing Department of our Division, was elected field secretary for our territories. As no one was found at that time to serve as Publishing Department secretary, the post has been left vacant for a time, although Elder Charpiot has cared for the interests of this department in so far as his time and

other duties would permit. We are now glad to inform our readers that C. G. Crass has accepted our call to come to Europe and to take over this responsibility in our field. Elder Crass has been for several years the capable secretary of the Publishing Department of the Central Union, in the North American Division. As soon as Brother Crass receives authorization to reside in Switzerland, he will assume his new tasks.

A. Meyer, field secretary of the Division, left Paris by plane April 16 in order to visit the various islands of the Indian Ocean Union Mission during about three months. We have been informed that Elder Meyer arrived safely at Tananarive, and we have the conviction that his stay with our leaders and missionaries of this important union mission will bring encouragement and help.

We are glad to announce that our work is making progress in the Czechoslovakian Union. A letter from J. Papelka, president of the Moravia-Silesian Conference, informs us that all is well in his conference and that the work is very encouraging. With the help of the Lord, three new churches have been organized in Moravia during the first quarter of this year, and by the end of June Elder Papelka hopes to organize two or three more. Prospects are very good, and many people are seeking the hope of salvation in Christ Jesus. The annual meeting will take place as planned, July 1-4, at Prerov, in the large Sako! hall, and Elder Papelka expects an attendance of about 2,000 members. Before this annual meeting, they hope to have 150 more baptisms in this local conference.

G. Haberey, the former manager of our French Publishing House at Dammarie-les-Lys, France, was appointed at the beginning of this year auditor of the Southern European Division. For several years this responsibility has been carried by the Division treasurer, in addition to his many other duties. We are glad to welcome Elder Haberey to our Division staff. We know that, with his experience and capabilities, he will

be of substantial help to our field. He has been replaced in the direction of the French Publishing House by R. Erdmann, the former secretary-treasurer of the Indian Ocean Union Mission. After a well-earned furlough, Brother Erdmann took up his new work some time ago, and we wish him the Lord's richest blessings in his heavy responsibilities.

The post of secretary-treasurer of the Indian Ocean Union Mission having become vacant with the departure of R. Erdmann, our Division committee voted to place a call with the Northern European Division for H. L. Henriksen. We are happy to announce that Brother Henriksen has enthusiastically accepted the call and that he and his wife will probably leave their homeland, Denmark, sometime in June. Brother Henriksen is not unknown to us, as he was for several years manager of our French Publishing House and also acted as secretary-treasurer of the Madagascar Mission for six years. The Indian Ocean Union will be most happy to have Brother Henriksen back.

During the past year several changes have taken place in the administration of our work in the North African Union Mission. H. Pichat, the former union superintendent, who has led outstrangely for two years, received a call to take over the superintendency of the Indian Ocean Union Mission. He has already been at his new post for several months. P. Girard, who was superintendent of our mission in Reunion Island for more than ten years, has, immediately upon his return from this island mission, assumed the leadership of the North African Union Mission. Werner Ruf has been appointed department secretary of the same union. Willy Fuchs is superintendent of the Moroccan Mission. He will be assisted by J. J. Hecketsweiler as secretary-treasurer. In Tunisia, R. Meyer, present editor of the French Publishing House, will take over the leadership of this field next autumn. He replaces D. Riemens, who has been called to serve as department secretary of the Indian Ocean Union and district leader in Madagascar. We wish all these brethren the Lord's richest blessing and wisdom and strength in their responsibilities.