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Progress in the East Nordic Union

By G. A. LINDSAY

LOOKING back over the experiences of the past year, viewing the results of the united efforts of conference and institutional workers and churchmembers in the East Nordic Union, we have every reason to firmly believe that God has been leading His people in their endeavour to extend His kingdom here in the northlands of Europe.

Because we feel that it will bring rejoicing to the whole ADVENT SURVEY family, we will gladly share with you some notes of progress which we cull from the reports that were rendered at the recent Union committee meeting.

The baptisms and gain in membership for the year surpassed those of the previous year. The Union membership was 5,154 on January 1st.

The total tithe in the Union amounted to Kr.247,723. This represents a fifteen per cent gain over the tithe for the year 1936.

The total gifts to missions amount to Kr.189,460, which is a fourteen per cent gain over the results of the previous year.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign brought in Kr.96,852. This is a gain of 16.5 per cent for one year.

Our colporteurs delivered literature to the value of Kr.290,957. This is a small gain over the previous year.

Forty-one full and four half scholarships were given to students in our schools.

The sanitariums and health institutions have had the very best patronage throughout the year.

During the past year we were glad to be able to organize three new churches, dedicate two new church buildings, and ordain six young men to the ministry.

The new year has already brought us fresh evidences of God's mighty hand in the Advent movement. In several places where the evangelists are working there is a real stir in the hearts of the public attending the meetings. We hope to have one of the very best and most successful years in soul-winning that we have ever had in

our Union this year. And why should it not be the very best? Both the workers' meetings held toward the close of the year, one in Sweden and one in Finland, gave to all the evangelistic workers a deeper realization of what it means to be witnesses for the truth today, and by the grace of God each one is seeking to measure up to God's requirements.

We ask an interest in the prayers of the Advent people everywhere. Together with you we want to hasten the coming of our Lord and Saviour by faithfully preaching and teaching the message to all people, making them ready for that great day.

The North Swedish Conference

BY ALFRED ANDERSON

IN the North Swedish Conference there have been three ordained and four licensed ministers working in the field during 1937. Their labours, together with the Home Missionary Department, resulted in a gain of ninety souls. Our membership at the end of last year was 1,421.

From Slussfors, a village in Lapland, came to us an interesting experience last year. We have had two believers here for some time. Others began to be interested and our home missionary secretary was sent up there for a few weeks. He preached the message; thirteen souls embraced the truth, and are now fully united with us.

The income for the conference,

when compared with 1936, shows a fine increase. The increase in tithe was Kr.12,382.92, making a total tithe for the conference of Kr.85,442.10. The offerings for missions are Kr.7,281.53 higher than in 1936. The total increase in tithe and offerings for the year was Kr.19,664.45.

A new spirit has come in the work for our young people, who are very interested in the study courses fostered by the Missionary Volunteer Department.

Our colporteurs have done a splendid work. Literature value Kr.107,812.52 has been distributed. In the North Swedish Conference one of the colporteurs has also

held some public Bible studies. Two souls have already begun to keep the Sabbath as a result of his work. Several other colporteurs have reported souls interested in the truth.

The outlook for 1938 is bright. Most of our workers in the field

report many interested people. We hope and pray that God will send His Spirit over His workers in a special way this year. Our brethren meet with difficulties, but God works for them, and we believe that many will be added to the churches also this year.

Advance in South Sweden

BY A. BLOMSTEDT

LAST year marked another advance in South Sweden. God indeed blessed our constituency—laity, colporteurs, and evangelists—in a marked way. There was a gain in tithe of Kr.8,000 and in mission offerings of over Kr.11,000. Our colporteurs did a remarkable work in delivering nearly Kr.85,000 worth of literature during the year. Best of all is the heartening results of the evangelistic work in the conference. No less than 120 souls were added by baptism and profession of faith. The net gain was seventy-four and on January 1st the conference membership stood at 1,272. Eight years ago, when the conference was organized, the membership was 756, giving us a net gain since 1929 of 516 members.

One of the most interesting features of the year in this conference is the work during the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. There is really a great stir in the land when our Harvest Ingathering army, every autumn, moves out to do exploits for missions. A large percentage of the members takes part in some way or another. Many a sister who works hard during the week to help keep her home together goes out every Sunday during the campaign and brings in her share and often much more. Our private treatment-rooms do a commendable work in collecting many hundreds of kroner from their patients. Our young people and children likewise are filled with zeal and enthusiasm for this work. Especially we must make mention of the workers at Hultafors Sanitarium who in a really remarkable campaign gathered about one-seventh of the conference total. Some of our juniors go out every Sunday for several weeks to do Harvest Ingathering work instead

of engaging in play and sports as other children. God blessed their efforts so that up to Kr.60, and over, are collected individually by our boys and girls.

Much interest centres around the work of our conference workers during this campaign. The weekly reports are watched eagerly by the members in the churches, and as they see the workers taking the lead their hearts are stirred to pray and work in the same blessed manner. For years now the individual worker's goal has been Kr.600. This goal is not only reached but greatly surpassed by most of the workers, some collecting as much as Kr.1,000 and even more.

The weekly reporting in the churches is quite an event. It is generally done orally, while the leader puts down the figures on the blackboard. Everybody is tense with interest as this procedure goes

on. Then when the total for the week is found, and finally, as the result to date is announced, there are words of spontaneous praise and thanksgiving heard from different parts of the room. After prayer for help during the coming week, and oft-times the study in groups of the latest weekly report from the conference, posted somewhere in the meeting-place, the members separate for another week of toil for their daily bread and on Sunday, and perhaps some evenings after work, to labour from house to house to help hasten the Advent message to all the earth.

As the new year began evangelistic work was reopened in twenty-one different places by our seventeen workers. The prospects for a harvest of souls seem as promising as last year, although most of our workers find it harder to reach the people. The serious situation in the world seems to have little effect on the people. Their craze for amusements, sports, and gain seems to have no bounds. Pray for us in Sweden that a mighty outpouring of spiritual power over us may break the shackles of sin and indifference, as well as the chains of spiritual self-sufficiency, that now are keeping honest men and women from hearing the last message of salvation to our world!

In the Finnish Conference

BY V. B. KOHTANEN

THE story of the onward march of the Advent movement in the different countries always brings much joy and happiness to the advent believers. It is with great interest we watch for the news as it appears in the pages of the ADVENT SURVEY. Our work is one, and therefore the joy of success is also mutual.

The progress of the work in the Finnish Conference during the year 1937 was not so great as we have been used to, but although slow it still was a steady, onward march. This slower progress in the work during the past year is due to the fact that most of our workers were situated for the second

or even third year in the same town or place of labour.

During the year there have been in the ministerial work five ordained ministers, one licentiate, and eight Bible-workers. Public efforts have been held in eleven different places and through these efforts, as well as through the work of the churchmembers, 131 converts have been added to the fellowship through baptism and vote.

The membership at the end of the year was 2,015, being divided into twenty-nine churches and forty-three companies, from the south coast of Finland to the far north, into the Arctic Circle. To foster the work among these many

churches and companies, as well as to proclaim the message in those places where there are no representatives of this truth, is the privilege of the little group of workers we have.

The burden for souls takes hold of the hearts of our people in different churches. They realize the importance of working for the conversion of their young people, and God blesses their efforts. In one church, through the efforts of the lay-members and a little help from the conference president and young people's secretary, almost all the young people, ten in number, were converted and taken into church fellowship by baptism. Of course this brought great rejoicing to the older members of the church and thankfulness to God. In this same church by the working of the Holy Spirit several adults have accepted the truth. One man, for example, who had ridiculed the teachings of the second coming of Christ was especially touched by the Spirit of the Lord so that by dreams this point of truth began to exercise his mind. He did not get any peace, either day or night. At last this state of mind resulted in sickness of body. By special prayer this man was miraculously healed, and thus the power of God was revealed to him. He and his wife became very interested in the truth and, by the help of a lay-brother, studied all the different points of our message for a year. Now they are baptized.

Another experience shows how the Lord can use our humble sisters as His instruments. It was an elderly sister who moved with her family to a country place where there were no Adventists, and no knowledge of Adventists. Alone in that strange place, among people most of whom speak the Swedish, a language that this sister does not understand, she began to testify of the truth to the few who understood her language. Three men and their wives have begun to keep the Sabbath in consequence. Two of these wives have already been taken into church fellowship, and we hope that the other four persons will soon follow their example.

Thus we see that the Lord blesses the work, even of His humblest child.

The Message Goes in Viipuri

BY TOIVO SELJAVAARA

VIIPURI, the capital of the province of Karjala and the county and diocese of Viipuri, is situated at the base of Viipuri Bay, which thrusts out in a north-westerly direction from the Gulf of Finland, at the outlet of the Saimaa canal. It is the second largest town in Finland, with a population of 84,000.

The historical records and traditions of Viipuri go back very far. Over a thousand years have elapsed since the founding of the first settlements in the locality. The castle of Viipuri was founded in 1293 by Torgils or Tyrgils Knutsson, ruler of Sweden, who arrived at the head of a crusading fleet. The town has experienced the hardships of many wars. In the Middle Ages it was besieged by the Russians in 1294, 1322, 1351, 1411, and 1495.

The town of Viipuri is mentioned in records of the fourteenth century, but it was not until 1403 that the settlement received its town charter. In the Middle Ages, however, commerce in this quarter was mostly in the hands of German Hansa merchants, who traded chiefly with Tallinn, but also with Danzig, Lübeck, and Novgorod. Franciscan and Dominican monasteries kept alive and spread the influence of the Roman Catholic Church. Under the period of Russian rule, the town of Viipuri was as an open gate to Leningrad or to Russia.

In the present century Viipuri has been the scene of warfare. The first skirmishes in the Finnish war of liberation took place here, but on April 29, 1918, the town of Viipuri was captured and got its independence. The present-day Viipuri is a pleasant modern place, especially in the summer.

From the military or strategical point of view Viipuri is one of the most important and dangerous places near the boundary of Russia. Soldiers are in evidence everywhere, and there are barracks and other military buildings on every side of the town. Just the other day a Finnish frontier guard was shot. Therefore the people are

restless and nervous. Because of the conditions in the world, we believe that now is the time to work and warn the people. Everywhere souls are longing after this message. Therefore the Finnish Conference committee have placed eight workers in the province of Karjala near the Russian border. Four workers have been working with the country people, from village to village. They are meeting with good success.

We have moved to Viipuri from Turku-Abo, West Finland. We had been there three years and had the joy of leading into church fellowship about 170 souls. Now we have the privilege to work in Viipuri. The Advent message is not unknown here. Almost all Finnish Seventh-Day Adventist ministers have worked here throughout many years. A church was founded already in 1912. We began our work here in October, very fearful, but after we had kept some days of fasting and prayer with the church-members, we received great encouragement.

We had in the first meeting about 700 hearers. Afterward we had to have two lectures on the same subject in the same evening because all could not come into the hall. Then began wicked opposition through the newspapers. Enemies wrote four times against us, but the result was that more and more people came. Recently we had nearly 900 people and many hundreds did not get inside. We are looking forward to the largest harvest of souls we have ever had in Finland. The church-members are very interested and help us willingly in the work.

The church of Viipuri has a nice new building, seating about 400 people.

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BROTHER BABIENCO is at present conducting an effort for the Russian people in the eastern portion of Estonia. He was only at first able to secure permit for a limited period, but began work in faith. We are glad to learn that the permit has been extended, so that the effort can be carried out in full.

Evangelistic Work in North Sweden

BY R. SWENSON

FROM the time of the breaking of the ground until the harvest fields are reaped is a wearisome time for the farmer. The same is also true regarding the work of the evangelist. When we came to the city of Hernösand in North Sweden, a city of learning, with high schools and colleges, the residence of a bishop and a governor, a place of many denominations and churches but with few people attending, I had fear for the outcome of our evangelistic campaign.

Many people attended our meetings to begin with, but the attendance dropped. We had asked God for at least twenty souls. Then we arranged a special ten-day campaign with meetings every night. We had only twelve members in this place, and they were all elderly. We needed help for singing in this school city. Our nearest church was forty miles (sixty km.) away, but six young people there came to our assistance. They stayed with us all the ten days, and the church-members and my wife took care of them for the time.

Every morning our little band of workers, these six young people, the Bible-worker, and the evangelist, met for prayer and a short study in the Word of God. After breakfast we all went into the streets and lanes of the city, inviting the people to our meetings. Not one family in the whole city was passed by. There was a real awakening in the city. From thirty to forty sought God in the prayer meetings every night after the sermon. Many broke the fetters of Satan and made their decision for life everlasting. God gave us what we had asked for. Moreover, we are glad that some who did not take their stand fully are still interested in the truth. We hope and pray for their deliverance also.

On the last night in the campaign, when the strongest appeal was made, a young lady came forward. All through the week she had struggled hard for victory. A wonderful peace shone in her face. In the prayer meeting that followed she knelt together with about

forty other souls. She prayed aloud: "I put my hands in Thine, O Lord, do never let them go." Her prayer was granted. Within eight days she became ill with a deadly disease, and her hand rested in her Master's until her last breath.

We are thankful to God for His power over human hearts. Through His servant the Lord says: "If ministers would preserve a reserve force, and at the very point where everything seems to move the hardest, then make the most earnest efforts, the strongest appeals, the

closest applications, and, like valiant soldiers at the critical moment make the charge upon the enemy, they would gain the victory. Souls would have strength to break the bands of Satan and make their decisions for everlasting life. Well-directed labour at the right time will make a long-tried effort successful, when to leave the labour even for a few days will in many cases cause an entire failure. Ministers must give themselves as missionaries to the work, and learn how to make their efforts to the very best advantage."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, page 647.

As we write this we are beginning a second ten days' campaign in this city. The result is in the hands of the Lord.

Souls Won Through Home Missionary Work

BY SIGWARD E. JONASSON

"Do you see this brother?" a church elder said to me, pointing to a fine young man sitting before us in the Sabbath-school. "You remember our 'win-one' resolution at the annual meeting. As soon as I came home I began to work with him, and now he is ready for baptism. I tell you I am happy." At the close of the Sabbath-school I found opportunity to talk with the new brother, and his words, accompanied with tears of joy, testified that the church elder was right.

This story is only one out of the one hundred and twenty-two that could be told about souls turned over from darkness to light during the year 1937 by the grace of God working through our lay members in the Home Missionary organization. We have witnessed how the means given to us in that work have brought glorious results, and the sanctified life of our faithful people is not least.

"But how did they come at first?" I asked the dear old sister who had in less than one year brought six precious souls to the Saviour. She told me: "When moving from Karelia in the most eastern part of Finland to the western part of the country, the brethren and sisters of the church asked me how I could think of leaving for a place where

there were no Adventists. But I answered that there might come some. Soon the people began to ask me why I kept the Sabbath, and after telling them, they went home to read their own Bibles to be sure that I was reading right." Last autumn two ladies were baptized. Now their husbands and a young married couple are converted and keep the Sabbath, and are expecting to be baptized. At my visit there the meeting had to be held at one o'clock after dinner, but the house was crowded with people intensely interested in the sermon.

The soul-saving efforts have increased during the past year. More Bible readings were given, more people were brought to the meetings, much more literature was scattered, and fifty-seven more souls were won than in 1936. In spite of good times, our brethren had opportunities to help several thousands of people, and the number of the Dorcas societies has increased to fifty-one.

The Harvest Ingathering reached the amount of 96,852 Swedish kroner, more than 20,000 above the goal. The East Nordic Union, by the grace of God, was first of the unions to reach the goal. The school at Ekebyholm, by two days' work, reached more than Kr.6,000,

or thirty per cent more than in 1936. Some of the workers—also in Finland where the rate of exchange is very low—reached amounts within 1,000 to 1,600 Sw. kroner. The Missions Extension offering gave a good overflow above the goal. Our members were truly enthusiastic. All the papers printed for this occasion were distributed and in a very short while.

The new-won members are happy and rejoice in the truth. One writes: "A hearty thank you for all letters and papers you have sent and for all you have done for us." Another: "Forgive us for not having written for a long time. Sometimes we were delayed by many things to do, and sometimes hindered by battles in our hearts. Maybe you have had such experiences yourself at your first acquaintance with the Advent message. But now, to your joy, I am sure, I can tell you that we are on

the Lord's side. Yesterday my husband and I were baptized. It truly was a happy day, impossible to forget. Yes, when writing these few lines I feel a wonderful happiness and peace in my soul. How good it is to walk the ways of the Lord. I cannot express my feelings. And I imagine how happy you will be. I would not wait any longer to tell you this news. Thank you, that you have prayed for us. Continue in prayer that we may receive power to witness for the truth to the world."

I tell you, dear readers, that the sister who received that letter from a couple of her relatives to whom she had brought the truth was herself happy when she handed the letter over to me by my request.

According to the vision of John, Jesus went forth conquering, and to conquer. Still to-day He is going on. And for the future we cry, "Ride on, King Jesus!"

Four Milestones in Young People's Work

BY R. W. ENGSTROM

FOUR milestones of progress have been raised in the young people's work of the East Nordic Union this past year.

The first milestone—and a most interesting one—marks the launching of the Junior Progressive Classes. By publishing the Junior Handbook in the Swedish and Finnish languages we can give first-hand instruction to every junior society. Wishing to give the work a strong impetus from the beginning, we took advantage of our Youth's Congress and C. Lester Bond's great interest for the junior work, to hold a Junior Investiture Service at the Congress in the presence of young people's representatives from the whole Union. We were not disappointed—an unusual interest came spontaneously from all quarters. Hundreds of aspirants (among them ordained ministers, our Swedish School principal and his entire faculty, nearly all the conference and Union departmental secretaries, besides many other "grown-ups") are labouring and studying hard in

order to qualify and receive the much-desired Class Insignia.

Our greatest need being trained J.M.V. leaders, we decided to concentrate especially on our Swedish Mission School (where we have about twenty students from Finland also) and have at present prac-

tically every student enrolled in at least one progressive class. Many will complete two classes before the school year closes. We have also adopted the Vocational Honour system in these classes, and nearly a hundred tokens have been earned in such subjects as botany, astronomy, Christian storytelling, swimming, stamp collecting, colportage, cooking, laundry, dairying, cycling, physical culture, and health and healing. We are encouraged by the spontaneous interest on the part of the young people as well as by the older members, who are often even more enthusiastic in their class work. The little mustard seed is showing a healthy growth.

As the second milestone of progress, we may note the establishment of the Study and Service League in all four conferences of the Union. One thousand sets of the League course in Bible Doctrines have been prepared and nearly all of them are in the hands of the youth throughout the field. The interest is high and a number have already completed the course. This is truly a milestone on the road to our grand objective: "Every youth a soldier for truth."

The third milestone marks the first Union M.V. Congress ever held for our youth. We feel that this has opened a new era in effective and unified work for the young people. Among the 500 partakers gathered at the Toivonlinna Mission School in Finland, there developed a spirit of under-



First Junior M.V. Investiture service in the East Nordic Union held in connection with the Youth Congress at Toivonlinna, Finland.

Report of the Northern European Division

Name of Conference or Mission	No. Churches	Baptism and Vote	Apostasy	Death	Net Gain	Present Membership	Evangelistic Workers	Colporteurs	No. Sabbath-Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Tithe	Tithe per capita	Sabbath-School Offerings	Weekly Offerings	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
N. E. Division							14									
Baltic Union	1	118	18	33	9	-27	5,467	63	22	144	5,191	3,241	\$	3,178.60	0.05	622.46
British	2	85	135	78	31	24	5,757	110	80	155	5,557	4,138	\$	36,982.90	0.54	6,756.71
E. Nordic	3	99	14	19	18	-14	5,154	63	66	186	4,507	3,558	\$	18,391.91	0.30	4,045.18
Polish	4	144	35	28	16	-13	3,478	59	51	162	4,200	3,039	\$	2,855.00	0.07	619.75
W. Nordic	5	138	64	52	49	-50	6,879	53	70	178	5,977	4,677	\$	28,469.03	0.33	5,515.18
Union Totals	584	266	210	123	-80	26,735	362	289	825	25,432	18,653	\$	89,877.44	0.27	17,559.28	2.37
*E. Afr'n Union Miss.	6	32	716	121	19	575	5,082	282	7	219	14,509	13,977	\$	2,623.90	0.06	2,047.08
†Ethiopian	7	7	...	...	...	...	321	56	...	9	418	358	\$	3,039.60	0.73	...
*Gold Coast	8	10	12	3	3	5	949	53	...	66	3,919	2,669	\$	1,317.30	0.16	525.19
*Nigerian	9	20	35	70	19	-53	2,026	123	11	153	13,405	10,816	\$	1,975.40	0.10	1,175.23
Upper Nile	10	3	25	11	1	14	312	33	...	26	842	661	\$	142.90	0.07	96.65
French Equa.	11	...	...	...	...	...	25	8	...	3	110	100	\$	...	...	0
*Liberian	12	2	28	...	3	25	70	11	...	21	404	277	\$	223.80	1.08	78.18
*Sierra Leone	13	2	106	31	9	66	431	27	...	33	1,596	1,096	\$	538.70	0.09	199.74
Mission Totals	76	922	236	54	632	9,216	593	18	530	35,076	30,081	\$	9,855.60	0.11	4,116.07	...
Grand Totals	660	1,188	446	177	552	35,951	955	307	1,355	60,508	48,734	\$	99,733.04	0.24	21,675.35	2.37

*Financial figures include two quarters. †First report received since third quarter, 1935

standing, love, and unity that will bind our youth of Finland and Sweden together with enduring cords of sympathy. The time at the congress was used in mutually solving the peculiar problems of youth and in spiritual renewal, under the splendid leadership of Pastors W. T. Bartlett and C. Lester Bond. The twenty-seven young people who decided for the Master during the congress session are alone worth infinitely more than words can express. We sincerely believe in these gatherings and our youth are enthusiastically about them.

The fourth milestone marks the translation of Mrs. White's excellent book, *Messages to Young People*, into Swedish (together with definite plans for a similar translation into the Finnish). We agree with the words of our World Youth's secretary, A. W. Peterson, "This is the very best thing that could possibly have been done for the youth of these countries." *Messages* is now in the hands of many of our youth and is daily making its influence felt among them.

Our Division M.V. Department is spurring us on to still another milestone—qualifying ourselves for attendance at the "Elite" M.V. Congress for Northern Europe to be held in 1939. We consider that this congress, coupled with the Progressive Junior and Senior

Classes, is furnishing the greatest possible incentive to partaking of every branch of the M.V. programme, touching as it does, the Bible Year, the Morning Watch, the Reading Courses, practical missionary work, the Study and Service League, the Junior inter-

ests, and every other good work. We believe, too, that God has placed these means in our hands to be used in training the finest army of youth in our generation for the greatest task ever entrusted to men—the giving of the final Gospel message.

Incidents in Literature Ministry

BY SIGWARD E. JONASSON

"No, I don't want that book," a lady said when our colporteur came to deliver an ordered copy of the book, *Fourteen Years in Ethiopia*. "I have heard that it is an Adventist book, and I don't want to have that." Our sister talked wisely to the customer, and she decided to pay, as she had ordered the copy. However, her money had to be changed, so our sister went out in order to get that arranged.

While alone with the book the lady began to read. Soon she found a nice song quoted in it, which says that the redemption of man was not by silver or gold, but by the precious blood of Calvary. She was a Christian and that very song had been sung at her conversion, so she loved it. She began to realize that the Adventists love Jesus, and wanted to know more about us. When our sister came back, the lady was very friendly and eager to learn about our faith. In a tactful way our sister led up to Bible studies, and, as a result, that lady

soon became a baptized member of our church.

In ways something like that fifteen precious souls beside this one were brought to the light of the truth and began to keep the Sabbath during the year 1937. Several of them are now baptized, and the others will be. We rejoice as we see such fruits on the branch of the literature ministry.

According to the figures in the East Nordic report our colporteurs sold and delivered literature to a higher value than in 1936. There was an increase in Finland in deliveries of seventy per cent. In Sweden the gain in deliveries during 1936 compared with 1935 was just 100 per cent. Now with the passing of 1937 the Union seems to have reached a level—much higher than the base of 1935—which we hope, with the grace of the Lord, never to go under but pass year after year.

Messages to Young People by Mrs. White was printed in the

for the Quarter Ended December 31, 1937

Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offering	Miscellaneous Offerings	Week of Sacrifice	Young People's Offerings	Big Week	Total Offerings	Total Offerings per capita	Percentage of Offerings to Tithe	Total Contributions for Home Missionary Work	Total Contributions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Sales
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
2,650.87	349.89		15.00	2.90		3,641.12	0.05	114.6	23.09	387.90	3,056.90
25,493.79	3,079.24	12.30	858.82	221.80	180.43	36,603.09	0.53	99.0	293.23	5,035.88	31,394.72
10,111.43	2,683.26	21.22	49.52	32.91	28.00	16,971.52	0.28	92.3	1,351.79	2,357.43	17,693.97
983.92	390.27	10.12	15.12	12.38	10.35	2,041.91	0.05	71.5	54.79	277.77	1,885.00
11,858.90	4,889.29	2.17	64.52	36.43	9.78	22,378.64	0.26	78.6	1,304.67	2,410.10	23,617.80
51,098.91	11,391.95	45.81	1,002.98	305.42	228.56	81,636.28	0.25	90.8	3,027.57	10,469.08	77,448.39
1,376.44	2,233.28		344.27			5,995.07	0.13	228.5			223.78
990.78	97.40				5.99	5.99		0.2			
2,339.30	39.55		310.40		28.27	3,892.75	0.21	197.1			976.88
23.48			1.50		26.30	147.93	0.07	103.5			54.24
R E P O R T											
113.23			39.12		5.90	236.43	1.14	105.6			
353.12			31.47		3.51	581.84	0.10	108.0			
5,190.35	2,370.23		726.76		69.97	12,473.38	0.15	126.6			1,254.90
56,289.26	13,762.18	45.81	1,729.74	306.42	298.53	94,109.65	0.23	94.4	3,027.57	10,469.08	78,703.29

Swedish tongue during the year, also well three of Elder Maxwell's *Bedtime Stories*. Editor O. Angervo's book, *Great Events in a Small World*, was published in the springtime and 14,000 copies of that big book were delivered. It is highly appreciated.

In Finland the greatest event in our literature work was the wonderful success of the health paper, *Terveys*. It was started in 1936 with one prospect number published in the month of September. The institute was held in the midst of October that year. Twenty full-time and part-time workers attended that meeting, just a few of them having been regular colporteurs. Later, most of the book colporteurs also have sold the health paper besides the books. Until December 31, 1936, 1,800 yearly subscriptions were secured. From January 1 to December 31, 1937, more than 18,000 were taken. Although there was a gain of 1,000 per cent in 1937 in sales of health literature, the decrease in the sales of our books in Finland was only from 10,000 big ones in 1936 to 7,000 in 1937. Taking the book by Elder Christian, *A World in Expectancy*, there is a lowering from 8,000 to 6,000. Finland, with only 3,000,000 people using the Finnish tongue (the rest speak Swedish), published 20,000 copies of our health journal monthly, which shows that God has helped this work in a wonderful way.

printed for the Big Week were sold easily. The December edition of the same papers was 40,000 and all went in a couple of weeks. Our young people are enthusiastic. Forty-five young people attend our schools on the scholarship plan. Thirty-eight are in our East Nordic schools with full scholarships and four with half. At Newbold are three students from the Union with full scholarships.

Never before have our colporteurs sold so much literature as in 1937; never before have so many young people won scholarships; never has the enthusiasm been greater; and never before have so many souls been reported won to the truth as a result of our literature work. Such things tell us that we are approaching "the perfect day," when Jesus will appear. Lord, hasten Thy coming!

News from West Africa

Liberia's Highways

BY S. N. DURING

LIBERIA has been somewhat slow in opening a highway into the interior, where the aboriginal tribes live, who are, up to the present, mostly primitive.

It was only thirteen years ago, when the government saw the necessity of reaching the indigenous people of the country, and so started a motorable road to reach the interior. Early in 1933 the construction which had lagged for some time, was resumed, and in 1935 they reached Konola, our new mission headquarters, which is about sixty miles from the capital. The road, owing to many bad streams, has only gone five and a half miles beyond Konola.

This road has made our work in Liberia a little more connected, as

Konola is about half-way from Monrovia to our Liiwa station. This new headquarters has a strong organized Sabbath-school work. Sabbath-schools are held in four places, beside Konola station, every other Sabbath. We are divided into four groups, each having a leader, who takes his group to his individual town. In the evening the leaders and their groups meet at the station to give account of the Sabbath-schools and services. The average attendance of these groups is 110.

As scattered evangelistic work sometimes brings little result, we planned to hold evangelistic campaigns in different towns. The meetings were well attended. At the end of the first efforts, which lasted for four weeks, eleven asked to be enlisted in the baptismal class.

At present we have a church membership of fifteen and hope before the year ends to double this number.

Regular school work on this station started in May, 1937, and now we have an enrolment of forty-three.

Our agricultural work has brought much commendation from Europeans and Liberians who visit the station.

Sister Noltze is helping the sick, and this good work is helping wonderfully in the progress of the work. Services are held before distribution of medicines.

We need very much your prayers and help for the furtherance of the work in this highway of Liberia, that the great Gospel message may reach all the many tribes before Jesus comes.

In Bassa Land

BY I. W. HARDING

It was on a Thursday morning Pastor K. F. Noltze with his carriers, after a long trek of ten days, arrived at Palmberg to visit the station. Schoolboys were immediately sent to all our church and Sabbath-school members in the villages to inform them of his arrival. Sabbath day, though rainy, nearly a hundred persons attended Sabbath-school and service. After the lesson for the day, Pastor Noltze preached an inspiring sermon on John 14:1-4. It was a day of spiritual refreshing.

On Sunday morning candidates for baptism were examined, and the church had the joy of seeing fourteen persons baptized by the superintendent and admitted into church fellowship by the writer. One was a notable man in the snake cult, who had renounced the devil and all his works by the mighty working of the Holy Spirit in his heart through the preaching of the everlasting Gospel. He had given up all his charms, dissociated himself from the cult to serve the living God, and become a follower of the Lord Jesus. After baptism both new and old members partook of the Lord's Supper.

Before Pastor Noltze left to continue his tour farther into the hinterland, the members of our Y.P.S.

gave him an entertainment. One of the interesting items was a competition between six boys, two at a time, to recite from memory the Sabbath-school memory verses for 1936 to June 1937 in Bassa and English.

We believe a bright day is dawning for the work in Bassa Land. By the sale of our books and free distribution of our periodicals, the "silent messengers," the Advent message is winning its way into the hearts of many and we look for a rich harvest of souls in the near future.

Brethren, pray for us and the work in Liberia.

Thirty-Two Years in Sierra Leone

BY T. E. HARDING

IN the year 1905 the Advent message came to Sierra Leone by Elder D. C. Babcock. Having laboured for a time he was glad to get a band of young men who gave themselves to help him.

In the year 1907 a small church was built in Freetown in a place which was once used for a secret society. Later a school was built at Waterloo, twenty miles away, for the purpose of training young workers.

Later workers were sent along the railway line to carry this new religion to the natives of the protectorate. It was a very hard task for these men to open stations. They were scorned, and called Babcock's followers. To this time the church in Freetown is called Babcock's Church. The men bore their disgrace patiently and followed their Lord. Three stations were next opened and were added to that of Freetown. As the work spread new believers joined the church. Both members and workers were laughed at, so much so that some left the faith. Others left off going to church but kept the Sabbath in their homes. At present there are many Adventists in Sierra Leone whom the church does not know, but who keep the Sabbath and observe the doctrines of the Adventists. They are ashamed to step forward and show the world they are Adventists.

As time went on, new stations were opened.

Among the pioneers of the work Sierra Leone will not forget Elder Langford. He came when the work was young, encouraged the workers because they had many difficulties, visited the sick, encouraged the sad together with Mrs. Langford, who was the friend of the women, and helped this work to spread.

Amid these difficulties the work is spreading. To-day chiefs are calling for the Adventist worker. The harvest is great, but the labourers are few.

It was a joy to Sierra Leone to send one of their workers as a representative to the General Conference. Sierra Leone has been glad to send two of their pastors to Liberia.

BROTHER READ returned home according to plan on March 19th. He reports a very profitable and blessed tour among our missions on the East Coast of Africa, and two on the West Coast. Our next issue will contain some account of the visit.

SISTER KAMILLA JÖRGENSEN, a teacher from Denmark, is sailing from Genoa, April 4th, in company with Sister Schuil, for Kamagambo, Kenya Colony, where she will take over the work of Sister Morgan at the Luo Girls' School.

BROTHER COLSON is now fully recovered and is at work as usual.

SISTER HULDA JOST, known to many of us as leader in our German Welfare work, fell asleep in Christ at Skodsborg Sanitarium on March 10th after a long illness. This sad news comes to us from our brethren in Berlin, who mourn the loss of a loyal and influential member, whose radiant personality endeared her to all who came in touch with her. We sympathize with them in their grief. W.T.B.

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