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Another Call to Prayer

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OUR church calendar holds no date more important or more dear to the hearts of Seventh-day Adventists than that of the annual Week of Prayer and Sacrifice. None has brought greater blessing in the past; nor, we believe, is any destined to bring such needed blessing in the days before us. As, therefore, we approach this coming Week of Prayer, we invite our church membership throughout the Northern European Division to join with their associate members in every land in making this meeting time between God and His people one whose influence will be felt in every individual life, in every church and in every community where Seventh-day Adventist members may reside.

To some of us it is given to look back on many Weeks of Prayer. We remember with what earnest desire we have welcomed their coming. We remember the new and richer experiences we have sought, and some of the victories that God has so graciously given us. This precious season therefore returns to us as a very dear friend, and one fragrant with sacred memory. We want its precious hours and its messages to bring that greater strength that we still are sorely needing. We want our friends and fellow-members also to share to the full the victory and power and blessing that God

intends this occasion shall bring. It is not enough that we seek a closer walk ourselves with God.

We have fellow-members and friends who are likewise in need, and who may be aided by some kind word or act or prayer of ours. Perhaps we have even added to their past burdens by some injudicious or thoughtless word, and their stumbling feet we have not discerned. Let us at this season lend a helping hand to our fellow-members and to those about us, and let their needs, and not ours, loom large in every prayer. Who knows but what God will do the same for us that He did for Job whose captivity "God turned . . . when he prayed for his friends."

And let us not forget the impact that our message should be making on the millions still unwarned in this late hour of earth's history. Every condition about us bears evidence that the time we have left to work is becoming alarmingly short. The abounding iniquity, the strained international relationships, the growing gulf between East and West, capital and labour's interminable disputes—these and so many other developments indicate that the conditions envisaged by Bible writers so long ago are right upon us, and that they herald without a doubt the soon coming of our Lord. Surely it is a time when the Gospel call should resound to

the uttermost limits of our territory, and to every home and vicinity where a Seventh-day Adventist voice can be heard.

Bearing in mind, then, the responsibility of the church in this late hour, it is no ordinary call to prayer that sounds on our ears as we approach the coming Week of Prayer and Sacrifice. Surely it calls us to deep searching of our own hearts and a discarding of all that is evil there, and to such intercessory prayer for others as we have never known before. It calls us also to a new surrender of our material means to hasten the coming of the Lord.

On the closing day of the Week of Prayer, Sabbath, November 22nd, let us bring an offering into our respective churches that will reflect an unbounded gratitude for the wonderful light that God has so graciously given us, and a re-acceptance of the glorious responsibility of sharing that light with others and illuminating their path to the kingdom just before us.

We suggest that the offering we make, both of ourselves and our gifts, be the greatest and longest-to-be-remembered offering we have ever given. May God richly bless every member of the Northern European Division as we, with our families, enter into the spirit and sacrifice of this coming Week of Prayer.

Nigeria's Waiting Millions

By C. Duncan Henri, *Evangelist*

"WOULD madam like to buy some potatoes, some tomatoes? They are fresh, cheap, and very good. Only sixpence a pound."

"Oh, they are nice and I do want some," replied my wife, "but we have just disembarked from the ship, and we have no home yet—but they do look good and they are cheap—where did they come from?"

Suddenly the conversation was interrupted by a shrill scream from our little five-year-old daughter, who was in the rear seat of the car. "Mommie, the man has Daddy's bag! There he goes!"

In the bag were our passports, shipping documents, Bibles, cameras, and all the money we had in our possession!

An urgent scream burst from my wife's lips. "Bring that bag back here, thief, rogue, police!" all in one breath. And the thief became so frightened that he ran back to the car, threw the brief case in, and took to his heels. What a narrowly averted calamity!

Three days later, we were returning to Ibadan from our hospital in Ile-Ife. It was about 10.30 at night. Suddenly our headlights picked up an object lying in the road. Some poor goat, dog, or other animal has been run over by a lorry, we thought. Pastor R. W. Coon, who was driving, pulled sharply to the right to avoid running over it again.

"Wait," burst from his lips, "that's no dog; it's a man and he surely looks dead to me!" Brakes were quickly applied, and we reversed and went back to make sure there was no mistake. It was a man, and from the wound we saw, we knew he was no longer living. We hurried to report the matter to the police, but he was left lying there for about twelve hours.

There were many other much more pleasant and happy occurrences to, in some measure, nullify the bad effect of the above experiences. All this was our introduction to Nigeria, a beautiful country of thirty million people, located on the sweltering coast of West Africa. We

had been sent to Lagos, the federal capital of Nigeria, for evangelism.

Lagos is a large city, as West African cities go, with a population of over 312,000. Three principal tribes live there, the Yoruba, Ibo, and the Hausa. The population is over fifty per cent Moslem. There are some few Christians, and the rest are pagan.

On a back street is a little Seventh-day Adventist church of about thirty members. The church was old and dilapidated; one hundred children were taught the elementary grades in it for five days a week, and we had services in it on the Sabbath.

A great deal of witchcraft and juju is used and practised; the dread killer and enslaver, Indian hemp, is brought into the city by sailors, and is growing in use; palm wine is sold and drunk almost everywhere. Over a million pounds is spent yearly for the importation of every conceivable brand of beer and alcoholic liquor. Tobacco, already a scourge, is growing in popularity and use. Add to this a population greatly divided by political and nationalistic feelings, and you have an up-to-date picture of modern Lagos which provides a challenge for the preaching of the third angel's message.

Eighteen months of difficult and intensive evangelistic endeavour have passed. Five campaigns, held four nights weekly, and lasting from two to three months each, have been conducted; thousands of pieces of literature have been systematically distributed; many hundreds of visits have been made and Bible studies given; 8,000 names of interested people secured, and 335 Sabbath decision cards signed.

Our methods? Such as would be used in almost any city in Europe or America with little difference. Since the two major languages are English and Yoruba, the messages were given in English and translated in Yoruba. The use of slides, film-strip, and even black light were almost a necessity. Visual aids of some type are still of paramount importance in West African evangelism. After-meet-

ings, Bible correspondence courses, and many other methods were used to encourage decisions for Christ.

The results? There is a new church group, with an average attendance of twenty-five to thirty, on Lagos Island; the average attendance of the Yaba church has trebled, hovering between eighty and one hundred; seventeen to twenty new converts meet in a new church group at Ikeja; and scores are in the valley of decision being aggressively followed up by our African evangelists. The normal time for the baptism of new converts in West Africa is two years, so we had the joy of baptizing twenty-three.

Two field schools of evangelism were also conducted. For the first one, two evangelists from Sierra Leone, two from Ghana, two from East Nigeria, one from North Nigeria, and three from West Nigeria participated. Classes in Bible doctrines, Spirit of prophecy, denominational history, and practical evangelism were conducted four mornings weekly. The afternoons were used for visitation and Bible classes.

The second school was conducted in conjunction with our last public campaign in Lagos, which was held out of doors. The entire eleven members of the Advanced Evangelistic Training Course of the Nigerian Training College, composed of evangelists from Ghana, East Nigeria, and West Nigeria, participated, as well as five new evangelists from West Nigeria. The same type of programme was followed as in the first school as far as time and responsibilities permitted.

The work was not ours alone. We were grateful to the Liberian Mission for permitting Pastor and Mrs. D. H. Hughes and family to join us for the major campaign in Lagos. Pastor Hughes, as singing evangelist and instructor in the school of evangelism, and Mrs. Hughes as organist and music instructor, gave invaluable service. The District Leader, Pastor J. E. Adewoye and wife, were avid students and faithful workers giving unstintingly of time and talent in leading the entire church membership in co-operation and service. Mr. Caleb Adeogun, though the Principal of our Lagos elementary school and studying for an external examination, sacrificed time needed for study and preparation to be our loyal interpreter and musician.

There was no officer or member of the Yaba church who could not be called upon at any time for any service, and who would not give that service without reservation.

We are also grateful to Pastor G. M. Ellstrom, President of the West Nigerian Mission, Pastor R. W. Coon, Principal of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School, and Dr. Sherman Nagel, Medical Director of the Ile-Ife Hospital, who came when needed to show sound movies or render any other service. And to Mrs. Henri, my partner in service, who in spite of caring for three very young children and the multitudinous duties of running a household, conducted the singing, played the organ, and provided special music.

The people of Nigeria are as lovable, kind, sympathetic, and sincere as one could find anywhere in the world. We thank God for the happy privilege of being able to sow the seeds of eternal truth in Lagos. Pray with us that God will give an abundant harvest. Our few African evangelists, who shoulder the responsibility of cultivating and watering the seed, need our earnest prayers and encouragement.

We cannot console ourselves with the idea that Lagos has been warned. Multiplied thousands still have not heard the message; the immensity of the task appalls us. Scores of great Nigerian cities await the coming of the Advent preacher and evangelist. How long must they wait? Humbly, we beg, unite your prayers with ours that the Omnipotent One will provide the men and the means to finish the work in Nigeria and West Africa.

Marks of Strength

- To hold convictions without obstinacy;
 - To have force without brutality;
 - To reprove error without cynicism;
 - To be brave without being rash;
 - To triumph without contempt;
 - To despise crime and love the criminal;
 - To maintain a point and stay fair—
- These are the marks of strength.

—Anonymous.

Farewell—and God Be With You!

IT WAS indeed with mixed feelings that we returned to our homeland after thirty-six years of service in Northern Europe. When we speak of "mixed feelings" we refer to the joy of being with our two sons and their families and many other relatives and friends in Portland, Oregon. But we also refer to the heaviness of heart at having had to separate from so many beloved fellow-workers and Adventists in Europe.

We came to Europe shortly after the first World War as newly-weds, young and full of zeal and enthusiasm for the work of God in Europe, and at that time in Sweden in particular. We have enjoyed the work to the full. We have appreciated, more than words can tell, the excellent fellowship and co-operation that we have experienced on the part of all with whom we have been associated during the years. We are truly thankful to God for the measure of growth of the work that we have seen during this time, even if we, with you, are not satisfied with what has been accomplished so far. We sincerely hope and pray that in these tremendous and challenging times the present generation will arise in the power of God, and through His Spirit, quickly finish the task.

Even though we have found it necessary to withdraw from busy administrative ministry for health reasons, we shall always want to be found being about our Father's business wherever we are. And although we now are far away from you in body, we want to assure you that we shall ever be close to you in spirit. We also want to assure you of our continued interest and earnest prayers for you all and your work in the Northern European Division field.

Yours in the Blessed Hope,

G. A. and HILDUR LINDSAY.

A Moment of Triumph for Missions

It was on May 19, 1958, that a special messenger sent from the Executive Mansion entered the Seventh-day Adventist Mission Compound on Camp Johnson Road in Monrovia, Liberia, late in the afternoon. Pastor David Hughes, who was preparing to leave Liberia for Nigeria to take over his new post as principal of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School for West Nigeria, received the following letter:

Dear Pastor Hughes,

The President has been pleased to admit you into one of the highest Liberian Orders, and you and Mrs. Hughes are invited to call at the Mansion on Tuesday evening, the 20th instant, at the hour of five o'clock for the Investiture.

I extend to you my personal congratulations.

Faithfully,
Philip Brumskine,
Acting Executive Secretary.

Pastor Hughes was left speechless for a few moments. What is this all about? What have I done? There must be a mistake! These and many other thoughts ran through his mind. But it was no mistake. Pastor Battle, president of the Liberian Mission, had received a letter from the Executive Mansion inviting him and his mission staff to the investiture.

President W. V. S. Tubman, under the providence of God, chose to honour, not only one missionary, but missionaries and missions throughout the world in

this one act of admitting Pastor Hughes into one of the highest Liberian Orders. President Tubman is himself a God-fearing Methodist and has a high esteem for the preaching and teaching of the Gospel. His Excellency, President Tubman, has been very favourable to the Seventh-day Adventist Mission work in Liberia. He has given the S.D.A. Medical Corps special recognition, and each year, he gives over 300 dollars for Ingathering. He has personally raised over 1,000 dollars for the Monrovia Church Building Fund, and has offered other financial assistance as he does to all missions in Liberia.

On May 20th, Pastor and Mrs. Hughes, Pastor Battle, Pastor Daniels and Mrs. Daniels entered the Executive Mansion for the great event. They were ushered into a very beautiful room where they met Vice-President Tolbert, the American Ambassador to Liberia, Honourable Jones, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Honourable Richard Henriens, and many other distinguished guests. It was not long until President and Mrs. Tubman, and Mrs. Tolbert entered the room. After a few words of greeting the investiture began. All stood to their feet as Pastor Hughes took his place before the President of Liberia. The President read the following citation:

CITATION FOR REVEREND DAVID HUGHES

For your continued sacrificial services rendered the people of Liberia, particularly those in the County of Grand Bassa, in the fields of Christian Endeavour, Evangelism, and Education;

Your benevolence to the less fortunate brethren of this nation;

Your consistent life of rectitude, your devout religious example, your expounding the Word of God as revealed through the Holy Scriptures, also your endeavours to open church schools, train ministerial students, and financing students in school, have commanded the faith, trust, and confidence of the people of Grand Bassa, and of the Nation;

Now, therefore, as GRAND COMMANDER OF THE HUMANE ORDER OF AFRICAN REDEMPTION, I take pleasure in admitting you into said order and conferring upon you the distinction of COMMANDER, with the rights and privileges hereto appertaining.

Accept my congratulations.

W. V. S. Tubman,
President of Liberia.

Sometimes, it may seem that the day as men like President Tubman are at the head of nations, God's work, yes, missions is past, but as long as there are humble men willing to dare and do for God as missionaries, and as long as until Jesus comes. C. D. HENRI.

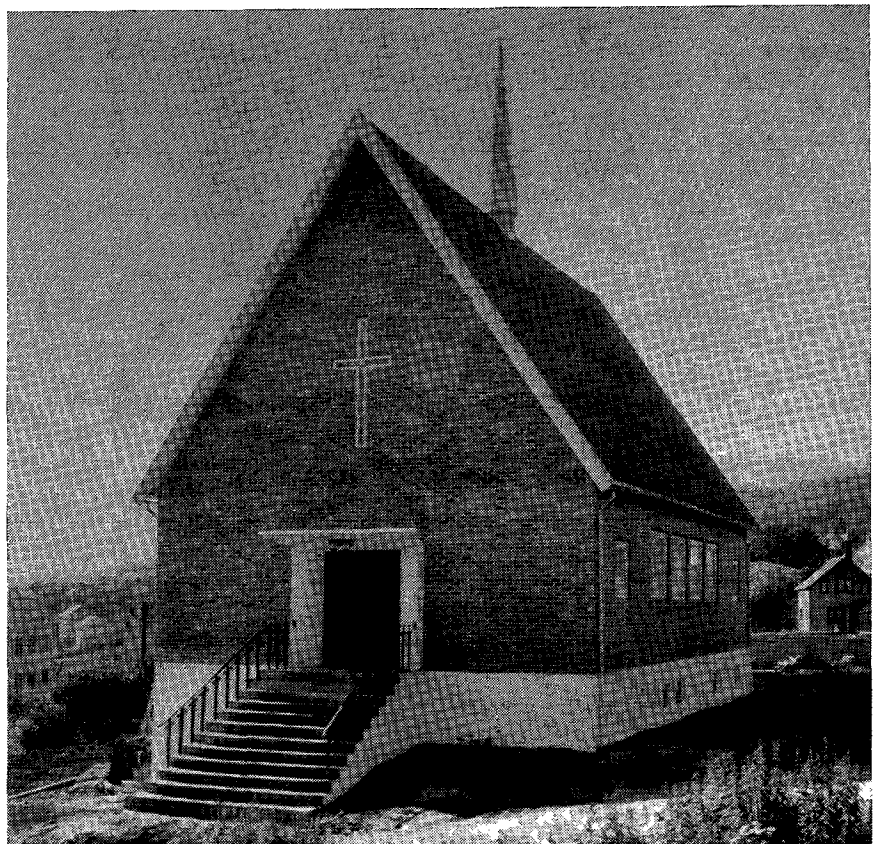
A New Church in the Polar Circle

By Alf Lohne

FAR to the north of the Polar Circle a beautiful little church was dedicated on Sabbath, August 23, 1958, in the town of Harstad in the North Norway Conference. This conference, which is the northernmost conference in the world, reaches from the Arctic circle and stretches northward to the Russian border in the Arctic. Within its borders lies Hammerfest, northernmost city in the

world, where we have an organized church and a church building.

This year the annual conference session was held in Harstad at the same time as the dedication of the new church, so that many visitors shared the joy of the Harstad churchmembers on this their great day of rejoicing. Among those present were Pastor A. F. Tarr, president of the Northern European Division, who



Adventkirken, Harstad, North Norway.



Church leaders assembled on the platform of the new church at Harstad, North Norway, for the dedication service.

preached the dedicatory sermon, Pastors Alf Lohne, president of the West Nordic Union, and T. Torkelsen, president of the North Norway Conference, who assisted in the dedication service, and Pastors Odd Jordal, R. Guleng, and J. Struksnes.

The new church is built of red brick with a green roof, white window-ledges and white pillars at the entrance.

The building was designed by Kåre Danielsen, a brother in the church who owns a little wharf in Harstad, and who designs fishing vessels for the fishermen along the coast. He says he was somewhat influenced by the book on church buildings issued by the General Conference. The Press and the city authorities were greatly impressed by the splendid results achieved.

The size of the church is nine by fifteen metres, and the main hall has a seating capacity of 130. The balcony has thirty seats. The basement will contain rooms for the children. The balcony is

separated from the main hall by double glass windows, and is planned to accommodate mothers with small children. Through a loudspeaker system the sermon can be transmitted from the pulpit to the balcony. For special occasions like that of the dedication, the windows can be removed.

The baptistry is different from anything I have seen. The frontage is made of glass which is placed in position when a baptism is to be conducted. The shipbuilder, Brother Kåre Danielsen, has so constructed the glass and its fittings that it is water-tight when in position, and yet can be easily removed when not in use, thus allowing the platform normally in use to extend right back to the rear wall.

A beautiful painting representing the baptism of Christ, covers the wall behind the pulpit. It was painted by a local artist, Mr. B. Fredriksen, and is a gift from a friend of the church in Harstad.

At the dedication many of the local authorities were present and friendly

greetings were received from the Lutheran State minister, the local Baptist pastor and the Catholic priest in Harstad.

Among those who have worked consistently toward the erection of this church are Pastor Roald Guleng, and the chairman of the building committee, physiotherapist Kristian Thommassen. Other members of the building committee were Joakin Hansen, Kåre Danielsen, Konrad Holm, and the conference president, T. Torkelsen.

The Press gave wide and very favourable publicity to the dedication.

Immediately following the dedication, three young men were ordained to the ministry in the new church. I believe it is the first time in the history of the North Norway Conference that three men have been ordained at one time. Another interesting fact about this ordination service is that all three brethren were born and raised in North Norway, and as such are real sons of the North. They were brethren Rolv Berge Hansen, Arne Friis and Age Nordvåg.

Back in Finland and at the Lord's Work

By Bertta Lassila, *Lady Evangelist*

I FEEL very happy to be home again and at the Lord's work. On graduation day, 1957, I was told by Pastor O. Peltonen, president of the Finland Union, that the conference committee had planned to send me to Suonenjoki. There I should start an evangelistic campaign with the help of the local church.

The field did not seem very promising. Suonenjoki is only a country village and the three angels' messages have been preached there several times. I was the seventh Adventist worker to be sent there. It was no wonder that some of the churchmembers thought that it was in vain to start another campaign in the village. I too, would have preferred another place, but the conference committee was firm at this time.

I moved to Suonenjoki at the beginning of November. First of all we had some revival meetings for the church. God's Spirit was present from the very first. Hearts were moved and warmed for the Lord's work. We all knew that the great work that was to be started was difficult and impossible in our own strength, therefore we turned our hearts to seek the Lord and His Holy Spirit.

I read from the Bible and the writings of the Spirit of prophecy what was said concerning the evangelistic work. I decided to put into practice all the light which I could find. I noticed that unity was one of the conditions of success. Unity with the Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit and unity with the church. We therefore decided to unite in prayer. Seven prayer bands were arranged. We decided to pray for three things from the Lord. Every churchmember was to pray for new revival and a new spiritual experience. Then secondly we prayed for the same for the church and for the power of the Holy Spirit. Thirdly we prayed for the evangelistic campaign which was about to commence.

The first public meetings were held on



December 29th at Suonenjoki and Iisvesi, another village four miles from Suonenjoki. Our hearts were thrilled when in both places about fifty persons attended the meetings. Second meetings were held on New Year's day when our small halls were almost full. We thanked God for the good start, and the faith of the churchmembers grew on these days. I happened to return from the Friday evening prayer meeting with an Adventist family when the brother turned to me and said: "I hope that ten people will be won for the Lord through this campaign."

"Oh," I said, "I see your faith has grown greatly during the last few days. I remember that a week ago you said that if only one person were won, our effort would not be in vain."

God had given us a good start, and we were thankful to Him. However, after we had held three meetings I became ill and was taken to hospital. It was difficult to understand why the Lord suffered this because I had just started the work and with satisfactory success. It now seemed impossible to continue, but while I was in hospital some of the churchmembers kept the meeting going, and Pastor Peltonen came to help us on Sunday evenings. I was very weak, but the believers prayed for me, and within five days I was back again. Still I was

weak, but with God's help I was able to continue the work.

Soon we noticed that the audience was not regular, and faces were changing from meeting to meeting. It was already March before we were able to see how many regular attendants we had. It was not a large number, about twenty altogether.

It was about the same time that we saw the first-fruit of our efforts. Four persons made their decisions for Christ: a married couple who had belonged to the church, but had been separated from us for twenty years; then a lady who had also been a Seventh-day Adventist, but had been out from the church for fifteen years came back with her daughter. This brought great joy to the local church. We could all see that the work for the Lord was not in vain.

On May 25th we had a great day. Ten persons were baptized and joined the church. Following this five more persons were baptized. Now we can report fifteen new believers from these fields. Thanks be to the Lord!

It has been a great joy to me to work with the local church in Suonenjoki. The members of the church have been faithfully supporting the evangelistic work with singing and playing in the meetings and praying for the work. This is the second time I have had the opportunity of working with the church. The first time was in Savonlinna, 1952, and in both cases my experience has been that it is profitable to join with laymen. Our people love the Lord's work and are willing to do their best if we let them feel that we appreciate and need their help.

I am thankful to God for all His mercy toward me, and I want to give myself more fully to the work of the Lord for saving souls for His kingdom.

All to be Trained

"A wise general instructs his officers to train every soldier for active service. He seeks to develop the highest efficiency on the part of all. . . . He counts on loyal and untiring service from every man in his army. The responsibility rests largely upon the men in the ranks."—E. G. White.

But An Ox-Goad!

By P. van Oossanen, *President, North Netherland Conference*

IN JUDGES 3:31 we read: "After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox-goad: and he also delivered Israel."

This Shamgar was a farmer, and used to work in the field. In those days the Philistines were big trouble makers. The people of Israel suffered much from this nation. Every now and then they raided the country, which God had promised to the children of Israel. Probably Shamgar did not know how to use a sword or a spear. Yet he had to defend himself or be slain.

He possessed an ox-goad, a weapon for lazy oxen. It was about eight feet long and had a sharp point and a hoe to scrape the clay from the plough. This weapon he took with him, but God helped Shamgar. Some commentators suggest that there were more farmers to assist Shamgar, but the Scriptures do not state this. Even so! A man or a woman who chooses colporteur work for a life-work is mightier with God than six hundred Philistines. So it is here. A man or woman choosing colporteur work as a life-work with God, is mightier than all the inhabitants of the place where he or she does the work of a colporteur evangelist.

Here began the struggle. The strong farmer with iron muscles, beat with the ox-goad from the left to the right, now pricking with the spear, then beating with the iron hoe, and so he put the Philistines to flight. The latter must have become astonished. But the courageous act of Shamgar was soon known in Israel.

Why has this victory with the ox-goad been preserved for us in the Bible? It is for the instruction of those who serve the Lord, so that in days to come we may make the best use of whatever weapon we may have at hand.

Why did not Shamgar wait till he was experienced in the use of horses, chariots, or other arms? Because waiting might have meant defeat. Therefore, he took that which he had, an ox-goad.

We are all called into the service of

the Master, and most of us do not possess the weapons which we would like to have. Perhaps it is the sword of logical arguments, or the spear of sharpened wits. But there is something we all can do, and that is not to wait for what we do not have, but use what we do have.

Perhaps you are not a fluent speaker, but you can smile. Well, a smile might mean a change in the life and behaviour of thousands who, because of it, may come to Jesus. Only eternity will reveal the results of the smiles of our faithful colporteurs.

Maybe you cannot give £50,000, but you can give something to forward God's work. In the Netherlands there are approximately eleven million people. The ministers cannot reach all of these people. But our faithful colporteurs, going from place to place, can have a most important part to play in carrying God's message for today. Brethren and sisters, you may do something. Perhaps there are men and women like Shamgar, who will help in the colporteur work to draw the attention of the people to the soon return of Christ.

Perhaps you do not have a rich choice of words, but you may testify of the hope deep in your heart. Not all can address a great congregation, but you may have contact with a single soul. When you are not able to carry heavy armaments, try something less heavy.

Brethren and sisters, keep faith with the almighty and omniscient God. On the battlefield we see Shamgar. We also see the six hundred Philistines. But first of all we must see God Himself.

Shamgar, only experienced in farming, could not use the arms of a soldier, neither could he win the battle. This was won by the power of God behind the ox-goad. Shamgar understood this, as did the Philistines. God has very simple agents. When people say that crime will triumph, and that the world will never be converted because of the seeming futility of the means at our disposal, it is because they see six hundred Philistines and not Shamgar accompanied by the chariots of God. God is on the side of

right, and he who works for Him will surely win.

Shamgar was reared on a farm and never used weapons of war. But he knew the use of the ox-goad for the oxen. Fellow believers, we must use the weapons which we can handle. Some are good speakers, others can convince. Other workers in the country or in the cities give of their earnings for the mission. There are sailors who cross the ocean for our missionaries. Others are doctors, nurses, teachers, or ministers. Others again have chosen the work of a colporteur. There are those who have been doing this for more than forty years.

The coming of the kingdom may be retarded by a restless striving to reach that which we cannot reach. Do not build a wrong illusion, but use the ox-goad. Let us go from house to house, in slums and byways, to bring the message of Christ in simplicity of heart. The books and papers of the Advent Church do serve like the ox-goad of Shamgar, and with these we go to war.

Great theologians are trying to prove that the Pentateuch was not written by Moses, or that the throat of a whale is too small to devour a man like Jonah. But the last day will prove that more souls have been won for Jesus by an ox-goad than by the cannons of Krupp. Brethren and sisters, take that which you can handle, do it under God's supervision.

It is a glorious work to have a part in colporteur-evangelism, to aid God's work. Fight the Philistines! We must acknowledge that our chance is six hundred to one. Money spent for the world, sin, luxury, compared with money dedicated to God is six hundred to one.

Institutions to degrade the world, compared with such to improve the world, are six hundred to one. Filthy literature against good books are six hundred to one.

But Moses sings in his song: "Now should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight?" Yet in this text an ox-goad gained the victory over six hundred Philistines.

You who go from house to house with message-filled literature may be sure that the day of victory will surely come, for the Bible is no fable.

Let us be found in the army of Jesus, armed with bread for the hungry, medicine for the sick, with a word of courage for the young man who tries to leave a life of sin. Let us go with the message that Jesus came to this earth to heal the worst of wounds, to pardon the greatest

sinner, to lead the ones gone astray back to the Father.

May the Lord bless His people! May the Almighty assist our brethren and sisters who often sow in tears. They may be assured that the work they have done for their Saviour, will not be for naught.

An Urgent Request from F. D. Nichol

Contributing to the "Review"

INCREASINGLY during the years one of the great objectives of the church paper has been to bind the home field to the great overseas field where more than seventy per cent of our membership now resides. I think it imperative that we be thus bound together if we are to maintain unity and to secure from the home base a constantly increasing liberality.

Now, we feel that the church paper, the *Review and Herald*, can today be of distinct service in holding our people together, even as it has been in the days gone by. Actually, that service is rendered in no small degree by our overseas missionaries and other leaders who send in to the *Review* a continual stream of reports. These reports enable our people in the home base ever to have vividly before them a picture of just what is taking place out in the far corners of the earth. That means that they can see how their mission offerings, their liberality, their sacrifice have been translated into great victories for the Advent movement. And to the extent that the hearts of our people in the homeland are kept sensitive to the fact that the Advent movement is growing and gaining greater victories all the while, to that extent will offerings grow to expand the work overseas.

And so I appeal to you to send in to us ever and anon heart-warming, human-interest stories of the growth of the message in all the corners of the earth. I don't care if you are up in Eskimoland, down at the lowest tip of South America, or over in the South Pacific, or Africa, or elsewhere. We are interested in what is happening in the Advent movement in every corner of the earth.

You don't have to write a long story. You don't have to be a literary light of the first order to be able to write something good. If your story has real merit, if there is something heart-warming about it, we might be able to help you a bit with a split infinitive and a few dangling participles. If you are thinking of sending us something of length, drop us a line ahead of time, and we will write to you,

to help you shape it in such a way that it will accomplish the maximum. Don't fail to send us good pictures, if possible, and always use airmail. We like promptness. It is the essence, always, of good journalism.

One last thought. Don't send to us dry, formal reports of a conference session, or anything akin to it. It's not that we don't think that conference sessions are important, but a formal report of them is generally as dry as the hills of Gilboa of dew and rain. Tell us what happened as a result of that conference meeting—the new work that began, the new developments, the souls saved. Give us something that pulsates, that has warmth, that has colour, that will burn into the hearts of the souls of men and women and into their pocket books as well, that the treasury of God may be filled to overflowing.

Netherlands Report

"IN recent years public opinion regarding our denomination in the Netherlands has changed greatly. A well known writer and journalist, L. Aletrino, wrote a book about fifteen churches. He interviewed me before he wrote his article about our church. The title of his article is: *Seventh-day Adventists, 'Doers of the Word'*—They live in anticipation of the coming of Christ and want to prepare 'mankind for it.'

"Another writer, Dr. F. Boerwinkel, wrote in his book about our church: 'If you want to know the spirit of the Seventh-day Adventists, you have to read the book *Steps to Christ*.'

"Much good-will has been created by our radio work and Bible course.

"One of our ministers held a campaign in a town where we have no church-members. He held his meetings in the Lutheran church. As he brought the Sabbath truth five people wanted to attend the Sabbath services. Our minister could not have this service in that big church building, so the minister of that Lutheran church invited him to have the Sabbath service in a room of his own home. Now we have a group of earnest Sabbath-keepers in that home.

"The new wing of our old people's home is ready and we now have eighty old people in our institution.

"Our children's home has seventy children in the summer time—orphans and other children who need special care."

Extracts from a letter dated May 12th sent by F. J. Voorthuis to A. F. Tarr.

Action Needed

"LET the Gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, page 14.

"The main business of the pastor is not the preparation and delivery of sermons and addresses so much as the development, whether by sermon or by any other method, of every member in his church into a soul-winner."—*J. E. Conant*.

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