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## A Witness to God's Power

THE statistical reports in this special supplement of the NORTHERN LIGHT bring to us a sense of deep appreciation of the blessing of the Lord that has been over His work, and of the devoted and loyal support of our membership in all that concerns the development of the work of God.

Many years ago Sister White said: "The work that the Gospel embraces as missionary work is a straightforward, substantial work which will shine brighter and brighter unto the perfect day." The facts and figures available to us in the pages of this supplement afford clear-cut evidence that the Lord is using His people to realize the ideal of this statement.

Among the most satisfying activities of our church work is that of the Sabbath schools. This report calls attention to the fact that in 1953, 312 new Sabbath schools were organized. Unfortunately, there appears to be a lack somewhere in the reporting of the membership, as the figures given here indicate a slight fall.

The force of workers supported by the tithes and offerings of our people during 1953 totalled 1,861. The efforts of these workers, combined with that of the churchmembers, have been successful in building up the membership throughout the Division. At the end of 1953 the membership for the Division totalled 46,365, a net increase of 1,880 for the year. It is interesting to recall the fact that on January 1, 1950, our baptized membership was 36,665. In the four years that have since elapsed, we report a net gain of 9,700 baptized members. The outstanding gains have been in our mission fields. Ethiopia reports over this period a gain in membership of over 100 per cent; West Africa, with a total membership of 15,232, shows a gain of 81 per cent.

A strong literature work has been

carried forward during the current year, but in the face of difficulties that in recent months have tended to increase, there has been a slight fall in the sale of our subscription books. The figures indicate an encouraging increase in the sale of periodicals and magazines.

The medical missionary work carried on in the home and mission fields is providing physical and spiritual help for many thousands. Charity work in excess of £13,438 is reported for 1953. 1,035 doctors, nurses and other helpers have together cared for 291,815 patients. Our five mission hospitals, together with five small mission clinics, met the physical needs of 135,250 patients in 1953. This surely is an accomplishment that is most heartening to all who have contributed to the funds that have made this humanitarian service possible.

Special attention should be directed to the accomplishment of our radio work and Bible correspondence schools. This work began in this Division in 1947 in the British, Netherland, and West Nordic Unions, and in the other home bases in 1948.

Since this work began, a total of 2,770 baptisms have been reported; 600 of these represent the fruitage of this work during 1953. Since the inception of this work, 111,508 students have been enrolled and 44,590 students have completed the courses of study. This certainly is a most encouraging result from this work that has enjoyed the co-operation of ministers, church leaders, and members.

We commend to the readers of this supplement a careful study of all the facts and figures that are outlined. In conclusion we should state that the tithes and offerings, with one or two exceptions, all show a marked advance over the contributions for the preceding year.

In reviewing this report, I am reminded of a statement made more than fifty years ago by the servant of the Lord which is realized in the experience of our work to-day. "The Gospel is to be presented, not as a lifeless theory, but as a living force to change the life. God desires that the receivers of His grace shall be witnesses to its power."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 826.

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### Membership Report for the Year 1953

	Baptisms for 1953	Net Increase for 1953	Church Membership December 31, 1953
British Union .....	453	321	7257
East Nordic Union .....	446	200	8490
Ethiopian Union Mission .....	235	239	1097
Netherland Union .....	105	15	2240
Polish Union .....	—	—	3150
West African Union Mission .....	1426	964	15232
West Nordic Union .....	398	143	8535
Iceland Mission .....	3	-2	364
Total	3066	1880	46365



# Missionary Volunteer Report for the Year 1953

	British Union	East Nordic Union	Ethiopian Union Mission	Netherlands Union	Polish Union (1950 Figures)	West African Union	West Nordic Union	Iceland Mission	Total 1953	Total 1952	+ Increase Decrease
<b>SOCIETY ORGANIZATION</b>											
Number of Societies ...	83	49	11	20	52	216	111	3	545	452	93+
Membership .....	1648	1105	666	269	1163	9673	2531	91	17146	10517	6629+
Average No. Reporting	381	262	33	—	—	4016	186	—	4878	1627	3251+
Per Cent Reporting .....	23	24	5	—	—	42	7	—	28	15	13+
Number Baptized .....	42	40	174	61	—	505	9	2	833	749	84+
<b>DEVOTION AND EDUCATION</b>											
Number Observing Morning Watch.....	411	250	450	290	—	6301	1108	95	8905	1997	6908+
Bible Year or Character Classics Certificates Issued	108	366	102	9	—	15	639	15	1254	1406	152—
Reading Course Certificates Issued .....	175	19	400	40	—	133	713	—	1480	1238	242+
<b>MV CLASSES</b>											
MV Honours Issued ...	216	280	312	390	—	74	261	—	1533	786	747+
Persons Invested (Friends, Companions, Guides)	100	327	215	196	—	1235	157	74	2305	1499	806+
Master Guides Invested	19	25	19	74	—	114	19	7	277	159	118+
<b>EVANGELISTIC ACTIVITIES</b>											
Bible Readings or Gospel Meetings .....	429	1517	755	169	—	12614	6385	89	21958	14881	7077+
Missionary Contacts .....	1161	11214	677	93	—	12312	6507	6	31970	20805	11165+
Literature Distributed ...	115798	45426	2711	19163	—	21605	128811	175	333689	300643	33046+
<b>WELFARE ACTIVITIES</b>											
Clothing Given Away ...	—	512	172	—	—	439	—	—	1123	1278	155—
Persons Helped .....	8252	306	75	14	—	29856	466	—	38969	20847	18122+
Treatments Given .....	—	25	122	60	—	191	243	—	641	397	244+

## Report of the Educational Institutions for the Year 1953

NAME	ADDRESS	No. of Buildings	No. of Acres	Capacity	Grades 1—8	Grades 9—12	Grades 13—16	Teachers	Other Employees	Grades Done	Library No. of Vols.	Laboratory	Manual Training Facilities	Stud. Grad.	Grad. Grade 12	Graduated Grade 14	Grade 16	Students Entered Work
Bekwai Training School	Box 45, Bekwai, Gold Coast, West Africa	24	60	560	178	288	—	22	15	1-12	1400	Yes	Yes	54	—	—	—	54
Danish Mission School	Vejlefjord, Daugaard, Denmark	12	99	125	—	88	36	10	6	9-14	1810	Yes	Yes	21	14	7	—	6
Ethiopian Union Training School	P.O. Box 145, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	10	1000	100	100	—	—	9	9	1-8	150	No	Yes	11	—	—	—	—
Finland Mission School	Piikkio, Toivenlinna, Finland	27	112	150	—	94	—	10	9	7-11	2131	Yes	Yes	23	—	—	—	2
Iceland Mission School	Ölfus, Iceland	7	640	45	—	33	—	4	3	9-12	280	No	Yes	12	12	—	—	1
Liberian Mission School	Konola, Monrovia, Liberia, W. Africa	5	85	120	106	4	—	5	—	1-10	—	No	No	2	—	—	—	—
Netherland Missionary School	Amersfoortsestraat 18, Huis ter Heide, Netherlands	5	80	70	—	19	22	9	6	7-15	1820	Yes	Yes	8	—	8	—	6
Newbold Missionary College	Bracknell, Berks., England	8	80	100	—	37	73	10	5	9-16	7000	Yes	No	11	—	11	—	9
Nigerian Training College	Ihiie (via Nbwoso), Nigeria, W. Africa	26	122	300	200	114	19	16	—	1-14	2000	No	Yes	44	—	—	—	44
Swedish Mission School	Ekebyholm, Rimbo, Sweden	40	1730	150	—	42	8	8	7	9-14	3100	Yes	Yes	6	3	3	—	3
Total 1953		164	4008	1720	584	719	158	103	60		19691			192	29	29	—	125
Total 1952		140	4327	1850	567	504	334	99	60		16990			154	19	61	—	97







# Report of the Publishing Houses for the Year 1953

NAME	ADDRESS	Book Sales	Periodical Sales	Total Value Literature Sold	Buildings	Employees	Periodicals	Languages
Advent Press	Box 0102, Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa	\$ 10752.32	\$ 2912.14	\$ 13664.46	2	24	5	6
Copenhagen Publishing House	Suomisvej 5, Copenhagen V, Denmark	\$ 36273.83	\$ 35404.34	\$ 71678.17	—	7	6	2
Finland Publishing House	Annegatan 7, Helsingfors, Finland	\$170496.82	\$ 116953.52	\$ 287450.34	—	16	7	2
Iceland Publishing House	P.O. Box 262, Reykjavik, Iceland	\$ 4263.06	\$ 284.65	\$ 4547.71	—	—	1	1
Netherland Publishing House	van Weede van Dijkveldstraat 77, The Hague, Holland	\$ 14168.64	\$ 13114.09	\$ 27282.73	1	6	6	1
Norwegian Publishing House	Akersgaten 74, Oslo, Norway	\$ 74543.76	\$ 86340.59	\$ 160884.35	—	33	6	1
Stanborough Press Ltd.	Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., England	\$188398.00	\$ 63697.20	\$ 252095.20	1	50	4	1
Stockholm Publishing House	Tunnelgatan 25, Stockholm, Sweden	\$ 60598.60	\$ 51444.00	\$ 112042.60	—	10	9	1
Total 1953		\$559495.03	\$ 370150.53	\$ 929615.56	4	146	44	15
Total 1952		\$629048.58	\$ 354188.52	\$ 983237.10	8	146	42	13

# Report of the Food Factories for the Year 1953

Name	Address	No. of Factories and Branches	No. of Full Time Workers	No. of Part Time Workers
Copenhagen Food Factory	Baldersgade 14, Copenhagen, N., Denmark.	5	9	—
Granose Foods Ltd.	Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., England.	6	69	49
Total, 1953		11	78	49
Total, 1952		4	86	49

# Report of Radio and Bible Schools Including 1953

	Address of School	Local Director	Languages	Courses	Date Started	Total Applications	Total Enrolments	Total Graduates	Baptisms Reported
British Union	Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.	C. R. Bonney	English	I, II, III	April, 1947	67410	22512	6670	981
East Nordic Union	Bergstigen 25, Stocksund, Sweden.	A. Blomstedt	Swedish	I, II, III	Aug., 1948	17727	5890	3052	165
	Elisabetsgatan 16 A 5, Helsinki, Finland.	R. Svenson	Swedish	I and II	Dec., 1948	3942	1598	721	48
	Launeenk. 18, Lahti, Finland.	V. B. Kohtanen	Finnish	I and II	Nov., 1948	17139	7971	4148	416
Netherland Union	Prins Alexanderweg 1 b, Huis ter Heide, Netherland.	P. Voorthuis	Dutch	I	1947	41705*	13557*	2402*	411*
West African Union Mission	Box 19, Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa.	Roger W. Coon	English	I, II, III	1948	65765	40556	21184	77
West Nordic Union	P.O. Box 360, Oslo, Norway.	G. Gudmundsen	Norwegian	I and II	March, 1948	48663	14767*	3499	270
	Suomisvej 5, Copenhagen, Denmark.	Frede Nielsen	Danish	I to IV	Feb., 1947	20123	3948	2643	377
Iceland Mission	Box 262, Reykjavik, Iceland.	S. Hallgrimsson	Icelandic	I and II	Nov., 1948	4775	709	271	25

\* Estimated

287249 111508 44590 2770

# Report of the Sanitariums for the Year 1953

NAME	ADDRESS	No. of Buildings	No. of Acres	Capacity	Persons Treated	Charity Work	Physicians	Nurses	Other Employees	Total Employees
Aftenvile Old People's Home	Naerum, Denmark	2	2	28	28	\$ 465.00	—	—	7	7
Ekebyholm Old People's Home	Rimbo, Sweden	1	3	41	41	\$ 200.00	—	1	6	7
Ekebyholm Summer Sanitarium	Rimbo, Sweden	5	—	75	350	\$ 2665.00	3	6	54	61
Filwoha Hospital	P.O. Box 145, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	13	5	85	34675	\$ 1230.00	1	10	88	101
Gimbie Hospital	Gimbie, Wollega, Ethiopia	5	4	52	17270	\$ 1947.50	1	2	34	37
Haile Selassie No. 1 Hospital	Debra Tabor, Begemder Ethiopia	1	—	26	8314	—	1	1	7	9
Hopeanemi Sanitarium	Nummela, Finland	4	7	20	426	\$ 5862.40	1	5	8	14
Hultafors Sanitarium	Hultafors, Sweden	13	250	127	1861	\$ 1344.00	2	28	77	107
Ile-Ife Mission Hospital	Ile-Ife, Nigeria, West Africa	17	105	100	59941	\$ 295.72	2	13	60	75
Jengre Mission Hospital	Jengre, via Jos, North Nigeria, West Africa	9	40	16	15052	—	1	4	9	14
Nyhyttan Sanitarium	Jarnboas, Sweden	8	585	63	1307	\$ 1262.00	—	10	50	60
Sakshus Old People's Home	Vikhamar, Norway	1	1	23	—	—	—	1	4	4
Seventh-day Adventist Rest Home	Cotmer Road, Oulton Broad, Nr. Lowestoft, Suffolk, England	1	1	15	9	\$ 2800.00	—	1	3	4
Skodsborg Sanitarium	Skodsborg, Denmark	25	12	257	4404	\$ 15004.43	6	37	248	291
Skogli Sanitarium	Lillehammer, Norway	5	20	60	785	\$ 810.80	1	7	29	37
Stanborough Hydro	Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts, England	2	30	62	1482	\$ 630.00	1	13	34	48
Toivonlinna Summer Sanitarium	Piikkio, Finland	18	—	80	404	\$ 1185.84	1	7	40	48
"Vredenoord," Old People's Home	Prins Alexanderweg 2, Huis ter Heide, Gem Zeist, Netherlands	1	1	22	22	—	—	6	6	6
<b>Total 1953</b>		131	1066	1152	146371	\$ 35702.69	21	145	764	930
<b>Total 1952</b>		103	653	985	125524	\$ 36568.79	21	133	565	719

# Report of the Treatment Rooms for the Year 1953

NAME	ADDRESS	Capacity	Persons Treated	Charity Work	Physicians	Nurses	Other Employees	Total Employees
Adi Sjefeto S.D.A. Clinic	Box 210, Asmara, Eritrea	—	1620	\$ 82.00	—	—	1	1
Asmara S.D.A. Clinic	Box 210, Asmara, Eritrea	—	4218	\$ 200.90	—	1	—	1
Goba Adventist Clinic	Goba, Ballie Province, Ethiopia.	8	2898	\$ 41.82	—	—	1	1
Helsingfors Hydro-Electric Institute	Annegatan 7, Helsingfors, Finland	50	10778	\$ 159.49	—	4	—	4
Kuyera Mission	Arussi Province, Ethiopia.	25	6000	\$ 410.00	—	1	1	2
Nord-Norges Kurbad	Tromsø, Norway.	125	37489	—	—	7	16	23
Oslo Health Home	Akersgaten 74, Oslo, Norway	260	58082	\$ 428.55	1	18	37	56
Ranelagh Health Institute	47 Ranelagh Road, Dublin, Eire	15	2500	\$ 86.80	—	3	1	4
Ras Kassa Clinic	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.	35	3854	\$ 246.00	—	—	1	1
Stockholm Hydro-Electric Institute	Humlegårdsgatan 18, Stockholm, Sweden	90	18005	\$ 270.53	—	11	1	12
<b>Total 1953</b>		608	145444	\$ 1926.09	1	45	59	105
<b>Total 1952</b>		622	121856	\$ 2194.23	3	43	60	106

# Home Missionary Report for the Year 1953

	British Union	East Nordic Union	Ethiopian Union Mission	Netherland Union	Polish Union	West African Union Mission	West Nordic Union	Iceland Mission	Total 1953	Total 1952	Decrease + Increase
Church Membership ...	7257	8490	1097	2240	3150	15232	8535	364	46365	44485	1880+ 131+
Number Reporting ...	1925	1912	65	700	—	2639	952	—	8193	8062	—
Per Cent Reporting ...	27	23	6	31	—	17	11	—	18	18	—
<b>MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES</b>											
Bible Readings .....	6801	9124	1324	555	—	16368	18977	1628	54777	39946	14831+
Missionary Contacts	18077	59164	1170	488	—	12642	25418	562	117521	140435	22914—
No. taken to Services	2665	3977	—	556	—	1542	1840	—	10580	17862	7282—
People Helped .....	24069	7368	271	482	—	27399	2752	541	62882	54646	8236+
Treatments Given .....	4085	—	403	423	—	1426	—	—	6337	5175	1162+
Clothing Given Away	9244	15827	441	1744	—	806	11751	1052	40865	31519	9346+
Literature Distributed	842427	359910	8432	58066	—	23867	547345	17600	1857647	2123261	265614—