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THE BEGINNING

By L. H. Christian, President, Northern European Division

A SUBSTANTIAL house must have a strong foundation, and a prosperous enterprise a good start. The first steps of the little one at home is a family event and a child adventure. It seems indeed as though God has made better provision for childhood—the beginning of life, than for any other period. Thus Nature recognizes that a careful commencement is the primary element of success. We find the same in Holy Writ. The Bible has "In the beginning God . . ." We of the new Northern European Division are also just now in the beginning of things. And we earnestly desire that these first things shall be with the Lord and to His glory. The Advent cause is a deeply spiritual movement. Not organization, not money, not wise plans, not strong leadership will alone suffice. Only as we are spirit-filled and unselfish will we succeed. The anointing with the Holy Ghost is our first and constant need.

To further our Division life and activity, we shall publish a new paper, THE ADVENT SURVEY. We

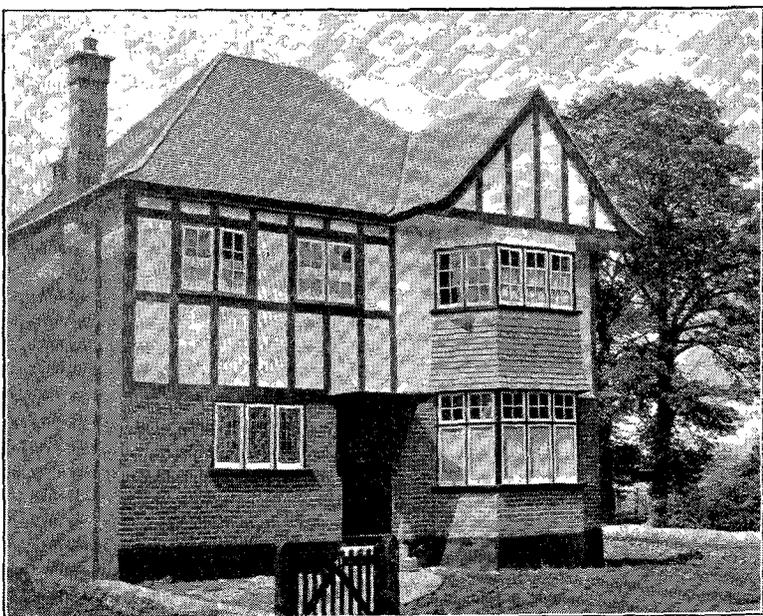
are fortunate in having an efficient editor, Miss Ella Eastcott. The paper will be printed in our own British publishing house. As our Division organ, it will contain the quarterly reports and all official announcements and information. Though more members in the Northern Division understand the Scandinavian languages than any other, yet we shall print the paper in English. This is not because our headquarters are in England, but because the reports have to be sent to the General Conference. Then, too, many of our members and mission workers of the Scandinavian, Baltic, and Polish Unions read Eng-

lish, or desire to learn, because of the books published in that tongue. A survey is "a general view, as from above." In this paper we wish to "review with attention" and "plan with prayer" the needs and progress of the Advent cause in our field.

We are happy to tell our readers that we have a good place, and on very reasonable terms, for our Division headquarters. Edgware is a quiet suburb ten miles north-west of London, yet in the London area. It is situated on the Edgware and Morden tube, or underground railway, and can easily be reached from any part of London. We extend to all a most cordial invitation to visit us. Everyone is welcome. It will ever be a pleasure to us if we can be of any service to members of the Advent Church.

We are beginning the Division with every place filled. Several of our men are well known from their connection with the former European Division. Others have just come in. Professor L. F. Oswald from Riga is Home Missionary

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OUR FIELD

By W. E. READ, Secretary, Northern European Division

IN the Northern European Division God has committed to us a large and solemn responsibility. Scattered throughout our different fields in Europe and the great stretches of the African continent are 165 millions of people to whom the third angel's message must be carried in this generation. This is the great task that faces us as God's servants and people in this Division at this time. Millions of these people are crowded together in our large cities while other millions are scattered over very large areas. Many sections are sparsely populated, making it difficult to reach them with the message for this time.

The European part of our Division embraces four unions—the Baltic Union, the British Union, the Polish Union, and the Scandinavian Union, also the Iceland-Faroes Mission. Then in the African Continent we have the East African Union Mission, the Ethiopian Union Mission, and our missions on the West Coast, which at the present time we know as the West African group.

One of the problems which face us is the evangelization of our large cities. In Great Britain there are hundreds of cities with a population of over 10,000 which have never yet been entered with the Advent message. The same is true in other parts of the field, in Poland, in Sweden, and in other sections. The coast towns and other strategic centres in our mission fields have as yet hardly any witness that the Saviour is soon to appear. A great and solemn responsibility rests upon us as we face the gigantic task of carrying the Gospel message to the millions of people in our large field.

While we realize the magnitude of the task, yet we feel glad for the many omens of encouragement we see on every hand. God is working too in a wonderful way in our mission fields. In our African missions, for the year 1928, we had a net

gain of 644, but for the first quarter of 1929 we show a net gain of 500. The second quarter's gain is also very encouraging and we are hoping that this year we shall run beyond the four-figure mark. In the East Tanganyika Mission field, where the work has gone rather slowly for many years, and where the baptisms have been but few in number, the brethren expect to baptize fully 100 this year.

We take courage as we think of what God is doing. We rejoice as we see His providential leading. Our hearts are made glad when we see such wonderful openings on every side and yet there is a tinge of sadness in our hearts, especially as we realize that we are not able to answer the present calls that are coming in to us from far and near. Pathetic appeals are being made. A chief here pleads for a worker. Another chief in another part urges us to send a teacher, and yet for lack of means we are compelled to delay. May God help us as His people to realize to the full the

solemn responsibility that is ours and enable us to address ourselves to the great task with consecration, and with a new spirit of sacrifice and devotion so that these calls may speedily be answered, and the message be sounded in every part of the world and the Saviour come to claim His own.

May God keep us all faithful and true to Him.



Progress in Scandinavia

G. E. Nord, Union President

THE year 1928 was in many respects a really good year for the Scandinavian Union. Tithes and offerings increased, and over 600 souls were received into fellowship.

The net gain in membership was reduced to 197, mainly because a very large number emigrated or died during the year. The outlook for the present year is good. There is a small gain in tithes and offerings for the first quarter of this year above that of last year.



Our territory in Europe.

At our last Union committee session the question of dividing the conferences came up, and since then the Swedish as well as the Finnish Conferences have already been divided into four conferences: the Northern Swedish Conference with a population of 3,049,067, and a membership of 1,101, and the Southern Swedish Conference of 3,038,856 inhabitants and 763 members. The Finnish Conference was divided on national lines, both conferences taking in all of Finland. The Finnish Conference has a membership of over a thousand and over three million population, while the Swedish-speaking population is less than half a million, represented by some 300 members.

We believe that this re-organization of the work in both of these countries will prove a great blessing to the cause. We are of good courage and are determined by the help of the Lord to do our part in this Northern Division to finish the work.



Baltic Union Conference

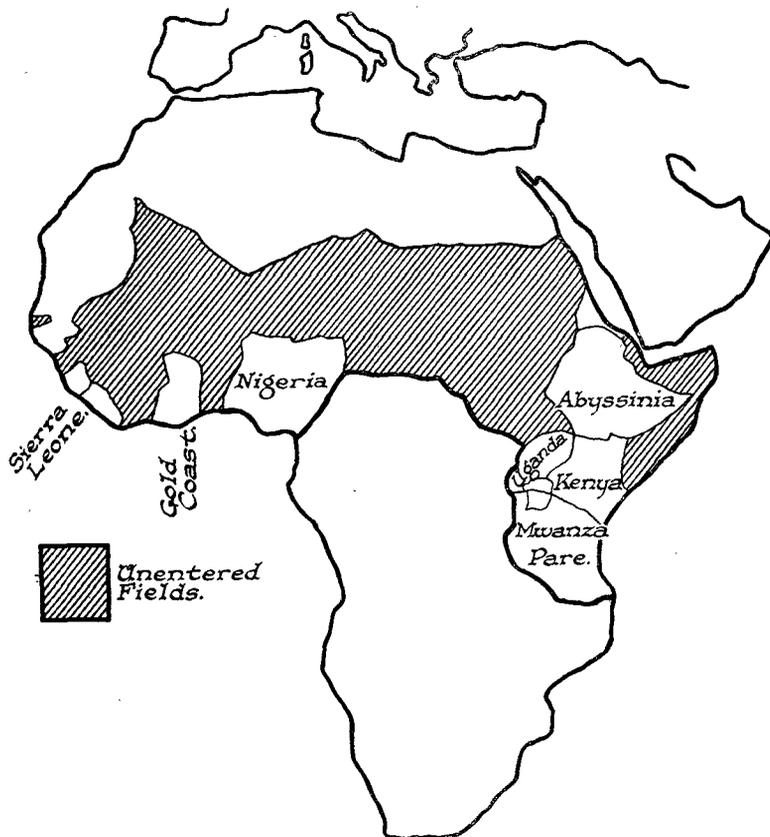
T. T. Babienco, President

THE first quarter of this year was one of success. The Lord has blessed our workers and our faithful churchmembers. We are glad to be able to report success in all departments, above all in the winning of souls. Notwithstanding the hardships resulting from the bad crops of last year our churches have paid more tithe and have given more to missions. Surely the spirit of sacrifice is leading our people.

The Latvian Conference has grown to such an extent that it was decided, after much thought and prayer, to divide this field into three conferences. This change is proving successful and is enabling us to care better for the churches in the distant corners of the territory.

Our workers in Lithuania are mastering the language and we are preparing for strong evangelistic work among the Lithuanian people. Many are already interested in the message. The Sabbath-school lessons are translated into this language and a sixteen-page monthly is also published.

We are grateful to the Lord that Esthonia is getting victoriously out of the sad experiences of the past



Our Missions in Africa.

few years, and many faithful souls are returning to walk with us in this truth.

The Big Week in our Union was a real "Big Week" and we have passed our goal. To God we give the honour.



Off to the Mission Field

By W. E. Read

THE needs of our far-flung mission fields make heavy calls upon us in the home base for young men and women to take their places in the many hard and difficult fields across the seas. Yet the response is very gratifying. Our young people, as the call comes to them, gladly leave their homes and loved ones and sail away to these distant lands to carry the Gospel message to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. This year we have already sent out several new recruits. Brother and Sister Gabrielsen sailed last January for Kenya Colony. Sister Dorothy Neilsen went out to our hospital in East Africa, and Miss M. Wharrie left just a little while ago to take over the secretary-treasurer's work

in the East African Union. Still more workers are needed and some are already under appointment but we will report concerning them later. Each year is making increasing demands upon us for men and for means. The growing interests in these needy lands should make a stirring appeal to our hearts in the home land. Let us ever remember these faithful workers in our prayers day by day, that God may bless them in their service for Him, and that they may be instrumental in winning many souls to Jesus.



"HE who loses sight of his entire dependence upon God is sure to fall. We are contending with those who are stronger than we. Satan and his hosts are constantly watching to assail us with temptations and in our own strength and wisdom it is impossible for us to withstand them. Hence, whenever we permit our hearts to be drawn away from God, whenever we indulge self-exaltation or self-dependence, we are sure to be overthrown." — "Gospel Workers," pages 322, 323.



Miss M. Wharrie
(Sec.-Treas., East
African Union)



Miss D. Neilsen
(Hospital, Kenya
Colony)



Miss H. Green
(Under appointment for East African Union)



Brother W. Raitt

WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

A Few Words from East Africa

W. T. Bartlett, Retiring Superintendent, East African Union

At Djibouti I find a letter soliciting a short contribution for THE ADVENT SURVEY, and I write it as the steamer follows the barren coast leading up to the gateways of the Red Sea.

The "Advent" atlas is re-arranged these days. Last year the European Division claimed all the shores we are passing; now the Northern Division shares its burden with the Central and the South. To have an easier time? God forbid. The re-alignment of the forces means surely a much more effective occupation of the narrowed territories. It is time we faced our task with a definite intention to finish it.

Looking back over the last few days in East Africa I realize that the work grows there. Another new church in the Kisii Mission, makes the fourth. I think of the day when I baptized the first ten of our Kisii believers, and the caution of our early moves. Now we see a large body of stalwart native teachers headed by proved and trusty native leaders, with native churches that are beating all previous records of progress and generous giving. I would like to speak of the work done by Brother Beavon and Miss Raitt, but if I go into details THE ADVENT SURVEY will have to be enlarged.

The Gendia church rejoices in yet another daughter, and even so must

either build a bigger place for itself or split again.

From a big European plantation comes the news that they have built a school for the 130 Adventists working for them, and will now build a school for a group of Kisii Adventists equally large. The manager says: "We like our Adventist labourers very much and will do anything we can for them



Brother and Sister Gabrielsen
(Kenya Colony)

in reason." So we establish a new strong centre far away from our nearest station.

At Suji I dedicated a handsome stone church, built by native labourers. A strong brass band lent impressiveness to the service. The brass bands go out in Pare on evangelistic tours and help to win souls. Pare to-day has 300 in the baptismal classes. A new era has dawned for the work in that field.

Through peculiar difficulties the book work is forming into line. One canvasser sold 1,000 copies of our new Swahili paper in two weeks; a special edition of 10,000 was printed for the Big Week.

My last service at Gendia was held outdoors. The ushers counted 1,757 when the meeting began.

God has helped us greatly in East Africa. To Him be all the glory!

Two of my cabin-mates are English. One is the manager of the best-known business in Nairobi. He knows my name well. He thinks we must be prospering greatly because of the large orders he gets. The other also needs no explanation. He is the son of the gentleman who will be our next door neighbour when we open our new headquarters in Nakuru.

I cannot help feeling that the over-ruling Providence which reshaped our European organization is wanting to take hold of us all individually and make more of us. May THE ADVENT SURVEY always tell of progress in the occupation of our territory and a deeper, fuller measure of spiritual power pervading our works.



New Headquarters in East Africa

S. G. Maxwell, Superintendent, East African Union

For many years we have been content to operate this Union from one of our existing mission stations. This was situated in a native reserve. The result was that if there was any shortage of workers in that particular field the Union Superintendent usually got tied up there.

Now we have laid plans to have new headquarters in the highlands of Kenya. A site has been selected at Nakuru. This is an important railway junction and gives direct communication with the coast, or

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Statistical Report of the Northern European Division for the Quarter Ended March 31, 1929

NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	No. of Churches	Membership of previous report	GAINS					LOSSES							Net gain	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Missionary Credentials	Other Workers	Colpo'teurs	Total Workers	No. of Sabbath-schools	Membership	Average Attendance
			By baptism	By vote	By let. from foreign fields	By let. from oth. fields in Union	Total gains	By apostasy	By death	By letter to America	By let. to other foreign fields	By let. to other fields in Union	Total losses												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
Northern European Division	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	7	...	...	13	...	...	...
Baltic Union																									
Estonian Conference.....	1	18	1421	9	4	12	25	3	5	...	2	12	20	5	1426	3	2	2	2	11	25	28	1416	914	
Riga ".....	2	7	870	23	4	27	54	9	18	...	2	27	56	-2	868	2	2	2	2	11	17	7	881	585	
Courland ".....	3	16	673	20	1	11	32	4	7	...	...	4	7	10	682	2	2	3	9	16	16	16	760	408
Livorea ".....	4	18	628	1	1	5	7	6	1	...	...	5	12	-5	623	3	2	7	1	10	23	28	577	367
Lithuania ".....	5	9	177	...	...	1	1	4	2	...	...	...	6	-5	172	3	2	2	...	4	11	9	180	127
		68	2768	53	6	4	56	119	26	83	2	55	116	3	3771	19	6	22	5	45	97	88	3814	2401	
British Union																									
South England Conference	1	33	2079	5	4	19	33	61	5	11	...	1	32	49	2091	14	4	2	2	30	56	41	2127	1614	
North England ".....	2	38	1538	...	2	6	8	31	14	...	...	...	10	55	1491	9	4	8	4	27	52	49	1552	1159
Welsh Mission.....	3	15	420	...	...	7	7	6	2	...	...	...	11	22	417	3	1	3	...	8	15	17	440	362
Scottish ".....	4	8	298	...	...	5	5	3	1	...	...	...	3	7	296	1	2	2	...	2	7	8	238	166
Irish ".....	5	4	138	...	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	3	4	136	2	1	3	...	2	8	4	140	112
		93	4473	5	4	21	53	83	16	28	1	50	125	-42	4431	36	12	22	10	69	149	119	4492	3413	
Polish Union																									
Posanian Conference.....	1	15	332	...	...	8	8	...	1	...	...	9	10	-2	330	3	1	1	8	10	22	26	374	235
Silesian ".....	2	25	781	6	1	31	38	3	5	...	...	31	39	-1	780	2	2	2	1	21	32	51	909	708
Central Polish Conf.	3	13	252	...	3	9	12	...	...	...	2	4	6	6	258	1	1	5	1	8	16	22	251	156
East Polish ".....	4	33	636	4	1	40	46	13	3	...	...	47	63	-17	619	4	3	2	10	19	40	640	640	4
North Polish Mission.....	5	16	259	...	1	2	3	3	...	1	1	1	6	-3	256	1	...	3	...	5	9	20	338	305	
		102	2260	10	3	4	90	107	19	9	1	3	92	124	17	2243	14	4	25	13	54	110	159	2512	2084
Scandinavian Union																									
Danish Conference.....	1	46	2651	9	4	2	3	18	9	13	4	4	5	35	2634	3	4	11	2	17	42	70	2385	1648	
Norwegian ".....	2	51	2372	6	5	3	14	13	15	4	1	4	37	-23	2349	8	2	8	2	19	39	59	2081	1492	
Swedish ".....	3	45	1864	6	4	3	5	18	12	7	9	1	29	-11	1853	6	2	8	1	22	39	52	1618	1306	
Finnish ".....	4	26	1493	1	2	...	3	40	11	...	1	...	52	-49	1444	5	4	5	2	28	44	54	1142	1070	
		168	8380	22	15	5	11	53	74	46	8	15	10	153	-100	8280	30	12	32	9	86	169	235	7226	5516
Totals		436	18881	90	28	31	210	362	165	116	9	21	207	518	-156	18725	104	35	108	37	254	538	601	18044	13414
East African Union Mission																									
Kenya.....	1	10	1385	293	...	...	293	6	...	...	...	6	287	1672	4	1	8	...	...	8	125	6625	6476	1
West Tanganyika.....	2	5	297	30	...	...	30	3	...	...	...	3	27	324	5	2	1	...	...	8	41	1430	1297	2
East Tanganyika.....	3	6	265	47	4	10	61	2	2	...	10	14	47	312	2	...	1	...	...	3	16	727	793	3
Uganda.....	4	1	18	8	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	8	26	1	...	1	...	...	2	6	137	150	4
		22	1965	378	4	10	392	11	2	...	10	...	23	369	2334	12	3	6	...	21	188	8919	8656		
Ethiopian Union Mission																									
Central Abyssinia.....	1	2	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	1	2	2	...	5	3	69	54	1
Eastern ".....	2	1	2	5	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	8	1	1	...	...	1	1	12	12	2
Western ".....	3	1	9	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	1	1	...	...	2	2	27	36	3
*Eritrea.....	4	1	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	1	...	...	...	1	1	30	25	4
		5	106	5	2	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	113	4	3	2	...	9	7	138	127	
West African Mission																									
Sierra Leone.....	1	4	190	30	6	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	226	1	1	2	...	4	17	570	520	1
Gold Coast.....	2	5	395	64	...	64	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	58	458	1	1	1	...	3	17	622	380	2
Nigeria.....	3	4	541	28	...	28	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	26	567	2	2	1	...	5	27	1285	1092	3
		13	1126	122	6	128	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	8	120	1246	4	4	...	12	61	2477	1992	
Miscellaneous Missions																									
Iceland.....	1	4	305	5	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	309	1	1	1	6	4	3	195	150	1
Faroes.....	2	1	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	...	1	...	...	2	4	48	46	2
		5	342	5	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	346	1	2	1	2	6	12	7	243	196
Totals		45	3539	510	10	12	532	13	9	10	10	32	500	4039	21	12	13	2	8	54	263	11777	10971		
Grand Totals		431	22420	600	32	46	210	394	178	125	9	31	207	550	344	22764	125	47	121	39	260	592	864	29821	24385

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Remarks on the Statistics

It may not be due, of course, to any inspiration caught from the great divide which took place at Darmstadt last August, but still it is true that three unions out of four have passed through a transformation. In the Baltic Union we now have five instead of three conferences; in the British Union there

are five instead of two. The Scandinavian Union has divided two of its conferences, although this will not be shown until the next report. Neither is the mission field behind in the forward march. Mwanza has changed its name to "The West Tanganyika Mission," and Pare will henceforth be known as "The East Tanganyika Mission." Iceland

and the Faroes will continue to be reported separately although they are united under the name of "The Iceland-Faroes Mission."

We earnestly pray that God's abundant blessing may rest upon His children and that every change, whether large or small, may mean a stride towards finishing the work.

E. M. E.

Statistical Report of the Northern European

	Tithe	Tithe (weekly per capita)	Total Offerings (Columns 26-35)	Sabbath-School Offerings 12 Sabbaths	18th Sabbath Offerings	Weekly Offerings	Harvest Ingathering Offering
	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Baltic Union							
Esthonian Conference	Lats 9621 88	0 52	2745 91	1633 93	479 73	159 80	341 20
Riga "	Lats 10419 86	0 93	1572 76	1018 17	293 28	217 31	5 00
Courland "	Lats 5494 76	0 63	930 85	575 05	137 82	160 30	.....
Livonia "	Lats 4241 94	0 53	732 79	519 42	161 04	45 33	.....
Lithuania "	Lats 1870 77	0 81	483 66	296 24	139 00	37 43	.....
Total	Lats 31649 21 \$ 6108 30	0 64 0 12	6165 97 1247 95	4043 81 780 48	1210 87 233 70	650 17 126 48	346 20 66 81
British Union							
South England Conference	£ 3061 19 3	2 3	649 10 10	418 11 9	176 7 11	.....	27 10 1
North England "	£ 1646 11 11	1 8	494 13 9	249 4 6	97 1 10	.....	21 5 8
Weth Mission	£ 363 18 1	1 4	132 8 5	63 5 8	20 5 1	.....	7 8 0
Scottish "	£ 223 6 11	1 2	70 6 2	48 5 9	18 14 11	.....	1 15 4
Irish "	£ 149 17 10	1 8	71 17 7	35 12 8	23 0 3	.....	7 3 0
Total	£ 5445 14 0 \$ 26485 50	1 11 0 46	1418 16 9 6900 64	815 0 4 3963 32	335 10 0 1631 74	.....	65 2 1 316 63
Polish Union							
Posanian Conference	Zl. 6082 98	.....	2708 95	1324 65	437 71	231 45	108 70
Silesian "	Zl. 7274 10	1 68	3615 81	2373 21	558 59	596 02	.....
Central Polish Conference	Zl. 14797 53	1 46	1686 37	1089 33	290 69	25 20	5 00
East Polish "	Zl. 5653 73	1 72	1267 98	779 80	173 78	39 10	253 10
North Polish Mission	Zl. 4073 39	0 49	789 70	440 94	78 08	24 83	239 70
Total	Zl. 40230 12 \$ 4463 10	1 37 0 13	10068 81 1127 07	6307 93 672 53	1538 85 172 26	1147 10 128 46	606 50 67 88
Scandinavian Union							
Danish Conference	D. Kr. 44608 95	1 29	11220 73	6049 51	3115 76	316 43	892 10
Norwegian "	N. Kr. 33251 38	1 08	8353 72	5188 27	2058 11	77 80	564 15
Swedish "	S. Kr. 31544 08	1 30	8363 67	4350 08	2466 98	33 50	877 85
Finnish "	F. Mk. 188,444 15	7 13	30121 95	20335 40	7479 10	.....	276 00
Total	S. Kr. 121726 88 \$ 32654 70	1 12 0 29	30608 71 3211 40	17398 57 4667 49	8300 47 2226 81	435 16 116 78	2348 68 630 05
Totals for Union							
	\$ 69711 60	0 64	17487 06	10084 42	4264 51	370 72	1081 35
666							
East African Union Mission							
Kenya	£ 224 10 0	3	492 2 5	121 9 10	48 5 7	.....	68 6 9
West Tanganyika	£ 98 2 6	6	121 19 6	21 9 10	13 2 6	.....	36 17 4
East Tanganyika	£ 59 0 10	4	168 16 7	29 6 0	5 13 8	.....	9 10 1
Uganda	£ 22 17 6	2 0	44 3 11	6 11 0	2 6 0	.....	.....
Total	£ 404 10 10 \$ 1970 10	3½ 0 07	827 2 5 4028 07	178 16 8 870 91	69 7 9 334 9½	.....	114 14 2 558 63
Ethiopian Union Mission							
Central Abyssinia	£ 38 11 8	1 2	25 4 3	9 4 7	1 11 8	3 18 0	.....
Eastern "	£ 7 10 0	5 10	6 4 0	2 0 0	6 0	18 0	.....
Western "	£ 14 7 6	2 7	7 4 11	2 12 7	10 4	1 12 0	.....
*Eritrea .....	£ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	£ 60 19 2 \$ 296 80	10½ 0 21	38 13 2 188 25	13 17 2 67 49	2 8 0 11 69	6 8 0 31 16	.....
West African Missions							
Sierra Leone	£ 40 10 10	4	8 13 6	6 8 3	2 5 3	.....	.....
God Coast	£ 101 0 10	4½	290 7 7	30 3 2	.....	.....	183 19 5
Nigeria	£ 102 0 0	3½	130 4 7	27 5 4	4 2 1	.....	77 0 0
Total	£ 243 11 8 \$ 1186 30	4 0 08	369 5 8 1798 40	63 16 9 310 88	6 7 4 31 00	.....	260 19 5 1270 94
Iceland-Faroes Missions							
Iceland	Ice. Kr. 5917 13	1 49	5973 75	667 51	170 00	.....	4853 74
Faroes	D. Kr. 284 00	0 59	1415 39	74 51	36 15	42 00	1194 23
Total	\$ 1376 60	0 30	1703 61	166 67	47 05	11 24	1277 04
Totals for Missions							
	\$ 4829 80	0 10	7718 33	1415 95	427 66	42 40	3106 61
Grand Totals							
	\$ 74541 40	0 25	25705 39	11500 39	4692 17	418 12	4187 96

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Division for the Quarter Ended March 31, 1929

Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous Offerings	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week Missions Extension Fund	Total Offerings (Columns 36-38 and Big Week)	Total Offerings Weekly per capita	Percentage of Offerings to Tithes	Special Offerings for Foreign Fields	Total Contributions for Home Missionary Work	Total Contributions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Sales	
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	
181 25 9 00 56 68 7 00 10 99	23 48 475 00	2768 34 2047 76 930 85 732 79 483 66	0 15 0 19 0 13 0 13 0 23	28 7% 19 6% 16 9% 17 2% 25 8%	47 87 128 70 98 48 10 60 9 10	1981 12 2886 43 2157 45 159 09 52 08	E. Kr. 2029 33 Ls. 4384 00 Ls. 3644 00 Ls. 3021 00 Lt. 4626 60	1 2 3 4 5
211 92 41 48	437 43 96 00	6963 40 1343 95	0 15 0 03	22 %	234 15 45 20	7186 17 1387 29	16308 89 3147 47	
5 13 0 1 16 0 6 9 6 4 10 0	21 3 1 125 6 9 35 0 2 1 10 2 1 11 8	5 0	9 11 0 6 12 0 7 0 1 4 3 10 0	659 1 10 501 5 9 132 15 5 71 19 5 72 7 7	5 1/2 6 5 1/2 4 9 1/2	21 5% 30 4% 36 4% 32 % 48 2% 16 0	87 6 11 2 11 11 31 3 0 3 4 0	518 15 6 206 14 6 29 4 5 31 2 2 18 12 10	1683 8 1 1662 5 7 562 5 2 223 4 2 43 0 9	1 2 3 4 5
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Home Missionary Report for First Quarter, 1929

	Baltic Union	British Union	Polish Union	Scandinavian Union	Missions	Total 1st Quarter 1929	Total 1st Quarter 1928
No. of Churches and Companies	68	98	102	277	.....	645	507
No. of Churchmembers	3771	4431	2243	8280	.....	18725	18255
No. Reporting	1622	937	762	1357	.....	4734	5043
% of Members Reporting	43%	22%	34%	16 %	.....	25%	27%
Report of Missionary Work							
Missionary Visits	11886	5067	5355	5561	32	27901	24056
Bible Readings	7072	1273	8821	.....	2	17222	17813
No. of Persons taken to Services	1252	396	191	.....	4	3843	3924
Hours of Christian Help Work	7166	14842	277	3920	.....	26205	25611
Treatments Given	2698	739	444	4975	100	8956	3648
Periodicals Distributed	21852	71933	2800	29722	1899	127206	219584
Tracts Distributed	2289	26238	430	24173	73	53203	49295
New Subscriptions to Periodicals	568	629	15	1743	25	2980	4040
Books Distributed	1163	3373	114	1509	40	6199	6996
Missionary Letters Written	1134	2219	297	2001	1	5552	5902
Missionary Letters Received	654	927	162	877	.....	2620	2839
SOULS WON	10	4	.....	7	2	23	24

New Headquarters in East Africa

(Continued from page 4.)

through to Uganda and the Sudan, or southwards by rail and steamer to Tanganyika. Mail and telegraph facilities will thus be considerably improved.

Access will be given to the large European population in the Kenya highlands and contact with the message will give us many new interests. Brother Cuthbert is taking charge of the canvassing work and hopes to get in touch with a large number of the white farmers. We expect to keep a stock of literature on hand to answer all calls.

In connection with the new headquarters it is planned to erect a home for the missionaries' children. Isolation out in the reserves, in contact only with natives, is not the best thing for white children. Now they will soon be able to attend a good Government school and mix with children of their own age. It is hoped to complete this home this year.

The site of five acres is quite a pleasant one. The elevation is 6,000 feet. It is situated in the Great Rift Valley, with a pleasing view over Lake Nakuru, and the extinct volcano of Menengai in the rear. Twenty minutes' walk takes one to the Government school. It is two miles into Nakuru and the railway station. We hope to have water laid on. Milk and vegetables are plentiful in the wet season.

We feel that all this is a move in

the right direction and that thereby our message will become much better known throughout East Africa.

West Africa

J. J. Hyde, Superintendent, Gold Coast Mission

It is with a feeling of gratitude to God that we look back over recent experiences in the Gold Coast. We all have been preserved from the diseases that so constantly menace our lives, and we have seen the hand of God working in our behalf.

Just before coming home on furlough we held our annual camp

meeting. Our people gathered in good numbers, some being present from stations 250 miles distant. A good spirit pervaded the gathering and continued with us to the end.

One meeting in particular had been set aside as an open meeting. To this all the chiefs in whose towns we had stations, and many for whom we have done no work, had been invited. The result was a wonderful display of Ashanti pagantry. There were present representatives from most of the paramount chiefs. Each brought with him the money collected in his village for the Harvest Ingathering, or

Our Native Work in Heathen

NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	Teachers	Colporteurs	Other Workers	Total	Number in Baptismal Class	Train. Sch.	
									Number of	Enrollment
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
East African Union Mission										
Kenya .....	...	...	...	307	...	...	307	696	2	60
West Tanganyika .....	...	...	...	55	...	...	55	324	...	...
East Tanganyika .....	...	...	12	40	...	...	52	166	1	31
Uganda .....	...	...	5	2	...	...	7	30	...	...
Total			17	404			421	1216	3	91
Ethiopian Union Mission										
Central Abyssinia	1	...	...	3	2	...	6	16	11	25
Eastern Abyssinia .....	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	4	...	...
Western Abyssinia .....	...	...	...	1	...	4	5	2	1	4
Eritrea .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1			6	2	4	13	22	2	29
West African Missions										
Sierra Leone	1	5	10	...	...	8	24	120	1	20
Gold Coast	1	...	12	...	...	...	13	...	1	70
Nigeria .....	...	4	19	...	...	7	30	119	1	22
Total	2	9	41			15	67	239	3	112
Grand Totals	3	9	58	410	2	19	601	1477	8	232

†No report

Missionary Volunteer Report for First Quarter, 1929

	Baltic Union	British Union	Polish Union	Scandinavian Union	Totals 1st Quarter 1929	Totals 1st Quarter 1928
No. of Societies	48	67	36	69	220	188
Total Membership	790	1343	516	1882	4081	4303
Number reporting	563	440	260	279	1542	1490
Per Cent of Members Reporting	71%	33%	50%	20%	38%	35%
Financial						
Offerings for Local Society Work.....	\$ 85 69	\$ 51 47	\$ 2 56	\$ 68 16	\$160 88	
Offerings for Foreign Missions	47 31	194 69	13 98	116 84	372 62	
Missionary Work						
Missionary Visits	4886	1539	1782	831	9088	7113
Bible Readings.....	2271	285	2160	774	5490	5109
Persons taken to Services	1103	198	64	103	1466	.....
Hours of Christian Help Work	4171	8378	241	364	13154	12064
No. of Treatments Given	698	198	80	112	1028	1123
Periodicals Distributed	11556	35078	1404	6769	54807	69751
Tracts Distributed.....	850	7927	135	909	9221	13590
Subscriptions to Periodicals	255	326	2	168	751	759
Books Distributed	490	1571	94	155	2310	2282
Missionary Letters Written	692	768	182	661	2298	2405
Missionary Letters Received	379	434	83	199	1096	1130
SOULS WON	10	4	.....	1	15	12

where no such collection had been taken, a donation towards the erection of a church building at our headquarters station. At the close of the service we had little less than £300 on our table.

This meeting was chiefly important as showing the feeling of the Ashanti peoples toward our mission. It demonstrated that almost all the Ashanti chief towns are open to us for work.

But these doors will not remain open for ever. A proverb which one meets everywhere from Yorkshire to West Africa says: "Nothing for

nothing." Unless we can soon demonstrate our friendship by serving these people in some way that is understood and appreciated by them, they will cease to show friendship for us. We have in the year that has passed held well-attended services in a greater number of towns than ever before. Chiefs have said at the close of such services, "Sir, we give this place to you. We are your children."

Yet we have an entirely inadequate staff even for present needs. Of thirteen stations, two only have teachers resident in them. It is to

be doubted whether such a condition prevails in any other part of Africa.

What are we to say then? "Is God moving too quickly?" That *never* is true. God will help us to meet these calls. Then the harvest will be rich indeed. As a foretaste of that happy time it was our privilege to witness the baptism of and to receive into church fellowship sixty-four well-examined and instructed souls, at the close of our camp meeting.

We thank God for all that He has done for us, and we ask you to pray earnestly for us, that we may be so sensitive to God's guidance that we may be led to the right solution of the difficulties which now confront us.



The New Officers

SOME are wondering what offices the brethren at No. 41 Manor Gardens hold. We give this information below:

- President L. H. Christian
- Secretary W. E. Read
- Treasurer and Auditor Chr. Pedersen
- Field and Ministerial Association Secretary . . . J. H. Schilling
- Publishing Department Secretary . . . C. E. Weaks
- H. M. and Educational Secretary . . . L. F. Oswald
- S. S. and M. V. Secretary . . . G. A. Lindsay
- Assistant Auditor . . . Albert Olsen

Africa, Fourth Quarter, 1928

Station Sch.		Out-School		Girls' Sch.		Med. Miss W		European Tithe	Native Tithe	Per cent of Native to European Tithe
Number of	Enrolment	Number of	Enrolment	Number of	Enrolment	No. Per. giving Treatments	No. Treatments given			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
3	270	232	9163	2	55	4	2467	£ 78 8 4	146 1 8	186 3%
5	205	38	911	6	8861	60 7 6	37 15 0	62 3%
2	183	18	2081	1	50	3	30 0 10	29 0 0	96 5%
1	82	1	17	1	3541	19 8 4	3 9 2	17 7%
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1	5	1	12
8	47	6	26	2	21	7	1887	£ 53 5 0	7 14 2	14 4%
								\$ 259 37	37 43	
16	560	1	5	25	1540	£ 10 16 3	29 14 7	275 0%
1	20	...	...	...	...	2	904	16 12 6	84 8 4	507 6%
2	126	1	38	...	...	...	.....	33 8 4	68 11 8	205 3%
19	706	1	38	1	5	27	2444	£ 60 17 1	182 14 7	300 4%
								\$ 296 33	889 97	
33	1443	296	12236	6	131	48	18700	£302 7 1	406 14 7	134 5%
								\$ 1472 80	1980 40	

OUR DEPARTMENTS

Our Publishing Work

C. E. Weeks, Sec., Publishing Dept.

WHEN the territory of the former European Division was divided into four parts there was a feeling with some that each of the newly-organized divisions would be rather small, but such evidently failed to grasp the greatness to which our work in these fields has really grown through the years. Our publishing work furnishes us but one of the many striking illustrations which might be used to picture this growth.

As recently as the year 1900, or twenty-six years after we sent our first missionary across the seas, and fifty-four years after we began our publishing programme, we had in all the world but thirteen publishing houses and branches, and our total world sales for that year, 1900, were only \$250,000. We were then publishing in thirty-nine languages. So mightily has this work grown during these twenty-nine years since 1900 that last year in the territory now comprising the Northern European Division alone we had eleven centres, publishing literature in thirty-five languages, and the value of this literature reached the large figure of \$384,015.01, or fifty per cent in excess of the value of our literature sales in all the world as recently as the year 1900.

Prosperity attended the work of this department in our field during the year 1928, and we are able to report a fair growth in sales over the year 1927. The following are the figures showing the work of the publishing houses in our Division for the years 1927 and 1928:

Houses	Sales 1927	Sales 1928
British	\$148282.22	\$151098.47
Norwegian	59282.54	51495.70
Danish	46674.74	42110.10
Swedish	41111.00	50131.00
Finnish	33940.00	36420.00
Latvian	18677.20	21139.17
Polish	10442.90	8850.37
Esthonian	7491.31	9888.73
Iceland	5714.25	11081.65
Lithuanian	346.98	980.00

South Kavirondo 910.16 819.82
\$372873.30 \$384015.01

We rejoice as we see our mission fields planning for advance moves in the work of literature production and circulation. The East African Union has released one of its most experienced mission directors, Brother W. Cuthbert, from his local work so that he may devote his time to the development of our literature work in that great East African field.

With wise planning, with hard work, with a deep spirit of consecration, and with God's blessing on our labours, I am confident that we shall witness great advancement made in this department, and in all departments of our work, within the territory of the Northern European Division.

The Sabbath-School

G. A. Lindsay, Sec., S. S. and M. V. Depts.

THE Sabbath-school and the Missionary Volunteer Departments can very fittingly be called two of the pillars of strength in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church of to-day. When the divine principles, which they aim to promote, are followed they are the greatest means of soul-saving, soul-nurture, and soul-training that we know of. Between them there exists a very close relationship. In fact, before the Missionary Volunteer Department was fully organized in 1907, it was being cared for by the Sabbath-school Department.

The chief object of the Sabbath-schools is the study of the Word of God. It is through the Sabbath-schools that the whole church is led to a deeper knowledge in the things of God as well as to a fuller consecration of the heart and soul to God. They are God's schools, training centres for His people that they might become fitted to be true witnesses for Him. The uniformity in the lessons that are studied takes the whole church forward abreast in God's wonderful truth.

We do not speak of the offerings as the object of the Sabbath-school, nevertheless they have a very important place in the programme. The greater part of our mission offerings is being supplied through the Sabbath-schools. Our appreciation of the Word of God impels us to send it out to the dark corners of the earth. Our love for the Master constrains us to give of our means with willing hearts as we listen to the appeals that come from distant lands.

We rejoice in what we have seen accomplished through the Sabbath-schools in the past. Our sincere hope is that these schools of the Lord may achieve all that God expects of them.

Missionary Volunteer Dept.

G. A. Lindsay

THE object of the Missionary Volunteer Department is "to inspire our young people with high purposes, and to organize them for service." Young people always stand in a singular position. Voices are calling to them from everywhere, appealing to their youthful vigour, their strength, their desire for activities, and their talents. Quite early in life, their likes and dislikes are set. We owe it to them to reveal clearly to them as early as possible, the high and lofty purposes of God concerning them. Their energies and talents must be organized and guided into useful service for the Master.

A great work has already been done in the field that comprises the Northern European Division. An army of more than 4,000 young people has already enlisted for service.

A great work is yet to be done among the youth of this denomination. There are many young people who would, with a little encouragement from the church-members, pastors, evangelists, and leaders, cast in their lot with the remnant people of the Lord, and become valiant volunteers for service. Shall we not, in the North-

ern European Division, build more rapidly on these two pillars of strength, the Sabbath-school and the Missionary Volunteer Departments, which are founded most securely on the Rock, which is Christ.



Educational Day

L. F. Oswald, Sec., H.M. and Educational Depts.

EVERY great movement has for its foundation a system of education and training, whether secular or religious. In the Advent movement the Lord has given us special light for the training of our youth. The divine plan is to prepare them in our own schools for our own work and for eternity.

We, as a people, have for many years set one Sabbath aside for the purpose of Christian education. This is called Educational Day. This year it falls on the sixth of July. The day is set aside in all of our churches for the study of Christian education and for the gathering of means to help some needy and worthy student to prepare to enter our work.

It is very essential to choose the right kind of training for our youth. Our children may be trained for the service of sin, or for the service of righteousness. It is the early training that counts. It shapes their character for secular as well as religious life. Solomon says: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." He speaks here of a lasting education, an education that will fit men and women for their life's work and eternity, a training from which they shall never depart. Such a training can only be obtained through Christian parents and teachers. True education embraces more than merely having a knowledge of books. It takes in everything that is good, virtuous, righteous, and holy. It includes a life of sacrifice and brotherly kindness, of love to God and to one's fellow-men.

To obtain such a training, the physical, mental, moral, and religious education of our youth must have attention. This is the aim of our schools. The saving of our children and the using of their energies in the finishing of God's work on earth is our most sacred busi-

ness. How much are we doing for our young people? How many are in our schools? Every young person of age should be in our schools. The reason we are losing so many every year is that we have failed in our training at home, and have failed to bring them into our schools. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."



Big Week Responses

L. F. Oswald

DURING the past months it has been my privilege to visit many of our churches in the Polish and Baltic Unions, in behalf of the Big Week campaign. Everywhere there was a good response. I am led to believe this year's campaign will be the best in our field. I have just received a report from the Baltic Union which shows a gain of more than 1,000 dollars over last year's achievement. Our people have done marvellously well under the financial distress in that country. Surely the Lord has blessed their efforts.

Brother Isaac of Poland states that he believes this year's campaign will be the best in the history of the Polish Union. Brother Ludtke from Volyhynia writes that he has never seen our people take such an active part in missionary work as this year. He says the Big Week campaign has brought a new missionary spirit into our churches.

The complete reports from the Scandinavian and British Unions have not as yet come in, but those from the largest churches are very encouraging. This year, for the first time, a goal was set for our schools, and this has proved a great blessing. The Baltic school tripled its goal, the Polish school doubled theirs, and the British school has also passed its goal. We have not received complete reports from the other schools, but I understand that they have all done well.

Not only our people, but many of the strangers have taken an active part in the campaign this year. For lack of space, I will relate only two experiences of work done by people not in this message. In Reval, after a campaign service, a lady asked for ten of our papers to sell. She sold them in a few hours. In the

evening she came back to the meeting bringing the money, and reported that she had not experienced such joy for many years as in the few hours she had spent in doing missionary work. The result of this experience was that she believed we had the truth, and asked to join our church. In the same city, another young lady who was at the same meeting, was so impressed with the plan of Big Week and what we as a people are doing in the mission fields, that she decided to give us 600 E. Kr. (Equal to \$160.) She had been saving this money for the last three years to take a trip through Europe this year. However, when she heard of our needs she decided to give her money towards the Big Week. She said: "I have decided to let my money travel instead of myself." It gave me great joy personally to see how the Spirit of God is working on the hearts of the people to give of their means to support the work of God. If strangers outside the message see the importance of our work, surely it ought to encourage us to be more faithful and sacrificing.



The Beginning

(Continued from page 1.)

and Educational Secretary, and Pastor G. A. Lindsay, from Sweden, Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath-school Secretary. Several of our office helpers from Berne have joined us in England. Miss Anne Schmidt will take charge of the German correspondence, and Miss Rosa Muderspach, from Denmark, of the Scandinavian. We are pleased to state that Brother J. H. Schilling is well again, and has taken up his work as Field Secretary. One in heart and faith, firm in the Gospel message, our watchword, "Greater things for God," we dedicate ourselves one and all, without reserve, to the Advent cause.

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FROM THE OFFICE WINDOW

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We were happy the other day to meet Pastor W. T. Bartlett, recently returned from our East African Union Mission. Brother Bartlett has done a large, constructive, and solid work in Africa. By his efficient leadership, under God, we have been able not only to rebuild and regain what had been torn up in the War years, but also to bring the work forward to far larger things. The mantle of responsibility has fallen on Pastor S. G. Maxwell, and he is already busy with the duties of Union Superintendent. On his way home from East Africa, Brother Bartlett stopped in Djibouti on the Red Sea and ordained Manuel Sorensen, Superintendent of the Ethiopian Union Mission. It was very hot; they were alone in a small hotel; but the Lord was there and blessed this simple service.

At a recent meeting of the Division Committee, it was voted to ask the Scandinavian Union to take Uganda as its mission field, that is, to furnish missionaries for this very promising mission land, as it does for Sierra Leone, Abyssinia, and French West Africa, where preparations are now being made to start work. This is a task which should call our brethren in the North to greater things for God.

BROTHER T. T. BABIENCO, President of the Baltic Union, has, in addition to his other work, conducted a series of Russian meetings in Riga. Already nineteen have been baptized and many others are nearly ready to accept the advent message as a result of this effort.

BROTHER NIKKAR, one of our experienced Esthonian ministers, and now president of that conference, sends a very cheering report. The Big Week brought a much



Our new home.

larger result this year in Esthonia. The new chapel, in course of erection in the university city of Dorpat, will soon be finished. Many are being baptized this summer.

FRITHJOF MUDERSPACH, one of our missionaries in East Africa, attended the Danish Conference, and gave some very helpful talks on foreign missions. He has also visited several churches in Norway and Denmark. After one of his talks, a special gift of 1,000 Kroners was made. Our people in the Scandinavian Union are becoming more and more interested in missions.

PASTOR F. M. WILCOX, editor of the *Review and Herald*, whose many instructive, stirring articles in our church paper have been such a help to us all, will come to the Northern Division in July. He will first attend the British Union Workers' meeting in Watford, July 23rd to August 1st, and after that visit as many conferences and churches as possible.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER, Secretary of the General Conference Sabbath-school Department, together with our Division Sabbath-school Secretary, G. A. Lindsay, is conducting a series of large, important Sabbath-school conventions in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. From there they go on to the British field. We extend a most cordial welcome to Sister Plummer. The Sabbath-school

work needs to be strengthened in our Division, and we know that these conventions will prove of real, lasting benefit.

PASTOR G. GUDMUNDSEN and wife from Norway, who have spent seven years in our mission in Asmara, Eritrea, N. E. Africa, and whose labours there, in the face of untold hardships, were so greatly blessed of God, are spending a few months in England to study English. They return to Africa in September.

PASTOR J. H. SCHILLING returned to England on June 23rd, and went on a few days later to help meetings in Ireland.

DR. M. E. OLSEN, who for many years laboured in the British Union, is now in attendance at the annual conferences of the Scandinavian Union.

THE unions and missions of our Division have this year undertaken the largest Harvest Ingathering task in their history. Pastor E. F. Hackman, of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, helped much last year in this work. He has now come back again in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. We are glad and grateful for his help.

MISS KATHRYN JENSEN, Assistant Secretary of the General Conference Medical Department, is spending several months in the Northern and Central Divisions. Her labours in behalf of our nurses' training schools and home nursing in the churches have been most helpful. In the Scandinavian Union we have over sixty medical centres, large and small. We need to make the labours of all these nurses spiritual and practical. A nurses' convention will be held in the British Union in July to study medical missionary problems under the leadership of Miss Jensen.