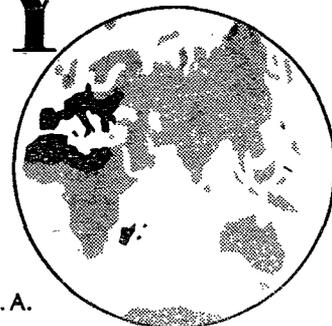


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## A Message from the Division Treasurer

By R. Gerber

The reports appearing in the *Quarterly Review* show remarkable achievements in the number of baptisms and consequently in the increase of membership. We praise God for this and press on in the work, determined to do greater things in the future.

The financial columns of the reports also deserve consideration. It is rather difficult to make comparisons between reports in this regard, or between the results in different fields. Local situations differ greatly, due to the present value of the many currencies involved. But, considering everything, we can truly thank the Lord for the funds reported by the different fields of the Division in tithes and offerings. We appreciate the faithfulness of our brethren and sisters in this matter, which has made it possible to proceed with a full program of activity.

We have a vast program indeed, not only in the regular soul-winning activities, but also in many other lines, as we press on toward the finishing of the work. The Division has a total yearly budget of one million dollars. Large appropriations have been granted us by the General Conference, and we are very thankful for them. Our own fields are called upon, however, to do more and more themselves, as we cannot tell how long and to what extent it will still be possible to receive help from outside.

Seventh-day Adventists everywhere are trained to give liberally for the work at home and abroad. They love the cause and do all they can to make it triumph in all the world. They are by far at the head of the different denominations in this matter, and other religious organizations marvel as they

read our reports and see the per capita contributions of Seventh-day Adventists as compared with their own. It is truly remarkable. The Lord's blessing alone makes this possible.

We may think that we have reached the ceiling in our giving, and that it is impossible to do more. This is, however, not the case. It will take greater efforts still to finish the work. Much more can and will be done, with God's help and blessing. We have not yet reached the limit in this matter, and have perhaps not done so much as many others in our worldwide movement.

In some churches, for instance, the only offering taken each Sabbath is the Sabbath school offering. No weekly offering is taken in the church service. The church officers, and very often the workers, are to blame; they see that the members are poor, and they are afraid of offending them by calling for such an offering every week. But when this is tried, a ready response is found. Wherever such a plan is not now followed, it should be introduced without further delay. Our people will be glad to give out of their poverty, and they will enjoy richer blessings from God as a result of their sacrifice.

We are in general happily surprised at the response of our brethren and sisters in this matter at the annual or other general meetings when special appeals are made. Sometimes we hardly dare to make an appeal, thinking only of the limited means of the members attending the meetings. But when the money received and the amounts pledged are counted, we rejoice to see the results and are ashamed because of our lack of faith. We then find that our people are not only

## Progress in Italy

by M. FRIDLIN,

Secretary, Southern European Division.

During the latter part of August and the first part of September, there was a great deal of activity in our Italian mission school overlooking Florence, the city of the arts. Three great meetings were held at this splendidly situated school.

More than forty teachers from our various training schools and church schools came together August 20-30 in an educational congress sponsored by the Division. Ten years had passed since the last educational convention was held in our mission seminary at Collonges, and it was therefore a particularly joyful occasion for our educators, once more to be able to come together in order to discuss their common problems and to lay plans for the improvement of their teaching.

This convention was organized under the direction of O. Schubert, secretary of the educational department of the Southern European Division. E. E. Cossentine and K. J. Reynolds of the General Conference Department of Education were also present and gave good counsel and instruction.

Following the educational convention, the forty evangelistic workers of the Italian Union arrived in Florence for a workers' meeting. A. Meyer, field and Ministerial Association secretary of the Southern European Division, contributed in great measure to the success of this meeting so richly blessed of God. Today in Italy we have a staff of experienced and consecrated workers who, under the leadership of the superintendent, L. Beer, are penetrating deep into the camp of the enemy and are winning mighty victories for God.

On September 1, at 8:00 p. m., the opening meeting of the Italian Union session took place, with 250 delegates and members in attendance. The motto chosen was, «Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.» From beginning to end, Christ was truly in the midst of the assembled members and friends of the truth—a great comfort and a strong encouragement as the last dark hours of earth's history draw nearer.

On the Sabbath, the high day of the session, about 550 persons attended the various meetings. This was the first time in the history of the Italian Union Mission that so great a number of members had gathered together. In former years, when there were 200 to 250 members at such a session, it was considered outstanding.

During the morning service, at which the writer presided, the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt by all, and as at the close of the sermon an appeal was made, about fifty persons came forward, giving their hearts to the Lord for the first time, and making known their resolution to prepare for baptism.

In the afternoon eleven persons were baptized. After this ceremony, C. G. Cross, the new Division publishing department secretary, presented the valiant band of Italian colporteurs. After a few

introductory remarks by Brother Cross, some of the more seasoned workers recounted their experiences. It was inspiring to listen to them; and even though some, like Moses, at first complained of being «slow of speech,» it was noticeable that the chairman found it necessary to ring the bell three or four times before these same speakers could bring to an end the narration of their interesting experiences.

Our colporteurs in Italy must often work under difficult conditions. An invalid colporteur from Sicily, happy always in his work, told of how a monk wanted to stab him as he was endeavoring to distribute gospel literature in a Sicilian village. In other villages, the church bells were rung to warn the people not to buy our literature.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, our brave Italian colporteur evangelists reveal a wonderful spirit of courage and energy, and not one of them uttered a pessimistic word.

A. Meyer, who had returned a short time previously from an inspection trip among the islands of the Indian Ocean, told some of the outstanding experiences from this field, which were listened to with interest.

He was followed by A. Long, who returned two years ago after eighteen years of faithful service in Madagascar.

In closing, A. Cinzio, whose young wife was also on the platform, addressed a few words of farewell to the assembled delegates and friends. Brother Cinzio is the first Italian missionary to be sent out since the outbreak of the war. He leaves for Australia, where a numerous population of Italian origin, located in the northwestern part of the continent, awaits the proclamation of the advent message. The parents of this young missionary couple were present; they consider it a high privilege to give their children to the work in the foreign fields.

It was an hour of consecration, solemn and unforgettable.

Among the resolutions voted at this congress, one will be of special interest to our readers. Upon the completion of the alterations to the recently acquired building in Rome on the banks of the Tiber River, the headquarters of the Italian Union Mission will be transferred to Rome. The school and the publishing house, of which G. Fenz is to be the manager, will remain in Florence, while L. Beer, the superintendent of the union, and S. Agnello, the newly chosen secretary-treasurer, as well as the departmental secretaries, will move to the so-called «Eternal City.»

A new era has begun for Italy. The delegates to the various conventions have returned to their fields and churches firmly resolved to hazard everything in order to hasten the victory of the cause of God in this beautiful land.

**Statistical Report of the Southern European Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1948**

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	Credentialed Missionaries	Licensed Missionaries	Bible Instr. Elem. School Teachers	Canvassers	Total Laborers	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	23	24	
<b>1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV.</b>																								
<b>2. AUSTRIAN UNION CONF.</b>													3		3	1				7				
3. Danube Conference	17	1250	25	2	7	34	2	3	5	10	24	1274	6	1			1	1		9	17	1323	1004	
4. Alpine »	16	1054	22		7	29	5	1	6	12	17	1071	7	2			1	1		20	15	1190	955	
	33	2304	47	2	14	63	7	4	11	22	41	2345	16	3	3	3	2		9	36	32	2513	1959	
<b>5. CZECHOSLOVAKIAN U. C.</b>													3							3				
6. Bohemian Conference	32	1216										1216	10	3			10		18	41	48	1600	1300	
7. Moravian »	48	2278										2278	13	1		9			52	75	69	2614	2063	
8. Slovakian »	34	1032										1032	8	1			3		34	46	34	1175	1090	
	114	4526										4526	34	5		9	13		104	165	151	5389	4458	
<b>9. FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.</b>													5	1	1					7				
10. Belgian Conference	13	808	62		13	75	21	1	18	40	35	843	7	3	1	5			14	30	13	839	645	
11. East France »	15	411										411	4	2		6			1	18	31	16	405	336
12. North France »	14	996	22	6	18	46	1	5	12	18	28	1024	5	5		10	3		1	42	65	16	519	372
13. South France »	27	952	39	4	8	51	6	4	10	20	31	983	10	9	1	2	4	1	59	86	25	312	139	
	69	3167	123	10	39	172	28	10	40	78	94	3261	31	20	3	23	7	2	133	219	70	2075	1492	
<b>14. HUNGARIAN U. C.</b>													5	1	8					14				
15. Central Hung. Conference	48	2067	69	3	5	77	38	12	17	67	10	2077	6	4	1	1	14		34	60	48	2310	2148	
16. East Hung. »	61	2435	114	7	4	125	23	2	8	33	92	2527	7	5	1	2	13		30	58	61	2560	2196	
17. West Hung. »	30	760	31	2	14	47	4	8	1	13	34	794	6	4	1	1	4		20	36	30	827	640	
	139	5262	214	12	23	249	65	22	26	113	136	5398	24	13	4	12	31		84	168	139	5697	4984	
<b>18. JUGOSLAVIAN U. C.</b>																								
19. Danube Conference																								
20. Sava »																								
21. Morava »																								
	157	5279										5279	12	5		13				30	177	6000	4000	
<b>22. RUMANIAN UNION CONF.</b>																								
23. Muntenian Conference																								
24. Oltenia »																								
25. North Transylvanian »																								
26. South Transylvanian »																								
27. Moldavian »																								
28. Danube »																								
	551	25000										25000	78	11		47				136	560	27720	25000	
<b>29. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE</b>																								
30. German Swiss Conference	32	1816	34	3	12	49	5	7	9	21	28	1844	12	3	1	9	2		25	52	31	1685	900	
31. Leman »	24	1201	28		7	35	1	12	4	17	18	1219	8	4	2	3	1	3	17	38	23	920	672	
	56	3017	62	3	19	84	6	19	13	38	46	3063	22	8	3	12	3	3	42	93	54	2605	1572	
<b>32. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISS.</b>																								
33. Madagascar Mission	25	575										575	2	1		5	15	5	2	32	25	1769	1379	
34. Mauritius »	13	842										842	3	3		5	5		3	19	20	775	549	
35. Reunion »	4	134										134	2	3					1	6	6	152	105	
36. Seychelles »	2	78										78	1			2				3	3	98	66	
	44	1629										1629	10	5	2	15	20	5	6	63	54	2794	2099	
<b>37. ITALIAN UNION MISS.</b>																								
38. Central Italian Mission	9	368	17		17	34	1		18	19	15	383	3	1		3			2	12				
39. North Italian »	11	455	18		5	23	2	1	6	9	14	469	5	4		2			17	25	26	564	437	
40. South Italian »	22	614	29	2		31	3		1	4	27	641	5	1	1	3			20	30	22	828	754	
	42	1437	64	2	22	88	6	1	25	32	56	1493	18	7	2	12			2	58	99	57	1834	1590
<b>41. NORTH AFRICAN UN. MISS.</b>																								
42. Algerian Mission	10	412	7	1		8	2		5	7	1	413	2	1		4			1	10	18	10	276	179
43. Moroccan »	4	114		3	9	12						126	1	2		2			9	14	4	140	91	
44. Tunisian »	3	64		2	2	1			6	7	5	59	1	1	1	2			3	8	3	56	35	
	17	590	7	4	11	22	3		11	14	8	598	7	5	1	10			1	22	46	17	472	305
<b>45. PORTUGUESE UNION MISS.</b>																								
46. Portuguese Conference	16	816	32	1	4	37	2	6	4	12	25	841	2	2	2		3	1	11	21	16	739	652	
47. Madeira Mission	1	105	18			18						123	1			2			1		4	1	144	95
48. Azores »	4	73										73	1	2							3	4	92	92
49. Cape Verde »	3	84										84	2			1			1		4	3		
50. St. Thomas »	1	123	7			7		1		1	6	129	1						1	2	1	161	161	
	25	1201	57	1	4	62	2	7	4	13	49	1250	8	7	2	4	3	4	11	39	25	1136	1000	
<b>51. BULGARIAN CONF.</b>																								
52. Grecian Miss.												1751	9	4		10				23	5	130	140	
53. Spanish Miss.												146	2	2	1		1			6	13	700	612	
54. Albanian Miss.	10	598	27			27	2	3		5	22	620	4	1	2	5	1	1	2	16	29	901	718	

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1. Southern European Div. ....	33	2304	47	2	14	63	7	4	11	22	41	2345	16	3	3	2	—	9	36	32	2513	1959	
2. Austrian Union Conference	114	4526										4526	34	5	—	9	13	—	104	165	151	5389	4458
3. Czechoslovakian » »	69	3167	123	10	39	171	28	10	40	78	94	3261	31	20	3	23	7	2	133	219	70	2075	1492
4. Franco-Belgian » »	139	5262	214	12	23	249	65	22	26	113	136	5398	24	13	4	12	31	—	84	168	139	5697	4984
5. Hungarian » »	157	5279										5279	12	5	—	13	—	—	—	30	177	6000	4003
6. Yugoslavian » »	551	25000										25000	78	11	—	47	—	—	—	136	560	2720	25900
7. Rumanian » »	56	3017	62	3	19	84	6	19	13	38	46	3063	22	8	3	12	3	3	42	93	54	2605	1572
8. Swiss » »	44	1629										1529	10	5	2	15	20	5	6	63	54	2794	2099
9. Indian Ocean Union Mission	42	1437	64	2	22	88	6	1	25	32	56	1493	18	7	2	12	—	2	58	99	57	1834	1530
10. Italian » »	17	590	7	4	11	22	3		11	14	8	598	7	5	1	10	—	1	22	46	17	472	305
11. North African » »	25	1201	57	1	4	62	2	7	4	13	49	1250	8	7	2	4	3	4	11	39	25	1136	1000
12. Portuguese » »	39	1751										1751	9	4	—	10	—	—	—	23	—	—	—
13. Bulgarian Conference .....	5	146										146	2	2	1	—	1	—	—	6	5	130	140
14. Grecian Mission .....	10	598	27			27	2	3	—	5	22	620	4	1	2	5	1	1	2	16	13	700	612
15. Spanish » .....																					29	901	718
16. Albanian Miss. ....																							
TOTALS FOR 3rd QUARTER 1948 .	1301	55907	601	34	132	766	119	66	130	315	452	56359	290	98	29	197	81	18	471	1184	1383	59966	4986
TOTALS FOR 3rd QUARTER 1947 .	1264	47398	5721	40	324	6085	2605	88	263	2956	3129	5027	158	58	20	126	69	12	277	720	1310	64419	4860

## Austria Marches On

by K. FISCHBACHER,

Press Department Secretary, Austrian Union.

After two annual meetings which were marked by the blessing of God, as well as our successful youth's congress in Salzburg, the Austrian churches have undertaken their work in new strength. Everywhere the Harvest Ingathering is being carried on most successfully, and the goal will be surpassed by at least 50 per cent. After years of inactivity in this campaign, we can report a fresh and vigorous start and a fervent zeal among our members.

Our ministers have begun to give public lectures, which are well attended. In our Viennese church halls, at least twelve hundred people gather each Sunday to listen to the message. Work is also going on in places where no church exists, but where a neighboring church is preparing the way by regularly distributing copies of «*Hoffnung der Welt*» to arouse interest.

Postwar conditions still present a serious obstacle in our country. A great deal of time and energy is consumed in finding one's way from place to place, due to transportation shortages. But this cannot prevent our success.

The most serious difficulty is the lack of meeting halls. —At present we have no usable meeting place of our own; the ones we are using are all rented, and these are not satisfactory, being either too small or located in noisy surroundings. We own headquarters in Vienna and have bought a site in Salzburg on which to build, but it will be some time before we can use these buildings. There are churches that consider a gain in membership a real perplexity because of the limited space. For

instance, at Wolfsberg, Carinthia, there is a growing church of more than fifty members which recently met in the small apartment of one of the members. Some were sitting in the kitchen, some in the bedroom, and the rest on the staircase. The minister could not be seen by all of them. You can imagine how difficult it must have been to celebrate the Lord's supper under these circumstances. It was possible this year to use an auxiliary meeting place, but the church does not know how long this may be available. Without any public work whatever, this church is growing by the personal work of our members. Just now we have a chance to buy a building in the center of the town, a real opportunity, if the means can be made available.

There are many details which would be interesting to report, but even in this paper, space is limited. Only one point may be mentioned. While Austria still awaits peace by international treaty, it can be said that we now enjoy a most priceless liberty to spread the message. The opposition of former decades has vanished, and we encounter a sympathetic attitude on the part of the public and even one of diffidence on the part of the church authorities. In the midst of the tension between east and west, we enjoy an unexpected opportunity to finish our task. As if addressed to Austria, the words written to Philadelphia are strikingly pertinent: «I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name.» Rev. 3:8.

# Educational Convention in Florence

by Otto SCHUBERTH,

Educational Secretary, Southern European Division.

In the year 1938 the last congress of teachers and educators of the Southern European Division was held in Collonges, France. Then came the war, with its unfortunate consequences for the various branches of the work. Hardly had the conflict ended, however, when plans began to be laid for reconstruction, for God's work must always go forward. The necessity of a general gathering of all the educators in the Division soon became apparent. It was therefore decided to hold such a convention from August 22 to 30, 1948, on the campus of our new mission school in Florence, Italy. All the teachers and school directors from our mission and church schools in Southern Europe and North Africa, as well as the union educational secretaries, were invited to attend. A request was placed with the General Conference for the services of E. E. Cossentine and K. J. Reynolds.

Promptly at eight o'clock on the morning of August 22 the opening meeting took place, with 33 delegates present, at the Istituto Avventista di Cultura Biblica, so beautifully situated in the Tuscan mountains overlooking the city of Florence. G. Cupertino, the school director, and L. Beer, superintendent of the Italian Union Mission, extended a cordial welcome to these visitors to beautiful Italy.

As the key thought for the congress, the writer suggested the text in Proverbs 9: 10, «The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.» In order to judge values, a measuring rod is needed. We measure the visible world by means of mental concepts. We would not know what a straight line is if we did not have the concept of a straight line. We judge the acts of men by moral concepts, such as goodness and honesty. Hence the measuring rod for all true knowledge is God. Only in Him and through Him can we perceive truth.

E.E. Cossentine and K. J. Reynolds, during the course of the convention, gave a number of lectures on the fundamentals of Christian education. A. Vaucher spoke on methods of Bible teaching; R. Bermeilly dealt with the question of discipline; and P. Steiner emphasized the importance of instruction in the mother tongue. Charles Rihs pointed out the various aspects which must be considered in the teaching of history. The pedagogical training of teachers was discussed by R. Guenin. G. Cupertino gave an account of his experiences in combining evangelistic and missionary work with the regular school program. M. Tièche laid on our hearts the burden of family and home education. The young people's work in its relation to the school was stressed by J. J. Aitken, while R. Gerber drew attention to the necessity of a sound financial policy in our schools.

Each delegate took an active part in the round-table discussions. Some of the questions discussed were: the position and duties of the preceptor and the prepress; the relationship between the

sexes; textbooks and general teaching methods; entertainment and leisure time; faculty meetings; the relationship between the schools in the Division.

Sixteen resolutions were adopted, among which were the following:

## 1. *Relations Between the Schools.*

In view of the necessity of maintaining good relations between our various schools, and in particular between the Collonges seminary, which constitutes the advanced school of our Division, and the other schools,

*We recommend*, 1. That the students graduated from the preparatory schools complete their preparation, so far as possible, by a course of instruction at Collonges.

2. That each school limit its promotion to its own territory, and that the Collonges seminary, in the territories of the preparatory schools, approach only the graduates of these schools.

3. That the young people be reminded that the normal preparation for work in their own field should be obtained, so far as possible, in the school for that territory.

4. That the young men and women who apply for entrance to another school than that of their own country, do so on their own responsibility.

5. That students who wish to transfer from one school to another, or who desire to attend a school other than the one which they would normally attend, not be admitted to the school of their choice without a favorable recommendation from the school which they are leaving, or which they should attend.

## 2. *Relations Between Students of the Two Sexes*

In view of the necessity of securing for our students the best possible atmosphere of earnestness and of undisturbed application to study,

*We recommend*, 1. That the relations between students of the two sexes be established on the basis of wholesome comradeship and of perfect propriety. No student can claim the rights and privileges commonly understood as pertaining to the marriage engagement.

2. That in case two young people already engaged to be married are accepted in the same institution, it be understood that none of these rights are accorded them, and that they must conduct themselves, in their relations to each other, as if they were not engaged. If they do not conform to this rule, one of the two must leave the institution.

3. That marriages during the school year not be permitted.

## 3. *Recreation.*

In harmony with the principles laid down by the Spirit of prophecy in regard to the use of the time devoted to recreation,

*We recommend*, That all our schools encourage, within normal limits, games and recreational activ-

ities of a moral and educational character, but that, on the other hand, they banish from their midst competitive games between regularly organized teams, likely to create rivalries; theatrical representations; violent sports; etc. It is understood also that certain games which are perfectly in order during the week are not in harmony with the observance of the Sabbath.

#### 4. *Parents' Societies.*

In view of the fact that God has given us in His word and in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy principles of education whose incomparable value is recognized even by the world's greatest educators, and

In view of the fact that the progress and the success of the educational work entrusted to us depends in large measure on the application of these principles in the home and from earliest childhood,

*We recommend,* 1. That parents' societies be instituted wherever possible in all our churches.

2. That «Centres d'éducation familiale» appealing to the general public be established at least in the cities where we have schools, and that our secondary and elementary teachers be given the necessary information and means which will enable them to lend their active assistance.

#### 5. *Messages of Greeting.*

*Voted,* That through the *Journal of True Education* we send a message of friendship and gratitude to the schools in North America.

*Voted,* That through the *Quarterly Review* we send greetings to the school in Czechoslovakia as well as to our mission schools in the Indian Ocean and Portuguese Union Missions, expressing the wish that they too might have been represented at this meeting.

On Friday evening M. Fridlin, secretary of the

Southern European Division, spoke on education in the mission field. He pointed out that formerly the emphasis was laid on the education of the youth, thus often erecting a wall of separation between the children and their parents. We must also plan for the education of the adults in the mission field, for it is the task of the gospel worker to unite, rather than separate, the family.

The Sabbath sermon was given by W. R. Beach. He spoke on 1 Cor. 2: 16, «We have the mind of Christ.» Paul speaks of two kinds of wisdom—the wisdom of men and the wisdom of God. The Israelite thinking of that day had culminated in a system of mechanical worship. The Greeks tried to solve all human problems through pure reason. The Roman concept of law transformed the chaos of the world into a golden age of law and order. But none of these three philosophies led to the knowledge of God. Only through the mind of Christ can we attain this. Founded on sacrifice, this is the philosophy which must activate the Christian educator.

The closing meeting took place on Sunday evening, August 29. It was pointed out by the writer that we as Adventists have our own distinctive principles of education. Rejecting both the rationalistic-idealistic and the empirical-materialistic concepts of pedagogy, we hold unswervingly to the Bible and the principles based thereon, contained in our own pedagogical library. From this convention, let us return to our work with a fresh determination to advocate these principles.

The leaders of the various schools each spoke a word of farewell and of loyalty to our God-appointed task, after which the convention closed with a prayer of consecration offered by Elder Beach.

## A Report from the Garden Spot of Europe

by L. BEER,

Superintendent, Italian Union Mission.

The place which belongs to California among the forty-eight states under the Star-Spangled Banner, is occupied by Italy in relation to the thirty countries of Europe.

California and Italy have in common a mild climate, luxuriant vegetation, delicious tropical fruit, and scenic beauty. But how different are the social and economic conditions! There, prosperity and a high standard of living; here, a land hard hit by war, perhaps even one of the most severely damaged regions, whose people must struggle desperately for their daily bread. Occupied by opposing armies, the beautiful garden spot of Europe has been trodden under foot and desolated. In California, we find a highly developed work with many splendid institutions, sanitariums, schools, the College of Medical Evangelists, and thousands of Adventists gathered in large churches; in Italy, a mission field which has developed slowly, though steadily.

In order to appreciate the present state of the work in Italy, one must cast a backward glance

toward its beginning, eighty-five years ago. In the year 1863 the three angels' messages were proclaimed for the first time in Italy. The first woman in Europe to accept the advent message was Katharina Revel, who was born in 1830 and died in 1930. She was the grandmother of A. Vaucher, director of the Collonges seminary. I remember vividly my last visit with this «hundred-year-old Lydia» of the advent movement in Europe, when I celebrated the Lord's supper with her just a week before she died. Truly, our first European Adventist sister was «faithful unto death.»

It was through the efforts of a converted Catholic priest, M. B. Czechowski, that this first fruit was brought forth among the Waldenses in Torre Pellice, Piedmont. In the year 1884 the first church was organized. Sister White spoke several times to this first company of believers.

A number of faithful workers, both native-born and foreign, gave unsparingly of their best efforts in the years that followed. Several churches sprang up, in the north as well as the south. These church-

es held fast and grew stronger, until finally in 1928 Italy was organized as a union mission, with a membership of 387. Little by little, the message made progress. The next ten years yielded an average of 70 baptisms each year, so that in 1937, at the end of the decade, the membership had reached 777. From that time until the end of the war, the baptisms averaged about 80 per year. Then, however, came a turning point. Since that time, we have been able to report almost 200 baptisms each year. We thank God that «the day of small things» is past.

God intervened. With the fall of Italy came more freedom throughout the country, for which we are all happy. What had been only the dream of every worker has now become reality. May God preserve this liberty for His people!

The contrast between what has been and what is now is truly marvelous in our eyes. Whereas we once were able to do little if any public work, we can now speak much more freely. Our evangelists advertise their lectures with placards in the streetcars and railway coaches, by invitations distributed from house to house, by announcements in the newspapers, through loudspeakers on the street, and by means of the radio. The message is broadcast regularly over two radio stations. Formerly, the press took only contemptuous notice of the advent movement; today it is not uncommon to find excellent articles, with pictures of baptisms and other church activities.

The great Master Builder has enlarged His work in recent years. Forty-three churches, with more than 1,500 Italian Seventh-day Adventists—five times as many as in Gideon's band. One who knows the land and its people may truly say, «Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?»

Postwar days have brought other needs and new anxieties. Eight meeting halls were destroyed by bombs. The growing churches, with no meeting places, were in perplexity. At this time we remembered the words of the Preacher, «To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: ... a time to break down, and a time to build up.» Man's extremity is God's opportunity. God has revealed Himself to His people in a wonderful way. What seemed impossible in peacetime has, during the difficult postwar period, become a reality—a proof that God can in times of hardship bring to pass what men are unable to accomplish in prosperity. Until 1946, the Italian Union owned only one chapel in a sizable city, and a small one in the country. Today we have six beautiful city chapels and four meeting halls in smaller towns, all our own property.

Although our gallant colporteurs never ceased their work even during the war years, their achievements are now beyond praise. In each of the past two years they sold books, pamphlets, and periodicals amounting to more than forty million lire, thus serving to further the proclamation of the message. Our publishing house is fully occupied with its ever-expanding activities, and we hope soon to own our own printshop.

Our little mission school was started by faith in

1940. Like the twelve apostles, twelve students responded to the first invitation. The enrollment for the present school year has almost reached the number of seventy, corresponding to the seventy disciples sent out by Christ. This number includes some with an academic background. Italy's advent youth at study has now found a suitable home in a suburb of the universally loved city of the arts, Florence. Some twenty young people who have already completed their preparation in this school are actively and successfully at work as evangelists in the Italian field. Another of our young men is even now on the way to Australia to work as a missionary toward his ideal of leading men to Christ. The school has become a great blessing to the field. How could the new interests springing up here and there among the 46 million inhabitants be followed up, if it were not for the assurance of this new generation of young workers? Who would have cared for the four new churches which have been organized already this year?

We cannot forget the youngest branch of the Home Missionary Department, the Bible Correspondence Course, organized at the end of 1947. The number of enrollments has mounted to 2,000. Certainly, this is one of the best plans yet devised for the spreading of the message. In this country the «unseen preacher» has met with an excellent response. Doctors, engineers, college and university professors, even a few pastors and priests, have enrolled; the course finds a welcome from all classes. Its future possibilities are unlimited. During the first year of its existence, more than a dozen souls were thus brought to a decision. It is a very real sign of the end, for it is a time of harvest.

Our people and our workers are going forward with enthusiasm. We are happy to report constant increases both in tithe and offerings, in relation to membership. In the Ingathering campaign, we have more than doubled the 1947 goal, more than three million lire having been collected.

Even though we often wish for more rapid progress, we must not forget what country it is in which we are working—the land of the first witnesses for Christ. We thank God for our increased staff of workers, which now numbers 46—exactly one worker for each million of population. However, they are men and women of experience, faith, and courage, who realize their responsibility. Italy, the land of history, must hear the message of the coming Christ in this generation. The time is propitious for the extension of the work. We must take advantage of this opportunity. We may confidently expect that many more persons will accept the present truth and join us in the way of faith. As the Lord helped us in the days of our small beginnings, so He will guide His people in the days of progress and of the finishing of the work.

Paul took courage when brethren from Rome met him on his way (Acts 28: 15). May you also, Seventh-day Adventist member, colporteur, minister, take courage, for were you to visit this «garden spot of Europe,» you would find 1,500 brethren in this land where the Master Gardener is at work.

## Light Amid Darkness

by J. J. AITKEN,

Y. P. M. V. Secretary, Southern European Division.

«Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.» Isaiah 60: 1, 2.

The light is shining, and the work of God is moving forward with success in North Africa. During the past year, more than sixty souls have been won to the truth, which brings our membership in this field close to six hundred. These souls represent the fruit of the labor of our scattered working force along the coast of North Africa, reaching from Tunis to Casablanca.

From September 14 to 19, the church delegates and North African workers met near the city of Algiers for their annual assembly. As the three hundred delegates and workers assembled together to review the past and gain new inspiration, vision, and wisdom for the future, I was definitely reminded of the old-fashioned camp meetings under the tents, which we used to enjoy out in the heart of the great Central West, in Kansas. The camp site was neatly arranged and well kept, under the direction of J. Colomar, a pastor-evangelist from Oran.

P. Girard, our North African Union Mission superintendent, is ably directing in carrying forward the message of light across a section of the northern coast of the great Dark Continent. Raymond Meyer has just taken his post as Tunisian Mission director, and is laying strong medical and evangelistic plans for the spread of the gospel around the old historic site of Carthage. A fine new chapel has just been erected at Ferryville, which gives promise of facilitating the winning of many more souls to the truth in that area.

Over on the Atlantic coast of North Africa, we find the great modern city of Casablanca. On the outskirts of this large city we have just purchased a new mission headquarters. W. Fuchs is in charge as our Moroccan Mission director.

The North African field presents two great challenges: that of bringing the gospel to the European population, and that of bringing the good news of salvation to the great and powerful Arab world. For more than thirty years, we have been forcefully preaching the message to the Europeans in this area; but, to a great extent, the mighty challenge of the Arab population has baffled our workers. The European population is quite insignificant in relation to the Arab population. This fact causes us to realize that something must be done to bring Christ to these slaves of the Moslem religion. Today our leaders and workers in North Africa are making definite plans as to how they may reach the Arab world.

In seeking to crack this great wall of resistance, they can count two converts from the Moslem religion. Some of our young people who have a

certain working knowledge of Arabic have had many interesting missionary visits in the area of Lemson, which is a great rug-making center. I was with one of our colporteurs who told me of Arab interest in our literature, even though it was in French and not in their own language.

Our pastor, R. Chemla, from Fez, which is a considerable Arab center, told me of the results of one of his public lectures on temperance in that city. An Arab who had been greatly addicted to drink attended this lecture. During the course of the lecture, the message seemed to touch the Arab's heart, and he realized the miserable life he was living. He saw that Jesus came to this world to give man the abundant life, and he felt sure that he was not enjoying this abundant life. On the way home, this Arab determined in his heart to live a cleaner, more temperate life. He told his friends of the new hope he had found, that he was turning over a new leaf. The friends of this Arab were so astonished and surprised at the change in their friend, who had been drunk most of the time, that three of them returned to Brother Chemla, introduced themselves, and expressed their deep gratitude for the efforts of our brother in behalf of their people. I believe this experience is an indication that the Arab world can be reached and helped with the message of truth and salvation. It is true that we must find the best possible way of reaching the hearts of these Arabs, even though the means may be radically different from our general approach to the European, French-speaking population.

Our youth of North Africa have launched out in a new Missionary Volunteer plan of attracting their comrades to the truth. During our camp meeting, aside from our own Missionary Volunteers who have subscribed to *Jeunesse*, our young people placed an order for 600 yearly subscriptions to *Jeunesse*, which they will use during the coming year in a systematic youth evangelistic program. Each Missionary Volunteer is taking as his goal the regular monthly contacting of ten of his non-Adventist comrades. In giving *Jeunesse* to his comrades, he has a wonderful opportunity to point his friend to the Source of all true joy, Jesus Christ.

The members of the North African Union Mission committee have manifested their confidence in these young people, who are ready to make real soul-winning sacrifices, and they have aided in this program with funds from their evangelistic budget. This is certainly a step in the right direction to save and strengthen the hope of the church in its youth.

During the entire course of these meetings, W. R. Beach, president of the Division, and O. Schuberth, Division educational and Sabbath school secretary, gave valuable instruction and help in the future planning for the development of the work of God in this important field.

At the close of these meetings, all of our members felt that they had been richly blessed by the presence of God, and they determined in their hearts to rise and shine, that the light might penetrate deep into the northern coast of the Dark Continent. As these, our members and workers, return to their difficult posts of duty, let us re-

member them in our prayers. Let us pray that God might use us in placing more effective means and workers at their disposition, that the beacon lights of truth might truly penetrate the superstition and fear of those who sit in darkness. God has called each one of us to «arise and shine.» Let us accept the challenge.

## Centres d'Education Familiale

by M. TIÈCHE,

Educational Secretary, Franco-Belgian Union.

For a long time, parents' societies have been organized in various countries in our Division territory. They are much appreciated wherever men and women have devoted themselves with conviction and enthusiasm to this work.

For the use of these societies, we have drafted some thirty lessons in French, to be studied and discussed at the parents' meetings. We are now completing this series, bringing the total number of lessons to sixty. In the preparation of these leaflets, we have been largely inspired by the splendid work of A. W. Spalding in the «Christian Home Series.»

The preparation of these lessons has brought me to a fuller realization that the teachings of the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy concerning the family contain unsuspected riches. As I have studied these questions and compared them in passing with certain present-day ideas concerning child psychology and modern pedagogy, and as I have participated, during the period of a year, in the work of a medical-pedagogical clinic and have remained in contact with it since, one thought has little by little forced itself upon my mind: We have no right to keep such a treasure to ourselves. Thousands of parents and educators in the world need these instructions.

This social and humanitarian work would also dispel much prejudice against us. It offers a solution for many problems which today engross the minds of thoughtful people, who are wondering uneasily what the world of tomorrow will be like, directed by the children of today.

We have therefore made a few attempts. Lectures have been announced in several French cities. Professors, secondary-school inspectors, mayors have consented to act as chairmen, fully aware of the fact that it was an activity of the Adventist Church. The results have surpassed our expectations. The audiences have been large and have proved admirably receptive to the instruction given. Educators of long experience, men well known in the field of pedagogy, have confessed that they had never considered their problems from the angle which we presented. In short, genuine enthusiasm has been aroused everywhere. In one city, a delegation of students from the Normal School came to express their desire to know more of the principles and methods presented in the public meeting. In another city, we were asked to give two interviews on the radio; in still another, the

city offered a building in which to establish a medical-pedagogical clinic; in another place, a doctor offered to examine free of charge the children we might send to him. Everywhere volunteers have put themselves at our disposition. Above all, we have found that the impression left on the public has been excellent and entirely favorable to the church which we represent. True, we do not state publicly that we are Seventh-day Adventists, but we do not try to conceal the fact from anyone, and it is not long before everyone knows it.

These results are not due to personal talent or to a happy combination of circumstances; they arise from the noble, elevated, far-seeing, and at the same time practical character of the instructions drawn from the very source of truth. To God alone belongs the glory.

We give, as a rule, three public lectures. The press announces them willingly, the civic authorities become interested, and men in high places attend or send representatives. But this effort must be followed up. To that end, we acquaint the audience with the establishment in the city of a legally constituted association under the title of «Centre d'éducation familiale,» and we distribute membership forms together with a summary of the statutes. We announce that meetings of the members of the association will take place once or twice a month, for the purpose of systematic study and discussion of the numerous problems which arise in regard to the family and the children.

Thus our hearers become better acquainted with us; they discover the principles of Christian education and realize that these principles are part of a reformatory movement, the purpose of which is to prepare honest hearts for the imminent and glorious return of Christ.

We have made only a beginning in this work, and we lack means to develop it further. But, with the help and blessing of God, we hope to do better: in the near future we plan to make use of the radio and the motion picture. We would be happy to learn of similar attempts which have been made in other countries, and we are always ready to supply to those interested the details of the organization of the «Centres d'éducation familiale,» which we cannot publish here for lack of space.

In the development of this enterprise, we depend on the blessing of God and the prayers of our brethren and sisters.

## GOOD NEWS FROM LANDS AFAR

Encouraging reports have reached the Division office during the last few weeks from several mission fields.

Sylvain Meyer, director of our mission on Réunion Island, writes under date of August 12:

«Last Sunday marked the close of an evangelistic week at St. Denis, with good meetings in the chapel, which was filled to capacity every evening. More than fifty addresses were collected. A baptismal service was held on Sabbath, and other persons are preparing for baptism. We thank God for the change brought about in this city since last year.

«We have held a number of meetings in a village near the airfield. At first we were received with stones, but now calm has been restored. At Montagne, near St. Denis, 80 to 100 persons attended the evening meetings.

«In the St. Pierre district, the work is also advancing everywhere. Next month we expect to conduct an evangelistic campaign, with a number of baptisms. Other baptisms are in prospect for the end of the year, and we hope, with God's help, to have a total of some thirty souls added to our little mission by baptism. Brother Vitry, an evangelist from Mauritius, will soon arrive, and the work will make faster progress. Our colporteur is doing a good work in the island.

«Last Tuesday we received definite authorization to open the dispensary. It has taken more than a year to obtain this, but we know that God is directing in all things...

«We are all in good health, as is the Vertallier family, which has been increased by a little Bruno.»

A more recent report from Mrs. Liliane Meyer, supervisor of the dispensary, tells of its opening:

«The Children's Dispensary, a modest establishment at St. Pierre, was opened October 1, 1948. In a providentially located house adjacent to the mission headquarters, three rooms have been fitted up for receiving, on Monday and Thursday of each week, everyone who is not too much afraid of what others may say. Sister C. Kone-Sone, a nurse as well as midwife, has kindly offered her assistance in order to insure the smooth running of this medical work.

«In the course of this first month of activity, 85 adults and children have received more than 150 treatments of various kinds. The physical misery is immense, but already the care, advice, and prayers have borne good fruit. Tracts, magazines, and Bibles have been distributed. A part of the clothing received from the United States enables us to give happiness to a few here and there, and the Dorcas society of the St. Pierre church is also making children's clothing.

«We could use still more; the needs are many. We are grateful to those, both near and far, who have made possible the establishment of a new Adventist outpost in the face of error and superstition. May God bless the influence of the

medical work on this island in the Indian Ocean!»

Here in the homeland, our joy overflows when we hear these songs of victory. Sustained by the Lord, the missionaries at work on the fanatical little island of Réunion are accomplishing great things. When one considers that often in a new place they are received by the excited populace with showers of stones, and that bands of children follow them at a distance, calling after them «Dirty Protestants!» one realizes that these workers need the grace of God in special measure in order to fulfill their task.

From the Azores islands, mission director Manuel Lourinho writes that the work is going forward in this group of islands. On the island of Flores, one of this archipelago, six persons have been baptized, and a considerable number of others are interested. On the island of Pico an interest has also been manifested, and soon the first baptisms will take place. The little chapel now in process of construction will soon be finished.

In St. Thomas, the little island below the equator, the work is also going forward in a strong way. E. Miranda, the director, and all his coworkers are of good courage. Recently they had the privilege of baptizing seventeen persons, and twelve candidates are now preparing for the next baptism. Our native members participate eagerly in the missionary activities. The workers on St. Thomas Island hope to reach fifty baptisms during the year 1948.

These encouraging reports demonstrate once more that the Spirit of God is at work in the mission fields. In these tiny islands of the sea, the harvest promises to be abundant.

May the Lord continue to keep the flame of His Spirit burning in all these mission fields, and may we also receive the baptism of the Spirit, in order that we may continue, with our resources and with our prayers, to sustain the far-flung work of the everlasting gospel.

M. Fridlin.

## EVANGELISM IN SWITZERLAND

The offensive has started throughout the country! From Romanhorn on the eastern frontier to Geneva on the west, including St. Gall, Winterthur, Zurich, Olten, Bienne, and Lausanne—everywhere the evangelists are at work and the meetings are well attended.

At Lausanne and Geneva, the color film «Daniel 2,» with the French translation, has made an excellent impression on the audiences. The Collonges seminary is taking an enthusiastic part in the evangelistic campaign at Geneva. Their cooperation is greatly appreciated. Several lay members are holding public meetings in the smaller towns.

May God bless these efforts, from which we expect successful results. The cooperation of the churches is a great encouragement to the workers in their winter offensive.

A. Meyer.

COLLONGES SEMINARY

The 1948-1949 school year opened September 29 with more than one hundred students. The presidents of the Franco-Belgian Union, the Léman Conference, and the South France Conference, brought us a word of encouragement, and we renew here the expression of our gratitude.

We think affectionately of those who taught here during the past school year but are no longer with us: R. Buyck, called to evangelistic work at Nancy and replaced by P. Steiner, who has accepted the responsibility of preceptor while at the same time continuing to direct the German language department; Miss Juliette Rey, who is to teach in one of our American colleges; Miss Jacqueline Dufau, now working in the Paris office; and Miss Dely Zurcher, who was obliged to return home for family reasons.

A cordial welcome is extended to Miss Odette Mathey, coming to us from La Lignière, who succeeds Miss Jeanne Marty as preceptress; and also to Miss Abrahamsen, entrusted with the teaching of piano. Mrs. P. Schilstra is teaching some classes in the German language. To each of these new coworkers we wish the best of success and the richest of God's blessings.

The school at Florence sent us its good wishes by telegraph. In turn, we wish the faculty and student group of this school a prosperous and happy year.

Three classrooms have been prepared in the recently acquired Beau-Site Hotel, and this has relieved to some extent the crowded condition of our central building. The sunniest of these new classrooms serves as the primary school; the other two are used for the intermediate classes.

At this writing, October 17, 141 students have been matriculated, 98 young men and 43 young women. Of these, 119 are boarding students, while 22 are non-resident. Twenty-one are housed in the children's home, at the Hotel des Alpes, which we have rented for the past two years.

Our students are distributed as follows:

South France Conference . . . . .	40
North France Conference . . . . .	17
Belgian Conference . . . . .	12
Léman Conference . . . . .	15
German-Swiss Conference . . . . .	13
North African Union Mission . . . . .	8
Italian Union Mission . . . . .	10
Portuguese Union Mission . . . . .	1
West Indies . . . . .	3
Indian Ocean . . . . .	3
Other countries . . . . .	4

We expect about twenty more students who have been detained by various circumstances.

An excellent spirit has been manifested from the beginning, and we have therefore every reason to hope that the Lord will answer our prayers that this may be the best school year in our history.

A. Vaucher.

Message from the Division Treasurer

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willing to give but that they really want to do something unusual for the cause they love. Whenever special appeals are made, let us pass them on to our churches everywhere, not only without any restraint whatsoever, but with a hearty recommendation to join in the effort.

We must continue to give our full support to the regular campaigns of the Big Week and the Harvest Ingathering. In the latter especially, there are still, in some places at least, unlimited possibilities of increasing the results.

Then there are also the special appeals made by either the General Conference or the Division. From our world headquarters appeals came last year for a special offering in behalf of the General Conference Famine Relief Fund. We appreciate the response made at that time. As you know, a new offering was necessary this year, and we hope that all joined joyfully in this effort. Several fields of our Division have received and are still receiving help from this fund, and we trust that they have gladly contributed as an expression of their gratitude and love.

Then there is the offering for the Division Radio Fund. The General Conference grants us a yearly appropriation for this fund, but it is not enough to meet all the needs. We must also do our share. A special offering was taken in our churches in October, 1947, for this purpose, and a new offering in October, 1948. We trust that this year's offering has been generous. The development of this important line of work requires it.

The cry for more chapels comes to us continually from all corners of the field. A special campaign was made in 1948 for this purpose, and we hope that every field reached its assigned goal, in order to make it possible for the Division to appropriate the full amount planned.

Once more we thank the leaders and all our dear people for their splendid cooperation in the past. We must do greater things in the future. A heavier program will have to be adopted for the coming year. A complete consecration of our lives, with all our possessions, will be more and more necessary to the finishing of the work. Let us all respond joyfully to the call of our Lord and Master.

R. Gerber.

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**HERE AND THERE**  
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During the month of October, W. R. Beach, R. Gerber, and M. Fridlin attended the home and foreign officers' meeting of the General Conference, held at the Boulder-COLORADO Sanitarium, followed by the Biennial Council of the General Conference, called to order in the Denver Central church at Denver, Colorado. For the first time in twelve years, all the world divisions except one were represented at this important council. Heart-thrilling and inspiring were the reports of the progress of the Lord's work as given by our world leaders, showing that the Spirit of God is really being poured out in every part of the field.

New assignments of mission territories were made. The former Ethiopian Union Mission and the Southern Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, south of the 15th parallel north latitude, was assigned to the Northern European Division; and the French Cameroons, French Equatorial Africa, Spanish Guinea, and French West Africa, with the exception of the Ivory Coast, Togoland, and Dahomie, were transferred to the Southern European Division.

These African territories were assigned to our Division with a view to their organization as a separate union, the name to be determined later by the Southern European Division committee in counsel with the General Conference. The transfer of these territories is to be effective as of January 1, 1949. This assignment represents a new and heavy responsibility for Southern Europe; more workers and more funds will be needed for the proclamation of the threefold message among the 22,000,000 people in these African territories.

Since the last number of the **Quarterly Review** went to press, a good number of missionaries have left the home base for various parts of the world field.

Elder and Mrs. Raymond Meyer and two children sailed from Marseille August 19 on the S. S. **Ville d'Oran**, bound for Tunis. Elder Meyer has been called to assume the leadership of the Tunis Mission.

Miss Aline Burri, a registered nurse formerly connected with our Gland sanitarium, left on November 1-1, also

for Tunis, to reopen the dispensary there.

Elder and Mrs. D. Riemens and three children left Marseille on October 16 on the S. S. **Ville d'Amiens** for Madagascar. Elder Riemens will serve as departmental secretary of the Indian Ocean Union Mission, as well as district leader of the Tananarive district, comprising approximately fifteen churches.

For the first time since the war, an Italian missionary family has left Italy for a far-away field. Brother and Sister A. Cinzio sailed from Genoa on October 20 for Australia. Brother Cinzio will do evangelistic work among the Italian-speaking population in the northwestern part of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference.

We are also informed that Brother and Sister R. Bentz and three children will sail from Marseille for Saigon, French Indochina, in the Far Eastern Division, on the S. S. **Chantilly** on December 14, returning to their former field of labor after furlough.

Our hearts and our prayers go with all these faithful servants of God as they willingly go to the ends of the earth in response to the call of God.

We are glad to announce that the Austrian Union has been able to move from its old offices, which were too small, to the new building purchased some time ago, at Nussdorferstrasse 5, Vienna IX. Authorization has been granted by the city authorities to build an evangelistic hall, seating more than 550 persons, on the ground floor of the building, which will thus be a valuable help in the proclamation of the advent message in the Austrian capital.

The radio work is progressing in our Division and is reaching more and more homes and hearts. A German radio program, scheduled for Wednesdays at 11:45-12:00 a. m., was begun October 6 over Radio Luxembourg. A religious liberty program each Tuesday at 6:45 p. m. has also been introduced over Radio Monte Carlo. The Swiss station of Sattens has agreed to broadcast this

religious liberty program, but we are not yet informed as to the hour. Our readers will be interested to learn that these two religious liberty broadcasts are free of charge.

We have just received word from J. Zurcher, who has charge of our radio work in Madagascar, that, beginning November 27, our evangelistic program is being broadcast in the Malagasy language each Sabbath at noon. For two years Brother Zurcher has been preaching our message in French over Radio Tananarive, and now the Malagasy broadcast is being added. These two programs are also without cost to us.

It is our duty to announce the sad news of the death, on the evening of September 13, of Elder Paul Badaut, a veteran worker in the French territories of our Division. A valiant and courageous servant of God has fallen asleep in Jesus at the age of 68 years. Brother Badaut was one of our best evangelists, a devoted pastor, and an untiring worker. He did evangelistic work in France, Switzerland, and North Africa, and served for a number of years as our pioneer missionary in Mauritius. After his return from the mission field in 1920, he worked in the large centers of France and was for six years the president of the South France Conference. After being placed on sustentation, he continued unremittingly to labor for the Lord, and had the joy of baptizing thirty souls in the last three years before his death. We extend to Sister Badaut and to Mrs. Enrico Bertalot, Elder Badaut's daughter, our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

The Istituto Adventista di Cultura Biblica, in Florence, Italy, opened its doors for the new school year on September 22, with an enrollment of 60, comprising 40 boys and 20 girls. The principal reports that all are happy in their work. The school at Portalegre, Portugal, opened with an enrollment of 30; we have no further details as yet. We wish for both these schools, as well as the Collonges seminary and the smaller schools throughout the Division, a happy and profitable school year.