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# ZAUDITU MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Class of 1956 Graduates

THE GRADUATION exercises of the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital were held on March 27, 1956, in the hospital grounds.

His Imperial Majesty sent a special message to Dr. Claude Steen, the Medical Director, that this was his desire. He provided one of the royal tents with seating and decorations. At the appointed hour on this eventful day everything was in readiness.

The colours of the Ethiopian flag were displayed at regular intervals along the tent walls and around the standards. Red Persian carpets covered the ground and dais where Their Imperial Majesties were seated in two golden chairs with red velvet cushions and tapestry. On either side of the throne were seats for other members of the Royal Family, of which twelve were present.

At three o'clock the available seats were filled and the audience awaited the arrival of the royal guests. Soon a beautiful blue Cadillac arrived and Dr. Steen and the writer stepped forward to extend a welcome.

After the Emperor and the Empress were seated, the third Commencement exercises at the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital began. Following the

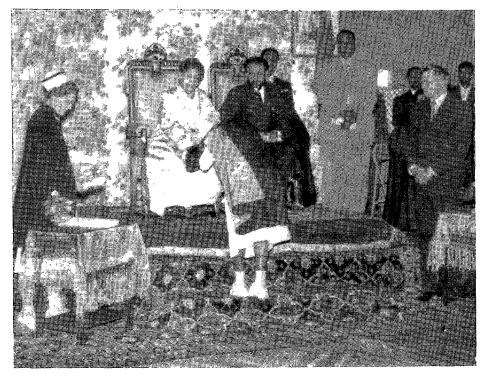
A graduating nurse bows before the royal guests.

#### By J. A. SIMONSEN

address, His Imperial Majesty gave a short response in which he praised the contribution the hospitals are making to the country, the high calling of the nursing profession, and the privilege the graduates have of filling places of use-fulness.

There were about fourteen nurses in the 1956 class; four of these were young men. These young people will do much in promoting the principles of healthful living which they have learned while in training.

The photograph shows the royal pair as they sat on golden chairs with bright red velvet upholstery. These were placed on an elevated platform which was covered with a red, white-fringed rug.



The background had a large tapestry with floral designs. The ground and risers to the platform had a covering of beautiful Persian rugs. On each side of the platform was a little table with a colourful, plush cover, trimmed with long tassels. On these tables the diplomas were placed. Miss Alma Binder, Director of Nurses, stood on the left, and called the name of the girl as she gave the diploma to Her Imperial Majesty, who presented it to the graduate. Dr. Steen, Medical Director, stood on the right and called the names of the young men, who came up to receive their diplomas from the hand of His Imperial Majesty. The graduation ceremony was very impressive as the graduates bowed before Their Imperial Majesties as they received their diplomas.

The music for the programme was furnished by accomplished musicians from Addis Ababa. Miss Lou Ann Skinner provided a series of artistic selections as a prelude, and played the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," and the recessional. Special music included a string quartet that presented Adagio and Rondo from Haydn's Quartet, Op. 33, No. 3, with finesse.

Following the graduation exercises the Imperial Family and Officers of State met in the nurses' lounge with the doctors, nurses, and a few other invited guests for refreshments. His Imperial Majesty has a keen personal interest in the hospital. The doctors are held in high esteem. When members of the Royal Family are in need of a physician, one of



Their I m p e r i a l Majesties and Dr. C. E. Steen as they walk to the Nurses' Home following the Commencement Exercises.



the staff physicians from the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital is called.

Through the years the Royal Household has become acquainted with the health principles of the Adventist people. Some of the health foods manufactured by the various food factories in Denmark, England, and America have been added to the household larders. While the writer was in Ethiopia, an order for several cases of health foods to be used as milk and meat substitutes, were ordered for the royal menu.

Ethiopia is a land of contrasts and untold opportunities. The people are interested in progress and in the inventions of the world. Educational advantages are growing rapidly. Medical institutions are being fostered. The four

hospitals operated by the Seventhday Adventist Mission are doing a much appreciated, humanitarian work.

European Sisters on the staff at the Zauditu Memorial Hospital. They are from left to right: Bertha Shollenburg, Miriam Moore, Alma Binder and Rose Reuer. Standing behind are some of their graduate nurses.

#### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

#### By J. A. Simonsen

YOUR Imperial Majesties, Your Imperial Highnesses, members of the Imperial Family, Excellencies, Ministers, members of the Board and Faculty, graduates of 1956 and friends:

We have assembled to honour the nurses who are graduating from the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital. This is the third graduation exercise held to present diplomas to the nurses trained in this fine hospital. It is appropriate that from an institution founded as a memorial to a noble Queen, Her Imperial Majesty Empress Zauditu, a continuous stream of trained nurses is spreading the wholesome influence of the healing arts to the citizens of this great country. The Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital is truly a memorial through which the influence and memory of one who was greatly beloved is ever widening and contributing to the welfare of the empire.

The greatest satisfaction that can come to the human heart comes through the medium of service to others. The help, the joy, and the enlightenment that one can be instrumental in bringing into the lives of others, enlarges one's own capacity for happiness and contentment. It brings peace and tranquillity to the soul.

Man's true mission is not to seek fame or personal gain, but to serve in the spirit of the Master Teacher, the Great Physician of whom it is said: "From His earliest years He was possessed of one purpose; He lived to bless others." (The Desire of Ages, page 70.) He has truly served who by word, deed, and influence has made this world a better place in which to live.

The Creator has endowed man with certain laws of life. Obedience to these laws results in mental, physical, and spiritual happiness. The physician and the nurse are by virtue of their training and experience in a position to help their fellow-men to understand the fundamental principles of the laws which govern health and life. It is important that he who ministers to the sick should be personally acquainted with the Author of life, and through experience know Him in whom was life, "and the life was the light of men." John 1:4.

It is gratifying to observe the wholehearted, sympathetic, and unselfish service which springs forth from a life that is dedicated to humanitarian benevolence. It is a demonstration of the principle of love for one's fellow man. There is nothing that is as effective in restoring health, hope, and confidence as the sympathetic, loving service of a friend. Love is basic to human happiness. Love is the essence of Christian service, for "God is love."

A prominent author, Ellen G. White, has written: "The love which Christ diffuses through the whole being is a vitalizing power. Every vital part—the brain, the heart, the nerves—it touches with healing. By it the highest energies of the being are roused to activity. It frees the soul from the guilt and sorrow, the anxiety and care, that crush the life forces. With it come serenity and composure. It implants in the soul joy that nothing earthly can destroy—joy in the Holy Spirit—health-giving, life-giving joy."— The Ministry of Healing, page 115.

The ideals, objectives, principles, and standards which are sought at this memorial hospital we believe are a fulfilment of the desires and hopes of its founders and benefactors.

Graduates of 1956, you are about to leave the doors of your Alma Mater. Here you entered to learn. Now you leave to serve. You are about to step over the threshold into realms of greater service. The nursing profession is a high calling. Throughout the length and breadth of the world are millions of people who are sick in body, mind, and spirit. You, graduates from the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital, are prepared to minister to the needs of your fellow-men. You are not only prepared to help to banish disease or heal the broken body, but to bring peace of mind, remove care, and to bring healing to a broken heart. You are the personal representatives of this training school and hospital. People will judge the character of this institution by the characteristics you will demonstrate in your daily life and activity. Those who are acquainted with the principles, standards, and efficiency of this hospital have a right to expect the embodiment of these qualities in you. Because you have received much, much will be expected from you. Be courageous and pleasant when the load is heavy. Contentment and happiness are essential attributes of a successful nurse. It was the wise man, Solomon, who wrote, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Prov. 17:22. This is true of the nurse. A happy,

jubilant, sympathetic spirit will bring courage, faith, and hope into the life of the patient. This will promote health and prolong life. One cannot overstress the importance of living a life that is contagious in producing a contented mind and a cheerful spirit.

Your class motto, "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve," is an indication that you have grasped the importance of your mission. An unknown author has expressed the importance of the nursing profession in the following words:

To be a nurse is to walk with God Along the path our Master trod, To soothe the achings of human pain, To faithfully serve for little gain, To lovingly do the kindly deed— A cup of water to one in need, A tender hand on a fevered brow, A word of cheer to the living now, To teach the soul through its body's woe. Ab, this is the way that Jesus would go. Ob gentle nurses, dressed in white, Let the Great Physician be your light.

### Conference Sessions in the Home Field By A. F. Tarr

 $I^{N}$  the old church building at Akersgaten 74, and with the motto, "Jesus Only," raised high above the rostrum, the East Norway Conference session convened in Oslo, May 8th to 13th. Pastor Trygve Aasheim, the Conference president, presided over the session, which was marked throughout by a spirit of deep devotion and happy, harmonious fellowship. Great cheer was brought to the delegates, too, by reports from the officers and all departments revealing substantial growth in all phases of conference work during the past biennial period. The nominating committee's report, adopted unanimously by the delegates, incorporated the following appointments for the coming two years:

President: T. Aasheim Secretary-Treasurer: Leif Nilsen Home Missionary, Sabbath School, and Y.P.M.V. Secretary: J. Elisenberg Publishing Secretary: A. Steen

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Hearts were gladdened at the service on Sabbath afternoon to welcome Brother T. Fonnebo to the Gospel ministry.

Norway's National Temperance Day was celebrated during the session, and the delegates in attendance joined with the local churchmembers in a city march under their banner, "Alcohol makes slaves: The Gospel Makes Free." In consequence of the many delegates the Seventh-day Adventist contingent was the largest of all in the procession and attracted much attention and many photographers.

The ministry of music and song added much to the spiritual atmosphere of the gathering. In addition to individual solos, the well-known Oslo choir and a combined instrumental and singing group, led by Sister Axel Steen, brought refreshment and blessing to the assembled members. On Friday evening and throughout the Sabbath, a hall rented for the week-end services, was packed with approximately 1,000 believers from all parts of the conference.

Much time was given during the devotional hour each day for prayer and thanksgiving, and every available moment was utilized by those in attendance, in expressing their fervent gratitude for past blessings and the joy of the present occasion.

Prior to the session a visit was made by G. A. Lindsay and the writer to the new site purchased for the Norwegian mission school, and for which building permission has since been received. Intense interest has been shown by all Norwegian believers in the re-establishment of their school which, after nearly five years, now seems to be taking definite shape. A visit was also paid to the Oslo church school whose quarters and furnishings have recently undergone considerable renovation. Brother Bjorn Keyn, not long returned from the United States, is giving enthusiastic direction to this school.

Over the awe-inspiring mountain ranges we travelled by train, and at the higher levels through heavily falling snow, from Oslo to beautiful Bergen where the West Norway Conference was to hold its session. Here on weekdays the little Bergen church was over-crowded with the delegates from all parts of Western Norway. These delegates, unlike those in most other conferences, could not to any extent travel by train or bus. Most of their homes were scattered along the coast, and it was by boat that they had to come to attend the meeting. But the unusual nature of their travel seemed to make the more unusual their outreach for spiritual blessings, and that outreach was abundantly rewarded. Here, as in East Norway, complete unanimity attended the elections, which incorporated the following major appointments:

President: J. Reichelt

Secretary-Treasurer: Ella Wennevold Home Missionary, Sabbath School, and Y.P.M.V. Secretary: Odd Jordal Publishing Secretary: O. Labianca

Approximately 600 were in attendance at the meeting, and the motto, "Prepare to Meet Thy God," beautifully displayed over the rostrum, was a solemn reminder of the hour to which we have come in Advent history.

Norway's National Day-their fourth of July as they expressed it-fell on May 17th in the midst of the session, and a recess was declared for several hours to enable members to attend the many processions, speeches, and other celebrations for which the whole city, despite the rain, seemed gathered together. But this national event did not detract in any way from the blessedness of our gathering. Long before the appointed hour delegates and members were re-assembled to await the opening of the next meeting. This same earnest hunger for spiritual refreshment characterized every service of the session.

On the Sabbath afternoon, Brother Th. Gunn Paulsen, a young worker whom God has richly blessed in his service, was set apart to the Gospel ministry.

The session of the West Danish Conference was our next appointment in the West Nordic Union. It would be difficult to find a more appropriate or beautiful spot anywhere than Veilefjord for such a gathering. Here approximately 1,200 of our people on the Sabbath, and a lesser number during weekdays, availed themselves of the extraordinarily convenient facilities which the High School with its dormitories and grounds and adjoining youth's camp so generously offers. Apple and cherry blossom profusely decorated the orchards, and in the mornings the singing of the birds and the calling of the cuckoos awakened us to the blessings and responsibilities of each succeeding day. The spirit of the session's motto was constantly in the minds of the members and was referred to in testimony, sermon, song, and prayer: "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." When we came to the close of the meeting it was felt by all that God had honoured this earnest and often expressed petition that had ascended from every heart.

Here, too, as at the other meetings, vocal and instrumental music both solemnized and refreshed the assembled membership.

The elections for the coming term, heartily endorsed by the whole delegation, incorporated the following appointments:

President: H. Muderspach Secretary-Treasurer: A. Berg

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Home Missionary, Sabbath School, and Y.P.M.V. Secretary: Kaj Stott Educational Secretary: K. Frederiksen Publishing Secretary: Ernst Hansen Public Relations Secretary: H. Jacobsen

Appropriately available to the membership at this meeting were the products of the school dairy and of the Skodsborg Food Factory. An attractive display of foods was arranged by Brother R. F. Jensen, which reminded us of pictures we had seen of his food factory's display in the recent International Exhibition in Denmark.

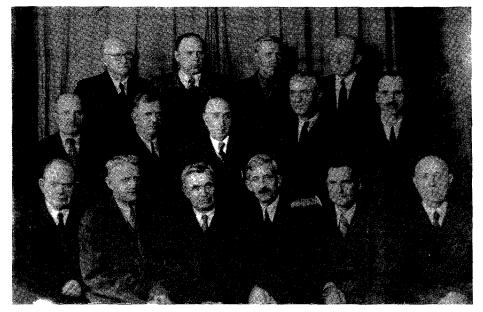
Traditional at every Scandinavian session is the Saturday night programme rendered by Missionary Volunteers. And to this programme friends and relatives of churchmembers also come. Few, if any, m e e t i n g s are better attended or appreciated. Here the youth of the church, in recitation, in song, in instrumental music, and in personal testimony, recount the joys of Christian service and their own individual longings for the kingdom of God.

The membership's interest in foreign missions rose to great heights as Alf Lohne at each of the conference sessions showed many unusual and striking pictures which he had taken on his recent visit to our missions in West Africa. Norwegian newspapers had already published articles featuring his visit, and time was given him on Norway's national radio for a talk on one of the evenings during our meeting.

At each conference session very generous offerings were given. Seventhday Adventists love to contribute toward the advancement of the Advent message, and it was good to see the offering baskets on Sabbath piled high with notes —each one representing the love and devotion of the hand that placed it there.

From these three meetings—the two in East and West Norway and the one in West Denmark—together with others which the writer did not attend, our members returned to their homes greatly refreshed and with a new appreciation of the wonderful bonds of fellowship which bind the Advent believers so closely together. It was a long-to-beremembered privilege for our treasurer, G. A. Lindsay, and the writer, both representing the Division, to be present.

### A Letter From Our Brethren in Russia



Members of the U.S.S.R. Division Committee With Presidents of the Unions.

Seated.—P. G. Sillman, Vice-president; M. A. Mazanow, Member of Executive; S. P. Koluschskij, President; F. V. Melnik, Member of Executive; A. F. Parasej, Secretary-treasurer; A. A. Aog, Member of Executive.

Middle Row.-A. V. Likarenko, Member of Executive; N. L. Vosk, Member of Executive; A. G. Galadschev, Member of Executive; P. D. Kastomskij, Auditor; I. N. Katanow, Member of Executive.
Top Row.-A. I. Tjolders, Member of Executive; D. L. Lokaschenko, Previous Member of Executive; S. M. Hripko, Member of Executive; I. V. Homenez, Auditor.

#### Soviet Union of S.D.A., Moskva.

Dear Brother in Christ, A. Floyd Tarr:

WE were very happy to receive your letter of March 15th this year. It was a special joy for us to get this greeting and to hear of the blessed work which is being done in other countries. You will no doubt appreciate this as we have not had any such news for several years.

Almost at the same time we also had a letter from the East Nordic Union in which we heard about the wonderful work being done in those countries. All this has encouraged us in our work for our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Toward the end of April this year we had our annual meeting for the whole Soviet Union. There we learned of the reports rendered that during 1955 over 900 souls had been baptized throughout our country. We thank God for His Holy Spirit that leads men to give their hearts to the Gospel. The Adventists in our country are anxious to be faithful to the whole of God's truth. Our sincere desire is to be one with all Adventists throughout the world in faith and hope. We earnestly pray that peace may be maintained among the nations of the earth. Friendship and harmony among the peoples are necessary for happiness and progress.

We pray and hope that the Lord in His mercy will open the way for us to assume personal contact with you in order that fellowship and brotherhood between us may grow even stronger.

We send our Christian greetings to our dear fellow-workers and all brethren and sisters in Great Britain and in other countries.

With hearty Christian greetings,

S. P. Koluschskij, P. G. Sillman, A. F. Parasej.

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### A REQUEST FROM THE "REVIEW" EDITOR

EVERY week in the Review and Herald we seek to give our readers a panoramic picture of the progress of the work in every part of the world. It is this appealing picture coming with unfailing regularity before our people at the home base that makes them ever conscious of their solemn and joyous responsibility to support the great mission programme. Besides, it keeps our people ever aware of the fact that the Advent movement is a world movement, that we are one people, united in one great work, the winning of men from every nation, kindred, and tribe, for the kingdom of God.

In order to present this significant picture of world missions we must depend on our far-flung army of missionaries in every land. To whom else can we look? You are the ones who watch events develop. You are the ones who look into the eyes of those won to the faith. And what kind of material do we want? Let me divide the answer into three parts:

1. Short reports of important happenings such as the opening of a new mission station, the dedication of an important building or institution, contact with some important governmental personages that means advancement for the work, significant growth figures, special meetings that mark particular progress, etc., etc. (Do *not* send routine, formal reports of conference sessions.)

2. Short stories of human interest that touch on a small incident that clearly reveals how God has led in some phase of your work, how He has touched the heart of a non-believer to turn to the truth, how native believers have given a large sacrificial offering, how faithfulness in tithe has brought cheering reward, how a new convert has gone forth to do significant evangelizing work, how medical missionary work, literature work, educational work, etc., has brought good returns, how opposition has turned out to the furtherance of the Gospel, how increasing governmental restrictions suggest the need of hastening our task to completion, etc., etc.

3. Special stories, perhaps 2,000 words in length, or thereabouts, that present some specially noteworthy incident or experience, that we can feature on the centre pages of the Review. Such a story may be a report of a long mission trip into new territory-if so, you should give graphic details of the hardships of the trip, rivers forded, jungles penetrated, strange peoples met, and results accomplished. Or the story may relate a most providential leading of God over a period of time that brought one or more persons, by strange paths, into the movement. Or perhaps the story may deal with a single incident or person. There are times when, for example, the conversion of a medicine man or other active opponent of the truth, has brought resounding victory and provided a mighty testimony to the power of the Gospel, and the details of the story warrant their being written at length.

If possible, we would like you to send good photos with all reports and stories, especially stories described under "3" above. Photos are most helpful in bringing vividly to our readers what you are experiencing in strange lands. All stories and reports, as far as feasible, should be sent airmail.

The Review and Herald wants all our people to know what you are doing, and what God is doing through you. We want even larger offerings to flow to your fields. Please help us to help you by sending to us the material we have described. Remember, too, that the *Review* is published every week. We need good stories and reports, not simply next week, but every week until our Lord shall call us all home. We want you to keep the *Review* in mind always. Here is our hearty thanks in advance.

F. D. NICHOL, Editor.

## Remarkable Progress at The Stanborough Press, Great Britain

Annual Report by C. Richter, Production Manager



The progress made this year indicates the most successful period ever recorded in the history of the publishing house. Looking back over the years, we see that God has blessed us in a remarkable manner.

We are greatly encouraged as we see the distribution of our literature increasing year by year, and I am sure our present success is due to the outcome of a good team-spirit and of the consecrated dedication to our part in the great task of warning the world.

The various departments of the publishing house, and we have quite a few now (the composing, letterpress, lithographic, process engraving, silk screen, and binding departments) all have been kept extremely busy, many members of the staff being prepared to work hours of overtime. There is no "Working to Rule" at The Stanborough Press.

Let us glance at a few figures and see what has been accomplished:

#### Periodicals

Total 1,083	383

Bound Subscription Books (Single	Copies)
The Bible Speaks	4,592
God's Good News	900
Days of Destiny	407
Bible Stories, Volume I	1,472
Bible Stories, Volume II	3,327
God's Answers	6,473
Total	17,171

#### Family Bible Sets

Sets of Two: Comprising Bible Stories, Vols. I & II: 5,696 Sets, or 11,392 books.

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Sets of Three: Comprising Bible Stories, Vols. I & II, and God's Answers: 6,608 Sets, or 19,824 books.

Bible Companion Sets Comprising The Bible Speaks and God's Good News: 156 Sets, or 330 books

Smaller Books	
Radiant Health	13,765
Bedtime Stories	128,505
Steps to Christ	4,355
Total	146,625

#### Literature for the Evangelists

Thousands of handbills (some at very short notice) have been produced. Announcement cards, programmes, and sermons, have been printed weekly for the New Gallery and the Birmingham campaign.

#### Other Points of Interest

Thousands of tracts have been produced for the Tract Campaign. Over one million Ingathering leaflets were printed, and not only did we print, but the factory staff collected a good portion of the  $\pounds$ 1,119 reported by the Press.

Many thousands of lessons, test papers, cards, etc., have been printed for the Voice of Prophecy, sometimes at extremely short notice.

#### New Machinery

We have installed a new Waite and Saville Offset Press which will and is already making a big contribution to our production. It has a cruising speed of 4,000 to 5,000 impressions per hour; another but larger Heidelberg Automatic Platen has also been installed; and a Process Engraving Plant which consists of a camera, printing-down frame, etching machines, etc.

The work of the Press is ever onward, and we are happy to be connected with it, as it is a work of the largest magnitude and the highest importance. We read in *Testimonies*, Volume 5, page 388: "The press is an instrumentality by which many are reached whom it would be impossible to reach by ministerial effort."

#### DORCAS WORK IN SWEDEN

SEVERAL weeks ago, while visiting Goteborg, I stepped into the premises of the local conference and was surprised to see a great pile of cases—thirty-six in number—each of which was packed full with clothing for the needy people entering Germany from the eastern sections of that country.

This large pile of packing cases represented the second of two very excellent appeals made to our people on behalf of the needy refugees coming out of the eastern countries adjacent to Germany and seeking refuge in West Germany. These cases contained more than 7,000 kilos in weight of warm clothing suited to the needs of the refugees. Previously 10,000 kilos in weight were sent to these needy people. The goods in Goteborg filling these cases, some of which were very large, were to be transported free to Hamburg by an Adventist brother, the owner of a small E. B. RUDGE. cargo vessel.

### THE STORY OF "PA JOHNNY" AND HIS CHURCH

PASTOR LEIGH-an African pastorwas conducting meetings in Gbangbama, Sierra Leone. One night a chief from a neighbouring village came by, and hearing something which interested him, waited outside to listen. After the meeting the chief lingered until he and Pastor Leigh were alone, and then he went up to Pastor Leigh and said, "I would like for you to be my friend." Pastor Leigh is a friendly man, so he quickly assured the chief that he was glad to be his friend. "Well," said the chief, "now that you are my friend, won't you come over to my village and tell my people the same things that you are telling the people here in Gbangbama?"

This chief was from Sembehun, some distance away. He was greatly respected by his people, who endearingly called him "Pa Johnny." The village itself was located in that portion of the country known as the "Pagan belt," though there are many Moslems among the people. In due time Pastor Leigh made his

way on foot along the bush path the many miles from Gbangbama to call on his new friend Pa Johnny. The chief was very happy to see him, and called the people together by the beating of the chief's drum. When they had assembled he introduced his friend, Pastor Leigh. Time after time our pastor visited the chief. Each time the people were called to hear more of the message.

Then one day Pastor Leigh received a message from the chief, requesting that he come immediately. Hastening over he found Pa Johnny very ill. "Pastor," he said, "I am very sick, I cannot live. But promise me that even though I cannot live as a Christian you will bury me as a Christian." Pastor Leigh assured him that he would do so, prayed with the chief, and went away.

Not long after Pa Johnny died. It was not easy to carry out his wishes to be buried as a Christian, for he was a member of a very powerful heathen Wende society. It is not possible for one to do anything to get out of this society once one is a member. And after death the body is claimed by the society unless someone near of kin, like a son or a brother, is willing to meet the redemption terms imposed by the Wende society. In the case of Pa Johnny these terms were high; it cost the sons a great deal, but they redeemed the body and Pa Johnny was given a Christian funeral -the first Christian funeral in Sembehun.

As is so often done when a chief dies, some memorial is erected. Most of the time these memorials take the form of an ornamental grave. In the case of Pa Johnny, his people too desired to erect a memorial to their much-loved chief. What should they do? After discussing the matter, it was decided that had Pa Johnny lived he would certainly have erected a little place of worship for the Seventh-day Adventist Mission, for he had learned to love Jesus and His message. What more fitting memorial could be built?

There in front of Pa Johnny's grave the little church was built. The Moslems in the village, who had long been there, hurried to build a mosque, for they did not like to see a Seventh-day Adventist church completed before a mosque.

Later the little church was signally honoured by God when a terrible fire

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swept through the village. The dry grass roofs quickly ignited as the wind blew burning embers from place to place and fanned the flames to fury. People dashed wildly about, seeking to save what they could from their homes, carrying their things outside the village. In doing so, several people passed by the little church. These saw in the bright light of the flames a stranger standing at the entrance, with legs spread apart and arms outstretched, as if guarding the entrance. One of those who saw this stranger was the speaker of the chiefdom-a man who stands second only to the chief, one who is possibly best acquainted with the people in the area. He had never seen this guardian of the church before.

Rapidly the fire spread in the direction of the church. House after house burned. The Moslem mosque caught fire and was quickly razed to the ground. Soon the nearest house to the church-about twenty-five feet away-went up in flames. But the stranger kept his guard. The Seventh-day Adventist church did not burn. The Moslem chief, who had never attended services in the church, voiced the feelings of many who witnessed God's providential care for His church when he said, "If God thinks enough of the Seventh-day Adventist church to send an angel to guard it, then I should attend the meetings in that church."

EDGAR KESLAKE.

#### HOME NURSING PROMOTED

IN COMPANY with Pastor K. Utterback, Home Missionary secretary of the Swedish Union, it was recently the writer's privilege to spend two weeks visiting a section of churches in Sweden in the interest of the Home Nursing Course formulated some time ago by the General Conference Medical Department.

It was our privilege to visit the churches in Goteborg, Boräs, Hultafors, Jonköping, Helsingborg, Malmo Norrköping, Nyhyttan, Eskastuna, and Stockholm. In six of these churches the usefulness of the simple Home Nursing Course prepared by the General Conference as a means of aiding in the home and assisting sick neighbours, was presented.

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## NEWS FLASH

PASTOR and Mrs. A. W. Cormack have been recent visitors to Britain. A onetime conference leader in New Zealand and Australia, and for many years president of the Southern Asia Division, Pastor Cormack has, in more recent years, served as associate secretary of the General Conference. Now retired, Pastor Cormack has been attending annual meetings in his old home country of Australia, and is now with Sister Cormack on his way back to the United States.

Pastor and Sister L. H. Olsen, *en route* from South America to the United States, made a number of calls in Northern Europe and in Great Britain. Pastor Olsen is secretary of the South American Division.

Welcome visitors to Division headquarters have been Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Rawson. Pastor Rawson is the leader of the Voice of Prophecy and radio work in the Southern Asia Division. Together with his wife he is on his way home for a period of rest and relaxation. After a few months he expects to return to resume his work in India. While in London, Pastor Rawson has had a brief period of association with the workers in the British Union engaged in similar work.

With deep regret we announce the sudden death on Thursday, May 31st, of Pastor A. W. Cook, the publishing secretary of the British Union. Pastor Cook's consecrated life and his selfless service will long be remembered by his associates in the British Union, and especially by his fellow workers in the literature ministry, to whom besides being a leader he was a most loyal and devoted friend. To Sister Cook and her two daughters we extend our very sincere sympathy.

The biennial sessions of local conferences are being held in all parts of Northern Europe, and most of the Division staff are absent from office attending these. Most encouraging reports are being received from all of the meetings. From the British Union comes the cheering word that their Ingathering figure to date totals  $\pounds 58,000$ , an all-time record. The inspiring example of the British Union will, we know, be a great incentive to the other unions as the time for their own Ingathering campaigns approaches.

Congratulations to The Stanborough Press, whose staff of fifty workers raised the magnificent sum of  $\pounds 1,300$  in the recent Ingathering campaign. At Newbold, too, the Ingathering campaign has broken all previous records. On two Sundays and one school day a total of  $\pounds 1,400$  was collected.

Steadily, though somewhat slowly, plans are moving on in the programme of bringing Newbold College to the full status of a senior college. Recently a large residence was purchased which will add to the accommodation for married students and provide housing for three of the College staff. On June 3rd sixteen students were presented in the Graduation exercises. Six of these qualified for the Bachelor of Arts degree given by Washington Missionary College. The Newbold student family is busily engaged in soliciting funds for the purchase of an electric organ to be placed in the new chapel which is soon to be put under construction.

We are happy to report that plans for the buildings of the new Norwegian Mission school have recently been approved. This new school is to be located on a farm of some sixty acres at Ringerike, about thirty-five miles west of Oslo, and it is hoped that, in a little more than a year, the facilities will be in readiness to enrol the waiting students.

In consequence of helpful gifts from a recent Thirteenth-Sabbath overflow, the building programme of the Bekwai Training School, Gold Coast, is moving on towards completion. A new spacious kitchen is now completed, two staff houses have also been erected, and two secondary school dormitories, each accommodating thirty boys, are now in use.

A spacious classroom block consisting of a chapel, library, science laboratory, and two classrooms is nearly completed at the Mission Hospital at Ile-Ife. This will greatly improve the teaching facilities which previously have been somewhat crowded. Many of our young people in West Africa have been given a wonderful opportunity to prepare themselves for a profession in which they can serve God and needy mankind. With more room for students the classes are now larger and even more of our youth are taking the nurses' training.

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In each of these churches a training class was organized under the leadership of skilled workers trained in our sanitariums in Sweden or Denmark. In these various classes more than 100 of our churchmembers enrolled.

It is hoped as the work is followed up by the leader of the Home Missionary work in Sweden and as other churches also are interested in this very helpful form of service, that this feature of the work will find an increasing interest in the service of our church people.

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