

The Advent Survey

Organ of the
NORTHERN EUROPEAN
DIVISION
of the General Conference of
SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTISTS

OUR WINTER COUNCIL IN POLAND

By W. E. READ

Our Winter Council convened in Warsaw, October 31st to November 6th. We were very pleased to have with us from the General Conference, Elder O. Montgomery and Elder M. E. Kern. The splendid help and counsel of these brethren were very much appreciated by all. The morning devotional studies of Brother Montgomery will long be remembered.

The reports which came in from the various home fields and also from our mission fields in Africa brought new courage and cheer to every heart. It was very encouraging to learn how the message is breaking down barriers in every land and how souls are being won to the truth, notwithstanding opposition and difficulties in so many places.

We were pleased to notice the increase in our membership and especially the increase in the net gain. Going back over the records of previous years we observed that the largest net gain reported in any one year for the fields which now constitute our Division was 1,263. For the first nine months of 1929, however,

our net gain stands at 1,449.

From the reports which have come in telling of baptisms during the past quarter it is very evident that our net gain for the year will be in the neighbourhood of 1,800. Of this number about 1,000 are in our African missions. We certainly rejoice to see these new believers taking their places under the banner of Prince Emmanuel and we earnestly hope that in 1930 we shall be able to show a much larger increase.

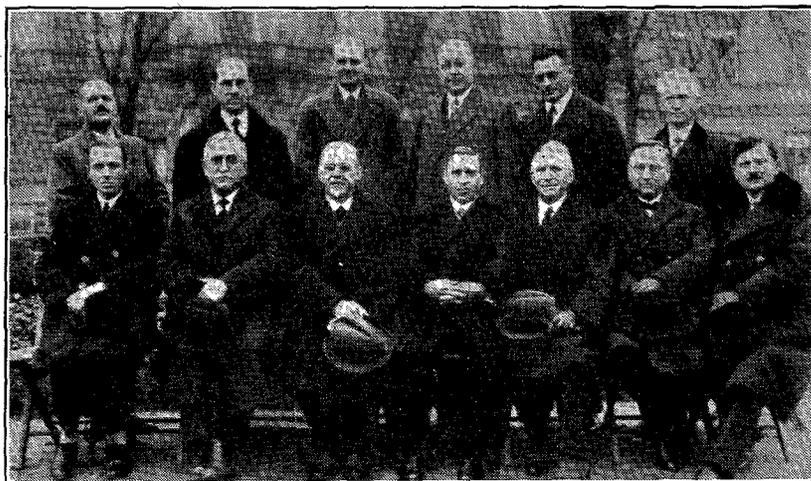
Special emphasis was laid on the matter of evangelism and on spiritual effort in behalf of our church-members and young people. While at all times seeking to reach souls who are lost in sin it is incumbent upon us to do everything possible to safeguard the spiritual interests of the church of God.

Plans were laid for further ad-

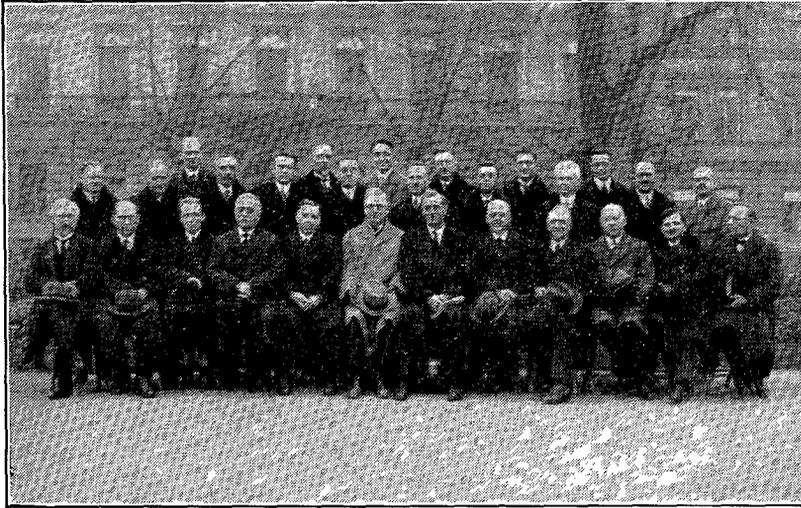
vance work in our mission fields. We are looking forward to entering the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and also some part of French West Africa in the near future. In addition to the two young men already under appointment for one of the French colonies in West Africa we are calling for one of our young medical men from Latvia to prepare for service in that field. We are also planning to strengthen our medical work in both Abyssinia and East Africa.

The efforts in the Ingathering work this year have been abundantly blessed by the Lord. Never before have we seen such a keen interest and a loyal co-operation manifested on the part of our people in every field. The goal set for this year was \$90,000. While we shall come just a little short of this figure, as we studied

the needs of the field for 1930, we felt that our faith should reach out for larger achievements in the Ingathering work. The goal set for 1930 was \$100,000. The budget voted this year was nearly \$510,000, while the Missions Extension budget was over \$12,624. We feel



Members of the Northern European Division Committee.



Committee members and others in attendance at the Winter Council.

grateful to the General Conference for the splendid help that has been given to us for this year, not only in general appropriations but in the special gifts for the evangelistic and educational work in Great Britain.

The days spent together in our council were days of real blessing to us all, and we look forward to the New Year with renewed courage and hopefulness, believing that our heavenly Father Who called us to service in His great work will give us the help we need as we address ourselves with consecrated energy to the task.

Help Men Succeed

By L. H. Christian

A SPIRITUAL, aggressive ministry is our first need, and the winning of souls the acid test of success. True, the number of new converts won does depend, to some extent, on the country or city in which one labours. Yet every worker should gain converts each year. Some are inclined to think that those who fail ought to drop out of the work. But this is not the better way. Every leader in this cause who has workers that are not doing well, should find out the reasons why, and kindly but firmly point out to them the way to success. We found a poem the other day by Edgar A. Guest called, "Machine and Man," which points this lesson very well: "The factory engine wouldn't start And so they took the thing apart To search for flaws.

They looked at flange and gear and case

They took it down from top to base
To find the cause.

'Something is broken,' they declared,

'And what it is must be repaired.'

"Near by a drowsy workman stood,

And someone muttered: 'He's no good,

Just let him go!'

They didn't take that man apart,
Or think to search his mind and heart,

The cause to know.

Nobody thought to ask him why
There was no lustre in his eye.

"But had they looked into the gloom

Of what he called a sitting-room,
Or searched his life,

They would have found a woman frail,

Tubercular, and drawn, and pale,
Who was his wife.

And then they might have understood

Why that man seemed to be no good.

"When engines in a factory stop
We search the things from base to top;

But when man breaks,
'Tis very seldom that we pause
To search his life to find the cause
Of his mistakes.

Yet we might mend him could we find

The thing that's preying on his mind.'

Shall we not all do our very best
to help one another to succeed?

Some Travelling Experiences in Poland

By J. Isaacs

I HAVE just returned from the Esat country where poverty, dirt, and their usual accompaniments hold possession. We have started to build a chapel in that district and the plan is to have three rooms on top so that our workers may have somewhere to sleep when visiting the churches in that part. These rooms will also be very useful during conferences or other such meetings. The chapel will cost about Zl.8,000 (\$889). Our members are working very hard for this and have already raised Zl.700 (\$78). Where there is no money the people are giving their time and strength. Fortunately, the lumber can be secured in the neighbourhood. They buy trees in the woods and cut them down with large saws. The rest of the material has to be hauled from the city of Pinsk and this is how it is done.

A rowing boat is hired in Pinsk, and cement, lime, tin, etc., are placed in the little boat which is rowed to a town about fifty kilometres along the river. From here the goods are transported in a one-horse cart the remaining eight or ten kilometres. I will now tell you how we get there. We leave Pinsk at six o'clock in the morning by a river steamer and travel forty kilometres. We leave the steamer to continue our journey in a little rowing boat for about an hour and a half. That is the end of the river trip. A one-horse rig takes us the rest of the journey. Altogether it takes about a day to make the trip. It would amuse you to see a Russian rig. There are no springs or upholstered seats, but just a bundle of straw placed at the bottom of the narrow box (and it can hardly be called a box). There one sits and makes the best of it.

It can easily be imagined that after this kind of travelling one is glad of a clean place in which to sleep. This has not always been possible; hence the decision to provide accommodation in connection with the erection of the chapel. We hope to have the building completed before our conference meeting next summer.

WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

Ten Years' Progress in British East Africa

By E. A. BEAVON

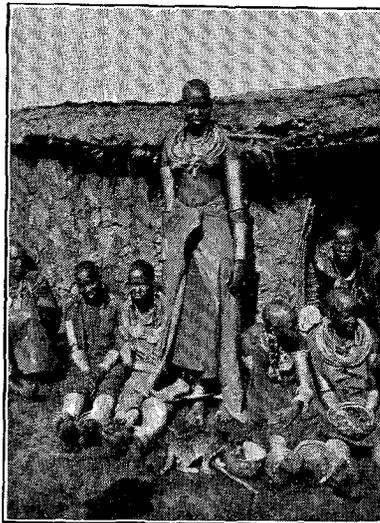
To those brethren who were privileged to see the beginnings of the Kisii work, the changes that have come over this rugged highland field during the past decade seem amazing. The steady and rapid growth of the work, the increase in the enrolment of Seventh-Day Adventist schools from

tens to hundreds, and from hundreds to thousands, the multiplication of our churches, and the mounting zeal and enthusiasm of our native Christians, all seem to indicate unquestionably that God has a mighty work to accomplish through the members of His flock in this land. Back in 1919 Brethren Lane and Watson sought with great difficulty to break the conservatism of these virile, but excitable and suspicious people, and convince them of their need of Christ. In those days the natives ran away in terror at the approach of the white man, whose race had inflicted upon them three devastating punitive expeditions, carried away thousands of head of cattle, and taught them the invincibility of fire-arms; to-day, in all but the most remote parts, the natives flock curiously round the white man's tent, establish friendships with individual white men, spend their substance in securing the aid of the white magistrate against law-breakers, and flock in hundreds to hear the white missionaries preach.

To-day is a day of unprecedented opportunity for the whole of East Africa. From Kisii and from "Luoland" missionary-spirited teachers are going out to raise the



Painting blackboards for the bush schools in Kisii.



Women of one of the many unentered tribes of Kisii.

standard of Bible Christianity in other parts. I believe the Kisii will play a great part in bringing our message before many different tribes of East Africa. Our first baptism was in 1922, when ten young men embraced Christianity and a church was organized. All plans for advancement of the work since then have been made in consultation with the native Christians, who even at this early stage showed themselves capable organ-

izers, with a zeal and an enthusiasm which has never abated. The greatest difficulty in Kisii has been the Kisii's excitability, added to tribal prejudices; but patience, a sense of humour, and above all, the love of Christ in the heart, are equal to all

such human traits as these.

Up till the end of 1927 the writer spent a definite portion of each day in the school, teaching and praying with the students. As many as were anxious for an education were at first encouraged to build homes at the mission station. By 1923 the number of students had increased from about 55 to 500. They inhabited two large villages (since disbanded), in one of which lived single young men, and in the other married couples and girls. Mrs Beavon then had charge of the girls' school work which to-day, in addition to the educational work of the mission, is under Miss R. Raitt's capable management. As soon as it was possible to select from the most consecrated of our resident students a number of intelligent young men to be trained as teachers and evangelists, we made the mission a training centre, and sent the rest of the students back to their tribal locations to study there.

By the end of 1928 we had close on 4,000 students enrolled in 80 schools. This year a large number have gone to work on the railways and plantations outside of their Reserve. They have taken their missionary spirit along with them,

and have interested Kikuyus, Lumbwas, Swahilis, Waragolis, Wasikumus, Bagandas, Wakambas, and members of other tribes in the third angel's message, with the result that the natives everywhere are pressing their European employers to bring them Seventh-Day Adventist teachers; and such a good influence do our teachers wield that employers are willing to build and equip Seventh-Day Adventist schools and churches at their own expense. Five such schools are being operated in the Lumbwa Reserve east of Kisii, and our adherents there are getting themselves a good name by their industry and conscientious behaviour.

A new day is dawning for East Africa. I am convinced that this exit of natives from their reserves is going to result in a great speeding up of the message. Six Kisiiis have entered the colporteur work this year, and evidences are fast multiplying that their labours are going to lead to the opening of many new doors in the immediate future. Ten years ago it would have been difficult to start canvassing work in Kenya, as so few natives comparatively knew how to read; then also, at that time a lot of prejudice existed against Ki-Swahili, the *lingua-franca* of East Africa, which has to-day practically disappeared. The prospects have never been brighter for the advancement of the work throughout Kenya Colony.

To-day we have seven churches in Kisii with an average membership

of over sixty; over 800 tithe-paying Sabbath-keepers enrolled in baptismal and preparatory classes; ninety-six outschools forming bases for evangelical efforts on the part of the Christians; and eight traveling evangelists, who also shoulder pastoral and other responsibilities. If twelve could convert thousands just after the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost, may we not

GREENLAND, with its "icy mountains," has a population of 14,355. This country belongs to the Northern European Division territory, so we will add its population to the figures given in No. 4 issue, thus making the total population for the Division 162,485,541.

confidently believe that with the promised fresh outpouring of God's Spirit in these days, the message will quickly sweep through Africa, and that the task that has looked so formidable will be finished in a few short years?

Tanganyika

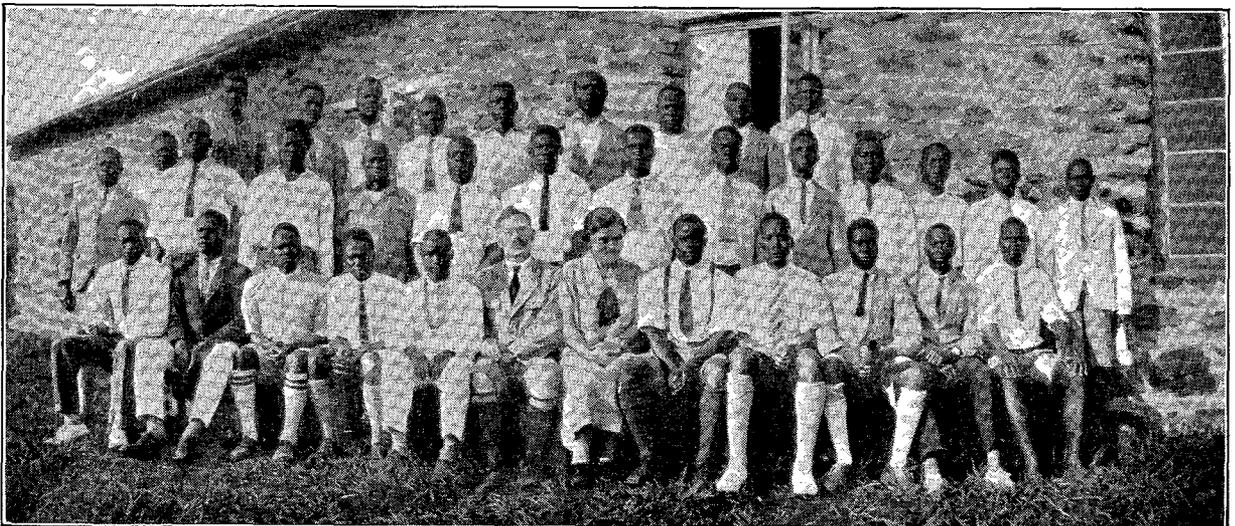
By H. Robson

We arrived back at our station of Ntusu from furlough on February 3rd of this year. We did not get in until an hour and a half after sunset and two miles from the mission we encountered a heavy shower

of rain so we were soaked to the skin. The natives who live on and about the station did not know when to expect us, but hearing the sound of the motor-lorry they turned out in full force despite the rain and gave us a right warm welcome, which more than made up for the damp reception by the weather. Our cook boy took my arm for a pump-handle and nearly wrenched it from my shoulder by shaking it up and down about twenty or thirty times in his excitement.

Since the beginning of May we have had all our teachers in for training in order that as many as possible may go in for the Government Teachers' Certificate next year. Under the new regulations the Government expect the teachers to reach this standard. The present session will continue till the end of October. Probably we shall have another session for continuing the instruction next year. We are endeavouring, by the help of the Lord, to make the school a means of deepening the spiritual life of the teachers. This work is engaging the best part of our time at present and we are practically tied to the station with no opportunity for visitation, but we hope that it will have a beneficial reaction in the field when the teachers return to their schools.

We are also busy with building huts for the accommodation of students who will come to our girls' school, which we expect to start on November 1st. Miss L.



Native evangelists in attendance at the Kamagambo Institute.

Statistical Report of the Northern European

	Title	Title (weekly per capita)	Total Offerings (Columns 29-35)	Sabbath-School Offerings 12 Sabbaths	19th Sabbath Offerings	Weekly Offerings	Harvest In-gathering Offering
	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Baltic Union							
Estonian Conference	E Kr. 7945 47	0 41	4197 44	1376 63	325 97	97 47	1261 99
Riga "	Lats 11543 83	1 00	7080 77	1063 59	275 75	.....	3715 03
Courland "	Lats 8280 79	0 90	3742 90	916 28	190 31	.....	2067 67
Livonia "	Lats 5978 57	0 67	3067 83	715 36	171 65	.....	1074 09
Lithuania "	Lt 4745 32	1 88	8407 12	682 23	445 72	46 60	6131 42
Total	Lats 39188 05 \$ 7592 10	0 76 0 14	29971 57 4641 76	4943 91 957 09	1928 66 256 83	157 97 30 60	11725 95 2266 02
British Union							
South England Conference	£ 3113 13 7	2 5	3154 14 3	470 3 5	179 0 8	.....	2007 0 3
North England "	£ 1675 5 0	1 8	1756 5 2	262 4 7	80 12 9	.....	1327 8 5
Welsh Mission	£ 424 18 6	1 5	455 6 9	78 10 3	22 0 3	.....	318 10 1
Scottish "	£ 246 16 3	1 2	226 5 6	34 11 0	15 5 5	.....	138 18 9
Irish "	£ 172 12 2	2 0	322 19 8	43 14 10	29 7 7	.....	210 8 3
Total	£ 5933 5 6 \$ 25892 20	2 0 0 48	5895 11 4 28711 41	889 4 1 4330 42	327 6 8 1594 12	.....	3897 0 9 18978 57
Polish Union							
Posanian Conference	Zl. 1621 10	.....	739 00	.....	.....	.....	945 00
Silesian "	Zl. 9214 51	2 05	3541 88	1647 77	626 51	269 75	799 25
Central Polish Conference	Zl. 15174 18	1 44	8904 59	2389 75	497 05	533 17	4466 48
East Polish "	Zl. 4825 63	1 41	2000 30	1006 69	254 37	267 74	17 50
North Polish Mission	Zl. 4358 74	0 50	2365 25	866 97	186 58	18 50	1134 05
Total	Zl. 37563 21 \$ 4253 93	1 21 0 13	18638 34 2109 30	6906 68 782 25	1947 22 186 52	1117 26 126 53	6882 23 777 75
Scandinavian Union							
Danish Conference	D. Kr. 48091 19	1 37	38729 89	7073 18	3138 89	264 45	27817 02
Norwegian "	N. Kr. 44132 46	1 37	23737 47	5914 05	1724 07	59 48	15508 65
South Swedish Conference	S. Kr. 16092 61	1 11	14680 40	2848 00	1419 46	46 45	10250 45
Swedish in Finland Conference	S. Kr. 15330 47	1 58	12052 68	2303 63	782 80	7 50	3325 25
Finnish Conference	F. Mk. 47915 00	11 52	30454 50	4498 00	2329 40	.....	23417 10
Total	S. Kr. 137676 40 \$ 87043 30	1 21 0 33	99798 75 26842 56	20096 76 5397 94	7704 02 2072 86	375 34 101 11	70153 47 18875 51
Totals for Unions 3rd Quarter, 1929	\$ 73952 99	0 29	63305 03	11467 48	4110 32	258 21	40897 85
Totals for Unions 2nd " 1929	\$ 77188 60	0 31	23578 93	11384 80	4562 45	269 85	147 65
East African Union Mission							
Kenya	£ 88 5 0	.....	31 19 1	7 9 3	18 3	.....	5 18 9
West Tanganyika	£ 180 11 8	2	208 15 4	100 6 11	85 14 4	.....	1 1 1
East Tanganyika	£ 71 16 8	4	65 11 6	18 12 2	20 11 11	.....	1 0 0
Uganda	£ 48 6 8	2 3	52 12 11	29 19 10	10 17 7	.....	.....
Total	£ 348 10 0 \$ 1697 20	2 3 0 05	366 15 7 1786 20	159 15 7 778 12	123 11 5 601 78	.....	7 19 10 38 92
Ethiopian Union Mission							
Central Abyssinia	£ 51 5 10	2 9	24 2 0	20 6 9	1 5 3	2 10 0	.....
Eastern "	£ 8 15 10	2 3	2 16 4	1 13 7	4 9	18 0	.....
*Western " .....	£ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eritrea	£ 13 14 2	5 3	3 6 5	1 7 0	1 19 5	.....	.....
Total	£ 76 15 10 \$ 374 00	8 0 16	30 4 9 147 25	23 7 4 113 79	3 9 5 16 91	3 8 0 16 55	.....
West African Missions							
Sierra Leone	£ 46 10 10	3 3	18 12 5	10 0 7	2 3 10	.....	6 8 0
Gold Coast	£ 63 5 10	2	23 18 6	20 19 7	3 4 11	.....	.....
Nigeria	£ 95 9 2	3	51 2 8	33 18 5	7 8 9	.....	4 9 9
Total	£ 195 5 10 \$ 951 00	3 0 06	93 13 7 456 20	64 7 7 313 51	12 17 6 62 79	.....	10 17 9 53 02
Iceland-Faroes Missions							
Iceland	Ice. Kr. 5896 50	1 45	1018 21	880 21	138 00	.....	.....
Faroes	D. Kr. 400 01	0 22	185 36	114 09	19 00	52 27	.....
Total	\$ 1398 60	0 31	278 30	226 26	39 06	13 96	.....
Totals for Missions 3rd Quarter, 1929	\$ 4420 80	0 08	2667 95	1430 68	720 47	30 51	91 94
Totals for Missions 2nd " 1929	\$ 4021 60	0 08	1948 85	1067 04	257 33	18 42	225 56
Grand Totals 3rd Quarter, 1929	\$ 78378 79	0 25	64972 98	12898 16	4830 79	288 75	40989 79
" " 2nd " 1929	\$ 81210 26	0 27	25527 58	12921 84	4819 78	288 27	373 21

*No report.

Division for the Quarter Ended September 30, 1929

Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous Offerings	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week Missions Extension Fund	Total Offerings (Columns 29-36 and Big Week)	Total Offerings Weekly per capita	Percentage of Offerings to Table	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
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.....	25 01	36 20	373 58	1160 90	0 30	49 0%	1 05	95 57	2963 65
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Home Missionary Report for Third Quarter, 1929

	Baltic Union	British Union	Polish Union	Scandinavian Union	Totals 3rd Quarter, 1929	Totals 3rd Quarter, 1928
Churches and Companies	75	98	108	302	583	531
Church Membership.....	4106	4522	2447	8665	19650	19063
No. Reporting	1819	1254	1354	1279	5706	4107
Per Cent of Members Reporting	45%	28%	55%	15%	29%	22%
Missionary Activities						
Missionary Visits	19271	4457	9224	3296	36248	21011
Bible Readings.....	7692	1441	12810	3668	25611	16059
Hours of Christian Help Work.....	7963	15370	524	1201	25058	16679
Treatments Given.....	1675	611	514	381	3181	2383
Periodicals Distributed	24357	83774	2025	69180	179336	142896
Tracts Distributed.....	3675	30562	277	9057	43571	36014
New Subscriptions to Periodicals	191	338	3	78	610	545
Books Distributed.....	1385	2653	67	3610	7715	5003
Missionary Letters Written.....	1056	1884	281	1005	4230	3530
Missionary Letters Received	560	976	206	491	2233	1861
SOULS WON	21	20	49	42	132	108

Tanganyika

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a visit from Brethren Maxwell and Ellingworth. At this time baptismal students were examined, thirty-three being baptized and one received by vote, making an addition of thirty-four to our church membership. We thank God for this increase and take courage to go ahead looking forward to still greater evidences of His love and mighty working in the hearts of the heathen round about. On the Sabbath following the baptism 238 attended the Sabbath-school and 97 met in fellowship around the Master's table.

The building, which is used for the combined duties of church and school, is now insufficient for our needs. By packing in the people as close as they can crowd on the mud seats, on the little platform, down the aisle and in the doorways, so that no one can move in or out, we can accommodate about 210, and if there are more they must stand outside the windows to listen. If we meet outside in the open the people are likely to have their attention distracted by passers-by and the wind, which often springs up quite suddenly, can blow the speaker's words away. Because of this the churchmembers and believers have decided to erect by their own free labour a new building for church purposes only. Booths were put up to serve as temporary dwellings and quite a large number of people came in for ten days' work. Others who were

then engaged in looking for work to get their tax together have been in since. Some 3,000 bricks are ready and we have been steadily gathering stones for the foundation and grass for the roof. The new building will measure 60 ft. by 30 ft. inside, so that the task of getting the stones for the foundations, which are brought one by one, is not a light one. We hope that this church will be ready for consecration early in the new year and we pray that it will be a centre of light and truth and salvation unto many precious souls.

Evangelists' Institute

Held at the Kamagambo Training School, East Africa

By E. R. Warland

DURING the mid-term holiday we had a very enjoyable and profitable institute for evangelists. Seventeen Luo workers attended, and we hope to hold an institute for the Kisii evangelists at the Kisii mission later.

Those who attended the institute have been labouring as church elders and as evangelists in the heathen villages, some of them for

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 .....	...	4	...	286	...	31	319	1254	2	44
West Tanganyika.....	...	...	...	58	...	...	58	320	...	...
East Tanganyika.....	...	...	1	37	...	1	39	351	1	31
Uganda .....	...	1	5	3	2	...	11	18	...	...
Totals		5	6	384	2	32	427	1943	3	75
Ethiopian Union Mission										
Central Abyssinia.....	1	...	...	9	1	...	11	13	...	...
Eastern Abyssinia.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	4	...	...
*Western Abyssinia.....	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...
Eritrea .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	1			12	1		14	17		
West African Missions										
Sierra Leone	1	5	10	...	...	9	25	125	1	20
*Gold Coast	1	...	12	...	...	...	13	...	1	70
Nigeria.....	...	4	4	...	...	23	31	220	1	29
Totals	2	9	26			32	69	345	3	119
Totals for 2nd Quarter, 1929	3	14	32	396	3	64	510	2305	6	194
Totals for 1st " , 1929	3	17	29	387	2	73	511	1648	7	200

*No report

Missionary Volunteer Report for Third Quarter, 1929

	Baltic Union	British Union	Polish Union	Scandinavian Union	Totals 3rd Quarter, 1929	Totals 3rd Quarter, 1928
No. of Societies	50	66	43	60	219	201
Total Membership	815	1503	593	1501	4412	4096
Number reporting	403	583	355	212	1553	1155
Per Cent of Members Reporting	49%	39%	60%	14%	35%	28%
Financial						
Offerings for Foreign Missions		\$ 235 71	\$ 101 31	\$ 115 35	\$ 452 37	.....
Other Funds raised: Har. Ing., etc.	106 24		39 30	2155 27	2300 81	.....
Missionary Activities						
Missionary Visits	4332	922	1849	718	8321	6660
Bible Readings	1901	217	2943	642	5734	3860
Hours of Christian Help Work	2645	8675	118	137	11370	8372
No. of Treatments Given	408	97	129	46	680	709
Periodicals Distributed	6113	39755	2117	17589	65574	24133
Tracts Distributed	469	8760	61	1990	10670	8895
New Subscriptions to Periodicals	43	121	.....	39	203	131
Books Distributed	292	979	14	2757	4042	1588
Missionary Letters Written	497	564	74	412	1547	1189
Missionary Letters Received	309	304	53	204	870	702
SOULS WON	21	4	20	31	79	61

several years. Of course they are not quite the same type of men as the evangelists in more civilized countries, yet they do a good work, and the tremendous demand for schools which is always present with us is largely due to their labours. Besides, with but two European missionaries in charge of a Luo church membership of more than 1,500, much of the work has to be left to these native workers, poorly trained though they may be. It was therefore our aim to help them as much as possible during

the short time they were with us. We were privileged to have with us during the institute Pastor S. G. Maxwell, superintendent of the Union Mission. He gave a very helpful series of talks on the work of the evangelist. Brother L. Gabrielsen, our worker from Norway, showed the evangelists how to fill in various kinds of reports, and Sister G. A. Clarke gave them studies in hygiene and home-nursing. It is a great help to these men in their work if they can help the sick, whether in the heathen villages or

in the schools, of which there are 188 in the Luo country, with nearly 7,000 students. We prepared for the institute a little *Handbook for Evangelists*, which provided them in their vernacular with a number of texts from both the Old and New Testaments, which should prove useful to them in their work for Christ. While they were with us we explained the book to them, and also gave them some outline studies in the lives of the early apostles. The questions put into the question box proved that these men appreciate the Gospel and read their Testaments regularly.

The evangelists were with us for two Sabbaths, and each Friday evening we cancelled the regular Missionary Volunteer meetings and spent the evening listening to brief reports from each of these workers. It is not possible to tell the many encouraging stories we heard at that time. Some told of new territories entered, some of opposition from Catholics and heathen, some of persecution, but each and all of victory through the Saviour.

One man told us how the people of his district had been wanting rain, but in spite of all the sacrifices offered by the heathen, no rain fell. Then the evangelist, believing it was God's wish to give them the much-needed rain should they but ask in the right way, announced that the Christians were going to pray for rain on a certain day. A special season of prayer was held and the next day the rain

Africa, Second Quarter, 1929

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	259	263	9928	2	54	5	2627	£ 38 5 0	131 9 2	267 6%
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18	587	1	6	24	1040	£ 17 14 11	28 15 11	162 2%
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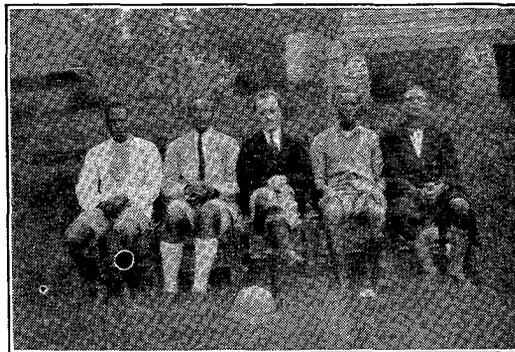
came. This is the kind of experience which turns the hearts of heathen, and so the people there now say to the Christians, "You are the people that help our country, you are our hope."

Another evangelist told us how he had been preaching in a Catholic district where formerly we had no schools at all. We now have four schools in that place. Another related how his hymn-book had been taken from him and destroyed, so that he might not sing. His reply was, "You do not seem to realize that you spread the Gospel by persecution." Still another praised God that he had been sent to a very difficult place, but as the result of his labours and that of the teachers who had been sent to help him, there are now three schools in that area. Whereas formerly the people there tried to kill him with clubs, they are all pleased when he pays them a visit.

As at home the pastor sometimes has to arrange for the erection of church buildings, so it is out here, too. The buildings in this field are mostly temporary structures lasting but a few years. Still there is much industry needed to gather together the various materials and to erect the schools. Many give much credit to the evangelist or teacher and those who love the Lord who reside in the district. I am sure



John Shaw, recruit to Nigeria.



Pastor E. A. Beavon and some Kisii evangelists.

many of our companies in England do not meet on Sabbath under such favourable circumstances, in such quiet, peaceful surroundings and in such pleasant places as do our native believers. For the privileges we enjoy we thank the Lord. While as a rule the schools are built to hold about 50 to 100, the church centres must be much larger. These buildings hold 200 or more, and we often hold large gatherings in the

shady open places. One of the evangelists told us how the Christians in his part had built a good strong building which often holds over 700 people.

The reports of these evangelists were very encouraging indeed. The demand for schools is far greater than it has ever been before. We do not now have to ask people to have a teacher; we cannot train our men fast enough to enter the openings. Of course the work of the evangelists increases the need for teachers. One must not think of the term "teacher" in just the same light as one thinks of a teacher in the homeland. In Africa a teacher is a resident teacher and evangelist, a local preacher, the "father" of the people who gather round him and build their homes with his. He it is who instructs in the way of God, doing a work which though perhaps not so prominent as that of the evangelist is no less im-

portant.

So as we look back on the institute now closed, and as we think of the tremendous task to which these men, by faith, have set their hands, we turn to our dear fellow-believers in Europe and ask for their prayers. Give us your most earnest prayers, your most liberal offerings, and your most talented and most consecrated sons and daughters.

Opening Report of the Church Schools in the Northern European Division 1929-1930

	No of Teachers	Opening Date	Closing Date	Enrolment					S.D.A.'s				Head Teacher	How Financed		
				Weeks in School Year	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	T'otal	Non	S.D.A.'s	Church Members			Children of School Age	M.V. Society
British Union																
Stanborough Park.....	3	Sept. 4/29	July 30/30	44	42	15	11	6	74	35	39	287	38	74	L. D. Lewis	Sc'l fees, Ch'h bud't, Con. gr't
West London	2	"	"	44	19	7	8	7	41	33	55	9	41	D. M. Lewis	" " " " " "	
Walthamstow	2	"	"	44	14	4	2	2	22	7	54	13	22	A. E. West	" " " " " "	
Plymouth	2	"	"	44	14	9	4	2	29	11	107	17	29	E. R. Hyde	" " " " " "	
	9				89	35	25	17	166	56	110	534	71	166		
Scandinavian Union																
Copenhagen	1	Aug. 15/29	June 30/30	40	9	17	10	8	44	39	5	400	89	44	C. Henriksen	School fees, Church donations
Skodsborg	2	April 3/29	Mar. 31/30	42	10	9	8	5	32	33	300	34	32	M. Jensen	Church donations, State grant	
Aarhus	1	Aug. 15/29	July /30	41	6	15	14	5	40	40	200	15	40	A. Simonsen	Church Donations	
Frederikshavn	1	May 1/29	April /30	36	5	4	4	2	15	15	95	15	15	J. Vilhelmsen	Ch'ch Donations & State grant	
Jerslev	1	Aug. 15/29	July 15/30	41	4	5	5	1	15	14	1	30	12	D. Kjolser	Church Donations	
Esbjerg	1	Aug. 15/29	July 15/30	39	1	7	1	1	10	10	75	10	10	R. Yohansen	Church Donations	
Gredstedbro	1	Aug. 12/29	July 15/30	39	4	6	4	2	16	16	252	18	16	S. Sandqvist	School fees & Ch'ch donations	
Stockholm	2	Aug. 27/29	July /30	39	4	6	4	2	16	16	252	18	16	S. Sandqvist	School fees & Ch'ch donations	
Oslo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	10				41	66	51	26	184	178	6	1432	182	184		

Opening Report of the Mission Schools in the Northern European Division, 1929-30

Name of School	Address	Opening Date	Closing Date	Enrollment			Membership M. V. Society	Students on Full Scholarship	Students on Half Scholarship	Yearly Tuition (Full Work)	Yearly Room Rent	Acres in Farm	Acres Under Cultivation
				Men	Women	Total							
Baltic Union	Brivibas iela 11, Riga.	Oct. 2, 1929	May 13, 1930	44	26	70	70	7	..	\$ 26	\$ 24	275	75
British Union	Stanborough Park, Watford.	Aug. 20 "	May 4 "	54	27	81	81	2	8	70	52	101	20
Polish Union	Kamienica 230, Bielsko, Slask.	Sept. 12 "	May 21 "	20	12	32	30	..	..	25	10	12	12
Scand: Denmark	Naerum, Denmark.	Oct. 1 "	May 31 "	36	26	62	60	a	5	48	43	5	5
Norway	Algarheim, Norway.	Sept. 1 "	May 7 "	21	14	37	37	6	1	37	37	300	120
Sweden	Jarnboas, Sweden.	Sept. 18 "	May 3 "	32	38	70	78	20	..	43	32	700	45
Totals				209	143	352	356	39	14			1393	277

OUR DEPARTMENTS

Echoes of Progress from the Publishing Department

By C. E. Weaks

"THE Lord gave the Word; great was the company of those that published it." Psa. 68:11.

At the close of the second quarter there were, according to our statistical report, 648 workers in the Northern European Division field. Of this number, 308, or nearly one-half the total, were colporteurs, self-supporting workers, carrying the message in printed form from door to door, pioneers preparing the way for the coming of the minister and the Bible-worker.

THESE 308 colporteurs sold during the first nine months of 1929 literature to the value of \$215,812.09, which was a gain of more than \$4,000.00 over the same months of 1928.

THE year 1929 has seen the beginning of our colporteur work, in an organized form, in our East African mission fields. Success attended the work of our African colporteurs from the very first, and Brother Cuthbert, the East African Union field secretary, reports most enthusiastically concerning the outlook for the year 1930.

WE are just now publishing our first colporteur subscription book in the native language for sale in Nigeria, West Africa. Before many months we expect to see the colporteur work launched in a more definite way in that large field on the West Coast. They have already made a beginning in colpor-

teur work on the West Coast, but with English literature. We rejoice to see literature being prepared in the vernaculars.

WE read in the spirit of prophecy as follows: "Whenever the canvassing work is presented among our people, let both the health books and the religious books be presented together as parts of a united work. The relation of the religious and the health books is presented to me as illustrated by the union of the warp and the woof to form a beautiful pattern and a perfect piece of work."—"Colporteur Evangelist," page 71.

FOR some years our colporteurs have been meeting with excellent success in selling books in the Baltic States. This year the Riga publishing house produced its first large health book. An edition of 8,000 came from the press about July 1st of this year. Brother Saknit, the Union field secretary, writes that this first edition is now nearly sold, a second edition of 12,000 is being printed, and that he fears that even this number will not be sufficient for their Lettish field. This is a good record for a field containing only about 1,000,000 Lettish people.

A NINE-DAYS' convention for our publishing department workers in the Polish field was held in the city of Warsaw from October 22nd to 30th. During the last two days of the meeting, the conference presidents were also with us. While great difficulties must be faced in that large field, God is blessing, and the workers there believe that

in the near future we will see far greater developments in our literature work in that field than we have yet seen.

FOR the past six months, our colporteur sales in the Northern European Division have, with one exception, shown a gain each month. We trust that the sales of the closing quarter of the year will add still more to our gains of the first three quarters of the year.

SABBATH, November 30th, is Colporteur Day in all our churches throughout the Northern European Division. We trust that this day will prove a great blessing to our churches, and to our colporteurs, and that we will on that day learn of many whom the Lord is calling to house-to-house ministry with our literature.

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"There are those who need our helping,
Those who listen for our song;
Only souls that have been tortured
Know the bitterness of wrong.
So my heart, we'll gladly help them
Bear their burdens, you and I,
And we'll not stand back like cowards,
While the world is running by."

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FROM THE OFFICE WINDOW

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BROTHER S. ANDREASSEN, our missionary in the Faroe Islands, writes: "A widow had been attending some meetings held by the Baptists and had become so interested that she decided to be baptized. On the evening before the ceremony was to take place she knelt and asked for special guidance in her decision. Early the next morning she heard a voice saying to her, 'It is more important to keep the seventh day than to be baptized.' When I was in that district I visited her and explained our message. The result was she decided to keep the Sabbath. She has since been baptized—but by the Seventh-Day Adventists."

IN No. 3 issue it was stated that during 1928 thirty took the English Ministerial Reading Course. According to records which have since come to our notice, however, there were seventy-five who completed this course. If all our workers knew the splendid help these books offered no one would want to be left out. If you have not yet sent in your name to the Ministerial Association, be quick and do so.

THE date for the Week of Prayer has been set by the Northern European Division for December 6th to 14th. Let us, at this time, remember our people in Russia and other places where the enemy opposes the work through the laws of the land.

ON December 4th the s. s. "Wangoni" will carry several of our missionaries who are returning to their fields of labour in West Africa. It will also take Brethren L. H. Christian and W. E. Read. They will visit our three fields on the West Coast and will also make investigations in the neighbourhood of Lake Chad for the purpose of



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finding a suitable place in which to open up work in French West Africa. Two of our young Scandinavian brethren are at the present time in Paris studying the French language in preparation for entering French territory in West Africa as soon as plans can be completed.

THE British Publishing House is releasing Brother A. Brett to respond to an S. O. S. call from the Far Eastern Division. Brother Brett and wife will soon be leaving for China. He is to superintend the industrial work at the Training School at Shanghai.

PASTOR S. G. MAXWELL, Superintendent of the East African Union writes, in a recent letter, of his visit to Uganda. During his visit he had two baptisms, one among the Banyoro and the other with the Baganda. Sixteen members were added to the church—twice the number of last year—and the second church was organized. Many interests are being aroused through the colporteur work in Uganda and the outlook is most encouraging.

IN East Africa they have been suffering from a plague of locusts. It seems as though the enemy would hinder, just at this time of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Although this has perhaps prevented the natives from collecting all they might otherwise have done, yet

December, 1929

Pastor A. F. Bull writes that he himself has been able to gather £40, and that in less than one day's work. The Lord's hand is over His work and He is a God of the impossible.

A THREE-THOUSAND edition of a book on various phases of the message is being printed in Ibo, a language of Nigeria, West Africa. This is the first book published in this language. This makes thirty-five languages in which we are publishing literature in the Division. Eighteen of these are in the mission fields. We are working in sixty-three languages, forty-eight of them being in the mission fields.

IN No. 2 issue of THE ADVENT SURVEY mention was made of the gift of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association to several of our missions in Africa. It will be interesting to note further that there were twelve mission societies in six different colonies to which the grants were made, eight being Protestant and four Catholic. The largest amount granted to any of the Protestant societies, excluding our own missions, was £400. The grants made to the Seventh-Day Adventist Mission Board amount to £560. We are surely glad to be able to enter into this very needy work of bringing relief to those who are suffering from the terrible scourge of leprosy.

IT will interest the readers of the SURVEY to know that Brother D. E. Delhove, who for years ably led our Ruanda Mission in the Belgian Congo, has been transferred south into the larger section of that colony. Brother Delhove is a Belgian and has done a large work in our missions; we wish him every success in his new field. By action of the General Conference a year ago, the old Ruanda Mission belongs to the South African Division.