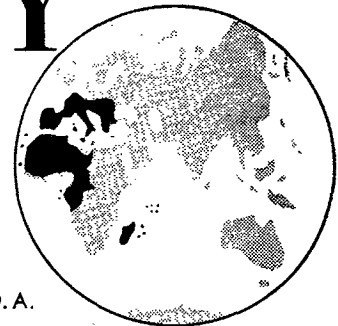


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Our Greatest Evangelism

By L. K. Dickson

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The spontaneous response which came from the thousands of leaders and believers gathered together at the General Conference session in San Francisco to the appeal to double our membership in the next four years, was both remarkable and gloriously portentous. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit which was so manifest at that great session, a new determination laid hold of our leaders, to bring about a realization of this great possibility of membership increase. Never were the following words of the Lord's messenger so true as now: « Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in. » (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 109.)

To gather in these precious souls we must now bring all our methods, institutions, and organizations into perfect coordination in order to carry out rapidly and efficiently this great denominational program. This new dominant note in our leadership around the world looks forward to an immediate rising to new heights in evangelism in its most intense form. There is a strong conviction resting upon us all that God is calling and waiting for a greater response on the part of His people toward a finished work of evangelism than the church has yet given. Our determination is to give that response wholeheartedly and NOW.

We are greatly encouraged to learn how this new determination is laying hold of all our leaders around the world, and we believe 1951 will see such plans worked out as to bring about a storming of the enemy's strongholds such as has not been seen since Pentecost. Every means and method, old and new, is now to be harnessed

for the final assault, under the inspiration and power of the Holy Spirit.

It is well for us to note what this will all mean. What will be the result in devotion and activity throughout our ranks? It means that in every church, every conference, and every institution in our work around the world, supreme efforts will now be focused upon this one great reason for our existence as a people. It will mean that every church board, every conference committee, every institutional board will sit down and plan first of all to make their program of action definitely evangelistic, far beyond any previous plan. It will mean that in every union and division field, the dark counties and unentered sections will be attacked and entered by a definite program of evangelism in some effective form. Great cities of the world with their masses of humanity will not longer withstand the preaching of the message. A new courage and faith will lay hold of us all to accomplish the task set before us. Think what it will mean to every field in the world for a greater fruitage of souls to be harvested and the membership doubled!

All of this will take careful planning and persistent effort and a deeper consecration to achieve it. All our soul-winning facilities will be needed and their effectiveness stepped up to a more intense use. Let us not allow the lack of means or equipment to stop us in our determined plans to succeed.

Compared to what the apostles lacked in material facilities in Pentecostal times, we are rich in instruments of warfare for God. There are

ways by which every dark spot on earth can be entered, even with present means and facilities. If we wait until everything is ideal by our own human measurement for a final advance, it will not come. We must pray as we plan and trust as we work and we shall see a resurrection in the evangelistic possibilities that will surprise us all and glorify our Father in heaven.

It is evident that a great expectancy now rests in the hearts of our people everywhere. They are looking for us as leaders in conferences and churches, to implement our revival spirit and lead the church into an abandonment to service for the lost such as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. Every worker and every member is to be challenged by our personalized leadership. It is not sufficient for us as leaders simply to admonish, to counsel, or to urge. We must, in a very personal way, see to it that each worker and each member is definitely enlisted in some more effective way to do a larger soul-winning work. Let us not take too much for granted, but let us labor and plan with the individual worker and member under our charge, until he has been brought to the point of action in seeking for souls. Our leadership needs to be personalized. We need to recognize that ours is the responsibility to see that the facilities and help in our hands are utilized with more efficiency and more effectiveness.

The need of action NOW must come into all our hearts with greater weight. Present opportunities will

not last. Soon our goings to and fro will be hedged up. War, greater and more terrible than ever before, is impending. From every viewpoint this is our « hour of visitation. » Let us not be found sluggards and wanting in this crisis hour for God.

All of this calls for a seeking after God for His power and understanding and courage beyond our present attainments. Pentecostal evangelistic results will come by way of the Pentecostal experience. These can not be separated. It was power for witnessing that consumed the longing hearts of the apostles as they pled to God for the fulness of His Spirit.

When we face our task as the first disciples faced theirs, the sense of our need for Holy Ghost power will drive us penitently seeking after God as it did in their lives. The only revival worth while is that which will result in fulfilling the purpose and commission of Christ, as He, too, pointing to a needy and dying world, commanded, « Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. »

The world has been led to the doorstep of doom. A tired, worn-out despondency is laying hold of the hearts of men. The world is hungry for the light, for words of encouragement, for a satisfying explanation, and for an assurance for the future which they can lay hold of. « Ye are the light of the world, » said our Lord and Master. Let us now rise to that high calling and serve our Master with all our lives.

“Thou Shalt be a Blessing”

By J. C. Guenin

President, Léman Conference

« Thou shalt be a blessing. » This passage recently came to my mind as vividly as if someone beside me had repeated it aloud.

The general understanding is that the promise made to the « father of the faithful » met its fulfillment in Christ. This is true ; but it would be a great mistake thus to limit its application. It was by his own personal life, his example, and his testimony, that Abraham was to be a source of blessing. We need only think of a few outstanding features of his life in order to realize to what extent Abraham fulfilled this prophecy.

When Abraham was called by God to leave his country and his kindred, he was abandoning a city which, as we now know from archaeological discoveries, offered its inhabitants a high degree of comfort and even luxury. Abraham was rich ; he owned immense flocks and herds and had many servants at his bidding. In obeying God's command, he made a great sacrifice. He went out into the unknown.

He took with him his nephew Lot. It was not long before disputes arose between Abraham's herdsmen and those of Lot. « And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen ; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee ? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me : if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right ; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. » Gen. 13 :

8, 9. On this occasion Abraham manifested a noble and unselfish character, while Lot revealed his egoism and love of riches. The sequel proves that his choice was not the best.

Genesis 14 tells the story of the battle waged by the kings of the plain. The kings of Sodom and Gomorrah were put to flight. The conquerors « took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. . . And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. . . And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people. » Gen. 14 : 11, 12, 14, 16.

Abraham might have kept for himself all the spoils of war ; the king of Sodom suggested that he do so. But he answered, « I have lifted up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take anything that is thine, lest thou shouldst say, I have made Abram rich. » Gen. 14 : 22, 23.

Here again the patriarch shows his fine character and his lack of self-seeking. Many other incidents of his life could be cited to show that the promise quoted at the beginning of this article was fulfilled over and

over again. But, alas, this giant of faith had also his weaknesses and his moments of doubt. He was seventy-five years old when God called him, and at same time God promised that he would have a son. Abraham waited fifteen years and then, since the promise had not been fulfilled, he listened to the advice of his wife and took Hagar, Sarah's servant, who bore him a son, Ishmael. This act of weakness was to create difficulties and bring about domestic crises. Hagar became insolent to her mistress and looked on her with contempt. Sarah dealt harshly with Hagar, who was finally forced to flee with her child. What sadness was brought to the patriarch's heart as he had to bid his son goodbye! His disobedience and lack of faith had become a curse. Nor was this the only case in which his conduct was a source of difficulty and trial for others. In the experience related in Genesis 12, Abraham, through a lack of courage and straightforwardness, brought serious difficulty to Pharaoh. An almost identical incident is related in chapters 20 and 21. It is curious that the first experience should not have taught the patriarch such a lesson as to prevent a repetition.

The promise made to Abraham, that he should be a blessing, was to be fulfilled not only in his life but in the life of every true believer. We can be a blessing to those about us only to the extent that we carry out God's will. When we persist in having our own way, then we draw down a curse not only upon ourselves but upon others as well.

In this connection, it is interesting also to read the life of Joseph and to notice in what large measure the promise was fulfilled to him and through him to others. Sold by his brothers at seventeen years of age, he was carried to Egypt where he became a slave in Potiphar's house. What temptations he met there we know; as a reward for his fidelity, he was thrown into prison where he stayed for several years. From a human standpoint, it must be admitted that here he had every reason for becoming discouraged; but such was not the case. He comforted and encouraged his fellow prisoners and was a blessing to more than one among them. It was because he was able to interpret that dreams of Pharaoh's baker and butler, in whom he had taken an interest, that he finally emerged from the prison to become governor of Egypt and a blessing, not only to his family whom he saved from starvation, but to all the people of Egypt.

I should like now to place side by side two experiences which are similar in many ways. The first is that of Jonah. His disobedience placed in jeopardy the entire crew of the vessel on which he had taken passage to flee to Tarshish. The terrible tempest was calmed only when Jonah pronounced his own death sentence and was thrown into the sea. He preferred to die rather than to ask the captain to return to Joppa, where he could have taken passage for Nineveh to fulfill the mission God had entrusted to him. His disobedience was thus a source of misfortune and material loss for the owner of the ship and for all the crew.

The second example is that of the apostle Paul. The ship which was taking him to Rome, where he had asked for a hearing before the emperor, was making the trip at an unfavorable season of the year. At Crete the apostle advised the centurion to spend

the winter on the island; but the centurion preferred to listen to the master and the owner of the ship rather than to Paul. After a short period of calm, a tempestuous wind arose, driving before it the vessel, which was unable to cope with the storm. Soon the sailors were obliged to throw the cargo overboard. The crew had not eaten for many days. «But... Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.» Acts 27: 21-25.

The entire personnel of the boat, 276 persons, was saved only because of Paul's presence; thus he was a source of blessing to all.

The blessings which we can bring to others are not only of a material nature, but also spiritual. To create peace, joy, and contentment in his immediate surroundings should be the ambition of every child of God. Certain principles for obtaining such a result are enunciated in the word of God. Read carefully Romans 12: 18, 2 Cor. 4: 14-16, Mark 9: 50.

In the writings of Paul we find many passages which deserve prolonged study and contain admirable counsel which, if followed, would make any Christian a source of blessing to his neighbors. For instance:

«We... that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.» Romans 15: 1.

«For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.» 1 Cor. 9: 19.

«Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification.» Romans 15: 2. How much more harmonious would be the relations between Christians if each tried to please his neighbor.

«Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus.» Romans 15: 5.

«Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.» Romans 15: 17.

Here I should like to recall the words of Jesus to His disciples on the eve of His death, at the moment when He was about to institute the Lord's Supper: «The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.» Luke 22: 25, 26.

Present political conditions make these words stand out in bold relief. They distinguish clearly the principles of Christian living as diametrically opposed to those of political life.

May God help us to keep these principles in mind, so that, as we seek to put them into practice in our own lives, we may become a blessing in the fullest sense of the word to everyone with whom we come in contact.

Power from on High *

By W. H. Branson

President, General Conference

The General Conference session held at San Francisco, California, received a real visitation of the Holy Spirit of which all present were conscious.

The first great spiritual blessing came during a meeting of the home and foreign officers of the General Conference which was held prior to the Conference session.

Realizing the absolute need of a baptism of heavenly power, these brethren set aside an entire day for prayer, Bible study, and the putting away of sin, and in their seeking after God they were not disappointed. Many testified that it brought to them the most blessed and spiritual experience they had ever enjoyed. All present recognized that God had heard their pleas for help and had sent His Spirit to fill them with His holy presence.

Encouraged by this experience, the officers decided to arrange for the very first day of the General Conference session likewise to be spent in a special effort to draw near to God. It was felt that this should be our very first work. Everything else was of secondary importance.

And what a setting it was for a revival. Representatives of God's people had gathered together from the very ends of the earth. Foreign missionaries, who had spent their lives in service in far-off lands among strange peoples, had come bringing with them

nationals of those lands who themselves had grown into strength as leaders of the churches raised up in those countries. Never before had so many of God's people been gathered together from so many parts of the earth. It far surpassed the situation at Pentecost when people from some eighteen countries were present. On this occasion practically the whole earth was represented.

When a call was made for the first day of the Conference to be spent in Bible study, prayer, and fasting, the entire audience responded, and unitedly they set themselves to seek the Lord.

Very little business was done that first day. Only short meetings of the Conference were held, and one or two committees met for a little while in the afternoon. Most of the day was spent in the study of the Bible, confession of sin, and in seeking God for an outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon His people at this time.

Truly it was a very solemn day. Thousands of those present gained an entirely new experience with God. His presence could be felt, and all our hearts were subdued by His holy influence and power.

The work of revival continued throughout the entire session, and the two Friday evenings and Sabbaths were high days. God's presence with His people was a very real experience to those who were present.

But this visitation of God's Spirit among His people is but the beginning. It must come to His people everywhere. It must increase in power until the church in all lands is brought under its influence. Under the Spirit's power the great judgment-hour message must quickly swell into a loud cry throughout all nations of the earth. And it must come now.

This blessed experience of receiving the latter rain of God's Spirit so long promised to His church is something that all who will may enter into. It is for all the church. It is available to all who will

receive it. And it is essential that without delay we lay hold of this mighty Pentecostal experience in order that we may complete our God-given task of gathering out a people from the nations.

Plans were laid by the General Conference delegation for this work of revival to be carried to all our churches throughout the world. As the Division leaders return to their respective fields, they will join the local and union leaders everywhere in making this plan effective. We hope that every company of believers may be reached and that there may be a unanimous response on the part of our people in all lands to God's call to revival and a reformation of life.

When our own hearts have been revived by God's Spirit, God will lay upon us a new burden to save



* This message from our new General Conference president was intended for the September number of the Quarterly Review. We consider the article of sufficient interest to warrant its publication even at this date.

others about us, for personal revival brings to the church a preparation for the evangelization of the world.

We wish at this time to appeal earnestly to all our believers everywhere to lay plans immediately to increase greatly their efforts to win their neighbors and friends to the truth.

We should double our entire church membership in the next five years. All that would be required to do this would be for each church member to bring one more into the truth.

Can any of us do any less and still please God?

And why should we not do it now, this year?

Each one of us can find at least one other who needs the truth, and under the blessing and power of the Spirit of God we can bring him into the church.

May God revive us all, fill us with the power of His Holy Spirit, and send us forth to reap a rich harvest for His kingdom.

In view of the fact that so many Division, union, and local field leaders were attending the General Conference session in San Francisco at the time when the September number of the **Quarterly Review** should have been in preparation, it was decided to omit that number. The statistical reports for both the second and third quarters of this year thus appear in this issue.

Antonio Quarte Gomes, Soul Winner of Madeira

By C. G. Cross

Former Publishing Department Secretary, Southern European Division

Antonio Quarte Gomes is a young colporteur evangelist who works in the Portuguese islands of Madeira and Azores. He, with his family, has done a remarkable work of soul winning.

On one occasion in the Madeira Islands, he sold a book entitled «How Your Mind Works» to a man by the name of José. Then he engaged him in a religious conversation, following which he promised to bring the man a Bible the next time he visited his town of Canico. Three months later, he returned with the Bible. Mr. José appreciated it very much and seemed to take a liking to the young man. Up to this point, our colporteur evangelist had never told Mr. José that he was a Seventh-day Adventist.

Two years later, he again visited Canico and searched for Mr. José. Then he told him all about our message. Mr. José in the meantime had read the Scriptures, and was very excited about the truth. He had some questions, and it was pleasant for our brother to explain. Some time afterward, Mr. José was baptized and became Brother José.

Recently, when I visited the Madeira Islands, M. Lourinho, the mission superintendent, and P. Ribeiro,



the union treasurer, took me to this little mountain village where Brother José lives. That night we had a meeting in one room which he has set apart for our religious services. Several of his friends came from the surrounding area, and I believe there were about ten men altogether. There were no women or children. We had a good meeting. Several of these men expected to be baptized in the next baptismal ceremony, which by this time has taken place.

Our colporteur evangelist and his family moved to the Azores Islands. There they rearranged their home so as to reserve one room for religious services. He has sold hundreds of books and has found a very good interest in the truth. He holds meetings in his home; ninety persons attend regularly. Five have been baptized, and four more are awaiting the opportunity. In addition to those who come to his home, about forty people are receiving Bible studies regularly in different places on the islands.

This colporteur evangelist is a true light-bearer. He is typical of the earnest, enthusiastic colporteur evangelist in Portugal and the Portuguese islands. Wherever these brethren and sisters go, on the Continent or in the islands, they leave a trail of blessings.

RECAPITULATION

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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. . .														15	2	4	21	—	—	—	42			
2. Austrian Union Conference	39	2499	95	1	38	134	20	14	41	75	59	2558	15	1	2	6	2	—	39	65	39	2710	1999	
3. Czechoslovakian » »	114	5521	—	—	—	NO REPORT	—	—	—	—	—	5521	33	3	2	3	19	—	8	68	160	5445	5200	
4. Franco-Belgian » »	73	3383	69	4	46	119	3	9	84	96	23	3406	35	26	—	42	4	3	160	270	70	2357	1880	
5. Hungarian » »	155	6201	372	—	—	372	42	13	—	55	317	6518	26	10	4	15	35	—	66	156	175	6358	4720	
6. Yugoslavian » »	157	6250	500	—	—	500	—	—	—	—	500	6750	42	5	—	13	—	—	—	30	198	6700	5080	
7. Rumanian » »	551	30000	—	—	—	NO REPORT	—	—	—	—	—	30000	78	11	—	47	—	—	—	136	560	32500	29800	
8. Swiss » »	57	3007	65	6	37	108	12	13	28	53	55	3062	22	5	4	18	—	4	47	100	56	2536	1891	
9. French West and Eq. Afr. U. M.	16	1796	98	—	1	99	—	1	2	3	96	1892	11	7	2	15	69	57	—	161	178	9291	7146	
10. Indian Ocean Union Mission . . .	49	1720	60	2	15	77	2	7	7	16	61	1781	21	8	11	22	2	15	13	92	56	3041	2376	
11. Italian » »	48	1674	58	1	10	69	16	3	17	36	33	1707	18	2	3	27	3	—	85	138	60	2108	1709	
12. North African » »	16	585	15	—	12	27	3	2	4	9	18	603	8	2	—	12	4	—	20	46	24	522	355	
13. Portuguese » »	26	1438	34	1	8	43	3	1	8	12	31	1469	12	5	3	3	11	4	20	58	33	1935	1557	
14. Bulgarian Conference	39	1851	—	—	—	NO REPORT	—	—	—	—	—	1851	9	4	—	10	—	—	—	23	29	901	718	
15. Grecian Mission	5	166	—	—	—	NO REPORT	—	—	—	—	—	166	2	1	1	—	1	—	1	6	5	160	180	
16. Spanish Mission	10	660	21	2	8	31	4	6	4	14	17	677	5	—	2	11	1	1	14	34	13	772	635	
TOTALS FOR 2nd QUARTER, 1950:	1355	66751	1387	17	175	1579	105	69	195	369	1210	67961	322	92	38	265	151	84	473	1425	1656	77336	65246	
TOTALS FOR 2nd QUARTER, 1949:	1333	59269	767	47	156	1497	121	59	182	362	608	59877	305	88	34	237	147	45	422	1278	1500	66577	57053	

Good News and Bad from the Mission Field

By M. Fridlin

Secretary, Southern European Division

It is certainly good news to report that a student from the Collonges seminary, J. Kempf, who has been in military service near Dakar, the capital of Senegal in French West Africa, and who will be released in a few weeks, has offered to stay in that colony for a time to do colporteur work. Our message has not yet entered this large territory, and we are praying that the work of our young pioneer colporteur will bear fruit so that plans can be laid in the near future for the establishment of a mission center there.

We have good news also from the Cameroun. A little more than a year ago, one of our native pastors was sent to a new district, Obala, to start work there. A church of 32 members has already been organized. In the same place we have a primary school, and our work there enjoys an excellent reputation. J. A. de Caenel writes that the school at Nanga-Eboko has 460 pupils, and that the Adventist school is considered the strongest, of the four schools in that center. The native workers in the various outstations have been so active that, as the rainy season draws to its close, Brother de Caenel will be busy for a couple of months simply going from one station to another and baptizing the new members.

Unfortunately, the health of some of our missionaries has been severely tried; but in spite of everything, they are courageous. The most serious case is that of Sister A. Matton, who accompanied her husband to the northern part of the Cameroun last year. She contracted a kind of tropical typhus, and her husband was obliged to take her to the

hospital, some twenty miles away, during the night, since she was in extreme pain. It was during the rainy season, and the road was in such poor condition that Brother Matton had to work on it for almost six hours so as to be able to proceed. Sister Matton was in the hospital for more than a month and is now spending two or three months of rest at our new Koza station, where Brother and Sister Bergström are located and where the climate is a little more favorable. We are grateful to God for having spared this faithful missionary wife to her husband and her two small children.

Thus the life of a missionary is often one of hardship and lurking danger. More than ever, these valiant workers need our constant prayers.

« Once, after I had spoken of the galaxies in a public lecture, a woman came and asked, 'If our world is so little, and the universe so great, can we believe that God pays any attention to us?' 'That depends, madam, entirely on how big a God you believe in,' I said. She went away sadly, for she had hoped for encouragement in some sort of disbelief. »

Dr. Henry Norris Russell, astronomer.

Statistical Report of the Southern European Division of S.D.A. for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1950

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1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV.																							
2. AUSTRIAN UNION CONF.																							
3. Danube Conference	20	1433	16		20	36	7	6	25	38	-2	1431	7	2	3	2	1	16	29	20	1468	1025	
4. Alpine »	19	1125	27	1	5	33	5	1	7	13	20	1145	6		2	2	1	15	25	19	1258	872	
Total :	39	2558	43	1	25	69	12	7	32	51	18	2576	16	2	4	6	3	31	62	39	2726	1897	
5. CZECHOSLOVAKIAN U. C.																							
6. Bohemian Conference																							
7. Moravian »																							
8. Slovakian »																							
Total :	114	5521	220	—	—	220	23	24	—	47	173	5694	33	3	2	3	19	—	8	68	160	5445	5200
9. FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.																							
10. Belgian Conference	13	871	6	—	4	10	2	1	2	5	5	876	7	5	1	2	1	15	37	14	852	631	
11. East France »	16	451	1	9	—	10	—	—	3	3	7	458	3	3	—	7	—	13	27	16	441	367	
12. North France »	17	1016	25	3	58	86	1	4	16	21	65	1081	10	7	—	8	3	55	83	14	732	615	
13. South France »	22	905	17	—	4	21	4	1	1	6	15	920	7	3	1	7	4	56	79	21	290	60	
14. South West France »	5	163	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	163	3	2	—	2	—	14	21	5	117	105	
Total :	73	3406	49	12	66	127	7	6	22	35	92	3498	32	23	2	35	7	3153	255	70	2432	1778	
15. HUNGARIAN U. C.																							
16. Central Hung. Conference																							
17. East Hung. »																							
18. West Hung. »																							
19. South Hung. »																							
Total :	155	6518	328	—	—	328	19	27	—	46	282	6800	26	10	4	15	35	—	66	156	175	6358	4720
20. JUGOSLAVIAN U. C.																							
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22. Sava »																							
23. Morava »																							
Total :	157	6750										6750	12	5	—	13	—	—	—	30	198	6700	5080
24. RUMANIAN U. C.																							
25. Muntenia Conference																							
26. North Moldova »																							
27. Transylvanian »																							
28. Oltenia-Banat »																							
29. Dunarea »																							
Total :	551	30000	4000	—	—	4000	600	400	—	1000	3000	33000	78	11	—	47	—	—	—	136	560	32500	29800
30. SWISS U. C.																							
31. German Swiss Conference	32	1852	52	4	17	73	10	5	19	34	39	1891	13	2	2	11	1	30	60	31	1551	1035	
32. Leman »	25	1210	11	1	3	15	3	9	1	13	2	1212	7	2	2	7	—	3	15	36	24	973	815
Total :	57	3062	63	5	20	88	13	14	20	47	41	3103	22	5	4	18	1	4	45	99	55	2524	1850
33. FRENCH WEST AND EQ. AFR.																							
34. Batouri Mission	4	498	19	—	—	19	5	1	—	6	13	511	2	2	—	4	37	10	—	55	63	3600	2724
35. Kribi »	3	159	30	—	—	30	—	—	—	—	30	189	3	2	—	3	3	6	—	17	6	138	113
36. Maroua »	2	183	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	183	1	1	—	2	8	2	—	14	21	806	790
37. Nanga-Ebokou »	6	812	35	—	—	35	—	—	—	—	35	847	2	2	1	7	40	26	—	78	71	3056	2906
38. Sangmelima »	2	240	—	17	—	17	—	—	—	—	17	257	2	—	—	2	6	15	—	25	10	564	439
Total :	17	1892	84	17	—	101	5	1	—	6	95	1987	12	7	2	21	94	59	—	195	171	8164	6972
39. INDIAN OCEAN UN. MISSION ..																							
40. Madagascar Mission	30	725	14	—	10	24	5	3	7	15	9	734	8	4	—	15	15	4	10	56	32	1418	990
41. Mauritius »	13	783	22	—	—	22	—	1	—	1	21	804	5	2	—	8	1	9	6	31	18	857	604
42. Reunion »	6	192	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	192	2	—	—	4	1	—	1	8	5	218	180
43. Seychelles »	1	81	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	81	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	2	92	60
Total :	50	1781	36	—	10	46	5	4	7	16	30	1811	21	9	—	35	17	14	17	113	57	2585	1834
44. ITALIAN UNION MISSION																							
45. Central Italian Mission	11	455	29	—	6	35	—	—	8	8	27	482	1	3	—	5	—	—	14	23	11	479	402
46. North Italian »	13	526	28	1	10	39	6	—	7	13	26	552	6	1	—	5	—	—	38	50	26	593	483
47. South Italian »	24	726	29	1	3	33	3	3	2	8	25	751	5	4	1	5	—	—	17	32	23	890	805
Total :	48	1707	86	2	19	107	9	3	17	29	78	1785	19	9	2	20	4	—	69	123	60	1962	1690
48. NORTH AFRICAN UN. MISSION																							
49. Algerian Mission	10	407	19	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	19	426	3	1	1	8	—	—	8	21	11	260	65
50. Moroccan »	4	127	5	—	1	6	4	1	—	5	1	128	1	2	—	4	—	—	8	15	9	111	70
51. Tunisian »	2	69	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	70	1	2	—	1	—	—	3	7	6	70	59
Total :	16	603	25	—	1	26	4	1	—	5	21	624	7	7	1	14	—	—	19	48	26	441	194
52. PORTUGUESE UNION MISSION																							
53. Portuguese Conference	17	966	39	—	—	39	—	2	—	2	37	1003	3	—	2	2	6	1	11	25	20	1118	939
54. Madeira Mission	1	127	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	127	1	1	—	1	1	—	3	5	5	152	118
55. Azores Mission	4	108	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	108	1	1	—	1	—	—	1	4	5	148	148
56. Cape Verde »	3	112	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	112	1	1	—	1	2	1	—	6	3	115	100
57. St. Thomas »	1	156	10	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	10	166	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	7	3	342	303
Total :	26	1469	49	—	—	49	—	2	—	2	47	1516	10	4	2	6	10	5	12	49	40	1875	1606
58. BULGARIAN CONFERENCE ..	39	1851	200	—	—	200	—	—	—	—	—	2051	9	4	—	10	—	—	—	23	29	901	718
59. GRECIAN MISSION	5	166	7	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	173	2	1	—	4	—	—	—	8	5	160	180
60. SPANISH MISSION	10	677	50	1	—	51	2	10	5	17	34												

RECAPITULATION

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	Cantassers	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
SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV.																							
Austrian Union Conference	39	2558	43	1	25	69	12	7	32	51	18	2576	16	2	4	6	3	—	31	62	39	2726	1897
Czechoslovakian »	114	5521	220	—	—	220	23	24	—	47	173	5694	33	3	2	3	19	—	8	68	160	5445	5200
Franco-Belgian »	73	3406	49	12	66	127	7	6	22	35	92	3498	32	23	2	35	7	3	153	255	70	2432	1778
Hungarian »	155	6518	328	—	—	328	19	27	—	46	282	6800	26	10	4	15	35	—	66	156	175	6358	4720
Jugoslavian »	157	6750										6750	12	5	—	13	—	—	—	30	198	6700	5080
Rumanian »	551	30000	4000	—	—	4000	600	400	—	1000	3000	33000	78	11	—	47	—	—	—	136	560	32500	29800
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French West and Eq. Afr. U.M.	17	1892	84	17	—	101	5	1	—	6	95	1987	12	7	2	21	94	59	—	195	171	8164	6972
Indian Ocean Union Mission	50	1781	36	—	10	46	5	4	7	16	30	1811	21	9	—	35	17	14	17	113	57	2585	1834
Italian »	48	1707	86	2	19	107	9	3	17	29	78	1785	19	9	2	20	4	—	69	123	60	1962	1690
North African »	16	603	25	—	1	26	4	1	—	5	21	624	7	7	1	14	—	—	19	48	26	441	194
Portuguese »	26	1469	49	—	—	49	—	2	—	2	47	1516	10	4	2	6	10	5	12	49	40	1875	1606
Bulgarian Conference	39	1851	200			200				200	2051	9	4	—	10	—	—	—	23	29	901	718	
Grecian Mission	5	166	7			7				7	173	2	1	1	1	4	—	—	8	5	160	180	
Spanish Mission	10	677	50	1	—	51	2	10	5	17	34	711	6	—	2	10	2	1	16	37	10	800	607
TOTALS FOR 3rd QUARTER, 1950:	1357	67961	5240	38	141	5419	699	499	103	1301	4118	72079	320	102	33	222	192	86	436	1451	1655	75573	64126
TOTALS FOR 3rd QUARTER, 1949:	1435	59277	1177	20	351	1548	235	181	628	1044	504	60381	317	93	40	247	150	56	463	1364	1532	67526	55929



New Chapel in Réunion Island

The accompanying picture shows a new chapel recently completed at Le Port, Réunion Island, in the Indian Ocean. Dedication services were held on October 14. Last spring, when I had the privilege of visiting Réunion Island, I saw on this spot only an old, almost ruined, building. Now we have an attractive chapel there which does credit to the cause of God.

D. Riemens, department secretary of the Indian Ocean Union Mission, who was present at the dedication, writes as follows:

« It was with real pleasure that I revisited Réunion. The Lord has blessed the work of the brethren there. They hope to have 220 or more members by the end of the year. The young people are being organized, and many of the members are very active in missionary work. They are winning souls.

« October 14 was a day of blessing for Le Port. Some two hundred persons were present for the dedication of the chapel. ... Considering the means available, one can say that an excellent work has been accomplished. The building really looks like a chapel, the hall is spacious and pleasant, and a three-room apartment has been constructed for the

native worker. On the whole, the place is no longer recognizable as the same one you saw. The old building bore the date of 1834; thus it was erected at a time when William Miller had been preaching the advent message for three years. Who would have thought that this building in Le Port would serve 116 years later for the proclamation of the same message in this faraway island?»

A native worker from Mauritius, Max Vitry, has charge of the church at Le Port as well as the evangelistic work in that city and the vicinity.

Our readers will perhaps remember that we are the only Protestant mission on this strongly Catholic island, and this is our third chapel. God has abundantly blessed the work of our faithful missionaries, S. Meyer and R. Vertallier, and we have at present 213 members in Réunion. In spite of the unfavorable climate and primitive conditions under which our missionaries must live, they are going forward in faith with a great deal of courage. They need our prayers in their great task.

M. Fridin,

Secretary, Southern European Division.

A Note from Mozambique

(A request addressed to the Munguluni Mission for the names of workers who should receive the *Quarterly Review* brought an answer by return mail, with the following note for our readers.)

Mozambique is perhaps among the most needy mission fields in the world today.

We are glad to be under the direction of our old field again, the Southern European Division.

There is a tremendous task ahead of us in this great and extensive mission field, barely touched by the last message. Pray that more workers may be sent into the field, for what is to be done must be done while doors are still open.

E. P. Mansell,

Director, Munguluni Mission.

Echoes of Mid-Century Evangelism

By Albert Meyer

Secretary, Ministerial Association

Once more we find ourselves back in Europe after the General Conference session, with minds and hearts still full of what we have seen and heard there.

Between America, the land of unlimited opportunity, and the old war-wracked continent of Europe, there is, needless to say, a difference. Nevertheless, the Lord's work is the same everywhere; the universal character of the advent message constitutes its strength and maintains unbreakable ties between all its members.

After the inspiration of San Francisco comes the task of translating into action, in the churches, the excellent resolutions voted at the General Conference. This is not the work of one day nor of one man; all must do their part with unflagging devotion. Time-worn routine and habits of idleness must give place to bold and courageous action. « Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. » Eph. 5 : 14.

Such a program has been the objective of resolutions adopted at annual meetings and workers' conventions during the past few weeks. The first was in Austria, where a congregation of more than a thousand had met at Vienna on Sabbath, September 2. M. Fridlin spoke forcefully and with conviction on the necessity of full conversion. The Bible studies and meditations given by other brethren, especially by O. Schuberth, emphasized the urgent need for the church to receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

On Monday morning all the workers took the train for Bogenhofen, seventy kilometers from Salzburg and just across the border from Bavaria. The general theme of the workers' meeting was « Awake, evangelize ! » Group study in a quiet rural setting, combined with prayer and testimonies, constitutes the best preparation for more efficient work in God's cause. The welcome extended to the workers by the Bogenhofen seminary was most cordial.

The following Sabbath I spent with the Innsbruck church, in beautiful Tirol. A fine missionary spirit prevails in this friendly little church. Unfortunately, it has no suitable place in which to meet. In this ultra-Catholic country, it is extremely difficult for the Adventist church to find quarters. At the present time we are sharing a hall with other societies.

From Innsbruck, the route to Italy takes us through the famous Brenner Pass, meeting place of dictators. The mass of pilgrims flocking to Italy for the « Anno Santo » grows almost from minute to minute before one's eyes. Trains, busses, and hotels are filled to overflowing. It is a veritable madness. The spirit is that of the carnival rather than of the church. And to think that the world is not one whit the better for all this publicity !

The atmosphere of our mission school at Florence presents a happy contrast. The quietness does one's soul good. The workers' meeting held there was an interesting and blessed one. Maurice Tièche of the

Franco-Belgian Union was also in attendance. One afternoon a government official of Florence, a staunch Protestant, came to give our ministers some judicious counsel on how to perform marriages. The Italian government recognizes the right of duly accredited ordained ministers to perform this ceremony.

After a few days spent at Florence, it was time to leave for North Africa. The general assembly at Algiers was preceded by a workers' meeting, in which the theme of evangelism was given first place. Charles Winandy of Paris, assisted by Brother and Sister Autin, will shortly begin an evangelistic campaign at Algiers, in cooperation with the workers of the Algerian Mission.

Sabbath, September 23, is a milepost in the history of the work in North Africa. It was on that day that the beautiful Algiers chapel was dedicated. Brother Fridlin gave the morning sermon, followed by the dedicatory prayer offered by J. C. Guenin, who had worked in Algeria during the first World War. In the afternoon the official ceremony took place, honored by the presence of a representative of the governor general of Algeria and other prominent figures. The press had sent reporters, and the four largest newspapers of Algiers published the story with photographs.

Those who had known the « small beginnings » in Algeria experienced a thrill of joy at this evidence of progress; they could not help exclaiming with the psalmist, « The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. » Ps. 126 : 3.

The Algiers chapel, including the galleries, seats five hundred persons. It includes rooms for the young people, offices, and an apartment, and is located in one of the best sections of the city.

After Algiers, Spain. Much might be said about this beautiful country, dominated even today by the shadow of Philip II. In spite of the numerous restrictions imposed upon Protestant denominations, our work there is going forward at full speed. This year more than twenty persons have been baptized at Barcelona and Madrid, and many others are preparing for baptism. In these two cities we have places of worship which are spacious, well located, and suitably furnished.

The annual meeting, held at Barcelona, was abundantly blessed. On Sabbath morning there were more than four hundred persons present for the sermon of E. W. Dunbar, who was making his first visit to Spain. The congregation included many enthusiastic and active young people who crowded into the hall again that evening to see the film « Messengers of Happiness » shown by J. J. Aitken.

The evangelistic work is full of promise. Nearly five hundred persons attended the last lecture on Sunday night. The pastor, Daniel Sanz, assisted by two young workers, is snowed under with work. Bright prospects are ahead for the work in Spain !

And now to return to Switzerland, our point of departure; indeed, a rather constant point of departure for workers responding to calls from other lands.

It is generally agreed that Switzerland is a beautiful country, but one in which the work advances slowly. The many departures no doubt have something to do with this state of affairs. This year, for example, O. Uebersax, secretary of the Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School departments for German Switzerland, has left for work in the Austrian Union. Next it was the turn of Francis Lavanchy, president of the Léman Conference, who was called to the presidency of the Franco-Belgian Union. For a field like Switzerland, the loss of these two workers means a real sacrifice; nevertheless, it was accepted cheerfully in the interest of the work in general. J. C. Guenin, former president of the Franco-Belgian Union, will assume the presidency of the Léman Conference.

With all these changes, the Swiss churches are at work. Evangelistic campaigns are under way in Zurich, Berne, Bienne, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Geneva, and other places. The municipal theater at La Chaux-de-Fonds, rented by Charles Cornaz, was filled the

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One of the outstanding events to take place in the Southern European Division will be the European Youth's Congress to be held in Paris July 24-29. More than three thousand young people from Central, Northern and Southern Europe, as well as a delegation from the United States and perhaps also one from Australia, are expected to attend this gathering. Preceding the Youth's Congress, the Southern European Division will hold a Division evangelistic worker's meeting in Paris, the exact date to be set later. More information about these events will appear in our next issue.



Interior of Reigoldswil (Switzerland) chapel, dedicated September 23, 1950.

first night as a result of original and carefully prepared advertising.

The number of baptisms reported in the German-Swiss Conference this year is about 120, one of the best records ever made.

A church of barely twenty-five members, that of Reigoldswil in the canton of Basel-Land, has built a chapel which is a real work of art. The members themselves have furnished, in labor and in money, a sum of about 47,000 Swiss francs, two thirds of the total cost. Is this not a fine example of willing sacrifice, worthy of emulation?

May this middle year of the century be for all our churches a year of revival, of work, and of victories for God through the power of His Spirit,

« My horse was very lame, and my head did ache exceedingly. Now what occurred I here avow is truth — let each man account for it as he will. Suddenly I thought, 'Can not God heal man or beast as He will?' Immediately my weariness and headache passed; and my horse was no longer lame.» — *John Wesley's Journal.*

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« Never feel that Christ is far away. He is always near. His loving presence surrounds you. Seek Him as One who desires to be found of you. He desires you not only to touch His garments, but to walk with Him in constant communion.» — *Ministry of Healing*, p. 85.

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« He considered himself poor and helpless because he lacked dollars, whereas people are really poor and helpless only when they lack courage and faith.» — *David Grayson.*

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