

# The Advent Survey

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## THE POWER OF WORDS

By L. H. CHRISTIAN

WHAT is in a word, and who can measure the results of human speech? By our words we can do much good to each other or very great harm. Words possess, so it almost seems, a magic power all their own. They instruct and guide. They blight or bless. They bring discord and disaster, or peace and progress. How many sensitive souls suffer because of cruel, stinging words! How many who were down and despondent have been raised up by a smiling word! And how many youth chose Christ and were kept from evil through wise, loving counsels! How then shall we of the Advent cause order our conversation? In what way, and of what topics, shall we talk?

Talk health! Some talk disease. In great detail they marry feelings to words and describe an operation or illness. It is not easy to be sick. Many earnest, humble children of God suffer much and suffer patiently. They say little about their own troubles. Their fortitude is to be admired. It is always better to think and talk of ourselves and others as in health, if we can. The less we say about disease the better. Health is,

to some extent, a matter of faith and feeling. Health is stronger than sickness and more catching. Therefore talk health.

Talk cheer! The world just now has an over-production of gloom. Bury your sour sentiments. Smile and look up. Get people out of the shadows. The sun is better than the shade. No person who trusts in God ever yet had any real cause to worry. Radiate happiness. Look on the bright side of things. Count your many blessings. Talk cheer and you have cheer.

Talk courage! God rules. Right is might. The Advent movement is sure to win. People may steal your money. They may even for a time by evil reports injure your reputation. But only you yourself can lose your courage. Have a quiet strength in your heart. Away

with boasting! Let every conceit perish. Be modest—for modesty is the mother of courage. But whatever comes, never lose heart, never give up. Smile at dangers. Challenge your foes. No man can hurt you. Only the weak get fearful. So keep your courage. Talk it. Look it. Think it. Pray it.

Talk faith! Unbelief is failure. Never utter one word of doubt. Doubt thrives on doubting words. Faith compels success—faith in yourself, in your relatives, in your friends—even the meanest of them—faith in younger men, though they do things in a new way. Faith in the Cause. Above all, faith in God. Faith comes by faith. Tell of its wonders. Live it. Sing it. Preach it.

Talk victory! Words stir men to achieve the impossible. If you are right never admit defeat. The right cannot be defeated. God never lost a battle. When you feel down the deepest, sing your brightest and best. Another day is coming. Apparent defeat is only a delayed victory.

Talk kindness! Be sympathetic. People are more weak than wicked. Many who smile have a



Ministers and Bible-workers of the Estonian Conference present at the annual meeting at Reval, Estonia.

bruised heart. Thousands feel sad and discouraged. Give them a kind word, a tender look, a hearty hand. Talk about heaven. Others talk about politics, sports, fashions—or the mistakes of others. We should talk of better things—of Jesus, of

the home to come, of the Advent message, of the triumphs of the Gospel. Let us thus consider the influence of our words—for “Death and life are in the power of the tongue.” Prov. 18:21.

the churches led into a deeper life.

According to all appearances, our brethren throughout our Northern European Division have been taking a marked interest in the work of the Association, and have also been led to a deeper consecration and a stronger determination to make their work count strongly for God. A marked interest has also been taken in the various Reading Courses, as well as in the reading of the Organ of the Association, *The Ministry*.

I have just returned from the States and do not have full reports along all the lines of the Association put into practice in our Division as yet. As soon as we have heard from the field at large, we shall render a complete report. I am sure that it will be interesting and encouraging, and will cause every one of us to feel that the organization has not been called into existence for naught, but that the objectives for which it has been organized will indeed be reached and realized more fully as time passes.

May the Lord give us indeed a very efficient ministry.



“NATURE’S noblemen are everywhere—in town and out of town, gloved and rough-handed, rich and poor. Prejudice against a lord, because he is a lord, is losing the chance of finding a good fellow, as much as prejudice against a ploughman because he is a ploughman.”



“ZEAL is like fire, it needs both feeding and watching.”

## The Ministerial Association

By J. H. SCHILLING

THE Ministerial Association was organized by the General Conference for the purpose of aiding the ministry throughout the world to develop a greater spirituality and efficiency.

The calling of the Gospel minister transcends all other callings.

Every minister feels that he is the called of God. He is conscious of the fact that he is the elect of the elect. This consciousness leads him to be careful how he speaks and acts. His general conduct will be of a nobler kind. He is not satisfied to stand in rank and file with the rest of his brethren in Christ, but constantly strives to live such a life of purity and loyalty to God that will lift him to a higher level. Christ stands in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks (the churches), and holds the stars (the ministers) in His hand.

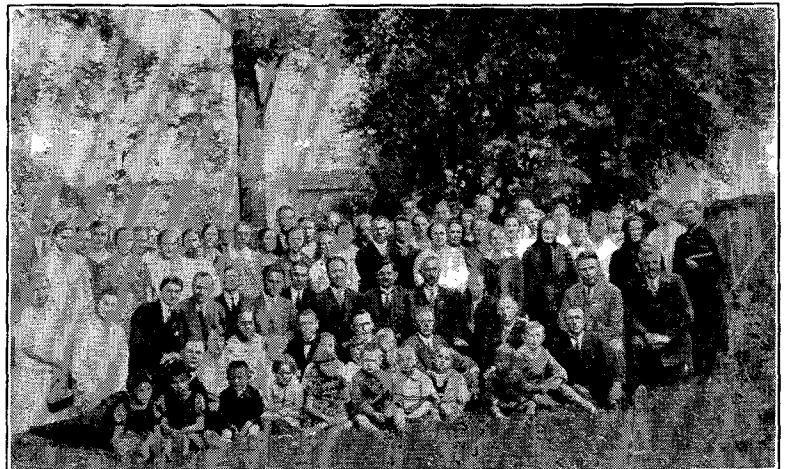
In the European Division minutes of 1923 we read the following:

“The high calling of the ministry of the Gospel should ever be before the minister, who is required of God to walk worthy of his vocation wherewith he is called. (Eph. 4:1.) He is to be a man of God (1 Tim. 6:11), separated unto the service of God, to minister in holiness of life through the grace and power of Christ, for Whom he speaks and lives. He is to be not only a teacher, but an example to the flock in devotion and prayer and self-sacrifice and earnestness of labour for souls. In the midst of a world of low standards, the minister of God is under solemn bond to maintain the high standard of Christ’s life of purity in thought and act, giving no offence in anything that the ministry be not blamed (2 Cor. 6:3), and that no reproach may be cast upon Christ and His cause, whose re-

presentatives we are in a special sense. (2 Cor. 5:20.)”

The Gospel minister, if he is led by the Spirit of God, surely will be strongly influenced to establish for himself and for the churches over which he presides ever higher standards of ethics and morals, so as to lift his people everywhere to where they are indeed true lights in the neighbourhood and city where they are located. “Ye are the light of the world,” the Saviour said to His disciples. He is saying the same to-day to both minister and churchmembers, and may the Lord grant that every man and woman in the service of God and of Christ may indeed be the light the Lord desires him or her to be.

To foster such an uplift to the ministry, and through it to the churches, our Association has been organized, and by the influence of the Lord, the Association has already achieved much during the years it has been in operation. Ministers have been uplifted, made more spiritual and efficient, and



*Some of the workers and believers of the Lithuanian Conference present at the annual meetings at Schaulen, Lithuania.*

# Annual Meetings in Lithuania and Estonia

By W. E. READ

It was the privilege of the writer, during the month of June, to attend two of the local conferences in the Baltic Union. As far as population is concerned, this is our smallest union, having a little less than five and a quarter millions of people. It is interesting to note that there are more Adventists to the population than in any other part of our Northern Division, excepting, however, the Iceland-Faroes Mission. Yet, as one travels through the three countries—Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia—one is impressed with the fact that many cities are as yet unentered, and large areas are still unreached by the message.

The annual meeting of the Lithuanian Mission Field was held at Schaulen, a city of nearly 22,000 people. Here our believers gathered from many parts of the field. While the membership is but one hundred and seventy-two, there were fully eighty people present at most of the meetings. At the evening meetings and on Sabbath we had many more. The blessing of the Lord was present with us in all our gatherings and our believers and workers returned to their homes with renewed courage and joy in the Lord.

There are several encouraging features connected with the work in Lithuania. Notwithstanding the fact that it is a Catholic country, at the present time we enjoy considerable freedom, for which all our believers are grateful to God. The president of the conference, M. Gnedinas, held a public effort during the winter months in the city where the conference was held, and at most of his meetings had between one hundred and fifty and two hundred people present. The interest in the subjects presented was so keen that fully one hundred people were unable to gain admittance, and so at the termination of the service he was obliged to conduct another meeting and to give the same lecture to those who had been waiting outside. Several have already taken their stand for the truth, and the prospects are that in a little while others will identify themselves with the message.

Plans were laid at the conference to carry on strong, aggressive evangelistic campaigns. Hitherto a good deal of work had been done in German, but it was arranged that the workers conduct efforts in four new centres, preaching in the Lithuanian language, and in this way seek to build up a good, strong membership in hitherto unreached sections of the conference.

Just before the annual meeting began our first Advent hymn book in the Lithuanian language was published. It has just eighty hymns, but it was a pleasure to see the appreciation and gratitude of our believers that at last they were able to have their own little hymn book, in their own language. They have also started a nice monthly paper, and if the enthusiasm and earnestness manifested at the conference at the time this question was discussed is maintained, there is no doubt but that in a little while they will have quite a large circulation for this journal.

The meeting in Estonia was held in Reval, the capital. This is a fine, picturesque city. The membership in this conference at the end of the first quarter was 1,426, and the prospects are certainly good for a splendid ingathering of souls this year. The net gain in 1928 was 42. Already for the first half of this year they report over seventy people baptized. We certainly had a splendid meeting. There were fully four hundred people present at nearly all the meetings. On Sabbath and at the evening meetings there were perhaps between 500 and 600 in attendance. People sat on the platform, filled up the aisles, the balcony, and sometimes filled up the porch at the front of the church.

Splendid results are being seen in the home missionary activities of our churchmembers. The result of the Big Week campaign this spring was the largest ever recorded in the Baltic Union. It can certainly be said that "the people had a mind to work." There is a good deal of enthusiasm over the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and it seems as though this year our workers and people in the Baltic Union will go

beyond anything they have ever done before. In the testimony meetings it was very encouraging to hear the good experiences of our believers. Many of them are rejoicing in special answers to prayer. One sister told how a colporteur came to her door while she was on her knees praying to the Lord to send her light and peace. Another sister told how the message came to her by one of our Bible-workers at the very time she contemplated taking her life. Others were rejoicing in new victories gained over the enemy. Still others were praising God for special help in time of trouble and comfort in the hour of bereavement. We really had encouraging and helpful meetings. The testimony of all was that the Lord was with His people in a special way, bestowing His good Spirit and bringing good cheer and courage to every heart. The Lord is blessing Brother Gnedinas in Lithuania and Brother Nikkar in Estonia, and we should remember these brethren, together with their little bands of workers, as they press forward in a new conference year to push the triumphs of the Advent message.



"CHRIST's work is to be our example. Constantly He went about doing good. In the temple and the synagogues, in the streets of the cities, in the market-place and the workshop, by the seaside and among the hills, He preached the Gospel and healed the sick. His life was one of unselfish service, and it is to be our lesson-book. His tender, pitying love rebukes our selfishness and heartlessness."—*"Testimonies for the Church,"* page 31.



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# WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

## INSTITUTE IN UGANDA

By C. E. WEAKS

It was but a short time ago that we learned that our first missionary had entered the great Uganda mission field of Central Africa. Now comes a letter from our East African Union Field Missionary Secretary, Brother W. Cuthbert, containing the following most inspiring message.

'My trip to Uganda has been interesting, enlightening, and inspiring. I was away from home for a month. I had the opportunity to try out the English *Bible Readings*. Books were sold to Europeans, Indians, and Africans. I am satisfied that English books can be sold in Uganda.

'I was able to hold an *institute for eight days when ten men were in for training*. Before the institute I had spent some days with one or other of the workers to test out territory and guide me in the course I should take during the institute.

'At its close four of the men were brought into Kampala. In four days they sold one hundred and four of the Uganda books.

'I have had some very interesting experiences. In the hotel where I was staying there was an English-speaking African. I canvassed him for *Bible Readings*. When I had briefly explained the twenty-three hundred days he immediately exclaimed, 'I want this book. How much is it? A long time ago a gentleman told me that some day some one would come to Kampala selling books, and the books would



*Baptismal service at Aba, Southern Nigeria, when Pastor W. McClements baptized twenty believers.*

explain the prophecy of the twenty-three hundred days. When he comes you should buy the book. Now you have come, and I want that book.' He paid for the book there and then. Next morning he came to me and said, 'Have you another of these books, because my friend came in last night and when he saw it he took it and so I must have another for myself.' Before I left, the boy had bought and paid for four copies of *Bible Readings*.

'I visited the District Superintendent's office of the Uganda Railway. There were only two Europeans there. They each took a *Bible Readings*. One of the young men said, 'Mr. Cuthbert, you don't need to have a church in Kampala. Go and visit the people the same as you have just called on me and they will appreciate the personal chat more than the pulpit sermon.' Later I saw him again and he said, 'I have been showing the book to some of my friends and I hope to get you some orders.'

'I found the Indians were responsive. One engine driver, a Mohammedan, ordered a *Bible*

*Readings*. Another took five of the shilling books for his friends. Another, a Goanese, ordered *Bible Readings*.

'The African railway clerks were not left out. Guards, ticket clerks, goods clerks were among those who ordered.

'As I was talking to our local field man near the station yard, one of the African clerks came up and said, 'I

want to buy one of these large books if you will stay and teach me the doctrines!' As I was leaving the town that morning, I left him in the hands of the local field man, arranging for him to have Bible studies in his home and for Brother Andersen to visit once a month.

'The circulation of the printed page is going to open thousands of doors in Uganda. The field must have more workers to cope with the opportunities. It is high tension from now on in Uganda till the work is finished.

'The C.M.S. have a grip on Uganda. They have a book house in Kampala and eighty branches in Uganda. We must not be behind. I am glad we have made a start.

'On July 2nd I leave home again for the East Tanganyika Field. I shall be there a month. An institute will be held. We expect more workers to be gathered there than at the one in Uganda. The East Tanganyika field has set apart its best worker for the position of local field agent. We are expecting the second edition of

Brother Bull's book to be here in time for the institute.

"In August or September another institute will be held in Kenya. The Kenya mission has now appointed its local man. I shall do some recruiting and then hold the institute."

We were glad when we learned that the East African field had decided to release one of its most experienced mission directors to devote his time to the publishing work in that great field. We believe that the hour has struck for a great advance move in the work

of literature distribution, not only in East Africa, but in all our African missions. This encouraging word from Brother Cuthbert should strengthen our faith in the possibilities before us in this work in our large-mission fields of the Northern European Division.

## Wonderful Growth in Kenya, East Africa

By W. W. ARMSTRONG, Superintendent, Kenya Mission

WHEN Paul set out upon that task of taking the Gospel of a crucified and risen Saviour to the Gentiles, there doubtless were many at Jerusalem who looked upon the event with considerable fear. And not without reason. Those Gentile nations were mostly uneducated barbarians. That was how the Jews looked upon those masses. They would question whether their inclusion to church fellowship would not bring weakness, inasmuch as they had no spiritual heritage and could not be expected to bear responsibilities. But Paul, we read, was not "disobedient to the heavenly vision." He was bold and courageous, believing that He Who had given the commission, would through this means bring added strength to the Church. The subsequent history has proved that the Gentiles have been an even greater factor in the spreading of the Gospel than the Jews, and that they have shown themselves to be not a whit behind them in spiritual gifts.

There is perhaps a modern parallel to the above. There may be questioning in the minds of some of our people as to what returns can be expected from the gifts made in behalf of missions. For many years much money and many workers have been sent to heathen lands. It has only been made possible by the self-sacrificing and faithful efforts of our members in the homeland. It is only right that they should know what harvest is being yielded.

It is a great pleasure for me to be able to send a report for the Kenya Mission. In that field an experiment is in progress which is proving highly fruitful. Three or four years ago the calls for na-

tive workers were many, but it was not possible for the homelands to supply the means by which we could send out all these workers. It seemed also that our yearly appropriations for native work were reaching the high water mark. How then were these open doors to be entered? It was decided that this responsibility should be placed upon the native believers themselves. This meant that from the beginning of 1927 all new workers would have to be supported by the increase of the natives' tithes and offerings. The plan was presented to our native council. They themselves saw no prospects of progress in such a change. They saw themselves as poor children incapable of bearing such a load. For them 1927 was a dark year. But faith and a will to do dominated a few, and as the months rolled by the clouds gradually dispersed. By the end of the year the sun was shining. At the conference held in November of that year the figures presented changed the mind of every delegate. Inspiration entered into all, and without any urging they started planning for work in distant districts and for doing more solid and progressive work in their own churches. It was encouraging to see the natives getting into real harness on their own accord. The past year has shown the harvest. I can do no better than show the figures for the past four years. Comparison must be made between the two years before the change of policy and the two years following the change.

These figures show that an approximate average yearly increase of 100% has been made. Last year over 500 were baptized. The native believers are now raising more in tithes and offerings than they receive from the homelands. The figures themselves show the wonderful growth. This in itself brings great encouragement. But of greater significance is the development of character that this has brought to our coloured believers, and more especially to the workers. It has made them identify themselves with this movement as never before and they realize they have a decided part to play in the finishing of this work. They plan and organize wisely. They enter into church and social problems with enthusiasm, and give valued advice and information. Suggestions for economy in finance come from them now. Their "field" is no longer their own particular tribe, but all those that they know or have heard about in Kenya.

Such is two years' harvest. It is an omen of good for the future. It has given me a conviction that is sure and a faith in the African that will not easily be shaken. I believe that God is awakening these people in His own time to warn their own millions. We must accept this as a fact and have no doubts in our own minds as to its possibility. As Peter confessed to the Jews of old that God had poured out the "like gift, even as on us," so we must realize that God is doing just the same miracle to-day in Africa. God is using the African church mightily to His glory.



"THE longest life cannot afford a single year to be thrown away."

Year	1925	1926	1927	1928
Membership	413	751	1166	1672
Tithes and Offerings	\$1690	\$1909	\$3667	\$6214



## Our First Camp-Meeting in Nigeria

By W. McClements, Superintendent

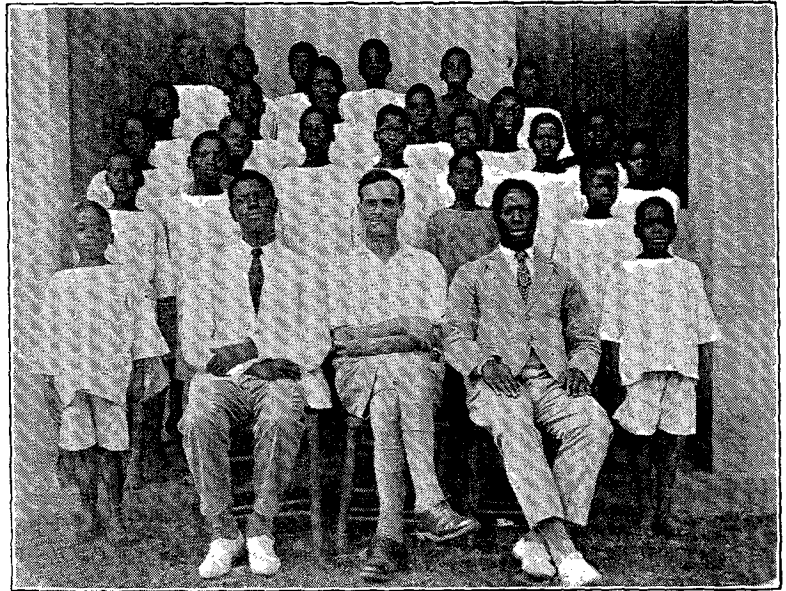
LAST December we held our first camp-meeting in Nigeria. This convened at Aba, and proved a real success. All the members in that district entered enthusiastically into the programme from beginning to end.

A few days before the meetings were due to commence, members from the different churches and companies came and prepared a large booth on the Mission compound, in which to hold the services—the Aba church being altogether inadequate to accommodate the gathering of people. It was interesting to watch the preparations being made by these people for their first "real camp-meeting." Soon these sinewy "boys" had scaled the tall palm trees in the vicinity of the Mission and cut down enough branches to make a large booth. All was in readiness for the appointed time, except seating accommodation. This difficulty was quickly overcome, however, for the members came to the first service carrying their forms and church seats on their heads, and so the seating capacity grew as rapidly as did the congregation.

We rejoiced to see over five hundred people present. The Spirit of the Lord was in our midst and moved on many hearts. Following the Sabbath morning service conducted by Pastor Clifford, an appeal was made for deeper consecration, and soon all present were standing in response to this call. Some asked for special prayer that they might have personal victory over besetting sins. Altogether the meetings were a call to a deeper Christian experience than that which usually satisfies these people, and we believe the results will be manifest in cleaner and better lives, and in the expansion of this Gospel message in the villages from whence these people came.

At the close of the camp-meeting a baptismal service was held and twenty souls were baptized in the beautiful river, clear as crystal, which flows quite close to the Mission. This was followed by the ordinance of humility and the Lord's supper.

The Aba church is not yet six



Missionary W. Hyde and two native teachers at Ibadan, Nigeria.

years old, but already, as the mother church of the district, it has divided several times, until now there are four or five flourishing churches and companies within a radius of ten or twelve miles of the Mission. We rejoice with Brother and Sister Clifford and their associates in seeing this harvest of souls as the result, under God's blessing, of their faithfulness in seed-sowing through these years.



"You may reach God's ideal if you will resolve that self shall not be woven into your work. To know that you are striving in spirit and in works to be Christlike, will give you strength and comfort and courage. It is your privilege to become meek and lowly in heart; then angels of God will co-operate with you in your revival efforts. Christ died that His life might be lived in you, and in all who make Him their example. In the strength of your Redeemer you can reveal the character of Christ, and you can work in wisdom and in power to make the crooked places straight."  
—*"Gospel Workers,"* page 164.



"CAREFULNESS is very essential in whatever we do in this life. We must not only work, but watch. We cannot afford to be halfway in anything. The whole-hearted man is the one who succeeds in this world."

## Sailings

MRS. MENKEL, the wife of Dr. H. C. Menkel, who is the medical secretary of the Southern Asia Division, left Bombay on the s.s. "Mantua," May 11th, and arrived in London on the 25th of the same month. After a stay in England of a few days she left on the s.s. "American Merchant" for New York.

BROTHER J. R. CAMPBELL and family sailed on the s.s. "City of Alexandria," leaving London on June 21st for Capetown, South Africa. Brother Campbell is superintendent of the Transvaal-Delagoa Mission Field. Sister Campbell acts as secretary-treasurer.

MRS. DIELEL and child embarked at Cherbourg for America on the s.s. "Homeric." Owing to ill health it was necessary for Sister Dielel to leave Spain immediately. Brother Dielel is still labouring as superintendent of the East Spanish Mission.

BROTHER A. MATTER returns from Ruanda for his furlough. He was scheduled to arrive at Antwerp July 16th. C. H. ANSCOMBE.



"If a man is going to succeed, you will generally find that he knows what he means to do and the time that he will take over it, and that he sets to work with directness as well as resolution."—W. Besant.

# OUR DEPARTMENTS

## Institute in Finland

By C. E. Weak

FOLLOWING the large conference meeting in Helsingfors, Finland, our colporteurs met for their annual institute. It was a source of real inspiration to meet with fifty stalwart men and women who are devoting their lives to the literature ministry in that far northern field. Some of these workers have labored among those northern peoples, the Laplanders, whose country lies largely within the arctic circle where, during the winter months, the sun never comes into view, and in midsummer it never disappears.

There are, I suppose, few fields in the world where we have a larger force of colporteurs in proportion to the population than we have in Finland, or where our books have been sown more thickly. Finland contains a population of about three and a half million. Last year they had an average of forty-two colporteurs regularly at work, and at times there were seventy and more in the field. Within this field, with its limited population, they have sold editions of our larger books totalling from thirty to forty thousand. Of the small book, *Steps to Christ*, fifteen editions have been published, and the circulation has been well beyond 100,000. With

much poverty among the people, and with the money so low in value that it takes forty Finnish *Marks* to make one dollar, the colporteurs still meet with good success in their work. They left the institute full of courage, and determined to accomplish still greater things in their house-to-house literature ministry.



## Our Harvest Ingathering Work

By L. F. Oswald

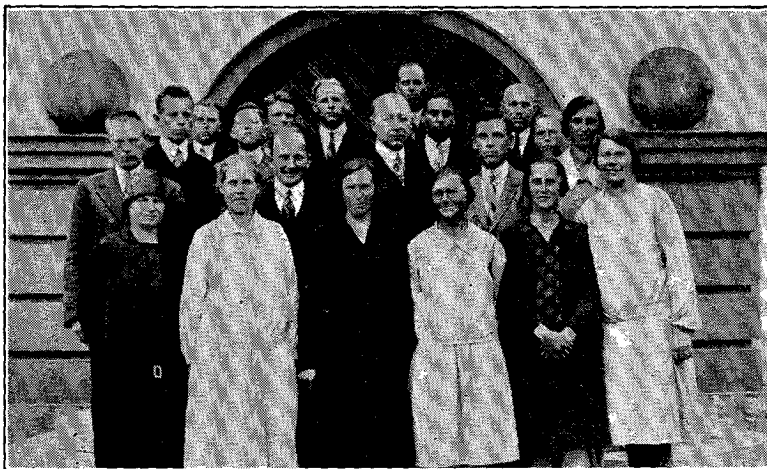
THE Lord has given us a world task in the commission, "Go ye into all the world." He has also given us great light on how we can accomplish the great task set before us. The Big Week plan has helped us wonderfully in building up our mission stations during the past years. The Harvest Ingathering work has resulted in the sending out of hundreds of new missionaries.

During last year's campaign we raised the sum of \$818,335.57. This sum speaks of the faithful work done by our loyal people in the past Harvest Ingathering campaign. Was it worth while? Did it pay to work so hard to raise this sum? This money has sent workers into all parts of the earth to carry the light of truth to those who are still

in darkness. It has surely won many souls for the Lord. These will be as faithful in doing missionary work in the future as we have been in the past. Thus the Harvest Ingathering campaign is a progressive one. The new souls won through last year's campaign will help us to raise the goal set for this year. The world's goal is One Million Dollars. This means that the coming campaign will be the largest one in the history of our denomination. The question is, Is it possible to raise in the coming campaign one million dollars? Yes, it is, providing every member will do his or her part. Then we have the new members won through last year's campaign who will give us a good lift. And lastly, we are on the Lord's side, and He has never forsaken His people. Everything we do depends on the blessing of the Lord, so let us pray earnestly for His blessing to rest on the coming campaign.

We know of the wonderful blessings which the Harvest Ingathering work has brought us during the past years, but the real results of what our faithful people have accomplished will not fully be seen until the time when we shall stand as redeemed before our God. No doubt there will be a great multitude who have been won through the efforts put forth in the Harvest Ingathering campaigns.

Soon another campaign will be on. Every one will be called on to take an active part. Let each one be faithful in doing his share and the results will be, a goal reached, and means won to do more in the mission fields abroad.



*Colporteurs present at the annual meeting at Reval, Estonia.*

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# FROM THE OFFICE WINDOW

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THE following paragraph appeared in the January number of *The Congo Mission News*, under "Notes and Comments":

"Our hats are off to the Seventh-Day Adventists. During 1927 they sent out 184 new missionaries and the members of the North American churches made an average gift of \$25.11 each. Beside this, every American Adventist gave on an average to evangelistic work \$74.37 each. Throughout the world, including those enrolled in heathen lands, the adherents of this denomination gave on an average the sum of \$14.35 per member for the cause of missions. No other church in Christendom approaches this record as far as we know. The principle of tithing, which every one observes, doubtless has much to do with these splendid results."

THE British Empire Leprosy Relief Association is doing a noble work for sufferers of this terrible scourge in Africa. Among liberal grants made to other missions, four of our denominational institutions have benefited under this scheme. In Nyasaland the Malamulo Mission has received £110; in Northern Rhodesia the Mwami mission has received £250, and the Fort Jameson Mission £100. The Kendu Hospital in Kenya, which is under the direct care of the Northern European Division, received £100. We greatly appreciate this help.

BROTHER S. DEMCHUK, with his wife and child, arrived recently in Poland for service there. He comes to our Division with several years of successful service in soul-winning in the States, and his labours in Poland will be greatly valued.

BROTHER CHRISTIAN writes from the Scandinavian Union that they have had splendid meetings at all the conference annual sessions. The attendance was large and the reports were very cheering. Several



41 Manor Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex, England.

young men were ordained to the Gospel ministry. Over fifty have been baptized. All rejoice over the splendid results of the Big Week and are full of courage for the coming Harvest Ingathering.

BROTHER VAGN RASMUSSEN and wife, of Denmark, have accepted a call to our mission in Uganda. Brother Frede Nielsen and fiancée have accepted a call to Abyssinia.

PASTOR O. CARLSTJERNA, who has served so faithfully as principal of the school in Sweden for the past eight years, has been elected president of the Swedish-Finnish Conference. Pastor C. Gidlund from Finland becomes president of the North Swedish Conference. Pastor T. Tobiassen continues as president of the South Norway Conference, while Pastor O. S. Lie has been elected president of the new conference now organized in North Norway. The headquarters of this northern field will be at Trondhjem, Norway.

THE school in Finland has totally outgrown its present buildings. It has been voted to seek a larger and better location. In the meantime the school will be closed for one or two years, until the needed building and facilities can be secured.

THERE were seven Lapps in attendance at the conference in Norway. They have accepted and love this message. But there are many, many Laplanders in Northern Norway, Sweden, and Finland. They speak different languages. In our

zeal to bring light into the dark continent of Africa, we must not forget these people of the icy north. They also must hear the message. This work should not be longer delayed.

FIFTEEN members from Reval, Estonia, went over to attend the conference in Helsingfors, Finland, June 24th to 30th. The Finns and the Estonians speak a language so similar that they easily understand each other. They have both been freed from the Russian yoke and now rejoice in the Advent message. There are now about 3,000 members in the two lands.

WE believe our readers will be interested in word which has reached us from the South European Division concerning the progress of the work in Rumania. The annual meeting of the Transylvanian Conference has recently closed. Fifteen hundred people were present. Thirty-nine churches and groups have been organized in this conference since its last regular session two years ago. There are thousands of people in the baptismal classes waiting for instruction. At the Sabbath afternoon experience meeting a request was made that those who had been arrested or put in prison for the sake of the message, should signify this by raising the hand. Almost every hand went up. They are willing to suffer anything for the sake of their faith. Let us who enjoy perfect religious freedom not forget our brethren and sisters who witness to their religion by persecution.

OUR missionary in Eritrea, North-east Africa, writes that he has just baptized a Jew to whom he presented the message some time ago. Doors are opening there, and other devotees of this religion are becoming interested in the message.