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IN the West Nordic Union there is a population of about seven million people. Among these we have 8,306 Adventists, 3,672 in Denmark and 4,634 in Norway. The Sabbath-school membership is 7,376.

During the first ten months of 1951 the tithe amounted to kr. 1,325,000 (£66,250), Denmark contributing kr. 603,000 (£30,150), and Norway kr. 721,000 (£36,050). Mission offerings amounted to kr. 532,000 (£26,600)—from Denmark kr. 251,000 (£12,550) and from Norway kr. 281,000 (£14,050).

The urgent call to evangelism which W. H. Branson has sounded has also echoed in our fields. I am glad to report that our leaders respond not only by talking about evangelism, but by doing evangelism. All the conference presidents in the West Nordic Union are themselves engaged in public efforts. The union president and the union Home Missionary secretary are also taking part in a public effort where they reside.

In the West Nordic Union we have at present 31 ordained ministers and 24 Bible workers. So far 279 persons have been taken into church fellowship this year—

113 in Denmark and 166 in Norway. An interesting effort has been started in Copenhagen, Denmark, where seven doctors and the manager of the Skodsborg Sanitarium are speakers in a series of public meetings arranged by the East Danish Conference. We look forward with interest to the results of this experiment.

Many of our evangelists and Bible workers face much prejudice or indifference, and as a result work under a very heavy strain. As administrators we must share their problems as far as possible, giving them all the spiritual and practical help we can.

While we need a spiritual revival and a renewed vision in our task of evangelism, yet the time has also come when the long-outmoded methods of our evangelists must be exchanged for the best equipment available for their work. Just as the work in our offices has progressed, so our work in the field must be brought up-to-date. The time, effort, and money spent on strengthening the evangelistic work will be richly rewarded. In winning more souls every department in our organization will be strengthened.

The beautiful Viborg church in West Denmark was dedicated a few weeks ago. The church building has a seating capacity of 160 and also contains one apartment. In the East Norway Conference a little chapel was dedicated this year for the church in Mo i Rana.

Sauherad church in East Norway has at

last obtained permission to erect a building that will contain a church, rooms for a church school, and an apartment for the teacher. In Kirkenes, the northernmost part of North Norway, where practically the whole city was wiped out in the last phase of the war, a chapel is under construction.

The church building in Bergen, West



Onsrud Mission School, Norway.

Norway, is too small for its members. The conference office, which has recently moved to Bergen, is planning for a new building containing church and offices. Land has recently been secured in the central part of the city.

The Drammen church in East Norway is the third largest in the conference and is the oldest church in Norway. Ground was secured several years ago, and a building fund has gradually been accumulated but because of high costs, they have not yet been able to build. We trust something extra can be done for this church which has no church building at all.

We have one junior college in Denmark and one in Norway, each having an enrollment of about sixty students.

A fine work is being done at these schools in educating our youth for service. As an example of the spirit prevailing among the students and teachers, this year all previous records in Harvest Ingathering were broken at both schools. At Vejlefjord, Denmark, 11,500 kroner (£575) were collected during three days, and at Onsrud kr. 20,000 (£1,000) in one week.

This year one more church school has been started, in Bergen, West Norway. We have now 15 church schools, 326 pupils, and 23 teachers instructing the children.

The newest and best part of Home Missionary work, I believe, is the home-visitation campaign. Many of our church-members have taken part in this direct

search for souls. It has been a new and exciting experience for many to go into the homes of the people and pray with strangers. When this line of work is extended, we shall see churches revived and many souls won.

The Ingathering goal was raised ten per cent this year. We are glad to report that the goal has been reached. Up to now kr. 318,000 (£17,400) have been gathered in.

Our two Bible correspondence schools are in touch with many people who will never be reached by the preacher. In Denmark we have 864 active students. So far this year 407 have received diplomas. In Norway we have 1,723 active students and 326 have completed the course. So far we have not been able to segregate the number of baptisms from the general reports.

Our publishing houses in Denmark and Norway are working in close co-operation with all the other departments. During the first ten months of this year, literature for more than 1,000,000 kroner (£50,000) has been sold in the West Nordic Union. In round figures literature for kr. 287,000 (£14,350) has been sold in Denmark and for kr. 806,000 (£40,300) in Norway.

The colporteurs go into the most isolated and distant places. In the Faroe Islands we have a faithful canvasser who is selling *The Great Controversy* with good success. In some villages he sells one copy of this great book in every other home. In North Norway a brother is still using his little

motor boat visiting small islands and going into far-away fjords with truth-filled literature.

Four sanitariums and ninety-five clinics and treatment rooms in the West Nordic Union give about one million treatments each year. This is one of the interesting figures given by our union medical secretary, Dr. J. D. Henriksen. The influence of this great health work cannot be measured in dry figures.

A new clinic is being built in Tromsø for the population of North Norway. It is a modern concrete building having rooms for thirty resident patients. Nothing we have tried to do has had so much and such friendly publicity, and created such goodwill for the Adventist work in Norway as the building of this clinic. The city of Tromsø donated the ground for this project and offered cheap electricity and water. Large sums of money for foreign missions have been received in this year's Ingathering because of what we are doing for the war-stricken area of North Norway.

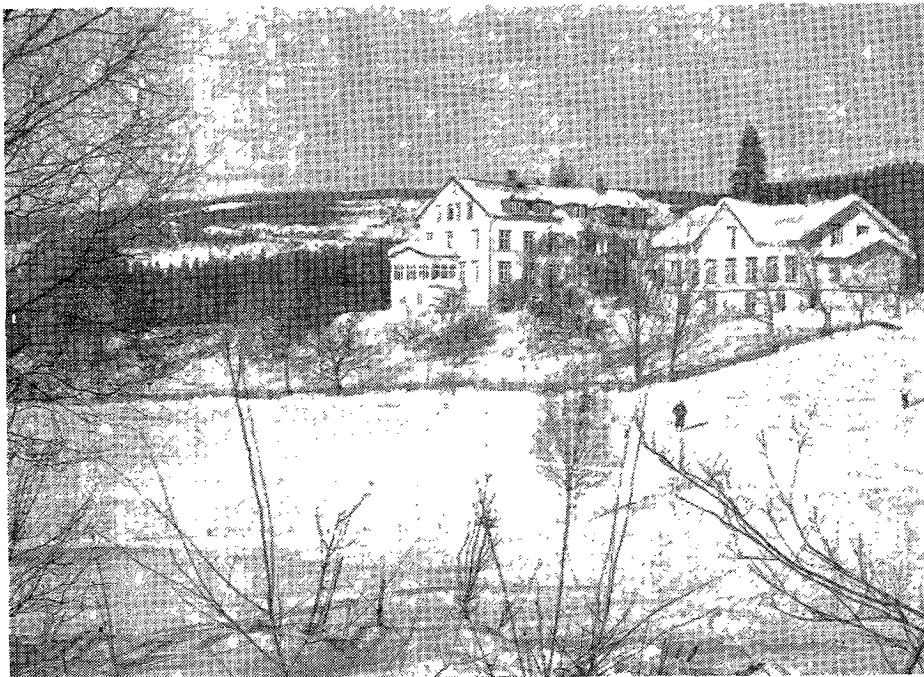
About ninety per cent of the money in the building fund has been raised in the local field itself. If it were not for the sudden soaring of prices the last year, the clinic would have been finished without any support from the Division. When we ask for an appropriation this year, it is in order to complete the clinic so it can start work early next year. Those who know the local conditions feel confident that this project will be a strong right arm to the message in the far north. We feel that we are acting according to the advice in the Spirit of prophecy when we spread out our medical work instead of concentrating it in the southern part of the country.

The little Skogli Sanitarium in Norway is slowly but steadily growing. This year it is at last getting its much-needed treatment rooms. We trust it will be possible to raise the necessary funds so the sanitarium may be able to use those rooms next summer in order to increase the income.

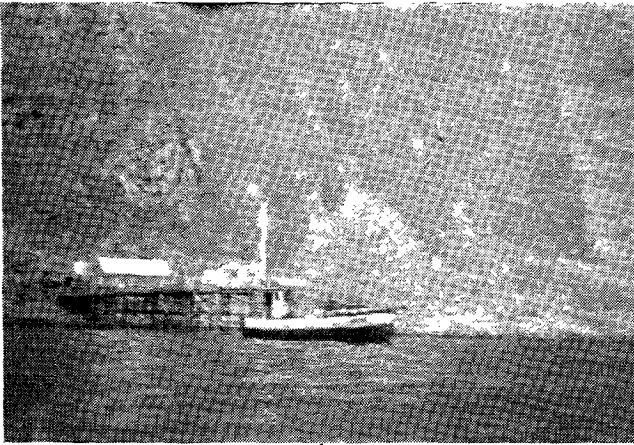
Of course, we could say much about the great work and influence of the well-known Skodsborg Sanitarium, but since the head doctor and the manager are present here I presume they will have an opportunity to tell about it better than I can.

One of the most interesting projects of the Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer Departments is being carried on in the West Danish Conference. Under the leadership of the M.V. secretary, Børge Olsen, 9 Sunday-schools have been organized in that field; 650 children are coming

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Skogli Sanitarium, Norway, hopes to equip its new treatment rooms by the next summer.



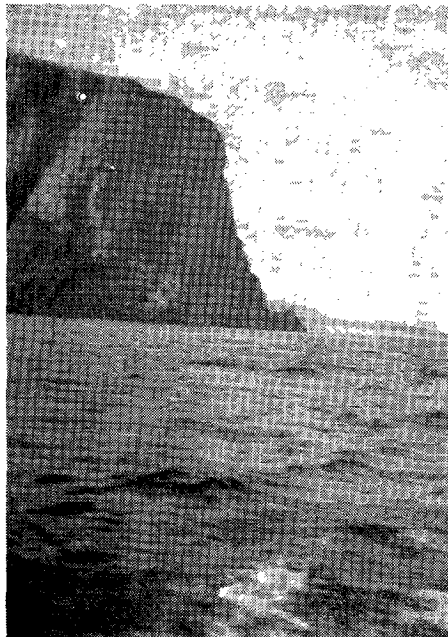
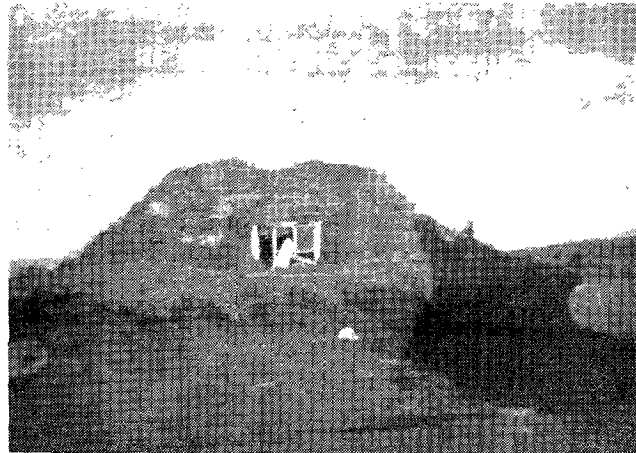
The Mission Boat "KJELL"

By T. Torkelsen

OUR mission boat, the *Kjell*, manned by Harald Hansen and a fellow worker, started on its colporteur trip on July 15, 1951. Fifteen weeks were spent in travel along the rocky coast of Finnmark, North Norway. As the mission boat visits only those places along the coast where there are no road connections and which are thus inaccessible to the regular colporteur, an average of five to seven hours each day must be spent in travel by sea between the settlements. This leaves little time for visiting. Then again rough seas and motor repairs forced the boat to lie idle for eleven days. It is indeed due only to the providence of God that our workers have been preserved from death through the three or four summers that they have been working in this way.

In spite of all these difficulties Brother Hansen has been able to place approximately one book (costing 8s. 6d.) in each home he has visited. During the last trip he visited 192 settlements making an average of six calls at each place. This shows how sparsely settled the coastline is. Still, without these visits, how could these people have had the opportunity of learning of the message?

While on these trips our colporteurs have found sixteen people who were already keeping the Sabbath. However they



Nordkap with Knivsjarrodden in the background—a dangerous neighbour in windy weather. Taken from the stern of the "Kjell."

Top left.—The "Kjell" anchored off Nordkap. Behind is the pier and post office.

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Top right.—Samuel Josefson with his family who have kept Sabbath for over thirty-five years before Adventists found him.

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Centre.— The old home where eight Sabbath keepers once lived.

knew little else of the truth. Apparently the conference office knew nothing about them and they knew nothing of Adventists before our mission boat visited them. Thirty years ago there were between thirty and forty Sabbath-keepers in these parts, but more than half of them are now dead. They were so isolated that they had never come in contact with our church. Many of them are Lapps and cannot read the Norwegian language.

Now a young missionary worker is being sent to teach these people more of our doctrines. He has to leave his wife and little baby with his mother-in-law and travel alone to the North. He goes on skis from place to place over the mountains to conduct cottage meetings in the homes of those who are interested. He cannot travel by sea at this time of the year as the water is too rough and dangerous.

We hope and pray that this young brother who is willing to leave his little family and to engage in this difficult work will see many souls saved as a result of his labours.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Presented at the Winter Council



IT is a pleasure for me at this time to bring before you the financial statements for 1950 as well as for the first nine months of 1951, together with the reports of the mission offerings for 1950 and nine months of 1951.

While this report deals with money values—dollars, sterling, kroners, florins, and markkas—it is at the same time a spiritual report. It has to do with that which belongs to the treasury of God. Much of it represents gifts from very poor people who have given, not of their abundance but of their meagre incomes or pensions. This money speaks of sacrifice in love for the advancement of the Advent message into all the world, and this places a most sacred responsibility on all of us as administrative leaders who are expending these funds for the work. God expects returns in souls won for the kingdom from the funds we spend in the conferences and mission fields.

We have been operating as a re-organized Division only since January 1, 1951, so we cannot make any correct comparisons with the endeavours of the previous year. I am, however, pleased to say that we have found a very fine and hearty co-operation on the part of every union conference in the Division, and that brings strength and success to our common great endeavour.

The balance sheets for the year 1950 and nine months of 1951 speak for themselves. The total net worth of the Division as per September 30, 1951, was £93,131. 18s. 7d., but when we deduct fixed assets of £10,769. 8s. 6d., and surplus reserves of £56,776. 17s. 0d., it leaves a regular net worth as working capital of only £25,585. 12s. 9d. This is in round figures about £14,000 below the amount recommended by the General Conference that the Division should have. For the safeguarding of all the interests of the work in this Division in these uncertain times, the full amount of working capital as recommended by the General Conference should be acquired as quickly as possible. However, it may be

that we shall have to build it up over a period of two or three years in order not to curtail in any way the present work and its needs.

Before commenting on the mission offerings for 1950 and nine months of 1951, there are a few observations that I would like to make.

First, when the headquarters of the Division returned to London we found ourselves in need of purchasing additional houses for homes for the increased staff. We have been most fortunate in being able to regain possession of all of the houses that belonged to the Division before the war, except one. But all these houses, both those that we bought and those that we could re-occupy, required heavy redecoration inside. This together with the purchase price of four houses cost the Division approximately £16,000.

In order not to draw any further on the Sustentation Fund reserves, we must at this session find a way to adjust the percentage of contribution to this fund by the conferences and institutions so that the annual income and expenditure balance.

Third, I will mention a very heavy expense item that the Division has, namely, the cost of furloughs for our missionaries. Due to the increased cost in travel and the frequent furloughs that must be taken, especially by our missionaries in West Africa in order to safeguard their health, we find that the annual expenditure now runs up into approximately £16,000 for this year. This sum will be increased to at least £19,500 in 1952 inasmuch as there are more missionaries taking furloughs next year than this year. This must all be cared for in the new budget.

The report on the mission offerings is most gratifying. There is an increase in general in tithes and offerings. Of course, when we compare the offerings for the year of 1950 with those of 1949 and study the dollar figures there is a serious decrease of about 25 per cent but we must bear in mind that the devaluation toward the end of 1949 in all our currencies except the Ethiopian, ranged from 30 to 37 per cent. Studying the offerings in the local currencies we are able to see a healthy increase, for which we are glad.

The interest in missions throughout the Division is commendable. It is evident both in the general offerings that are given in

the Ingathering campaign, the rank and file of our membership do with zeal what they can to hasten the coming of the Lord by promoting the mission programme in all the world.

In closing this report I wish to express our deep appreciation to the brethren in the General Conference for the appropriations that were granted us for this year's operating. We do also appreciate the increased funds granted us for 1952, and I am sure that we shall do our utmost to administer wisely the sacred funds entrusted to us. May God grant us wisdom and understanding to do this.

G. A. LINDSAY, *Treasurer.*

West Nordic Union

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to these schools where the Sabbath-school lessons are studied. About 50 teachers are instructing the classes every Sunday.

Among these children some are led into progressive classes and Pathfinder clubs. Special meetings are now being organized in order to reach the parents with the message. No doubt the seed sown through this kind of work will soon yield a rich harvest. Three Sunday-schools of this kind are now being organized in the East Danish Conference, and another four will be added very soon.

In Aarhus sixty-two children from poor homes were cared for last year during a summer junior camp in Denmark. The city paid part of the expense and the West Danish Conference the rest.

We had no young people's camps last summer, because all efforts were concentrated on the Paris Youth Congress. About 700 young people attended from this union.

We are glad to note the strong interest the young people both in Denmark and Norway take in missionary work. In this year's Ingathering in Oslo the young people gathered more than 7,000 kroner (£350). This sum was reached without any help from the mission workers.

Looking back on the work done during the first ten months of 1951, we wish many things had been better. But we are also thankful for the guidance of the Lord and His help that we have seen and felt in these perplexing times. As we try to look into the future, it is with confidence and faith, because we know the work is His, and we know that He will lead us on to great victories. (*Abbreviated.*)

ALF LOHNE, *President.*

Gleanings from the Council

THE membership of the Northern European Division at September 30, 1951, was 49,402. This is a net gain of 1,082 members for the nine months.

The worker force of the Division is 1,607, including 213 ordained ministers. This total includes only licenced workers within our unions and local conferences. In addition, there are almost 1,000 workers engaged in our health and other institutions.

Our Division territory comprises twenty-eight different countries, with a total population of 153,899,000.

The relation of workers and members to the various sections of our Division population is as follows:

British Union Conference:

- One worker to every 26 churchmembers.
- One member to every 7,800 of the population.
- One worker to every 204,000 of the population.

East Nordic Union:

- One worker to every 36 churchmembers.
- One member to every 1,350 of the population.
- One worker to every 47,400 of the population.

Ethiopian Union Mission:

- One worker to every 10 churchmembers.
- One member to every 17,500 of the population.
- One worker to every 167,600 of the population.

Iceland Mission:

- One worker to every 32 churchmembers.
- One member to every 400 of the population.
- One worker to every 13,000 of the population.

Netherlands Union:

- One worker to every 29 churchmembers.
- One member to every 4,500 of the population.
- One worker to every 123,000 of the population.

West African Union:

- One worker to every 16 churchmembers.
- One member to every 3,500 of the population.

One worker to every 56,700 of the population.

West Nordic Union:

- One worker to every 34 churchmembers.
- One member to every 870 of the population.
- One worker to every 30,000 of the population.

Northern European Division:

- One worker to every 25 churchmembers.
- One member to every 3,900 of the population.
- One worker to every 94,000 of the population.

These figures convey some idea of the immensity of the task that faces the church membership of our Division in taking the message of Christ to the many millions within our territory.

The membership of the 465 Division M.V. societies is approximately 12,000. West Africa leads the way with some 7,000 of its youth as members of active societies. Three hundred members of these societies were baptized during the first nine months of 1951.

Division churchmembers during the first three quarters of 1951 distributed almost 1,000,000 pieces of literature. This, undoubtedly, reflected the success of 284 training classes and institutes held in the various churches. Many thousands of churchmembers have engaged in house-to-house visitation campaigns during this year.

Eleven training schools, and 121 other schools are operating in this Division. The teachers number 526; 11,930 students are enrolled in these schools, 10,500 of them being found in the mission schools of West Africa.

V.O.P. correspondence schools and radio broadcasts continue to fill a large place in our evangelistic work. In one union school there are enrolled sixteen ministers of other churches, one leading medical specialist, and a high official of a Government ministry. Inmates of prisons are being reached effectively by this successful agency. Seventeen prisoners are enrolled in one school. Some outstanding conversions have taken place.

E. B. RUDGE, *Secretary.*

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Evangelist M. Omland and family.

EVANGELISM IN ERITREA

A New Church Organized

By Axel Varmer

FOR many years we have only had one single church in Eritrea. The emphasis of our missionary endeavours has been placed on educational work, which is still strong and vigorous.

Schools are being operated in six different places and between 500 and 600 students from the ages of seven to twenty-five are studying daily under the supervision of fourteen or fifteen native teachers and our missionary families from Norway, J. H. Wollan and M. Omland.

In the past few years the spirit of evangelism has caught fire among our few workers in Eritrea. With ears of faith they have heard the call to preach and to do all that their limited force of workers can do in bringing the Advent message to the natives of Eritrea.

Since Pastor Wollan arrived in the field he has baptized most of the 110 members we have in Asmara. Last year he moved out to Adri Ugri, a big village about forty miles from Asmara. Since the war an elementary school with an average of about eighty pupils has been in operation here. My visit to Adri Ugri early in 1951 is still vivid in my memory. The queer native shops resembling large dog kennels in the middle of the main street, the wretched huts in which the people live, and the many small, dirty, ragged boys and girls in the

roads begging for a few coins impressed my mind deeply. In the afternoon Brother Wollan had arranged a public meeting in the school, and over one hundred were present, eagerly listening to the man from the North.

Last autumn Brother Wollan moved out with his family to this village. A good hall was offered him free of charge by the English authorities, and the attendance at the meetings was good from the very beginning.

On Sabbath, September 29th, a new church with thirty members was organized, and one of our older native workers, Jarad, was ordained as the church elder. In a letter written in the latter part of October, Brother Wollan tells that more souls have been baptized and the membership of the new church has now grown to forty. One more baptism was planned to take place

before Brother Wollan returned home to Norway on furlough in November.

Pastor Omland, who is in charge of the school and the many varied responsibilities on the mission station in Asmara is, in addition to these duties, conducting an evangelistic campaign in Adi Sciumagale, where we have a school with about 170 pupils.

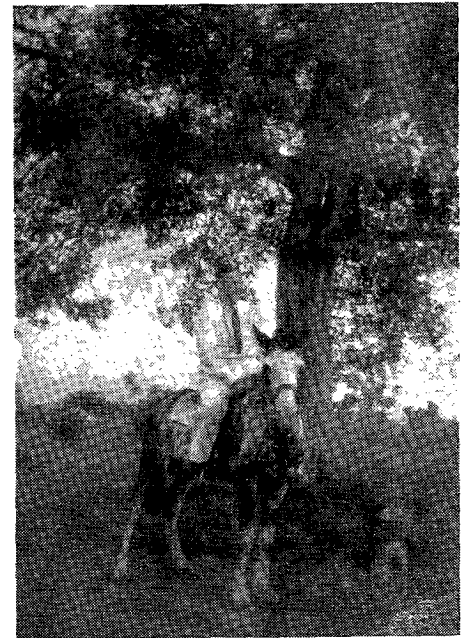
Brother Ogbazgy, our oldest worker in the Eihopian Union, now over seventy years old, holds public meetings in the new church on the mission compound in Asmara. This means that every ordained worker—for we only have three—is striving whole-heartedly to realize the church goal of doubling their membership in the field of labour which our Master has entrusted to their care.

May God richly bless our little working force in Eritrea.

JENGRE Camp Meeting

By G. D. King

JENGRE Mission Station is one of our most isolated but also one of our most picturesque stations in West Africa. Situated in Northern Nigeria, 3,000 feet above sea level, it is on the main road running from Jos to Zaria—about 25 miles out of Jos and 125 miles from Zaria. The hills around the mission have a most pleasing aspect and give a restful view from almost any direction.



Dr. J. Hyde sets out on his rounds mounted on his wiry steed.

The work was established here about twenty years ago by Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Hyde. The people of the area are predominantly Mohammedan, although there are a large number of primitive pagan people in the district. It was into this district that Pastor and Mrs. Hyde came twenty years ago with their young son John and one or two native helpers. A small dispensary was established and gradually the confidence of the people was won and interests began to spring up. The work in such a location is naturally hard and slow, requiring real mission zeal and Christian patience. To-day we begin to see the reward for such zeal and patience.

Dr. John and Mrs. Hyde have been in

Be Enthusiastic for Heaven

IF WE truly wish heaven to become more real to us, we will talk more about it. I think that Adventists should everywhere acquire the reputation of being people who are enthusiastic about heaven. One of the early Advent believers wrote a letter to the *Review* in which he exclaimed: "My heart beats high for immortality." In the days before 1844, when Adventists were expecting Christ to come that year to translate them, a man said tauntingly to James White, "Well, I see you are still in the land of the living." "No," he replied, "I am in the land of the dying, but I hope soon, at the coming of the Lord, to go to the land of the living." After listening to Mrs. White's description of the glories of heaven she had seen in vision, one of our earliest poets wrote a beautiful hymn, that opens thus:

We have heard from the bright, the holy land,

We have heard and our hearts are glad.

To persuade men to go with us to the land of the living, to the bright, the holy land, is our one business as Adventists. And our success in that holy task will be measured by the intensity of enthusiasm for heaven that surges within us and causes the accent of Eden to be heard on our lips and the fragrance of Eden to pervade our lives. But that state of heart and life can be possessed only by the man who has

dedicated himself to a holy discipline that brings God and Eden always into the foreground of his thoughts. That which is ever the subject of our meditations soon becomes the goal of our desires.

It is in this setting that we can see one of the greatest values of the Spirit of prophecy. I never read long in Mrs. White's writings without becoming keenly conscious of the unseen world and of the new earth soon to be created. If we will read those writings with a view of saturating our souls with the glories she depicts, we will secure from this last-day manifestation of the prophetic gift one of the chief blessings God intended us to receive from it. Undoubtedly certain legislation to guard against worldliness in the church is in order. But to place our chief dependence on such legislation is to confess to spiritual impotency. Why not fight worldliness with heavenliness? If the members of a church, looking at their pastor, could see his face as it had been the face of an angel, and could hear him speak more often of the glories of the world to come, would we not be well along toward that revival which we all so devoutly desire? And would we not find the members declaring as they passed through the portals of the church: "This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."—*F. D. Nichol.*

charge of our work in that area for about six years and have established a growing medical-evangelistic work which is an inspiration to see and a source of great strength to our mission enterprise in Nigeria. Dr. Hyde as well as engaging in a very full medical ministry, caring for a small hospital unit and a mobile medical service for the district, has also acted as mission superintendent and has fostered a strong evangelistic and school programme. Mrs. Hyde is doing excellent service as the dispenser and pharmacy manager as well as in the multitudinous duties that come to a doctor's and minister's wife in such a location.

The week-end of October 18th-22nd will long be remembered by the members and friends who were in attendance at Jengre. It was the occasion of the first camp meeting of the North Nigerian Mission. On the Friday morning "open house" was organized for the station. The chiefs around had been invited in and, almost to the surprise of Dr. Hyde, thirty-five chiefs came in, four of them being paramount chiefs. It was estimated that twelve hundred people were present on the compound and a most colourful scene it was with the chiefs and their retainers in their native dress. Following the school parade and hospital and compound inspection the whole congregation was housed in a large open-air "booth" erected for the service, and the Gospel was preached to many of those Mohammedan and pagan chiefs for the first time. It was indeed a most impressive occasion full of significance and importance to our work in that district. One could not but remember that twenty years ago our work was unknown and largely unwanted in that area. To-day "Gentiles . . . come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

On the Sabbath day, between 800 and 900 people were present for the whole day and gave most attentive hearing to the preaching and teaching of the Word. At the 2.30 p.m. service, Dr. John Hyde, in harmony with the vote of the union committee, was ordained to the gospel ministry, thus setting the seal upon a medical and evangelistic ministry which we believe is worthy of the high traditions of our mission service. The closing service on Sunday night was the communion service conducted by Pastor J. J. Hyde and a most solemn and sacred service it was with the spirit of fellowship most markedly present. It was most fitting that Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Hyde could be with us for this

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Newbold College Summer Session

By W. R. A. Madgwick, *Principal*

NEWBOLD MISSIONARY COLLEGE conducted a very successful eight-weeks' summer session for foreign students during last year from July 10th to September 4th. With the inclusion of a few who were unable to spend more than a portion of the period, the enrolment reached thirty-six.

They came to us from fourteen countries: from Iceland we received two, Norway, one, Denmark four, the Netherlands one, France six, Germany one, Bulgaria one, Switzerland three, Italy one, Algeria one, and Morocco one. There were twenty-three Seventh-day Adventists, five Lutherans, five other Protestants, two Catholics, and one Jew. However, despite their differences in nationality and religion, the entire group fitted into the educational, social, and religious life of the college with obvious enjoyment.

The classes, ably conducted by D. J. Dunnett, E. B. Phillips, and J. D. Brailsford, consisted not only of the study of the English language but of English Literature, English History, and English Folk Songs. All of the twenty-five students who sat for Pitman's examination in English for foreign students were successful, sixteen obtaining first-class certificates.

Each Thursday a trip was taken by special coach to places of educational and historical value including London, Oxford (to visit the colleges), Stratford-on-Avon (for places of Shakespearean fame), Hampton Court and Kew Gardens, Windsor and its environs, Portsmouth during Navy Week, and Watford to see our headquarters' institutions, and thence on to St. Albans, the ancient Roman town.

For the closing social event of the session, the whole college family enjoyed a special tea with the British and continental students in the Bartlett Hall.

It was not easy for us to part with our continental students, nor for them to leave Newbold. However, we were greatly encouraged by the free and feeling way in which they expressed complete satisfaction with the tuition received and sincere appreciation of all that was done to make their stay happy and successful. Letters that are being received contain the same testimony. A father from Iceland states: "My daughter has told me how she likes the school. So far as I understand, Newbold Missionary College is second to no place on earth, but her home."

For a month of the summer we were happy to have staying with us on a study vacation at Newbold, Pastor P. Schuil, a former member of the Newbold faculty and now the capable principal of Zandbergen, our college in the Netherlands. Pastor Schuil writes: "I do want to tell you how much I enjoyed the time I spent at Newbold. It was really refreshing in every way in spite of all the work I had to do. It was encouraging to mix with the young people and see what a good impression the foreign students, especially the non-Adventists, were gaining of our boys and girls and the school as a whole.

Yes, we regretted the departure of our continental friends; but we said not "Good-bye" but "Au revoir" because the gates of Newbold remain wide open for any who are able to return.—*British Advent Messenger.*

NEWS FLASH

THE West African Union Mission has just completed its first constituency meeting in the history of this field. A fully representative gathering of the constituency from all sections of the field has met together under the leadership of J. O. Gibson, president of the West African Union Mission. The Northern European Division was represented on this special occasion by A. F. Tarr and T. J. Bradley.

The Ethiopian Union Mission plans to hold its annual gathering at the close of January in Addis Ababa. All the field leaders, together with the medical missionary workers and the training school principals, will be gathered in to share in the discussions of this annual gathering. A. F. Tarr, E. B. Rudge, and L. Mark Hamilton will be in attendance from the Northern European Division office.

Within the West African Union Mission special plans are in hand for two large evangelistic campaigns in two of the most popular centres of the Gold Coast. A. J. Mustard, president of the Gold Coast Mission, plans to conduct a campaign in Kumasi early in 1952. At the same time, T. J. Bradley, the Ministerial Association secretary of the Northern European Division, is to lead out in a vigorous campaign in the city of Accra. In connection with both of these campaigns there will be gathered in promising national workers who will associate with the leaders in the conduct of these campaigns.

On January 2, 1952, a very successful institute for colporteurs concluded at Onsrud, Norway. More than thirty colporteurs of the Norwegian Conferences were in attendance at this special institute, which was conducted by G. D. King, in association with the Publishing Department secretary of the West Nordic Union.

N. B. Nielsen, for many years secretary-treasurer of the Ethiopian Union Mission, and recently president of that field, is now enjoying a well-earned period of furlough. After spending a little time visiting his two sisters, who are missionary nurses in Kenya, Pastor Nielsen plans to visit his home country, Denmark.

H. Muderspach, formerly Missionary Volunteer leader for the West Nordic Union, has been called to fill the position

of president of the East Denmark Conference made vacant by the call of S. A. Broberg to Ethiopia.

Welcome visitors to the Division office recently were Pastor and Mrs. E. Bjaanes of Ethiopia. Pastor Bjaanes is president of the Begemder Mission, where he has served for a number of years. Together with his wife he plans to spend a portion of his furlough visiting relatives here in the British Isles.

J. H. Wollan, president of the Eritrea Mission, has recently reached Narvik, Norway, to enter upon a well-deserved furlough. After spending some time visiting with relatives, and among our churches in Norway, Pastor Wollan expects to enjoy a period of study at the Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

Recently, Maria Hauge, who is a missionary nurse at the Addis Ababa Hospital, Ethiopia, returned to Norway, which is

her home country, for her period of furlough. Miss Hauge expects to spend most of her furlough in the United States taking a course of study.

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Mrs. J. Hyde, the faithful missionary doctor's wife, starts her busy day at the clinic.

great week-end, to see something of the fruitage of sacrificial service.

The baptized membership of the North Nigerian Mission is about 160, but the potential fruitage as revealed by the attendance at this first camp meeting appears to be tremendous. Pastor W. Till has now been appointed president of the field, thus relieving Dr. Hyde of part of his heavy load and leaving him freer to develop the growing medical-evangelistic work so ably and fruitfully begun. We are confident that great developments lie ahead in Northern Nigeria.

WELCOME!

A CORDIAL welcome to the Medical Missionary Convention to be held in Oslo, Norway, April 10th to 14th.

Plans are being laid for an inspiring five-day programme with post-graduate lectures in medicine, devotional studies and practical demonstrations.

The General Conference will be represented by Walter E. Macpherson, M.D. and Fred B. Moor, M.D., both from the College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. Dr. Macpherson, president of the College, is a specialist in Internal Medicine and Dr. Moor in Therapeutics. There will be group meetings for doctors, physical therapists, nurses, and cooks, and demonstrations and symposiums on important phases of our medical work.

We hope for a large delegation from our unions, conferences, and medical institutions. We would also welcome private practitioners, dentists, physical therapists, nurses, cooks, and others who are specially interested in the growth of the "Right Arm" of the message.

It is our prayer and aim to see that from this convention may come a new spirit of real medical missionary work that will grow in every part of the Division.

Communicate immediately with Bjarne Rost, Post Box 9, Smestad, Norway, in order to secure hotel accommodation. All reservations should be made by April 1st.

For further information, or if you desire to place any special item on the programme, write to the undersigned at Skodsborg Sanitarium, Skodsborg, Denmark.

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