



Finland—A Diamond Jubilee

By Ragnar Svenson

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THE Advent movement in Finland celebrates its sixtieth anniversary this coming autumn. It was in the autumn of 1892 that Pastor O. Johnsson of Sweden arrived in Helsinki and opened up the work among the Swedish-speaking

people. He began in a small hall in a backyard house. One of the oldest members in the Helsinki-Swedish church tells the following about his first contact with the Advent message:

"My first contact with Pastor Johnsson was in the autumn of 1893. Together with a group of young Salvationists we were on our way to a service, when one in the group said, 'A new preacher has come to town. He is an Adventist and he keeps the old Sabbath. Should we not go and listen to him? He preaches in Batsmansgatan.'

"We all went there. A steep, awkward stairway led up to a hall on the second floor. There was the minister. He was a middle-aged man. His text was Revelation 3:14-21. He spoke very plainly and with conviction. He was moved with sincere enthusiasm. The message he brought con-

cerning the condition of the Christian church in the latter days was convincing and seemed to correspond with my own experience. From my heart the response came, 'Yes, this is the truth indeed.' I continued to attend the meetings, and even before I had really made up my mind as to whether I should join this new movement or not, I began to keep the Sabbath. In the Spring of 1894 I was ready for baptism, and from then a new and glorious experience began for me."

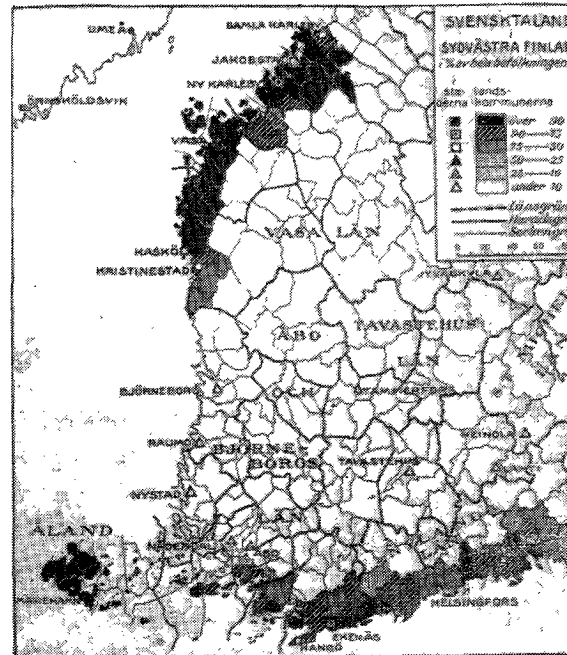
The State church leaders soon became alarmed, and made definite moves in 1895 to have Pastor Johnsson leave the country. One of the leading daily newspapers in Helsinki referred to him as an "emissary of a new sect." The State Church Council was very aggressive, so much so that even the above mentioned newspaper later admitted that the pronouncement of the council "was a hard judgment." The Russian Governor-General, the highest state official in Finland at that time, however, did not interfere and Pastor Johnsson was allowed to continue his work of preaching and teaching.

Rapid steps of advance were soon to be seen in this hard and difficult field. The first Seventh-day Adventist church in Fin-

land was organized in Helsinki in 1894 with twenty-six charter members.

The first institute for training workers in Finland was held in Helsinki from December 27, 1894, to January 13, 1895.

The first missionary paper to be printed in Finland was *Tidens Teken* (*Signs of the Times*) in Swedish. It was started in 1896 with two issues per month.



The dark portions of the map indicate the Swedish settlements in Finland.

The first annual general meeting for Adventist believers was held in Helsinki in the summer of 1896 with about forty members present.

Fifteen colporteurs were already actively engaged in spreading the Advent message through our literature, and they sold not fewer than 14,000 bound books in 1896.

Brother O. Johnsson laboured untiringly in Finland during the years 1892 to 1898. He was then succeeded by Pastor John Hoffman, who came from the United States of America and remained in Finland until 1906.

In 1901 another worker, Pastor Fred Anderson, arrived from America, and he was chosen as leader of the Finland mission, when Brother Hoffman left. Brother Anderson organized three new churches in Swedish-speaking centres of Finland. It was also under his leadership that the Advent message began to be preached in Finnish. Two young men, Hugo Mikkonen and Nestor Svander were the first to preach directly in Finnish. At this time young men were sent abroad for an education in our own schools in England, Germany, and Sweden.

One of the brethren who entered the work in Finland during Brother Hoffman's time of leadership, Otto Höglund, is still in active service. He is a colporteur-evangelist. He started in the colporteur ministry in 1902. For fifty long years he has faithfully served both as a colporteur and as a successful leader of the colporteur work in Finland. In spite of his age, Brother Höglund is still very active as a full-time colporteur. One of his last weekly reports registered sixty-three hours. Only two colporteurs out of the 154 in Finland that same week

held a higher hour record than Brother Höglund. During his many years of service he has helped to spread thirty-six different truth-filled books in Finland.

Another worker from the early days in Finland is Pastor O. Angervo, now editor in the Swedish Publishing House in Stockholm. He was called to Finland in 1905, and served eleven years altogether in two different periods. He was the only Swedish worker in Finland who learned the Finnish language. He also spent much time in working for the Finnish-speaking population. He served as principal of the Missionary Training School in Finland for several years. Regarding his impressions from the beginning of his work in Finland, Brother Angervo, says, "The old-time piety and reverence for the Word of God and holy things made a lasting impression on me, when I came to Finland. For instance, I remember the farmer who removed his hat from his head when I introduced to him the book *Steps to Christ*, while he was working in the field. I remember also the professor in Helsinki, who, unconcerned about the things of this world, its honour and riches, chose rather to share his lot with the poor and insignificant Advent people, in humble obedience to the present truth that was preached."

The Finnish Conference was organized in 1909. At that time there were 160 members in four churches. Pastor L. Muderspach, from Denmark, was called to serve as president. He laboured in Finland until 1914. Greater progress was evident from then on, and more active work was done in the Finnish language.

About this time the young brethren who had studied abroad, returned. Three of these brethren, who will always be mentioned together in this connection, are A. Rintala, V. Kohtanen, and K. Soisalo. At this time the Swedish-speaking constituency also had the joy of seeing one of their own young men, Assian Rautelin, join the staff of workers in the conference. This brother, however, was laid to rest after a very few years of service.

Pastor C. O. Carlstjerna from Sweden was called to the leadership after Brother Muderspach. He served ably from 1914 to 1917. Then toward the close of the first World War and during the difficult years of the civil war, Professor V. Sucksdorff, a lay brother, was appointed leader. Brother Sucksdorff was held in high esteem in wide circles, and among all classes of people. The work among the Finnish-speaking people made good progress at this time. The evangelists and ministers preached



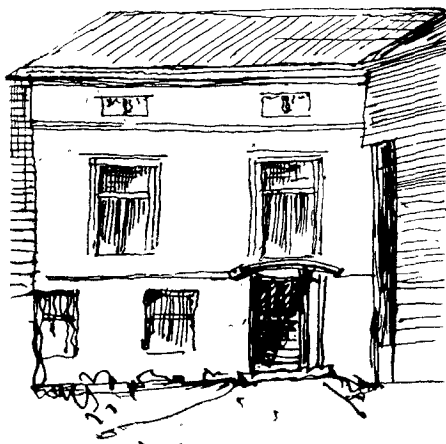
Pastor O. Johnsson brought the Advent message to Finland in 1892.

with power, and God gave His blessing to the spoken word.

In 1919 Pastor C. Gidlund from Sweden joined the force of workers in Finland, and he gave himself to the Swedish-speaking people, who had been neglected for a number of years. A new day began in earnest in both languages in Finland, and many churches were raised up. Brother Gidlund served ten years in Finland, and many accepted the truth through his ministry.

In 1921 Pastor A. Rintala was elected president, and he served until 1932, when he was called to serve as principal of the new training school at Toivonlinna. In 1929 the conference was divided on linguistic grounds into a Finnish and a Swedish conference. Brother C. O. Carlstjerna was called back to Finland again to serve as president of the newly organized Swedish Conference. Brethren A. Rintala, V. Kohtanen, and K. Soisalo served as presidents of the Finnish Conference for various periods until 1946, when the conference was divided in two with Pastor T. Seljavaara as president of the East Finland Conference, and Pastor A. Arasola as president of the West Finland Conference.

Pastor A. Blomstedt was called to succeed Brother Carlstjerna in the Swedish Conference in 1932, and he served efficiently until 1937, when he was called to the leadership of one of the conferences in Sweden. The Union Conference president looked after the interests of the conference



Ba'smansgatan 25, Helsingfors—the backyard house where the Advent Message was first preached in Finland.

TOIVONLINNA—The Castle of Hope

By Dr. H. Karstrom, *Principal*

for a year, and in 1938 Pastor John Larsson was chosen as leader. Brother Larsson served very faithfully and courageously all through the difficult war years, and returned to Sweden in 1946, when the writer was asked to come back to Finland again to take over the leadership of the Swedish conference, where he had earlier served several years as an evangelist and pastor.

In Finland a great spirit of revival and awakening has been manifest both during the late war and after. This has especially been seen in the Finnish-speaking fields, where the workers have had large multitudes attending the meetings and many souls have been won for the truth of God.

As we face this important anniversary, remembering that when Brother Johnsson went to Finland sixty years ago there was only one known Seventh-day Adventist in all Finland, and that now there are about 5,000 who rejoice in the blessed hope, we take courage. One lone minister then, and now there is a large corps of courageous workers who are preaching the Advent message to the people in Finland.

We thank God for what He has made possible during these years in Finland. We have now a good training school for our youth, a growing publishing work and two Bible Correspondence Schools to meet the needs of the two peoples living in Finland. We have also seen how churches and chapels have been built in different places. The people have had a mind to work, and God has blessed their humble efforts. It is with thankfulness that we look back on the past, and with courage and confidence that we look forward.

We rejoice because of the faithful work that the Lord's servants have rendered in various ways during these sixty years. We sincerely pray that the living flame on the altar of sacrifice may continue to burn in each of our hearts until the work is finished, for we know that we have only a short time left in which to work.

ROBBING GOD

"BUT while He pronounces a blessing upon those who bring in their tithes, He pronounces a curse upon those who withhold them. Very recently I have had direct light from the Lord upon this question, that many Seventh-day Adventists were robbing God in tithes and offerings, and it was plainly revealed to me that Malachi has stated the case as it really is. Then how dare any man even think in his heart that a suggestion to withhold tithes and offerings, is from the Lord?"—*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 60.



SINCE the year 1917 we have had our own mission school in Finland. First the school was conducted in a small villa in the town of Hämeenlinna (Tavastehus) in Central Finland, but from 1932 it has been situated here in this lovely place near the sea coast of south Finland, about twenty-four kilometres from the town of Turku (Abo).

The school has a four-year course corresponding to a secondary school. The students come to us after they have completed six years in a Folk's school. We are happy that we have our own school, for it has been a great blessing to our people and our work in Finland. Never have we lacked students. Our largest enrolment was in 1948-1949 when 161 were in attendance. This was far too many for the limited accommodation we had. Last year we had 102, and a very good school year. Twenty-one students graduated.

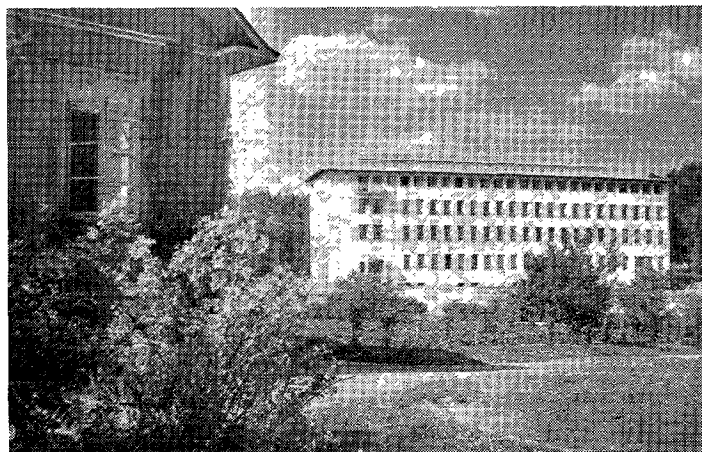
A ministerial course was introduced for the first time last year and was sponsored by Pastor A. Y. Rintala. Brother Rintala has been a very successful minister for many years here in Finland, and he has also been conference president, principal of the school, and union president. Nine students attended his classes. We all felt that the Spirit of God was working

in a special way. We hope that many of our good Advent youth who desire to enter the work of God will avail themselves of this ministerial course. We feel sure it will be a great blessing to the work in Finland, and will enable us to send some of our young people into the mission field.

The plan is that the ministerial course shall be two school years, and that the students who finish will then be able to go to the senior college in England as soon as it opens. In this way it will be possible for our Finnish young people to go out to the mission fields, for we know that quite a few have already been looking forward to this for a number of years. May God richly bless the plans laid for the senior college and may it soon be a reality.

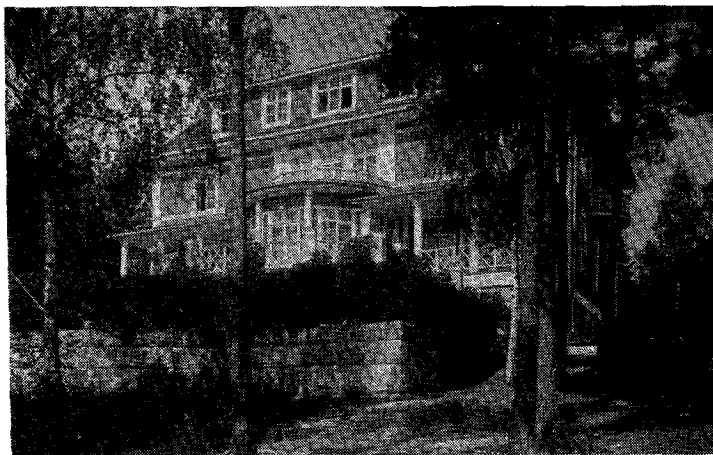
Besides the usual subjects taught, the students have two hours of practical work daily. Some do not mind working three or even four hours a day. The work done is of great value to the school and it also helps the students with some of their expenses. We have not been able to offer any particular trade so far, but the girls learn domestic arts and sewing. They weave rugs, curtains, table cloths and many other fabrics, while the boys do metal work, carpentry, building, and gardening.

During the school year the students meet each morning at 6.30—half an hour before their school work commences—for worship and prayer. We have also been holding several meetings in our neighbourhood. As a result, three precious souls have connected with the church, among them a very fine boy who has just taken his pre-



Toivonlinna, the Finland Mission School.

THE CASTLE OF HOPE



Toivonlinna — the home of the summer sanitarium.

ing of songs and music, or else games down by the lake. We are happy to see how the guests enjoy these simple entertainments.

We are very grateful that the Advent message has reached our little northern country with its four million inhabitants, and that we have such a fine place as Toivonlinna for our school. Our prayer is that this place may be a stronghold for our youth as well as for our summer guests, and that all may bear witness to the Advent message which we love so dearly.

AROUND
THE CONFERENCES — 2

ON the evening of June 12th, Pastors W. B. Ochs, A. F. Tarr, and the writer, set sail for the little country of Finland, or Suomi, as the Finns call it. Songs about Finland call her the Land of the Thousand Lakes, but in reality that thousand multiplied by forty comes nearer the truth. In the interior of the country these lakes form an immense network of waterways permitting hundreds of miles of travel by river steamer, boat, barge or raft.

As our steamer from Stockholm chugged along through the night we passed countless wooded islands, some just promontories jutting out of the water, while others were much large and fairly well populated. These islands estimated at no fewer than 30,000, constitute the densest archipelago in the world.

We could have remained on deck throughout the night watching the beautiful panorama before us and spotting little centres of activity along the broken coastline, for it was summer time and the days seemed to melt into each other through only short periods of twilight. However,

liminary examination. Six students were baptized last school year. May the Lord richly bless these precious souls.

Immediately at the close of school we had our colporteur institute. About 140 colporteurs were in attendance, and the institute proved very helpful and instructive.

After this institute everything had to be prepared for the summer sanitarium which was due to open on June 4th. Many of the colporteurs helped in this important work. More than eighty gave one day's free help toward our sanitarium. I think this was another fine example of the sacrifice of our Advent people.

We have had a summer sanitarium at our school since 1933. Usually we open about June 1st and close on August 31st. During the five years of the war we had to close down because of shortage of food. At our

as possible. We serve no meat, but we have had to use some fish, especially at the beginning of the summer when vegetables are so very difficult to procure in these northern countries. The guests have usually been very well satisfied with their food, and like the sanitarium as a whole. Many who have been accustomed to meat say they enjoy the good vegetarian food, and have even tried to do with less meat on their return home. Some say they have made quite a success of it with the help of the recipes which our good cook has provided for them.

On Sunday and Wednesday nights we usually have devotional services or health lectures for the guests. These services are listened to with good attention, as are the Friday evening services. The social programmes on Saturday nights are always popular. These take the form of an even-

	1948	1949	1950	1951
Patients received	186	362	357	354
Number ward days	2898	5433	5824	5667
Number ward days per person	15.7	15	16.3	16
Approximate patients per day	35.3	59.05	63.3	63
Transactions	£3258.12.6	£4987.12.10	£6329.14.10	£9595.5.7

sanitarium we use the same well-known physical therapy treatments as are given at our Skodsborg Sanitarium.

In 1948 our summer sanitarium opened once again, and we had forty guests. Since the new school building has been finished, we have had eighty to ninety guests. The following are some interesting facts about the sanitarium:

During the past summers, Brethren Onni Kari-Koskinen and Leo Hirvonen and Sister Eila Jutila have been the attending doctors.

We have endeavoured to follow the guidance of the Spirit of prophecy as far

Toivonlinna—the fine group of young people in the 1952 graduating class.



the next day was to be a busy one, and long periods without sleep can be exhausting to the traveller. So we left the enchanting scene and, in broad daylight, sought repose in our cabins.

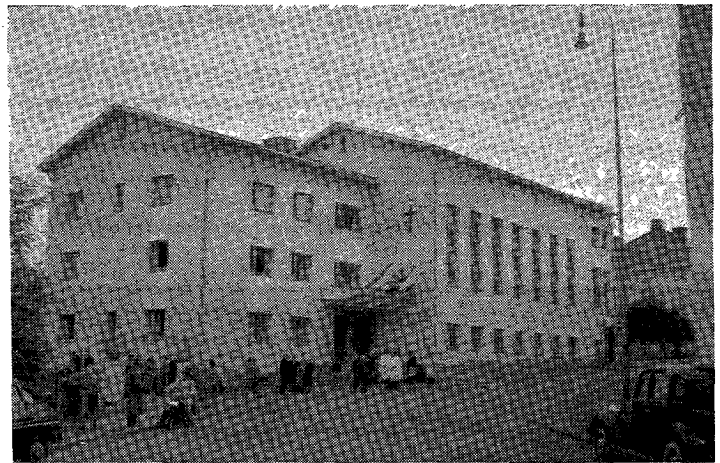
Early the following morning we arrived in Turku, the old capital of Finland, and the home of both the Turku University and the Swedish Academy, two of the three universities in the country. University education is open to every citizen in this progressive land, while some seventy-four residential Folk High Schools supply those between sixteen and twenty-five with education along other lines. Then there are the model kindergarten and nursing schools which have won for Finland the title of the Children's Paradise.

Most of our workers in this part of the field had already left for Tampere, in the north, where the North Finnish session was due to open that day. We planned to go north too, but first wished to pay a flying visit to our Finnish school at Toivonlinna. Dr. and Mrs. Karström had made arrangements for our quick transport out to the school, and on our arrival we were given a warm welcome.

The campus was astir with activity, for the rooms which had housed the hundred students during the school year were now being turned into neat little bedrooms in preparation for the guests of the summer sanitarium. Of particular interest were the home-spun curtains, tablecloths, bed covers, and rugs, all looking so bright and fresh, and all the handiwork of the students in the industrial arts class. Beds, chairs, and tables, so clean and cheerful in their new coats of paint, were the products of the woodwork class. So the school is able to furnish its summer venture at comparatively little cost.

A fine work is being done by the staff

Tampere Church, where the North Finnish Conference was in session. The flags which welcomed the delegates included the American flag in honour of the General Conference representative and the British flag for the Division representatives.



of Toivonlinna in training the Advent youth of Finland for service, as was evidenced later at the conference session by the encouraging reports of some of their old students now in the field.

Being a professor of bio-chemistry at the Turku University, Dr. Karström gave us some very interesting information regarding the growing tendency of present-day science to uphold more and more the wonderful health principles to which we as a denomination are heirs.

After sampling the wholesome wholemeal bread served on the school table, we were interested to see the floor mill which the school operates in order to ensure the very best quality wholemeal for the students' consumption. We also made passing acquaintance with the famous Sano or Finnish baths, while outside all around us were beautiful views of woodlands, lakes, and streams.

Time passed all too quickly and we were once more on our way by bus to Tampere, headquarters of our North Finnish Conference. On arrival we found the fine new

Tampere church, which was dedicated just a year ago, filled to overflowing, for the meetings had already commenced.

Almost from the moment we entered the church we felt a wonderful bond of fellowship with these sincere, earnest people who have such an intense love for the things of God. Throughout the conference the sweet influence of the Holy Spirit seemed to envelop us. Prayer meetings were a special joy when not a second was wasted as souls poured forth their love, loyalty, and gratitude to their Maker.

On Sabbath afternoon the testimony meeting brought a wonderful refreshing, as many from among the great throng of possibly a thousand came forward to speak before the microphone. Positively thrilling were the experiences related of victory over sin, of divine healing, and of comfort in time of most severe trials. One dear sister had had the bitter experience of losing two of her children through starvation, but here she was praising the Lord for others which she now had. Some wept for joy as they spoke of blessings received, others bore testimony by singing, accompanying themselves softly on the guitar, an instrument used to great effect in Finland. Time was the only factor that could stop this outpouring of feeling from this devoted congregation.

The services throughout the conferences were greatly enriched by the singing of the youth choirs, while an ensemble of ten or twelve guitars played a tender, lilting accompaniment to their beautiful songs of Zion.

Another interesting feature at this spiritual feast was the presence in our midst of a fine group of lady evangelists. One was not surprised at this for Finland was the first country in the world to grant equal suffrage to woman. These young sisters had



Lady evangelists who are sounding the Loud Cry in Finland.

been recruited in most cases from our school at Toivonlinna during the war years when the men had been in the army. Their work had proved so successful that the plan was still in operation, even though the men were back at their posts again. Hundreds of souls were rejoicing in the truth as a result of their work, and large churches had been raised up. Many of the candidates who were baptized on the Sabbath were personally conducted to the font by these ladies who had won them to the truth. And then to see these sisters quietly in charge of the evangelistic meetings in the evenings, their watchful, experienced eye ever ready to render the necessary help, whether it be in the arrangement of the rostrum, the comfort of the speaker of the evening, or the many wants of the waiting congregation, such as welcoming the visitors, carrying or leading invalids to vantage seats, and bringing about in general an atmosphere of deep fellowship among the worshippers, capturing their hearts with their winning smiles. I could not but feel a little envious for so many of our capable sisters in other countries, not blessed with this conventional freedom. What were these preachers like? I will tell you—orderly, polite, independent, thorough and co-operative, in addition to being gifted with initiative and entirely lacking in self-consciousness. Their lot was not always an easy one for the destroyer of souls is as ardently at work in Finland as elsewhere, and on occasions their little flock has been ruthlessly wrested from them. May God richly bless these dear sisters as they bravely and tirelessly work for Him in the great harvest field of Finland.

Pastor O. Peltonen, union departmental secretary, was appointed president of the conference. Many tears were shed as the congregation bade good-bye to Pastor A. Arasola, their beloved leader and out-going president. He had watched their new church being erected and had been instrumental in raising its membership from ninety to about four hundred and fifty during his service there.

Farewells over, we were again on the road south to Helsinki, the capital of Finland. This is a clean, attractive, modern city, having its spotless harbour right in its centre. Their many interesting modern buildings include a fine railway station, a real show building, designed by Eliel Saarinen, Finland's best known architect. The capital was in full preparation for the Olympic games which were just a few weeks ahead. Finland has many famous sons who

have gained international reputation for her. There are men like Nurmi, the great sportsman, Edelfelt the painter, and Sibelius the composer. While the Finns are neither wealthy nor powerful, yet they do have courage and integrity and a vision which enabled them during their 700 years of domination to show a remarkable power of peaceful resistance to absorption by other peoples. They have been able to take the best from them without in any way losing their own individuality.

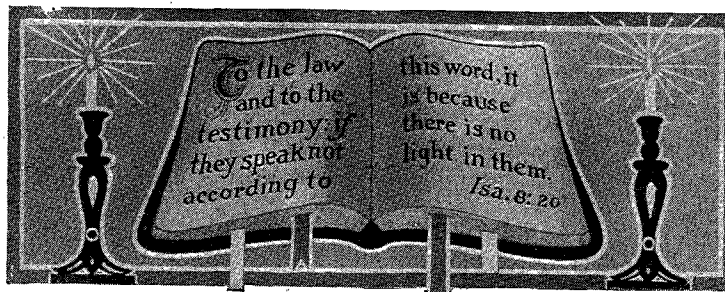
The East Finnish Conference convened in the People's Hall under the chairmanship of Pastor Seljavaara, one of our most successful evangelists in Finland. Later in

the session Pastor Arasola was appointed president of this conference, and it was decided that Pastor Seljavaara should engage in evangelism in the old capital of Turku.

A telegram was received from the President of Finland in appreciation of a telegram of loyalty which had been sent earlier to him by the delegates in session.

We left Finland with our hearts warmed and our spirits cheered and we returned to Stockholm where we collected our car and set out west for the East Norway Conference which was to convene in Oslo on June 17th to 22nd. THE EDITOR.

(To be concluded.)



THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

By A. Floyd Tarr

THE influence of the Bible Conference will live long in the lives and service of those who were privileged to attend. For thirteen days we met together in the spacious Sligo church, which seats well over 2,000 people, and listened to messages from denominational leaders, Bible scholars, and leading evangelists. Present from our Division for part or full time were: A. F. Tarr, G. A. Lindsay, W. L. Emerson, Alf Lohne, P. Voorthuis, G. N. Banks, Gösta Berglund, D. V. Cowin, H. J. Welch and Mrs. Welch, E. Keslake, J. D. Meade and Mrs. Meade.

It was evident from the beginning that much careful study and planning had laid the foundation for the blessings that we were now to enjoy. Every one of the eighty addresses seemed to fill its own appointed niche in a most comprehensive structure. All were calculated to unify and energize the church, and to bring spiritual food and refreshment to our individual souls.

Time and again we were carried back to the early days of the Advent movement, when in an atmosphere of prayer and

heart-searching the brethren would spend long periods in study, earnestly seeking the guidance and light they needed in the great task before them.

One of the subjects most deeply appreciated was that presented by Pastor W. H. Branson in a series of three address: The Lord Our Righteousness. It was good to hear such statements as these: "We are not saved by what we do for God, but wholly and completely by what God does for us." And again: "This message of justification through faith in Christ Jesus, must become the dominating note in all our preaching. Then let us begin now in all earnestness to preach it to our people."

Pastor L. E. Froom, dealing with the topic: The Advent Message Built Upon the Foundation of Many Generations, declared: "We should take our right place in God's planning for these times. This is the hour when we must 'walk about Zion, and round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark . . . well her bulwarks.'" Psa. 48:12, 13.

F. D. Nichol, speaking on: The In-

creasing Timeliness of the Third Angel's Message, instanced the surprise expressed to him by a Baptist minister on learning that Seventh-day Adventists were not, like other churches, split on the doctrine of Evolution. The minister had inquired how this could possibly be. Brother Nichol had replied: "How could we be split on evolution when every week of every year every Seventh-day Adventist puts aside his work and spends a whole day in thinking of God as Creator?"

Continuing, Brother Nichol admonished: "We should strike hard on that word, 'Everlasting,' as we preach the Gospel. We are no new sect. We are to reaffirm the uniqueness of God's message to men, calling them back to Him who made heaven and earth, whose hour of judgment is come, and whose hand is set to save His people."

M. K. Eckenroth, on: Christ the Centre of All True Preaching, reminded the ministry of the purpose of every sermon: "That we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Col. 1:28. And of the words of the Spirit of prophecy, "Let the science of salvation be the burden of every

sermon, the theme of every song."—*Gospel Workers*, page 160.

R. A. Anderson, on: World Evangelism Our Basic Task, reminded us that "while lengthening our material cords we must be sure that we are strengthening our spiritual stakes."

W. E. Read presented a series of addresses on: The Closing Events of the Great Controversy, incorporating some striking thought-provoking material both from the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy on the battle, or "war," of Armageddon.

W. L. Emmerson, from our own Division, gave two very helpful sermons on: Life Only Through Christ, and Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch, three on: The Gospel in Type and Antitype.

But it would be difficult to select for special mention one topic or speaker above another. The conference, from its opening meeting to the very closing moments, was filled with inspiration and blessing for everyone who attended. We return to our homes with a new appreciation of the beauty and verity of our message, and of the all-consuming zeal with which we must proclaim it to others.

London Campaign

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into the necessary working out of the plan, and over 4,000 reserved seat tickets were issued for the three meetings. For weeks the British Adventist membership was organized into groups praying for the abundant success of the campaign meetings and yet, when we came to the theatre on Sunday, September 21st, we were hardly prepared for that abundant answer from on high.

The queue of waiting people which began to gather in the early afternoon rapidly lengthened until it spilled over into three streets and in order to help maintain order the London police came to our aid. It is conservatively estimated that nearly six thousand people gathered for the 4.30 meeting, which meant that many thousands had to be disappointed at being unable to gain entrance. But we were happy that the majority chose to stay and wait in the queue for the 6.30 meeting, when the theatre seating 2,500 people was again filled to capacity and yet the crowd was not all inside. When the doors opened for the 8 p.m. meeting, the theatre was filled a third time. It was a very interested audience that listened attentively to the message which Pastor Vandeman presented, and which was beautifully illustrated by coloured films of the heavens.

We are sure that the readers of the NORTHERN LIGHT rejoice with us in this amazing response for the opening meetings. Over two thousand people have asked for reserved seats for next week and even though we are forced to cancel the idea of reserved seats as the crowds were so large, yet it does indicate an astonishing interest in the series being presented.

We send out our greetings to all of our brethren and sisters throughout the Northern European Division and ask that you continue to pray for God's hand to be over this campaign. There are many problems and difficulties but under the blessing of God they can be surmounted, and hundreds of souls won for the Kingdom.

From time to time we will send word through these pages of the progress of the campaign, and as we continue to press on with our work in this vast metropolis of London we will not fail to remember you in our prayers—you who are holding aloft the torch of truth in your own home lands. We thank God for these abundant evidences of His interest in our work, and rededicate ourselves to His service and the finishing of His work.

T. J. BRADLEY.

SPEAKERS AND THEIR TOPICS

TOPIC	SPEAKER
Objectives of the Bible Conference	W. H. Branson
Recent Discoveries Confirm the Bible	S. H. Horn
Christ the Centre of All True Preaching	M. K. Eckenroth
The Spirit of Prophecy in the Remnant Church	D. E. Rebok
The Gospel in Type and Antitype	W. G. C. Murdoch
The Cross and the Atonement	T. G. Bunch
The Mediatorial Ministry of Jesus Christ	H. L. Rudy
The Covenants, the Law, and the Gospel	E. Heppenstall
Life Only Through Christ	W. L. Emmerson
The Increasing Timeliness of the Threefold Message	F. D. Nichol
Antichrist in History and Prophecy	F. H. Yost
The Advent Message Built Upon the Foundations of Many Generations	L. E. Froom
Evidences of Christ's Imminent Return	A. S. Maxwell
The Closing Events of the Great Controversy	W. E. Read
Our Bodies a Living Sacrifice	T. R. Flaiz
	J. W. McFarland
The Companions of the Lamb	T. H. Jemison
The Gospel Commission and the Remnant Church	W. R. Beach
World Evangelism Our Basic Task	R. A. Anderson
The Place of Prophecy in Our Preaching	A. V. Olson
The Witness of Science	Ernest Booth
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NEWS FLASH

FOR the first time in many years, Pitcairn Island has had a representative visiting the British Isles. In the middle of August, Brother Vernon Young, a representative Seventh-day Adventist of the Pitcairn Island Church, came to London as a guest of the New Zealand Shipping Company, for whom he does some business on the island of Pitcairn. For some days Brother Young was the guest of the British Union Conference at Stanborough Park, Watford. There he met with the brethren and had some interesting news to tell of life on Pitcairn. He returned home on the S.S. *Rangitoto* on September 5th.

On September 21st, the London evangelic campaign commenced in the Coliseum Theatre. Pastors G. E. Vandeman, B. Glanzer, and T. J. Bradley have associated with them a force of almost forty workers in this great effort. These workers have been selected from the various conferences in the British Union, and from a number of the local conferences in the Scandinavian fields. A great interest has been aroused in this tremendous effort to bring the message into the heart of London.

We have been pleased to welcome back to the Division Office, Dr. L. Mark Hamilton, who spent several weeks visiting the training schools in the home unions in Scandinavia in company with Professor L. R. Rasmussen of the General Conference Educational Department.

Brethren G. D. King and E. E. Franklin have returned to London after completing their survey of the publishing work in the home unions of this Division. Their report is awaited with much interest.

On the S.S. *Tamale*, sailing from Liverpool to Port Harcourt, West Africa, were
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CONGRATULATIONS West African Union Mission on the successful completion of "Operation Mille Won"

THE following telegram has been received at Division headquarters:

"OPERATION MILLE WON completed with 1,120 baptisms on September 6th.—Gibson, Annis."

No doubt you have heard something of the plan of the West African Union Mission known as "Operation MILLE WON" to achieve a total of 1,000 baptisms on September 6th. They have succeeded in passing their goal by 120 baptisms with figures from one district still to come. This is a very wonderful achievement, and we share the satisfaction and pleasure of our brethren in West Africa at this time.

E. B. RUDGE.

LONDON CAMPAIGN

I AM sure that readers of the NORTHERN LIGHT will be anxiously awaiting news of the opening meetings of the campaign in London which Pastor G. E. Vandeman and Pastor B. Glanzer of the General Conference Ministerial Association have come over to conduct.

It will be recalled that arrangements were made to use the London Coliseum Theatre twice on each Sunday, but the response to the invitations sent out was so overwhelming that a last minute plan had to be devised which meant arranging for a third meeting on the Sunday evening. With faith, the campaign team moved

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Brother and Sister Wilfred Futcher, going to East Nigeria. Brother Futcher is to serve as Educational Secretary for that interesting and rapidly growing section of our field.

We wish for the rich blessing of the Lord to rest upon the work of Brother and Sister Futcher as they begin their labours for the youth of East Nigeria.

During the month of August we have had visits in and around from three representatives of the Australasian field: Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch, accompanied by Pastor B. H. MacMahon, reached London August 8th. Dr. Murdoch, for many years well known as an educational worker in the British Union, is now the president of the Australasian Missionary College. Pastor MacMahon is the Educational and Missionary secretary of the Australasian Union.

Our third visitor, Pastor C. L. Ulrich, is the manager of the Signs Publishing Company, the publishing house for the Australasian Division, having succeeded the late J. C. Craven.

Recent visitors to London on their way home to a well-earned period of furlough in the United States, were Pastor and Mrs. J. D. Meade of West Africa. Pastor Meade serves the East Nigerian Mission as Sabbath-school and Young People's Missionary Volunteer secretary. Mrs. Meade has also rendered valuable service in connection with our educational work in East Nigeria, recently having assisted the Ihie Training School.

E. B. RUDGE.

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MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON

January-June, 1952

	Membership Jan. 1, 1952	Membership June 30, 1952	Number Baptized	TOTAL GAINS
British Union	6,797	6,935	191	138
East Nordic Union	8,339	8,376	202	37
Ethiopian Union Mission	745	790	46	45
Iceland Mission	360	369	12	9
Netherlands Union	2,173	2,232	76	59
Polish Union (1950)	3,034	3,034
West African Union	11,698	12,454	1,033	756
West Nordic Union	8,310	8,443	217	133
	41,456	42,633	1,777	1,177

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