

QUARTERLY REVIEW



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A Parting Message

By W. R. Beach

Dear Brethren and Sisters of Southern Europe:

This is the last message I shall send you as a worker in your midst. I have now set aside my responsibilities as president of the Southern European Division and taken up my work as secretary of the General Conference. You are all acquainted with the decisions made at the General Conference session in this regard. The brethren called me to the Washington office, and my wife and I are leaving today for Washington and our labors at the denomination's headquarters.

This move comes after twenty-eight years of most happy association with all of you in Southern Europe. You have been a loyal, devoted group of leaders and members. I have been most happy to labor with you and to share with you the responsibilities of leadership in this great section of the world field. In our various posts of service my wife and I have always found joy and understanding. I could never express what each of you has meant to us in these past years. Throughout the endless ages of eternity we shall recount with you these blessings of God and the victories won. Please accept our thanks for your loyal support at all times. I wish I might take each of you by the hand and tell you personally how great my gratitude is for the privilege God granted me to labor these many years in the Southern European Division.

My joy is particularly great that an able, consecrated Christian leader is to assume in my place the responsibilities of president of this Division. Elder M. V. Campbell, a very personal friend of mine through the years, comes to the field with a wealth of experience and talent which, I am sure, will be greatly appreciated by all of you. I bespeak in his behalf the same co-operation and devotion you have manifested unflinchingly to me. I know you will give this, for you are all men and women of God. Elder and Mrs. Campbell are now in Berne. I trust that ere long you may meet Mrs. Campbell as well as the Division president. You will greatly appreciate both of them personally and officially.

How wonderful it is to think of the future of the work in Southern Europe! Undoubtedly we are at the very threshold of a great soul-saving achievement. There are unmistakable omens of the greatest success we have ever known in these beautiful countries and amongst these magnificent populations. God has in reserve a mighty firmament of loyal Seventh-day Adventists. They now come marching in. Every department of the work will be carried forward with increasing success. My joy is full when I think of the future. Then, ere long when the work will have been finished in these lands and throughout the earth, Jesus will come. Then we shall go home to the glory land. With you I am looking forward to that great day, and in this last message I wish to pledge my complete support



W. R. Beach

to the forwarding of the work in Southern Europe and throughout the world to a triumphant conclusion. God will have all of me, and I know the same consecration is yours.

With my very best regards, and in the undying hope of the Lord's imminent return, I remain as ever,

Yours very sincerely,
W. R. Beach.

Berne, August 1954

Greetings!

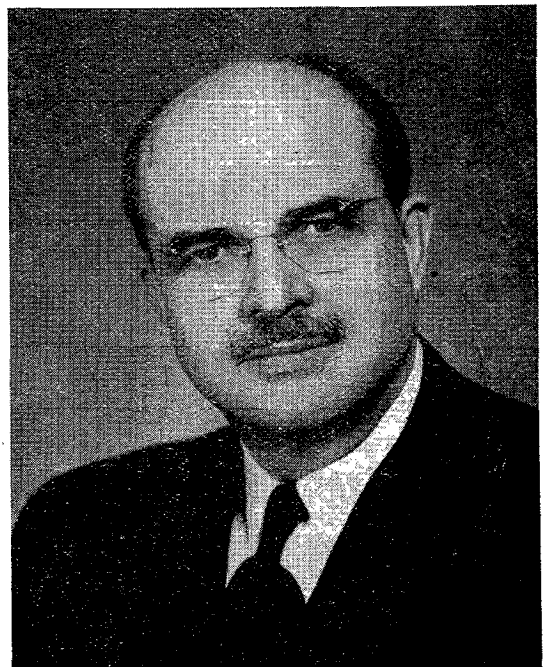
M. V. Campbell.

As these few words of greeting are being written, only three weeks after my arrival in Southern Europe to take up my new duties, I am unable to give a report of the work in the past. However, if it were appropriate, I could give a glowing description of my impressions of this most interesting field and of the laborers I have met thus far. Fortunately, I arrived at a time when union and local sessions were scheduled, and it has been possible to become acquainted with a large number of our workers and members in a very short period of time. Before a week had passed, I attended the Franco-Belgian Union session in Paris, making contact with all of the laborers of that great field, and, on Sabbath, meeting about 900 of our laymen. I have just returned from a week spent at the Italian Union session

and workers' meeting, which was conducted in the city of Florence. At both of these meetings I was surprised by the large number of workers present. And then, as I mingled with them and heard the contributions to the discussions, I was strongly impressed by the high quality of their mental alertness and most of all by their consecration to the work to which they have dedicated their lives. God accomplishes His program in the world through men, holy men, willing to spend and be spent in His service. He has many such agents among the workers in this great Division.

This field, which has been so signally honored by God in the past by the services of the apostle Paul and, later, by the Reformers Calvin and Zwingli, and by the perseverance and consecration of the early Waldensians, will again be stirred by the proclamation of the third angel's message. It is a territory still largely in the grip of the Roman and Greek Catholic churches. But there are undoubtedly hosts of people in this vast population who are candidates for the kingdom of heaven waiting to be found and claimed for God.

Letters which I have received from the presidents of the various unions, speak of progress and of an encouraging number of baptisms. There is a vast work to be done. Only the power of the Holy Spirit can bring success. This is surely the time for each of us, leaders, ministers, and laymen, to dedicate ourselves anew to God and to arise and finish the task.



M. V. Campbell

A Publishing Leader Visits Southern Europe

By W. A. Higgins *Associate secretary, publishing department, General Conference*

Greetings to our believers in the Southern European Division!

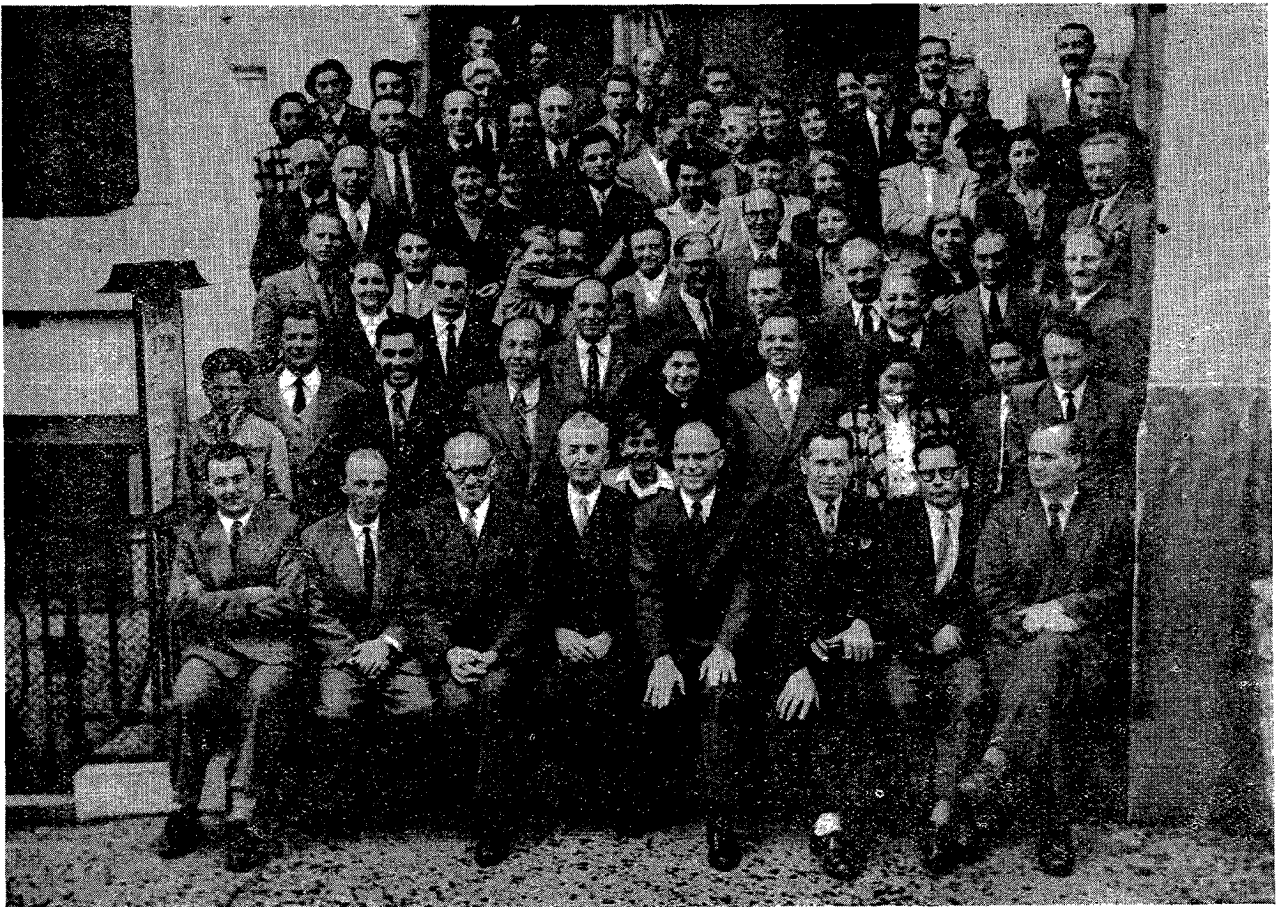
It has been my privilege to spend a short time in this part of the world field. Truly this must be a very interesting Division. It was a real pleasure for me to accompany Elder F. Charpiot to Austria for their union institute which was held the latter part of July, and it was thrilling to meet with this earnest group of colporteur evangelists. They are truly soul-winning book evangelists. Brother Alois Brunflicker, one of the colporteurs working in Austria during the past eleven years, knows of twenty souls who have definitely joined the church through his work. A new church of seventeen members was organized in the territory where he was working, and twelve of these converts were as a result of his work.

It was also an inspiration to meet with the colporteurs of the Franco-Belgian Union for their

institute in Paris. Certainly these workers are carrying a definite burden for souls. One sister working in Brussels during the past year, has ten persons taking studies. Others are winning friends and many of these will no doubt be taking Bible studies.

Many of the people in the world today are indifferent to religious things. Many are in darkness but doing the best they know how. Some are earnestly seeking light. We must work for all of these people. Our ministers can never accomplish the great work that needs to be done. They are doing a good work, but are so few. Our colporteurs are helping greatly to find these people who are in need of the Gospel.

We are happy to know that throughout all the Southern European Division plans are being laid for the production of more attractive literature, and for the recruiting and training of addi-



Colporteur Institute, Paris.

tional colporteurs. We would urge all our ministers and lay members to use more literature in their contacts with the people. The press was a mighty power in carrying forward the Reformation of the sixteenth century, and we have been assured that the press is also to play a mighty part in the finishing of the third angel's message.

WHOLE CHURCHES RAISED UP

«Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached Word. Whole churches have been raised up as the result of their circulation.»—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 150.

Recently one of our ministers in America conducted a large evangelistic meeting. Over a hundred people were baptized. When he inquired as to the number of these new converts who had read our books, he discovered that more than 90% had been definitely influenced by our literature before his effort.

A THOUSAND IN ONE DAY

«God will soon do great things for us if we lie humble and believing at His feet.... More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day,

most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications.» — *Colporteur Ministry*, page 150.

There are many indications in the world that tell us this is the hour for the church of God to arise and finish the work. We are convinced that literature must be used in a much larger way than ever before in this final work. «The church must give her attention to the canvassing work. This is the one way in which she is to shine in the world. Then will she go forth 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.'» — *Colporteur Ministry*, page 7.

We believe that there are great days ahead in the Southern European Division, and we shall watch with much interest the progress of the work in every department. It has indeed been a pleasure to spend a little time in this field, and we wish all our ministers, colporteurs and lay members abundant success in their soul-winning endeavors.



HARVEST

By J. Surel

*President of Reunion Mission
Indian Ocean Union Mission*

One day, it matters not which, between the years 1942-46, a small motor-car, shaken by the bumps and hollows of the road, might have been seen advancing slowly along the ribbon-like secondary highway that winds through the rough, green sugarcane fields between *Mont Caprice* and *Pierrefonds*, Reunion Island. The driver was a short, thick-set, jovial man, with a determined forehead and eyes brimming with virile faith.

Just as the vehicle is about to climb the hill at 200 yards from the Roman Catholic church of *St. Augustine de la Ravine des Cabris* (of Kid Ravine), a boisterous group of children surround the car, pelting it with stones until its top and sides vibrate with the flying missiles.

Screams of «Crazy . . . Protestant . . .» and other less-

coined expressions well-known to the missionaries of Reunion, but which I shall not take the



Church at Ravine des Cabris, Reunion

liberty to mention here, were hurled at the driver.

The car stops. Pastor P. Girard, pioneer Adventist missionary to Reunion Island, steps out, advances, and fearlessly faces the group. He is amused, but at the same time somewhat exasperated by what has taken place. The «courageous» rowdies immediately scamper in all directions, and our brother continues on his way to the homes of those who like the Bereans of old «searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so.»

Those were the heroic days when the church at *St. Denis* having been founded, our brother tried to implant, the message at *St. Pierre*, southern capital of the island, and its surroundings.

Since then the years have come and gone. The prophecies of the local clergy, «You will see; they will not be able to

withstand us ; before long they will have to take to their boats, » and other solemn predictions have proven false, for today the Adventist movement is still alive on Reunion, and stronger than ever.

Here is a proof: It is Sabbath, June 6, 1954 — a festival day of gladness and praise. The mission is celebrating the dedication of its fourth chapel. The first one was at St. Denis, the second at *St. Pierre*, the third at *Le Port*, and now this fourth? Where? Imagine where. On the very spot where ten years previous our pioneer missionary had his car stoned by the swarming, noisy little street urchins just fresh from the catechism class. The text, « They that sow in tears shall reap with joy, » takes on a significance of which I shall leave you to appreciate the savor and encouragement.

Yes, the church at *Ravine des Cabris* is to be dedicated. Its silhouette resembles that of the temple at Souillac, Mauritius Island. It stands here as a monument to the solicitude and interest of our Division brethren. Seen from afar, it rises youthful, beautiful, gay, hospitable. The cross on the façade tells you at once to Whom it is dedicated — in this land where some pretend to be the only Christians. . . .

The interior is luminous, restful, inviting one to study and prayer. Above the mobile rostrum which covers the baptistry, is the text, « Prepare to meet thy God. » Begun the first of November by the united labors of Valentine Laurent, Laurent de Langlard and J. Surel, it is now ready to be dedicated on this beautiful Sabbath morning. The members are immensely happy. For a long time they have suffered because of the cramped, hot stuffy quarters of the old dilapidated hut where until now they have held their services. They have suffered, too, from the ridicule and insults such a place of worship has called forth from their enemies.

But would you not like to take part in this dedicatory ser-

vice? It is a veritable annual assembly, for Adventists are here from every corner of the island where Adventists are to be found. These spontaneous delegates have come, filling the building with our brethren and friends. On the face of every believer one can read the intense happiness and legitimate pride that fills each heart. On some faces there is a look of eager curiosity, for have they not been told that Adventists bury the cross at the entrance to their churches so that it may be trampled upon by the unwarned? These have come to see whether this is true, but discover that it is rather exclusively in the heart — in *their* hearts — that we are striving to uplift the cross and above all Jesus the Saviour of mankind.

Sabbath school is over. The long-awaited-for moment has come — the dedication. « Tread softly, tread softly the Master is here, » rises fervently on the morning stillness. Then the entire assembly join with Pastor Surel in prayer. After brief remarks by the mission director, relating the beginnings of the church at *Ravine des Cabris*, and the efforts of his predecessors and colleagues to erect this temple, Pastor G. Belloy, guest of honor and director of the Mauritius Mission, addresses the congregation. With what reverence we listen to this very first sermon in our beautiful, new chapel! 1 Kings 8:29 b. « My name shall be here. » These words spoken to Solomon are now being spoken to us. Ah, we would that they be true and certain for *this* sanctuary. And so it is with the greatest sincerity that we unite in prayer with Pastor Belloy: « That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, . . . And hearken thou to the supplication of . . . thy people . . . when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place: and when thou hearest, forgive. »

Special music by the choir of the Tampon church, directed by Mrs. J. Belloy, and the *Ravine*

church choir, conducted by N. Chinegadoo, added charm to the service. A generous offering was taken up to buy seats for the church. « *Gloire, gloire à l'Eternel* » (« Praise, Praise to Thee, Eternal One »), a united song of gratitude, closed this solemn dedication.

But that is not the end. The same afternoon, thirteen persons were baptized. For this service the 120 seats were all occupied, and people crowded at the door and windows. True, many non-Adventists came out of sheer curiosity, but left with the seed of truth sown in their hearts — the commencement of the work of conversion.

That evening was a recreational one with music, poetry, speeches, pictures; and the young people of the Tampon church presented in dialogue the life and faith of the Huguenot heroine, Marie Durand. A perfect program! And another happy remembrance added to those of this memorable day!

Our temple has now begun its career, for public lectures by Pastors J. Belloy and J. Surel are being held in it every week night. The attendance is exceptionally large. As I write these lines, new converts are preparing for baptism, and the church at *Ravine des Cabris* has become the second largest on Reunion Island.

But we have not yet reached « the end of the road » nor of our difficulties. On two different occasions « pious » hands have uprooted and broken the young trees which we planted to beautify the grounds around the temple — a symbol of the nefarious work of our old enemy the devil, who untiringly continues to uproot love for God and for one's neighbor from the human heart. Nevertheless we shall continue to carry on perseveringly, planting and replanting the gospel of Christ and the tree of faith in Creol hearts. Together we shall seek for lost souls, and by the power of God's love win them for eternity. May God help us to this end.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION OF S. D. A. FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1954

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 Sub. Schools	Sub. 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 CONF.																								
Danube Conference	22	1493	21	1	8	30	8	6	10	24	6	1499	3	1	3	3	1	—	8	10	22	22	1675	1075
Alpine »	19	1118	7	—	8	15	6	4	10	20	-5	1113	6	4	2	1	1	—	8	22	19	1218	847	
Total :	41	2611	28	1	16	45	14	10	20	44	1	2612	16	9	6	6	2	—	16	55	41	2893	1922	
CZECHOSLOVAKIAN U. C.																								
Total :	114	6474	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6474	33	3	2	3	19	—	8	68	160	6000	5400	
FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.																								
Belgian Conference	14	922	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	922	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	942	798
East France »	18	496	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	-1	495	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	543	399	
North France »	18	1205	7	—	21	28	7	3	8	18	10	1215	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	1308	848	
Southeast France »	22	994	—	33	18	51	2	2	45	49	2	996	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	1016	842	
Southwest France »	7	203	1	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	4	207	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	229	213	
Total :	79	3820	8	36	39	83	10	5	53	68	15	3835	24	23	20	23	2	2	52	146	83	4038	3100	
HUNGARIAN U. C.																								
Total :	155	6827	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6827	26	10	4	15	35	—	—	90	175	7000	6500	
JUGOSLAVIAN U. C.																								
Total :	230	7965	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7965	28	11	2	8	22	—	—	71	300	9000	8500	
RUMANIAN U. C.																								
Total :	551	41140	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41140	78	11	—	47	—	—	—	136	560	40000	40000	
SWISS U. C.																								
German Swiss Conference	34	1909	1	—	22	23	11	14	24	49	-26	1883	11	1	2	9	2	2	23	50	33	1811	1147	
Leman »	25	1313	10	1	8	19	2	6	3	11	8	1321	9	1	1	6	2	3	11	33	24	1236	976	
Total :	59	3222	11	1	30	42	13	20	27	60	-18	3204	20	2	4	18	4	5	34	87	57	3047	2123	
ANGOLA UNION MISSION																								
Benguela Mission	1	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	5	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—
Bongo Mission	23	3645	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3645	7	11	—	7	—	—	—	—	57	88	5818	4455
Cuale »	1	380	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	382	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	28	27	2710	2216
Lucusse »	1	109	7	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	7	116	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	13	5	263	152
Luz. »	1	638	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	638	4	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	33	29	1238	1150
Namba Mission	1	958	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	958	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	20	1605	1050
Nova Lisboa Mission	3	1489	4	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4	1493	2	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	74	4551	3547
Total :	31	7263	13	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	13	7276	25	28	—	22	—	—	122	2	199	244	16245	12620
FRENCH EQ. AFR. U.M.																								
Batouri Mission	3	459	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	459	2	1	1	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bertoua »	2	293	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	293	1	1	—	3	21	6	—	—	32	—	2560	1547
Kribi »	3	294	2	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	1	295	2	1	—	—	13	7	—	—	23	—	1864	1500
Maroua »	2	281	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	281	1	—	—	—	6	18	—	—	29	—	390	250
Nanga-Eboko »	6	1423	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1423	1	3	—	4	13	2	—	—	17	—	846	650
Sangmelima »	4	380	7	—	—	7	—	1	—	1	6	386	3	—	—	1	5	17	—	—	26	—	632	550
Yaoundé »	2	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	1	1	1	—	2	4	3	—	12	—	223	162
Total :	22	3210	9	—	—	9	1	1	—	2	7	3217	14	8	2	19	98	87	4	232	129	10747	7990	

INDIAN OCEAN UN. MISSION ..

Antsirabé Mission	10	274	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	4	-4	270	3	1	—	—	2	—	—	6
Diego-Suarez »	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	1	1	4	—	—	2	10
Lac Alaotra »	5	75	—	—	—	—	—	—	75	75	-75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Majunga »	8	148	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	148	2	1	3	3	—	—	1	10
Tamatave »	1	99	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	99	1	—	3	1	—	—	2	7
Tananarive »	20	783	9	—	81	90	9	1	6	16	74	857	4	—	8	2	1	6	5	26
Mauritius »	13	953	7	—	—	7	6	1	3	10	-3	950	6	2	—	15	—	10	1	34
Reunion »	6	234	38	—	14	52	30	—	—	30	22	256	1	—	—	4	—	—	1	6
Seychelles »	1	75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	3
Total :	65	2647	54	—	95	149	47	3	85	135	14	2661	21	6	15	32	3	17	13	107

ITALIAN UNION MISSION

Central Italian Mission	11	591	7	—	16	23	12	2	14	28	-5	586	7	2	1	9	5	—	—	24
North Italian »	15	606	4	6	21	31	—	4	23	27	4	610	5	—	10	—	—	—	11	24
South Italian »	26	884	8	—	2	10	4	5	4	13	-3	881	3	8	5	—	—	—	19	35
Total :	52	2081	19	6	39	64	16	11	41	68	-4	2077	17	14	23	9	5	—	58	126

NORTH AFRICAN UN. MISSION

Algerian Mission	12	514	—	1	11	12	—	—	11	11	1	515	4	1	1	6	1	—	6	19
Moroccan »	4	152	—	—	7	7	1	—	6	7	—	152	1	2	—	4	—	—	5	12
Tunisian »	3	77	1	—	2	3	—	—	4	4	-1	76	1	1	—	4	—	—	2	8
Total :	19	743	1	1	20	22	1	—	21	22	—	743	7	6	2	15	1	—	13	44

PORTUGUESE UNION MISSION

Portuguese Conference	15	1251	30	2	17	49	6	7	22	35	14	1265	3	1	—	5	—	—	—	9
Madeira Mission	1	121	5	—	2	7	1	—	—	1	6	127	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Azores Mission	3	108	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	108	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	4
Cape Verde »	4	214	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	214	1	1	—	2	—	—	2	7
St. Thomas »	1	218	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	219	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	4
Total :	24	1912	35	2	20	57	7	7	22	36	21	1933	11	5	—	14	5	5	12	52

BULGARIAN CONFERENCE ..

Portuguese Conference	39	3172	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3172	9	4	—	10	—	—	—	23
FRENCH W. AFR. MISSION ..	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	4
GREEK MISSION	5	207	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	-3	204	1	1	1	2	2	—	—	7
PORTUGUESE EAST AFR. MIS.	6	488	—	—	—	9	1	—	—	10	-10	478	3	1	—	2	10	2	1	19
SPANISH CHURCH	14	908	1	3	24	28	1	3	25	29	-1	907	6	4	—	8	5	—	3	26
TANGIER MISSION	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	-4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV.													20	1	6	41	—	—	—	68
Austrian Union Conference	41	2611	28	1	16	45	14	10	20	44	1	2612	16	9	6	6	2	—	16	55
Czechoslovakian »	114	6474	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6474	33	3	2	3	19	—	8	68
Franco-Belgian »	79	3820	8	36	39	83	10	5	53	68	15	3835	24	23	20	23	2	2	52	146
Hungarian »	155	6827	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6827	26	10	4	15	35	—	—	90
Jugoslavian »	230	7965	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7965	28	11	2	8	22	—	—	71
Rumanian »	551	41140	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41140	78	11	—	47	—	—	—	136
Swiss »	59	3222	11	1	30	42	13	20	27	60	-18	3204	20	2	4	18	4	5	34	87
Angola Mission	31	7263	13	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	13	7276	25	28	—	22	—	122	2	199
French Eq. Afr. U. M.	22	3210	9	—	—	9	1	1	—	2	7	3217	14	8	2	19	98	87	4	232
Indian Ocean Union Mission	65	2647	54	—	95	149	47	3	85	135	14	2661	21	6	15	32	3	17	13	107
Italian »	52	2081	19	6	39	64	16	11	41	68	-4	2077	17	14	23	9	5	—	58	126
North African »	19	743	1	1	20	22	1	—	21	22	—	743	7	6	2	15	1	—	13	44
Portuguese »	24	1912	35	2	20	57	7	7	22	36	21	1933	11	5	—	14	5	5	12	52
Bulgarian Conference	39	3172	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3172	9	4	—	10	—	—	—	23
French W. Afr. Mission	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	4
Greek Mission	5	207	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	-3	204	1	1	1	2	2	—	—	7
Portuguese East Afr. Mission ..	6	488	—	—	—	9	1	—	—	10	-10	478	3	1	—	2	10	2	1	19
Spanish Church	14	908	1	3	24	28	1	3	25	29	-1	907	6	4	—	8	5	—	3	26
Tangier Mission	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	-4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS 1st QUARTER, 1954 ..	1507	94700	179	50	283	512	119	61	301	481	31	94731	360	147	87	295	213	240	218	1560
TOTALS 1st QUARTER, 1953 ..	1489	90141	210	19	356	585	98	70	404	572	13	90154	365	138	96	281	181	197	238	1496

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION OF S. D. A. FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1954

Name of Conference or Mission	Number of Churches	Previous Membership	Baptism	Vote	Letter	Total Gains	By 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	
SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV.																								
AUSTRIAN UNION CONF.																								
Danube Conference	22	1499	21	—	22	43	7	9	18	34	9	1508	3	1	3	3	—	—	8	10	21	1695	1009	
Alpine »	19	1113	22	2	5	29	2	5	14	21	8	1121	7	4	2	1	1	—	7	22	19	1234	885	
Total :	41	2612	43	2	27	72	9	14	32	55	17	2629	16	9	6	6	2	—	15	54	40	2929	1984	
CZECHOSLOVAKIAN U. C.																								
Total :	114	6474	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6474	33	3	2	3	19	—	8	68	160	6000	5400	
FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.																								
Belgian Conference	14	922	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	922	2	3	1	2	—	—	—	8	16	969	699	
East France »	18	495	21	—	—	21	—	2	3	5	16	511	4	4	6	1	—	1	4	20	17	551	393	
North France »	18	1215	27	1	10	38	1	4	10	15	23	1238	6	8	1	6	2	—	20	43	18	1370	1158	
Southeast France »	22	996	22	3	3	28	4	2	19	25	3	999	7	4	—	9	—	—	16	36	25	1016	755	
Southwest France »	7	207	1	—	4	5	—	—	6	6	—	206	2	1	6	4	—	—	5	18	6	264	244	
Total :	79	3835	71	4	17	92	5	8	38	51	41	3876	24	23	20	23	2	2	52	144	82	4170	3249	
HUNGARIAN U. C.																								
Total :	155	6827	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6827	26	10	4	15	35	—	—	90	175	7000	6500	
JUGOSLAVIAN U. C.																								
Total :	230	7965	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7965	28	11	2	8	22	—	—	71	300	9000	8500	
RUMANIAN U. C.																								
Total :	551	41140	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41140	78	11	—	47	—	—	—	136	560	40000	40000	
SWISS U. C.																								
German Swiss Conference	34	1883	47	2	23	72	20	6	20	46	26	1909	11	1	2	9	2	4	23	52	34	1771	1142	
Leman »	25	1321	30	4	5	39	2	9	6	17	22	1343	9	1	1	6	1	3	12	33	24	1244	1023	
Total :	59	3204	77	6	28	111	22	15	26	63	48	3252	20	2	4	18	3	7	35	89	58	3015	2165	
ANGOLA UNION MISSION																								
Benguela Mission	1	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	1	—	—	9	—	—	—	14	3	120	103	
Bongo Mission	23	3645	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3645	7	3	—	11	—	—	—	53	101	6227	4210	
Quale »	1	382	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	385	3	2	—	3	—	—	—	30	56	4708	2558	
Lucusse »	1	638	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	638	4	4	—	3	—	—	—	34	5	272	152	
Luz »	1	116	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	116	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	13	32	1244	1147	
Namba Mission	1	958	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	958	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	14	29	1939	1034	
Nova Lisboa Mission	3	1493	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1493	2	9	—	1	—	—	—	37	78	3990	6806	
Total :	31	7276	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	7279	25	20	—	30	—	—	—	122	1	198	18500	16010
FRENCH EQ. AFR. U.M.																								
Batouri Mission	3	459	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	459	2	1	1	9	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	
Bertoua »	2	293	15	—	—	15	—	3	—	3	12	305	1	1	—	3	21	6	—	32	—	2592	1773	
Kribi »	3	295	28	—	—	28	4	3	11	18	10	305	3	1	—	1	6	18	—	29	—	410	290	
Maroua »	2	281	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	281	1	—	—	1	13	2	—	17	—	410	290	
Nanga-Eboko »	6	1423	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1423	1	3	—	4	38	33	1	80	—	4192	3531	
Sangmelima »	4	386	17	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	403	3	—	—	1	5	17	—	26	—	702	585	
Yaoundé »	2	80	—	—	11	11	—	—	—	—	—	91	1	1	1	—	2	4	3	12	—	240	193	
Total :	22	3217	60	—	11	71	4	6	11	21	50	3267	14	8	2	19	101	89	4	237	125	10871	8607	

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

(We give here the first sermon preached by M. V. Campbell, newly-elected president of the Southern European Division, at Division headquarters, Berne, Switzerland, September 11, 1954.)

It will soon be five years ago, while on a trip to Europe, that I first met with you in this church. That was a wonderful day! It was the day this church was dedicated. At that time it never occurred to me that I might sometime become a member of this congregation. But I feel very happy that I can be one of the members here. The pastor of this church is not only *your* pastor, but *my* pastor. I am glad to have one church that I can attend and sit in the congregation with my wife. It is a pleasure for a minister to have one church where he can be a lay-member. It would be hard to find a better group of people with whom to associate than those of this church. I am looking forward to a very pleasant period of years with you.

This morning I wish to study with you a subject which is introduced in the seventh chapter of Matthew, verse 7. «Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.»

Most of this chapter deals with the subject of prayer, and this verse refers to prayer. Three types of prayer are here introduced: the prayer of request, the prayer of seeking, and another type of prayer which is likened to knocking.

The prayer of request is the most simple type. It is the type we use most often. If you will review in your minds your own prayers, you will find that many of them are prayers of request. Probably you ask the Lord for many things; and perhaps you devote a larger part of your prayers to asking for things than to praising God. The prayer of request, however, is a very important one. It is easy to ask. Usually the first sentence framed in childhood is a request. It does not take long for a child to learn to say, «Give me.» Parents do not resent their children's asking for things. And just as children have needs that they must bring to their parents, so we, God's children, have many needs which we must bring to our Heavenly Father. The promise is, «Ask, and it shall be given you.» In other words there are things which we will receive as a result of prayer that otherwise we never would have.

I am sure that each of you could tell of things you have received as a result of prayer. I have had this experience many times. I will tell of

just one experience which stands out most vividly in my mind. When I was a young man I was a colporteur in Ireland, and in Ireland it rains almost every day. As I would go from place to place on my bicycle, I always carried my raincoat, and usually I wore it.

One day when I was canvassing a lady out in the country, she stated that she wanted to buy the book, but she said, «I could not possibly do so unless my husband approves.» I asked her where her husband was. «Oh,» she said, «he is digging peat in the bog.» She showed me the direction and I decided to go to see him, though it was raining hard. I walked out beyond the house for quite a distance, and came to the pit where he was digging. The rain was making so much noise he didn't hear me coming.

I called to him, and when he saw me he climbed out of the pit. Then for the first time I thought of a serious problem I would encounter. I had to canvass this man, but I knew that if I took my prospectus out from under my raincoat it would become soaked and would be ruined. It would take me at least a week to get a new one from England. I wondered what to do. While the man was approaching, I prayed earnestly to God that He would stop the rain. But when the man stood in front of me, it was raining as hard as ever. I gave the usual introduction to my canvass. Then I reached under my raincoat for my prospectus. I pulled it out, and *not one drop of water fell on it.* The rain stopped that very instant. I canvassed the man, took his order, wrote down his name, shook hands with him, said goodbye. Then I put my prospectus back into my pocket, and down the rain came again!

You may say, «Oh, that just happened.» But I know that God had answered my prayer. He says, «Ask, and it shall be given you.»

The Lord knows just what we need. In Matthew 6:32 we read, «For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.» And again in Matthew 7:11: «If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him.» The Lord loves to give us the things that we need. The fathers and mothers who are here this morning know how they love to give things to their children. Sometimes it gives us more pleasure than it does the children. Just so the Lord loves to give us the things we need.

Now if prayer is not to inform God of our needs, nor to overcome His reluctance in supplying them, then why do we pray? Prayer does not change God, but it changes us. It reminds us of our dependence upon Him. Prayer puts us on speaking terms with God. It leads us into a fuller and better acquaintance with Him. Prayer prepares us to receive His blessings. It places us in the channel through which His blessings flow.

If in answer to prayer God will give us whatever we ask, why do we not ask for larger blessings? I wonder whether even the angels in heaven are not puzzled over this question. They know that God's treasure-house is full of good things for us. They know that God wants to give them to us. And they must wonder why Christians ask for so little. We should ask and ask, and we will receive and receive. Sometimes we are afraid to ask for large things, and so we ask for just the little things which we think God would give to us anyhow. I believe God would like to have us challenge Him by asking for great blessings. It is just as easy for God to give us a large blessing as a small one.

Let me illustrate: If you have a pair of gloves on your hands so that they dull your sense of touch, and you close your eyes and someone puts one grain of sand on one hand and four or five grains of sand on the other, and you try to weigh them to see which is the heavier, you could not tell the one from the other, because they would both seem insignificant. So it is with God. It is fully as easy for Him to grant a great request as a small one. Both are alike to Him. God would probably be pleased and honored if we would ask Him for greater blessings.

The second type of prayer is introduced by the words: « Seek, and ye shall find. » This is a totally different kind of prayer. It is a little harder than the prayer of request. You can sit in an easy-chair and *ask* for something, but you cannot sit in an easy-chair and *seek* for something. You walk all around the house looking for the thing you are seeking. You must exercise yourself. So it is with the prayer of seeking. It means uniting our own efforts with our prayers. It is the second and more difficult step. Not only do we ask for something of God, but we try to help in answering our prayers.

Just a common illustration: God expects us to work for our living. He says in 2 Thess. 3 : 10, « If any would not work, neither should he eat. » So it is clear that He expects us to work for our living. But does this excuse us from praying for our food? No. A part of the Lord's prayer is, « Give us this day our daily bread. » So we are both to work for our bread and to pray for it. That is the prayer of seeking. There are

many spiritual blessings that will come to us only through the prayers of seeking.

I may wish to understand my Bible better. Suppose I just ask God to give me a clearer insight of the Bible, and never read it. I would hardly expect God to answer that prayer. Not only must I ask Him to give me a clearer understanding, but I must study the Bible. So uniting my effort with God's effort, I seek. If I ask God to convert a relative of mine, it is also my duty to work for that relative. This is another blessing that requires the prayer of seeking. There is a time and a place for asking, and there is a time and a place for seeking, and we should not substitute the one for the other. There are innumerable blessings which await the one who seeks for them. It is easy to be an *asking* Christian. It is a little more difficult to be a *seeking* Christian.

Let us take this second and more difficult step. Let us seek victory over sin. Let us unite our efforts with God's efforts. Let us seek a closer walk with Him. Let us seek the conversion of many souls for Him.

We now come to the third type of prayer: « Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. » Have you ever regarded that as a type of prayer? Ask, seek, knock! Our thoughts are different in each of these three types of prayer. When we ask, our thoughts are on the Giver. When we seek, we think of the place where the blessing may be. But when we knock, we think of the obstacle that separates us from what we desire.

If you go to visit your friend, the door of his house separates you from him. You knock, and the door opens. There are many solid doors that lie between us and our blessings, but the appropriate knock will open every one of them.

We shall think of just one or two of these doors or obstacles. There is one great, sturdy door labelled, « Doubt. » We read about this door in James 1 : 6, 7. « But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. » Here the Lord makes a solemn promise to give nothing to the waverer or doubter.

How important it is to learn the appropriate knock so that this door will open and admit us to God's blessings. There is a knock that will always open this door. It is the knock of faith. « Let him ask *in faith*. » (James 1 : 6) Then we read in Mark 11 : 24 : « What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. » When we pray we must believe that God will answer the prayer. We have a definite promise that if we believe that we receive the blessing for which we prayed, we shall have it.

There is another door. It is labelled, «Indifference to God's law.» Let us read Proverbs 20 : 9. «He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination.» Think how many people are offering God an abomination when they get on their knees! The knock of commandment-keeping will open this door, and then our prayers will become not an abomination, but a holy incense to God.

Let us think of another door on which we should knock. It is the door which prevents so many people from receiving the gifts of heaven. This door is labelled, «Love of sin.» David said, «If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.» (Psa. 66 : 18)

There are so many people who regard *some* iniquity — who have some cherished sin. However, as long as we love sin, the Lord will not hear us. Brethren and sisters, it is time for us to put away sin. The Lord has promised us victory. Jesus is able to keep us from falling. The third angel's message is to turn men and women away from sin. The knock of confession and repentance opens wide this door — «Love of sin.»

God's willingness to answer the prayers of victors over sin was forcefully demonstrated to a pastor by an experience of one of his converts. A man and his wife and daughter accepted the truth in a large city during a time of depression when work was difficult to obtain. The pastor was fearful that the man would lose his position when he notified his company that he could no longer work on the Sabbath.

However, the man made it clear that he was not worried over that prospect, and stated that he was one of the few men who were really essential to his firm. He was superintendent of a section of a large chemical plant. A short time before he had been offered a higher salary to work for a competitive company, but had stayed by his firm. He was sure that in appreciation for this sacrifice no obstacle would be placed in the way of his desire to keep the Sabbath.

A few days later at church though, this man said to the pastor, «Yesterday I joined the ranks of the unemployed.» He told of his request to be free from work on the Sabbath. The manager stated that the matter would be considered, but later 'phoned that it would be impossible for him to continue in their employment if he was unwilling to work whenever they felt it was necessary. «But,» the brother told the pastor, «I am not at all concerned, for I will now go to the company which offered me a higher salary.»

The following Monday he interviewed the manager of this firm who was delighted that he had come and was ready to connect with them.

But when the brother said he could never be at work on Sabbath, the manager took a serious view of it and stated that he would have to take counsel regarding the matter. He later 'phoned that it would be impossible to use him if he insisted on keeping the Sabbath.

Several months passed by, during which time the brother, his wife and daughter were baptized, but at no time did he have regular employment. The time came when his savings were exhausted, and on leaving the church one Sabbath he said to the pastor, as he held out a handful of money, «This is all that stands between my family and starvation. I have tried to serve God, but He has forsaken me.»

The pastor visited the family early in the week and found the man very discouraged; but his wife and daughter still urged faithfulness. While the ladies were in another room and the pastor was alone with the brother, he read to him from John 15. When he reached the seventh verse he felt it was meant for the tried brother, and he emphasized the words as he read: «*If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*» The brother stopped him. «I don't believe it,» he said. «I have prayed for employment, but the Lord has not answered my prayers.» The pastor pointed out that this promise is conditional. He said, «Have you fulfilled the conditions? Are you abiding in Christ, and are His words abiding in you?» The man then broke down and confessed that although at baptism he had stated that he had overcome the tobacco habit, yet in reality he had been smoking right up to the time of his baptism and had never stopped since. It was then evident to both of them why God had not answered his prayers.

On the pastor's advice the brother called in his wife and daughter and confessed his fault before them, and asked them to join in a prayer for victory. All four prayed earnestly, and the pastor left with a feeling that this time the brother had broken his tobacco habit.

On the following Sabbath he said to the brother as he was leaving church, «Do you have the victory?» «Yes,» came the reply. «I know I have the victory. I haven't smoked once since you were at our home, and today I know I will never smoke again; for just this morning I was tempted as I have never been before. Today is my birthday and before leaving for Sabbath school the postman knocked at the door and as he placed a package in my hands he said, 'Happy Birthday.' He was reading this greeting, as it was printed on the package. When I opened it I found it contained a large box of my favorite cigars! I would almost have been ready

to give my right arm to smoke one! But I didn't do it. I put the box, the cigars, and all into the fire. God gave me the victory, and I know I will never yield to that temptation again.»

The next Monday morning he went to see the manager of the firm which had offered him the higher salary. As he approached the door of the office the manager saw him and came out to meet him, saying, «It is strange, but we were just talking about you. We were wondering why we ever allowed a small thing like the observance of Saturday as the Sabbath to keep us from securing the very man we have been wanting. Would you be willing to come and work for us at the salary we offered? Needless to say, this brother accepted, and no longer did he doubt the prom-

ise, «*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*»

Brethren and sisters God *does* answer prayer. We must fulfill the conditions, but we have a God in heaven who lives. He loves us. He wants to give us His blessings. Let us ask for them. Let us seek for them, and let us knock at the doors of sin which separate us from them. Then we will have a wealth of blessings in our lives that will make us soul-winners for God. We will have just the things we need to make our work effective for God.

«Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.»

The Soul-Winning Onward March of Youth in the Southern European Division

By J. J. Aitken

Immediately upon my return from the General Conference session, it was my privilege to meet with the youth leaders of Austria and to attend a Youth Congress in Portugal. I am very happy to say that both of these meetings were highly evangelistic in their youth appeal. One of the greatest miracles of our day is to see youth on fire for God, seeking the lost.

August 4-8 all of the Missionary Volunteer secretaries of Austria came together at our Bogenhofen school under the capable leadership of W. Aigner, M. V. secretary of the Austrian Union. This brother has had a rich experience in evangelism and is very capable in helping to inspire our youth to unite in lay efforts for the winning of souls. The reports we heard were indeed encouraging. As one brother told of soul-winning in his district in Southern Austria, we saw clearly how God can use humble youth. One young man related how God had helped him to win a friend of his in outpost evangelism in a small village. He was naturally thankful that this friend had at last accepted the truth after a series of Bible studies. Then to his great surprise this friend in

turn began *real* missionary work and the results were astounding. This newly-found young man shared his faith with a man in a factory who accepted the truth. In a very short time the young man in the factory had won his father, mother, and also his sister. Now they are holding Bible studies. So we see how miraculously God works in order that this great chain of happiness — the happiness of gathering priceless jewels for the kingdom — may go on and on adding link after link.

Another youth leader told of the consequential effects of G. E. Vandeman's London evangelistic meetings on his little Austrian village. A young man and a young woman were in love in this village. The young lady went to England for some experience in housekeeping, and also to learn the English language. While there she became interested in attending Pastor Vandeman's lectures down at the New Gallery in the heart of London. She was so impressed with the truth she gave her heart to the Master. Then she wrote all about it to her boy friend back in the Austrian village. He was naturally waiting for her to return so he could

marry her. Now she wrote him that she had become a Seventh-day Adventist, and that unless he became one also, she could, under no condition, marry him.

Providentially, just about this time, the Adventist youth of Dornbirn, Austria, started public meetings with their union secretary W. Aigner. One of the first interested youth who walked in the door was very serious. He said he had been looking for Adventists for weeks, but did not know where to find them. He was overwhelmed with joy when he at last saw the advertisement of these meetings and found out they were being conducted by Adventist youth. He told about the letter he had received from his fiancée in England, and said that it was very necessary for him to find out as soon as possible what it takes to become a Seventh-day Adventist. Of course our brethren in this little Austrian village had to explain to him that it takes far more than just love for a girl. So this young man began to study these Advent truths very seriously. He is still studying them today, and we hope that he too may soon accept them in order that his dreams of future happiness may become a reality

in the fullest and most joyful sense. Truly the Adventist message does bring happiness to young people, and the words of Christ, « I have come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly » (John 10 : 117), are an unailing promise. Christ calls for each of us to be examples of joyful living in Him. All over Austria, outpost evangelism is in full swing. We thank God that these youthful servants can have their part in the finishing of the work.

From August 18-24 it was also my privilege to be in Portugal for the Portuguese Missionary Volunteer Youth Congress. We were very fortunate this year to have G. Cupertino with us as a special congress speaker. He represents the public relations department of the Division and is also associate in the ministerial department. He gave our young people some very interesting help and spiritual counsel. His colored slides of the General Conference were greatly appreciated. This congress was held in the open, under the sunlit blue canopy of heaven and the star-studded evening sky which only

Portugal can produce. Over one hundred and fifty of our youth were lodged in small units under white tents. There were no modern facilities whatsoever: no running water, no buildings — no nothing except God's great out-of-doors, trees, the ground, the wind, rain, and sunshine. At the bottom of the hill there was a deep well which furnished cool water for the needs of the kitchen and campers. Primitive though it was, the kitchen roofed over with pine branches and pine needles, served some very palatable food for the campers.

G. Cupertino and I shall never forget the royal reception given us upon our arrival. All of the campers were singing songs of the Advent message, and especially that famous song, « *Mas Alla del Sol,* » which means, « I have a home beyond the Sunset. » The entire group lead by A. Codejon, Missionary Volunteer secretary of Spain, greeted us with this marvelous song.

The congress was high-lighted by special soul-winning experiences and deeply spiritual general meetings. On Sabbath morning our hearts rejoiced as we saw thirty young Portuguese

men and women arise and come forward, signifying their desire to be baptized. What a force these young people will be for the future development of God's work in Portugal and the islands of the sea which are attached to our Portuguese Union ! These are the bright, shining jewels which are being added to the kingdom because of the faithful work of our youth leader, F. G. Mendes and the union president, E. Ferreira, with their co-laborers.

On Sabbath afternoon a young lady was baptized. Her experience is unique. She came into the truth because the police of one village in Portugal had forbidden us to hold meetings there. One of our young evangelists had decided with a group of youth to hold an effort in this village. The police immediately forbade it. But as many of the announcements had already been distributed, the people were very curious to know why these religious meetings had suddenly been prohibited. One young lady became so curious that she asked if these young people with perhaps their pastor, could not come to her home and tell her privately what they intended to tell the people publicly. They did go to her home for Bible studies, and the young lady, nineteen years old, is rejoicing in the truth and was baptized at our Youth Congress. Now she is giving Bible studies in her village, and we hope to have a church there soon. Truly we can see the fulfillment of the words of the apostle Paul, « For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. » 2 Cór. 13 : 8.

On Sabbath afternoon over 100 Missionary Volunteers received special M. V. honor tokens and M. V. class honor insignia.

The final campfire was a very touching ceremony when F. G. Mendes and E. Ferreira received the torch of truth from A. Codejon of Spain and passed it on to all of the youth leaders and young people present, in order that



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they might see that as we pass the message on from one to another in personal evangelism, in outpost evangelism, shedding the light to the farthest and darkest corners of Portugal and the islands of the sea, the work will be finished. And it will be finished in no other way. It is God's plan.

While small in comparison to other congresses in the world, this Portuguese camp congress is the largest of its kind we have ever had, and we believe God's blessing will complete the efforts to encourage youth once more to rise up and finish the task, because we know time is short. May God direct these splendid young people to find their place in the Master's service.



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« For anything worth having one must pay the price ; and the price is always work, patience, love, self-sacrifice no paper currency, no promises to pay, but the gold of real service. »

John Buttoughs.



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W. R. Beach, newly-elected secretary of the General Conference, spent the latter part of July and the month of August with us. It is our privilege to express here our deepest appreciation to Elder Beach for the work he accomplished in the Southern European Division since he came to this field twenty-eight years ago. Elder Beach served in various capacities during his long stay in Europe: as educational secretary of the old Latin Union; as president of the Belgian Conference; and later on as president of the Franco-Belgian Union. In 1936 he was appointed secretary of the Southern European Division, and during the General Conference in Washington, 1946, was elected president of this Division. Under his wise and energetic leadership the various fields in our territory have developed rapidly, and he could leave Southern Europe at a time when we are not far from reaching the 100,000 mark in membership.

The believers present at their annual session in Paris, were glad to have Elder Beach with them for the last Sabbath, and to listen once more to the voice of our former beloved president. The evening of the same Sabbath Elder Beach took the night plane from Paris to Washington, D. C.

In a letter dated September 2, and addressed to the editor of the QUARTERLY REVIEW, Elder Beach writes as follows: "I still have before my eyes the vision of our wonderful meeting in the Paris *Oratoire*. I shall never forget the faces of all the friends and colleagues at the Temple. I did not realize it would be so hard to leave this dear people after so many years of association. This is a wonderful cause, and it is a happy lot to be able to labor in it."

We sincerely regret the departure of Elder and Mrs. Beach, and our prayers and good wishes accompany them. We are glad, however, that after twenty-eight years of labor outside of the United States, they can now serve the Lord again, in their homeland. We are sure that in his capacity as secretary of the General Conference, Elder Beach will continue to carry a burden for the fields he still loves and to uphold the interests of the cause of God in Southern Europe.

M. V. Campbell, who during the Gen-

eral Conference session in San Francisco was elected president of the Southern European Division in replacement of W. R. Beach, arrived in Berne on August 17 in company with Mrs. Campbell. We are glad to publish on the second page of this issue, the greetings of our new and affable president. Elder Campbell has had a long experience in denominational leadership, having served for many years as conference and union president in the North American Division. Just previous to his election as president of our Division, he was the president of the Central Union of the North American Division, one of the largest and strongest unions in our denomination. Elder Campbell shows an active and sympathetic interest in the various aspects of the work in this great field. We express to him as well as to Mrs. Campbell, a most hearty welcome to our Division headquarters. We know they will bring joy and courage to our workers and to our churches. Elder Campbell will have many difficult problems to face in the different fields, and he will have a heavy administrative burden to carry, but we are sure that under God's blessing and guidance he and Mrs. Campbell will spend some years of happy, fruitful service in Southern Europe.

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Two other workers were added to our Division staff at the 1954 General Conference session. **W. A. Wild**, a Swiss citizen, has served for a long time in various capacities in Inter-America. During the last four years he was secretary of the home missionary and Sabbath school departments of that Division. He will now serve as home missionary secretary in Southern Europe. We are sure that under his able leadership this department will continue its onward march. Elder and Mrs. Wild and their daughter Wynona arrived in Europe the latter part of August.

H. L. Henriksen has been appointed assistant treasurer of the Southern European Division. He, Mrs. Henriksen and their daughter Ruth, arrived in Berne some weeks ago. Elder Henriksen is not a stranger among us. For many years he was manager of the French publishing house, and was secretary-treasurer of the

Indian Ocean Union Mission, Madagascar during two terms of service. To both of these families we also extend a hearty welcome and our best wishes for much joy and success in their work among us

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Charles Cornaz who since his return from the Cameroon in 1936 has worked as a successful evangelist in different localities of the Léman Conference, and who in recent years was pastor and evangelist in La-Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland, has been appointed president of the French Moroccan Mission in replacement of **Willy Fuchs** who will return to the continent to take up work in the Franco-Belgian Union.

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Some important changes have been made recently in the French publishing house in Dammarie-les-Lys. **E. Bénézech** former president of the Southeast France Conference, has been asked to take over the management of this institution. **H. Evard** is now the chief editor in replacement of L. A. Mathy who will soon retire from active service. **J. Abot**, who for a number of years was in charge of the Collonges seminary print-shop where the QUARTERLY REVIEW is printed, has accepted a call to connect with the French publishing house in exchange for **D. Gouel**

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P. Bénézech has been elected president of the Southeast France Conference to replace his brother Elisée. We hope that all of these changes will contribute to the furtherance of the work of God, and pray the Lord to bless these brethren in their new responsibilities.

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The Southern European Division Annual Council will be held in Vienna, Austria December 8-15. Let us pray earnestly for God's blessing upon the leaders of His cause who will be together for this important session.

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As our readers will have noticed, the June number of the QUARTERLY REVIEW was not published. This was due in part to the absence of the editor, who was attending the General Conference session; and in part to reduced English secretarial help at our Division office headquarters.