



TO THE WORKERS

in the
NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION

Dear Fellow Workers,

FROM May 21st to July 8th it was my privilege to meet many of you and hundreds of our believers in your Division. I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I have appreciated my visit to your conferences.

As I have observed our people I have been profoundly impressed with their sincerity, their consecration, their devotion, and their loyalty to God and His truth. As I have listened to their prayers and testimonies I have been convinced that they are having good experiences in the Lord. This reflects upon the spiritual leadership of the workers. We have a wonderful people. They are willing to be led not only into spiritual living but Christian service. As I think back over the meetings that were held I can truly say that my own heart has been blessed as I have tried to bring to our people messages of hope, faith, and courage. The members in your Division are good people to preach to. Their response to the messages has been most wonderful.

I am sorry that I could not attend all the conference sessions. This was impossible because of many of the meetings running concurrently. In all of these sessions the spirit of unity and harmony was felt. The same report has come to me from those who attended the meetings that I was unable to attend. I have greatly appreciated the spiritual leadership given by Pastor A. F. Tarr and his staff from the Division office. The union presidents and their men have brought a real inspiration to their people. Since all the sessions were local conference sessions, I want to say that the local conference presidents and the workers in their fields deserve the credit to a large extent for making the meetings what they have been. I shall never forget the consecration made by workers and people alike in all the Sabbath services.

Words fail me to describe the beauty of the countries comprising the Northern European Division. My trip with Pastor and Mrs. Tarr all the way from Rotterdam, Holland, to Tromsö, and back to Skodsborg has been a most pleasant one. I have been thrilled day by day as I have seen the wonderful crops in the south and the snow-capped mountains, the many lakes, rivers, and waterfalls in the north. I was happy for the privilege of visiting Hammerfest, the most northerly city in the world. To see the midnight sun was a new experience for me. One must see it to get the thrill of a lifetime. God indeed has blessed you with a wonderful scenery, but more than that with a good people without which the work of God could not be carried forward. May I make an appeal to all of you workers to leave no stone unturned to give your young people, your boys and girls, a Christian education. The youth are the greatest asset of this denomination.

As I leave the Northern European Division, I want to say to each one of you, "Be of good courage." When Joseph Parker, the great English preacher, was asked what the greatest Christian virtue was, he said, "Holy courage." We have so many reasons that should fill our hearts with courage: the certainty of the Advent message, the promise that God's work will be finished, and to know that God is our great Leader. We are told: "Christ did not fail, neither was He discouraged; and His followers are to manifest a faith of the same enduring nature." (*Gospel Workers*, page 39.) We must talk courage regardless of the outlook. God still reigns. He has not abdicated His throne.

May the good Lord continue to bless each one of you as you carry forward the work of God in the Northern European Division to its completion.

W. B. OCHS, *Vice-President, General Conference.*



AROUND THE CONFERENCES

SINCE coming to the Northern European Division—and to the NORTHERN LIGHT—the writer has often felt handicapped by not knowing the people and fields served by our paper. While it has been my privilege to meet some of the workers at councils and institutes, yet I have keenly wished to meet you all in your own home fields, and to become acquainted with the varied conditions under which you labour. Such acquaintance, I felt, would be worth far more to me than many letters from the editorial desk. And now my fond wish has been realized, for during the past eight weeks, May 21st to July 13th, I have travelled by car with my husband and Pastor W. B. Ochs, General Conference representative, through most of the northern countries of our Division. It has been a thrilling experience for me, and as I sit at my desk once again, it is with a wealth of memories—of warm handshakes and of happy greetings. I can never forget them: “Welkom in Nederland”; “Hjertelig velkommen til Danmark”; “Hjärtligt välkommen till Sverige”; “Tervetuloa Suomeen”; “Mange takk for at dere kom til Norge.”

Yes, wherever we have been, whether in bustling cities or the beautiful countryside, we have found new friends—sincere, hospitable, and filled with a deep love for the precious Advent hope. Language barriers cannot exist when the language of the heart is spoken and often when words have failed, the countenances of the believers have clearly given their message of friendliness. This must surely be a very real foretaste of that grand welcome awaiting us all in our heavenly Father's home, where we shall ever be together, united in one great family.

We left England on May 21st by steamer from Harwich and landed with our car on Dutch soil at the Hook of Holland. Here in the brave little country of the Netherlands we found a people who have struggled valiantly through the centuries not only against the elements for the possession of their country, but against religious persecution and war hazards in their endeavour to keep their small corner of Europe independent. All this effort has certainly produced a wise and determined race, well able to hold their own.

We set out immediately for “Zandbergen,” our Netherlands Mission School, at Huis ter Heide, about twenty-five miles beyond Rotterdam, where we were to spend

our first night. Resting peacefully among large shady trees, “Zandbergen” is a beautiful home for the youth of the Netherlands. Would that all of them might find a Christian education within its sacred walls, sheltered from the dangers of the world without.

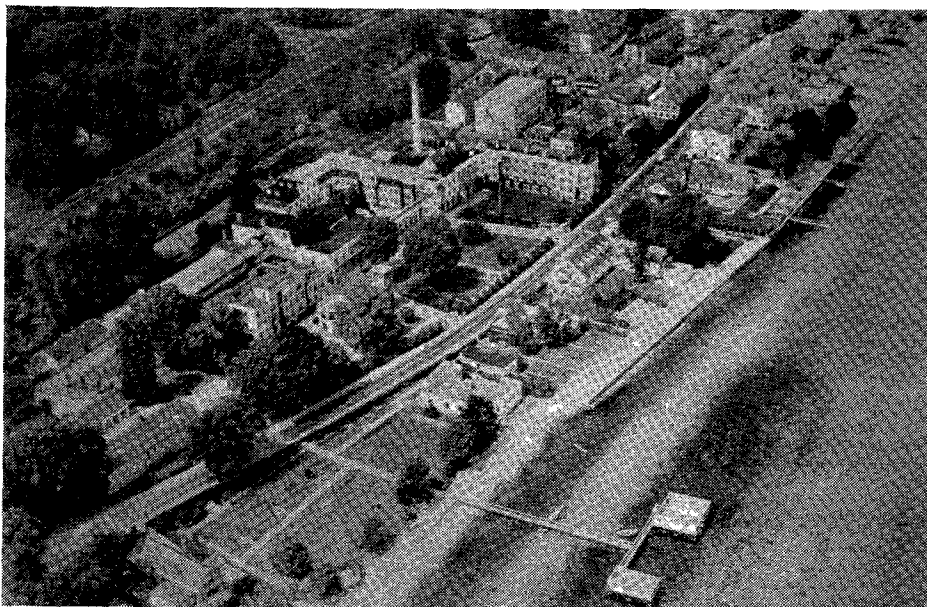
The session of the South Netherlands Conference convened on May 22nd, in the great port city of Rotterdam, a city which is still without a centre, a heritage from the last war. The meetings were held in the Emporium, a fine modern building recently erected in the as yet devastated area where once the busy traffic of an ancient city bustled to and fro. In the foyer a very fine collection of needlework was on display by the members of some of the South Netherlands Dorcas societies. It was evident that many hours of selfless service had made this fine display possible.

The motto for the session which appeared above the platform read: “He that overcometh shall inherit all things.” Rev. 21:7. Pastor K. Tilstra, union president, was in the chair and was later, in addition to his union responsibilities, appointed the new president for the South Netherlands Conference. Pastor Tilstra told us that there were ten million to be warned in this little country and barely a handful of workers to cope with the task. Many times at this meeting there came to our minds that familiar statement from Sister White in *Gospel Workers*, page 352: “The work

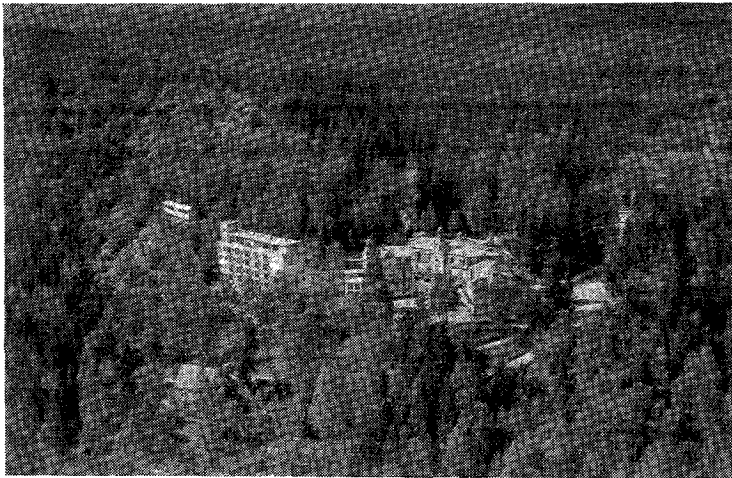
of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.” For despite the small number of workers, there were right around us as fine a group of lay brethren as one might see in any session. As strong plans were laid for a more aggressive work during the coming year, this outstanding group of lay brethren would, we felt confident, accept the challenge of the task and rally to the help of the workers.

After a Sabbath day full of rich blessings for God's people when about 800 were present, the conference closed on a note of courage and determination to give to the Netherlands the last warning message and double its membership in the shortest time possible.

Leaving Holland, we passed through Germany on our way to Denmark. The once great cities of Hamburg and Bremen still bear grimly the scars of war. We were now on our way to attend our next conference session in the West Denmark Conference to be held at Vejlebjerg, where is situated our Danish Mission School. The road was good and the country through which we passed was for the most part flat, with lovely grasslands. What interested the writer greatly was to see the home of the quantities of high standard butter, bacon, ham, and eggs that are so carefully rationed to the British housewife. We soon learned that the country's prosperity is largely due to its finely organized and enterprising farming community. From



Panoramic view of our largest denominational sanitarium situated in Skodsborg, Denmark.



*Hultafors
Sanitarium
in Sweden—
restful and
unrivalled in
scenic beauty.*

their own various farms many of our loyal Adventist believers would soon be laying aside their work for a few days and be travelling, as we were, toward Vejlefjord, to seek new blessings at the hand of the Lord. Precious, indeed, we felt, are these periods of spiritual refreshing which come to us as a people year by year as we gather together to celebrate our annual festivals.

Fair and peaceful was the scene that spread before us as we approached the beautiful Danish school. Amid orderly gardens and orchards and green slopes, bowered by shady trees, rose the terraced hills with the stately school buildings commanding the calm waters of the fjord below. As the rays of the setting sun lit up the distant banks of the fjord, the beautiful scene seemed to be filled with the very presence of the Creator. This school is surely the pride of every believer in Denmark.

On Wednesday, May 27th, Pastor Thv. Kristensen, president of the conference, opened the session, warmly welcoming the believers and visiting brethren who included W. B. Ochs from the General Conference; A. F. Tarr, Axel Varmer, and L. Mark Hamilton from the Division; Alf Lohne from the union, and H. Muder-spach from the East Denmark Conference. All of these brought greetings from their respective spheres of service and heartening messages to the waiting congregation.

At the rear of the hall were a number of departmental booths neatly arranged. Among them was an unusual display of stamps exhibited by the juniors and members of the Sunday-schools which the youth are fostering. The collection of stamps was started to create a live interest in the mission fields from where many of the stamps had been mailed. Pictures of the missionaries concerned were also shown. The

Sunday-school idea, we learned, has become quite an important feature in the Home Missionary programme of this field, where about 1,800 children not of our faith are each Sunday being taught our Sabbath-school lessons. Two hundred of these young people are now attending our M.V. camps and some are enrolled in our schools.

The motto chosen for the session was, "Lift Him Up," and was illustrated on a chart by a picture of Christ uplifted on an open Bible. The background was the shadow of a cross. Pastor Ochs, in his first address, drew our attention to this appropriate motto and showed that we uplift Christ not only by the truth we preach, but also by the lives we live. Christ should be made to us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. As the people were called upon to dedicate themselves to a fuller, holier life, the Spirit of the Lord drew very near.

It was an inspiring sight on the Sabbath to see the school and campus having an "open house" to the thousand who had arrived to attend the week-end meetings. Visitors infiltrated everywhere. Over in the permanent M.V. camp nearby every available room was occupied. One felt sur-

rounded by hundreds of friends and it was indeed good to be there. The food in the dining-room was in good Danish style, both in quality and quantity, and enjoyed by everyone.

Time passed all too quickly and soon we were on the road once more, crossing by land and ferry from west to east Denmark, this time headed for Copenhagen and our Skodsborg Sanitarium.

Nestling as it does right on the sea coast just north of Copenhagen, Skodsborg Sanitarium is reputed to be the largest denormational sanitarium in the world, with a bed capacity of 257 which overflows during the season into neighbouring lodgings and hotels. We found a patronage of well over 300 guests which possibly made this a record year as the previous few years had each been in turn. The sanitarium is now fifty-four years old and as we visited the original building still standing near the seashore, and then saw the fine structure of the present buildings set as they are amid beautiful gardens and spacious lawns, we could not but exclaim, "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes." Here is a fine opportunity for our young people to be trained to do practical service for God by bringing physical and spiritual help to the many who are sick in mind and body.

To all classes of society who come seeking help, whether prominent business men, farmers, the nobility, or the poor, the sanitarium is ever ready to extend a hearty welcome. During the past fifty years, treatments either free or at reduced rates have been given to the sum of two million kroner (\$300,000).

In 1949 the General Danish Medical Association gave recognition to the physiotherapy course taught at Skodsborg, as well as to those who had graduated during the previous fifty years. This has brought much satisfaction to those who are in charge of the institution, especially as they look out on possibly ninety clinics scattered throughout Scandinavia of whom they are the parent stock.

Words failed us to express our gratitude for the warm welcome we received during our short stay at the sanitarium and we could but express the wish that many might be brought to the light of this message through the kindly ministrations of these our faithful medical workers.

Crossing over by ferry into Sweden, our next stopping place was Hultafors Sanitarium, which celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary last year. Here, too, a full house

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Fellow-Travellers

But as we meet and touch each day
The many travellers on our way,
Let every such brief contact be
A glorious, helpful ministry!
The contact of the soil and seed;
Each giving to the other's need—
Each helping on the other's best,
And blessing each as well as blest.

—S. Coolidge.

FROM OUR MISSION LANDS

OBSERVATIONS ON A VISIT TO WEST AFRICA

By W. P. Bradley

Associate Secretary, General Conference

EVEN a brief visit makes it abundantly clear that the task of bringing the Advent message to West Africa is a large one, and that there is need for more labourers and facilities. But there are many evidences of growth and of an active evangelistic spirit in the field.

It was my privilege to spend Sabbath, May 17th, in Accra, where the union headquarters are located. In the morning we worshipped together in the Accra church—a building that is a credit to the work. In the afternoon we attended several branch Sabbath-schools, one of which was held in the Accra gaol. A group of thirty-five to forty prisoners joined appreciatively in the service, many of them bringing their Bibles. It was in this prison that a group of over forty political leaders had been held following a series of riots, and out of which the present premier of the Gold Coast, Mr. Kwame Nkrumah, was brought by the authorities to take up the duties of his office when the choice of the people fell upon him.

Before I left Accra, I was told by D. L. Chappell how the publishing work has advanced, so that there are now thirty-six active colporteurs as against nine two years ago. The total deliveries have made a corresponding gain, and a large number have been enrolled in the baptismal classes or have been baptized as the result of the work of these missionary colporteurs. I met Brother Brown, one of the two brethren who came from Jamaica to do colporteur work, and found that both he and Brother Davidson are leading in this work in two important missions in a very strong and active manner.

It was a pleasure to meet the workers at Ibadan. One is amazed at the size and importance of this great city, which now numbers about 600,000 souls. This city alone is a great evangelistic challenge. Brother E. E. Hulbert, in addition to directing the Bible Correspondence School, had a good mission during the early part of the year in the "Open-air Church" on the compound, and I met a number of people at a Friday evening service who are now

attending our church services because of these meetings.

At Ibadan, I was constrained to admire the excellent work being done by Brother H. S. Pearce in his mission printing-plant, whose activities are scattered through three small, crowded buildings. This is a condition which must be remedied quickly so that this line of work which is basic can be given adequate space and equipment. I am convinced that if our publishing leaders in the homelands could see the needs in that plant, help would quickly be forthcoming from the Publishing Rehabilitation and Extension Fund. Pastor J. J. Hyde, who is directing the work at Ibadan, is full of courage in spite of heavy problems.

East Nigeria is our strongest mission in West Africa. Here a large membership of over 5,000 is concentrated in a comparatively small area. It makes one think of parts of the Philippines or Jamaica, or North Celebes. Pastor W. J. Newman's policy, like that of all our leaders in West Africa, is to place burdens and responsibilities upon African workers as fast as possible. The hindering factor is the lack of trained and experienced men and women. I visited the Training School at Ihe, also the hospital at Ile-Ife, and these are developing excellently. All of these training institutions must be kept strongly staffed. It is a long-range policy that will pay large dividends in the years to come, though it is always difficult to spare budgets that are also sorely needed to staff the missions right now.

There is a great Moslem population in West Africa, in the northern regions south of the Sahara. One senses the tremendous problems encountered in that unevangelized sphere. The task is everywhere so great, almost overwhelming. The answer

can only come through an aroused, re-dedicated church and the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.

I GO TO JAIL

By G. L. Anniss

Secretary-Treasurer, West African Union Mission

MANY friends in the homeland will no doubt wonder what is behind this title! It is a story from the mission field—but let us start at the beginning. Here in Accra, Gold Coast, we have our West African Union headquarters, while the Gold Coast Mission headquarters are located at Kumasi, in Ashanti, where there is quite a growing work.

Accra is a coastal town, the seat of Government in the Gold Coast, and therefore has the usual problems that have to be faced in city evangelism.

Located here in Accra we have J. O. Gibson, president, D. V. Cowin, Educational and M.V. secretary, D. L. Chappell, Publishing and Sabbath-school secretary and myself, not forgetting our two office ladies, Miss R. Muderspach and Miss K. Grant. A good deal of the time and energy of the officers and departmental secretaries is taken up with visiting our seven local missions, two training schools, two hospitals, press, and Bible school, as well as taking a share in the responsibilities connected with our local church.

Accra has a fine church building, but we wish it had many more members. Plans were recently laid for a large scale effort in Accra, but hall difficulties caused this to be abandoned. Many efforts are being put forward to promote the work by those located here, as time and opportunity permit.

D. L. Chappell, our Press Relations



West African Union Headquarters in Accra, Gold Coast.

secretary, has worked hard in getting newspaper reports of our visitors and activities into the local papers. Much credit is due for the energetic way he has carried on the Ingathering in the town among the traders, not forgetting the tremendous increase in our colporteur work, under his leadership.

J. O. Gibson, assisted by Pastor Agboka, our local African worker, are conducting a Bible class each Monday and Thursday in the Accra Community Centre, and more recently Mrs. Anniss has commenced a Dorcas society, also in the Community Centre. These meetings are advertised along with the other activities of the Centre, and we are hopeful that as a result many new interests will be created.

Then we have four branch Sabbath-schools operating. Two have been operating for some time under the leadership of our African brethren. At these two Sabbath-schools we have over 100 children attending, as well as some adult interest. A third branch Sabbath-school has been started by one of our new members, who has also taken up colporteur work.

Then we have the fourth branch Sabbath-school, which is by no means the least. On Sabbath, June 28th, I had the privilege of attending it for the first time.

During last year word was received from our Voice of Prophecy school of several interests here in Accra. These Brother Chappell gladly agreed to follow up, even into the local prison. Soon there was a regular meeting time arranged, and Brother Chappell was studying the Voice of Prophecy lessons with those interested. Since that small beginning, efforts have been made to bring the Gospel to the prison inmates, and a branch Sabbath-school has now been organized.

Brother Damson, one of our Accra members, visits them every week. Brother Chappell has fostered this interest during much of his available spare time, but on Sabbath, June 28th, all of the men were out in the field, with the exception of myself, and it was therefore my privilege to "go to jail" to visit this Sabbath-school.

I found it properly organized, complete with superintendent, secretary, and class teachers appointed, so that if no visitor was able to go, it would function as usual. Following the roll call, new members were duly enlisted. I was glad to see four new members added that day. The attendance was fifty-eight, and we are hoping that many more will join the prison Sabbath-school and hear the Gospel of salvation.

As I conducted the lesson, which was

developed to suit the occasion, I was very impressed by the attentiveness of these men. We trust that as the seeds of truth are sown, from week to week, many hearts will be touched, and when these men are released to take their place in the community again, that their influence on others will reflect the good news of salvation that we are trying to impart to them.

We pray that these various efforts, though small in themselves, will culminate in many joining the ranks of the remnant church, and being saved eternally in the kingdom of God.



MISSIONARY SAILINGS

1951

FEBRUARY

Pastor and Mrs. P. H. Stearman, and two children, of England, to West Africa (returning).

JUNE

Miss G. Clarke, of England, to Kenya, East Africa.

Miss K. Grant, of England, to West Africa.

AUGUST

Dr. and Mrs. D. Bull, of England, to Trinidad.

Miss B. Turtill, of England, to West Africa (returning).

SEPTEMBER

Pastor and Mrs. S. A. Broberg, of Denmark, to Ethiopia.

Miss V. Lauderdale, of England, to East Africa.

Miss R. Muderspach, of Denmark, to West Africa (returning).

Pastor and Mrs. A. J. Mustard, and two children, of England, to West Africa.

OCTOBER

Mr. and Mrs. Buzenet, and one child, of England, to West Africa.

Miss M. Halvorsen, of Norway, to Ethiopia (returning).

NOVEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hulbert, and two children, of England, to West Africa (returning).

Pastor and Mrs. W. G. Till, of England, to West Africa (returning).

DECEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. H. Logan, and two children, of England, to West Africa.

REPORT FROM GOLD COAST

By P. H. Stearman

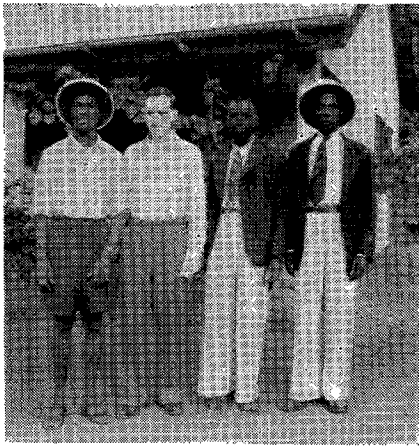
Gold Coast Mission

MORE than one hundred ministers, teachers, and other workers gathered at our Training College at Bekwai, Gold Coast, on April 21st for the annual workers' meetings. We were privileged to have with us T. J. Bradley, Ministerial Association secretary of the Northern European Division, whose Bible studies and sermons were greatly appreciated by all. Other visiting speakers were J. O. Gibson, D. V. Cowin, and D. L. Chappell, from the West African Union.

Pastor Cowin opened the one-day teachers' institute on Monday evening with an inspiring address, and appealed to the teachers to give good consideration to their destination and career in life and, furthermore, to guide the students placed under their charge to make right decisions in this vital matter. A most helpful series of discourses was given by Pastor Bradley, dealing with the Holy Spirit. He showed how the Spirit uses us and how we may be filled by His influence. Pastor Bradley said: "One of the first conditions we must recognize as necessary to receiving the Spirit is our need of submission to God. Christ is Lord of all or He is not Lord at all." And again: "God can do a lot with a broken life if we give Him all the pieces."

The two days appointed for the Ministerial Institute began Tuesday evening when J. O. Gibson, president of the West African Union, spoke to us upon Isaiah's vision of God. Part of the time of the workers' meetings was devoted to the presentation of fifteen-minute papers on subjects dealing with vital matters in church life, such as, "Organization and Discipline in the Church," "Standards of Christian Marriage," and "The Value and Significance of Church Ordinances." Discussion of these topics followed the presentation of the papers. At the close of the workers' meetings words of appreciation were spoken to Pastor Bradley by the African evangelists who were privileged to have a part in the campaign which he conducted in Kumasi and who attended his school of field evangelism.

On Thursday evening, April 24th, the second constituency meeting of the Gold Coast Mission was opened by the president, A. J. Mustard. About two hundred delegates were present from all parts of the Gold Coast. The province of Ashanti,



P. H. Stearman, Superintendent of the Gold Coast, with the first three evangelists to enter the northern territories of the Gold Coast. They located at Tamale.

where our work was established about forty years ago, had many representatives and it was a joy to see so many familiar faces present. We were also happy to meet a number of new leaders in our work recently established in British Togoland and the northern territories.

One of the first items of business before the delegates was the happy privilege of voting into fellowship the twenty-six churches organized since the first constituency meeting held just three years previously. There are now fifty organized churches in the mission and one hundred and forty-three companies. The church membership almost doubled in the three-year period, increasing from 2,238 to 3,775 at the end of 1951, while the Sabbath-school membership stood at 13,156.

The business sessions proved to be most interesting and a number of far-reaching resolutions were adopted. Of especial interest were the plans for evangelistic and educational endeavours for the next two years. All workers of the mission pledged themselves to take part in active evangelistic campaigns for at least two months of each year, and plans were laid for holding strong evangelistic efforts in the near future in all large centres in this country.

Those responsible for the educational progress of the field presented plans for beginning a secondary school in the Gold Coast in 1953. The whole congregation expressed heartfelt thanks to the General Conference and Northern European Division whose generosity has made such a move possible. It will fill a long-standing gap in the educational programme of the mission and give many of our youth who have been attending outside secondary

schools the chance to further their education under the tutelage of Seventh-day Adventist instructors. Financial support for this school was pledged by the delegates.

On Sabbath morning the congregation was swelled by the influx of many members from our churches nearby. The open-wall style of the church, however, permitted the many who sat on forms outside the church to see and hear all that took place within. D. L. Chappell, secretary of the Sabbath-School Department for the West African Union was appointed superintendent of the Sabbath-school for the day. A painting executed by one of the African workers, depicting Elder James White writing up the first Sabbath-school lessons as he sat by the roadside, reminded us that this year we celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Sabbath-School Department. In the Sabbath morning church service Pastor Mustard pointed us anew to the work of Christ who came "to seek and to save that which was lost."

On Sabbath afternoon a solemn and impressive ordination service was held, when J. C. Vetter and Owusu Ansah were ordained to the Gospel ministry. J. C. Vetter has been working in the Gold Coast Mission for the last six years, part of the time as vice-principal of the Bekwai Training College and more recently as secretary of the Educational and M.V. Departments. Owusu Ansah has worked as a minister for almost twenty years in the Gold Coast and was a missionary in the Ivory Coast for a few years. In the ordination sermon, T. J. Bradley vividly portrayed the urgent duty of ministers to act as faithful watchmen. He then outlined the numerous characteristics and abilities which the minister, God's watchman, needs to possess and develop. The ordination charge

The Tithes Corner

"IN the days of Israel the tithes and free-will offerings were needed to maintain the ordinances of divine service. Should the people of God give less in this age? The principle laid down by Christ is that our offerings to God should be in proportion to the light and privileges enjoyed. 'Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.' Said the Saviour to His disciples, as He sent them forth, 'Freely ye have received, freely give.'"—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 528.

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and the address of welcome were given by J. O. Gibson and A. J. Mustard respectively.

For some time the training of national workers to occupy higher positions of responsibility has been going on. All, therefore, were much gratified to learn of the appointment by the West African Union Mission of C. B. Mensah as assistant to the president and S. Adusei as assistant to the secretary of the M.V. and Sabbath-School Departments of the Gold Coast Mission.

One other outstanding anniversary which was brought to our attention at the meetings was that which Pastor J. Garbrah celebrates this year. Just forty years ago Brother Garbrah entered the ministry and has worked continuously for the mission since that time. Although now on sustentation he is still upholding the message on the coast at Shama.

It was fitting that workers and church leaders should join together in a service of consecration at the close of the meetings. Many gave testimony to the Lord's guidance in their lives and pledged themselves and their possessions anew to the finishing of His work in this great and needy field.

Around the Conferences

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was reported and as we walked through the carpeted corridors of the sanitarium, it was very satisfying to observe the coming and going of the many guests and to see the interest manifest by them in the talks given in the parlour and in the nearby chapel. On the slopes of a hill and among tall trees overlooking the peaceful waters of a large lake, this sanitarium with its kindly service, is indeed a quiet resting-place for those seeking respite from the weariness of city life.

Driving on through Stockholm where are the offices of the North Swedish Conference we continued our way up to Ekebyholm where are situated a summer sanitarium, an old people's home, and the training school for our Swedish youth. The school's new administrative building might well be the envy of many a country with its modern architecture and well-planned interior to the finest detail.

After a peaceful night spent here where royalty once rested, we returned to Stockholm and made ready to sail for Finland leaving our car in the spacious grounds at Stocksund, the headquarters of the East Nordic Union.

THE EDITOR.

(To be continued.)

THE VICE OF THE VIRTUOUS

By Henry Drummond

WE are inclined to look upon bad temper as a very harmless weakness. We speak of it as a mere infirmity of nature, a family failing, a matter of temperament, not a thing to take into very serious account in estimating a man's character. And yet . . . the Bible again and again returns to condemn it as one of the most destructive elements in human nature.

The peculiarity of ill temper is that it is the vice of the virtuous. It is often the one blot on an otherwise noble character. You know men who are all but perfect, and women who would be entirely perfect, but for an easily ruffled, quick-tempered, or "touchy" disposition. This compatibility of ill temper with high moral character is one of the strangest and saddest problems of ethics. The truth is there are two great classes of sins—sins of the *Body*, and sins of the *Disposition*. The Prodigal Son may be taken as a type of the first, the Elder Brother of the second.

Now, society has no doubt whatever as to which of these is the worse. Its brand falls, without challenge, upon the Prodigal. But are we right? We have no balance to weigh one another's sins, and coarser and finer are but human words; but faults in the higher nature may be less venial than those in the lower, and to the eye of Him who is Love, a sin against Love may seem a hundred times more base.

No form of vice, not worldliness, not greed or gold, not drunkenness itself, does more to un-christianize society than evil temper. For embittering life, for breaking up communities; for destroying the most sacred relationships; for devastating homes; for withering up men and women; for taking the bloom of childhood; in short, for sheer gratuitous misery-producing power, this influence stands alone.

UNLOVELY CHARACTER OF THE ELDER BROTHER

Look at the Elder Brother, moral, hard-working, patient, dutiful—let him get all credit for his virtues—look at this man, this baby, sulking outside his own father's door. "He was angry," we read, "and would not go in." Look at the effect upon the father, upon the servants, upon the happiness of the guests. Judge of the effect upon the Prodigal—and how many prodigals

are kept out of the kingdom of God by the unlovely character of those who profess to be inside?

Analyze, as a study in Temper, the thunder-cloud itself as it gathers upon the

Go - Teach - Baptize

JUNE and July were happy months for the North England Conference. Every Sabbath, somewhere in these northern counties, a baptismal service told of fruit-
age won from effort invested.

West Africa's baptisms for the first quarter of 1952 totalled 329. But watch this field for something really inspiring very soon!

In the Scottish town of Dunfermline, where Queen Margaret first introduced Sunday laws to Scotland, and where for hundreds of years afterward men and women preferred to die at the stake rather than submit their consciences to Rome, Evangelist Baidam has just baptized eighteen new believers into Christ and received them into church fellowship.

One recent convert to the truth from Pastor T. J. Bradley's mission campaign in Kumasi, West Africa, is showing the true spirit of sharing his faith. Once a week, he visits his relations in their home village to tell them of the truth he loves so fully himself. Fifty of the relatives are listening to his studies!

Evangelist John Wogwugwu, from the Ibo country of West Africa, where he has just conducted a mission campaign, writes: "During our first night lecture we had an audience of about 120, and so the Lord helped us and we kept the audience going until the close of the meeting. That is, we did not have less than 100 every night until the lectures ended on the night of June 22, 1952.

"I am happy to tell you that we have a branch Sabbath-school there now of which the attendance is not less than thirty every Sabbath. That is, twenty-five have been enrolled into a Bible class or baptismal class, with the hope of baptizing some of them at the end of this year."

Can you add to these? If so, please send to the editor your experiences in saving souls at the close of each month under the title, "The Spirit of Evangelism."

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Elder Brother's brow. What is it made of? Jealousy, anger, pride, uncharity, cruelty, self-righteousness, touchiness, doggedness, sullenness—these are the ingredients of this dark and loveless soul. In varying proportions, also, these are the ingredients of all ill temper. Judge if such sins of the disposition are not worse to live in, and for others to live with, than sins of the body.

Did Christ indeed not answer the question Himself when He said, "I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of heaven before you"? There is really no place in heaven for a disposition like this. A man with such a mood could only make heaven miserable for all the people in it. Except, therefore, such a man be born again, he cannot, he simply *cannot*, enter the kingdom of heaven. For it is perfectly certain—and you will not misunderstand me—that to enter heaven a man must take it with him.

RALLIES IN DENMARK

IN THE month of March it was my privilege to hold a series of public meetings in the West and East Danish Conferences, mainly in the interest of our Bible Correspondence School work. Public meetings were conducted in twelve towns in Jutland and Zealand. A special letter of invitation to attend the meetings was sent to each Bible Correspondence School student in the town or district in which the meetings were held. But inasmuch as most towns outside Copenhagen only have from five to twenty-five students (with two or three exceptions), one can understand that the possibility of getting a large congregation of students is very limited. The meetings were advertised for the public in general, through handbills and advertisements in the newspapers.

This plan of going from town to town holding only one or two meetings in each place in order to contact our students and to secure new enrolments is, as far as I know, something new. Personally I think it is a good plan well worth developing and improving. The Advent message is still unknown to millions in our Division, and we can never anticipate the possibility of conducting a long series of meetings in each of the thousands of towns and cities in Northern Europe. Christ did that very work in Palestine and in due time a bountiful harvest was gathered into the fold. We must be sowers before we can be reapers,

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NEWS FLASH

UNDER the leadership of Dr. L. Mark Hamilton, Division Educational secretary, a very successful Educational Council is being carried forward at the Stanborough Park Church, Watford. Representatives from all parts of the Division are present, with the exception of Ethiopia and Poland. Very welcome visitors from the General Conference are E. E. Cossentine and L. R. Rasmussen.

We have been happy to welcome to our Division, Dr. O. Schuberth, Educational secretary of the Southern European Division. Dr. Schuberth is associating with the General Conference brethren at the Division Educational Council.

E. E. Franklin of the General Conference Publishing Department, and G. D. King, secretary of the Division Publishing Department, are at the present time visiting all the home union fields, making a survey of the publishing needs of these fields.

By request of the West Nordic Union, Axel Varmer, Home Missionary and Radio secretary of the Northern European Division, has been released to take the leadership of the Vejlefjord Mission School, Denmark. Pastor Varmer has served in the Division from its provisional re-organization shortly after the last war until the present time. He has worked zealously and with enthusiasm for the extension of the work under his care. We wish for Pastor Varmer the rich blessing of the Lord as he and his wife now take up their new work in Denmark.

D. V. Cowin, Mrs. Cowin, and Dorane, from the union mission headquarters, Accra, West Africa, have been frequent visitors to the Division office in recent weeks. Pastor Cowin, the Departmental secretary for the West African Union, is one of the many attending the Division Educational Council. Together with his family he sails for the United States early in August.

The manager of the Advent Press, Accra, West Africa, H. S. Pearce, together with his wife and son, are recent arrivals in the home field. We are happy to welcome this family back into our midst and our people are enjoying the reports from the mission field which Pastor Pearce has been giving in sections of the British Isles.

Dr. Claude Steen, Jun., accompanied by Mrs. Steen and their three sons, recently spent a few days in London. Dr. Steen is the superintendent of the Mission Hospital at Gimbie, Ethiopia, where he with his associate workers have been doing highly

creditable work for the mission under extremely difficult conditions. We wish for Dr. Steen and his family a very happy period of recuperation with their friends and loved ones in America. Accompanying the Steen family is Mervyn Anderson, eldest son of Dr. M. G. Anderson, superintendent of the Zauditu Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

A veteran missionary from West Africa, C. A. Bartlett, accompanied by his wife, is at present on furlough in the British Isles. The Bartlett family are enjoying a well-earned rest after a very long period of service in various parts of the West African field.

A full programme of visitation on the Continent this summer will keep the Division M.V. and Sabbath-school secretary busy until the end of August. After attending the inspirational conference sessions in Finland, Pastor E. L. Minchin proceeded to the far north of Norway to make his first visit to our youth there at a young people's camp to be held near Narvik. In the latter half of July he attended a combined West and East Norwegian youth camp in South Norway. From August 1st to 10th he hopes to be with about 300 Swedish youth at their beautiful camping grounds, and then proceeds again to Finland to join our Finnish youth in their summer camp. May this season of camps bring great blessing and joy to our youth everywhere.

Missionaries arriving on furlough from West Africa of recent date have been Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Nagel and family, of the Ile-Ife hospital, passing through England *en route* to America; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Clarke and family from the West Nigerian Mission, and Miss Sylvia Turtill, also from the Ile-Ife hospital.

Dr. A. W. Johnson, secretary of the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference, recently passed through England *en route* to America after visiting the Southern European Division.

Despite the difficult times being experienced within the British Isles, it is most heartening to report that the fifty or more student colporteurs seeking to win scholarships for the ensuing school year are meeting with encouraging success. At the end of the eighth week of work these colporteurs report an increase of £1,251 in sales over the same period of a year ago.

E. B. RUDGE.

ERRATUM

IN the May issue of the NORTHERN LIGHT, O. Gudmundsson was inadvertently referred to as the acting president of the Iceland Conference. This should have read, departmental secretary.

Rallies in Denmark

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making our message and work better known to the multitudes.

In several of the towns visited it has been difficult in previous years to create an interest in our message, so it was with some apprehension I began this itinerary. The attendance was nowhere overwhelming, but in several places we had a good-sized audience of very attentive listeners. The congregations ranged from twenty-five to one hundred and twenty-five non-Adventists, and we received good offerings and a number of new enrolments for the Bible School.

In one little town where we did not have a single student in our Bible Correspondence School we received ten good names for enrolment, and everybody was informed that the Correspondence School was operated by the Seventh-day Adventists.

The two Danish Conferences and the local workers gave their whole-hearted co-operation in making this plan a success, and in spite of the fact that the attendance and results of the meetings did not come up to our expectations, I am profoundly convinced that this plan can be set in operation with still greater effect and results. We trust that still more can be done in bringing our Bible Correspondence Courses to the millions.

AXEL VARMER.

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