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Division Educational Council

By J. I. Robison

ONE of the most important phases of the work of the third angel's message is Christian education. This is true from the standpoint of the saving of our youth, but in a larger sense it is true in relation to the finishing of the work. Only as Christian education prospers in a field can we expect to see the work onward and success attending the message.

The sixty-seven delegates and friends who gathered in Convention at the Onsrud Mission School, Norway, July 31st to August 7th, felt therefore the seriousness of their task in their efforts to find and follow God's way in education more perfectly. During the busy week allotted to the Convention study was given not only to better methods of carrying on our educational work, but also to the meaning of true education and the high standards that the Lord would have us reach in preparing the youth to give the last call of mercy to a perishing world. It was emphasized that the only excuse we can offer for conducting separate schools and colleges is the call that God has given this people to

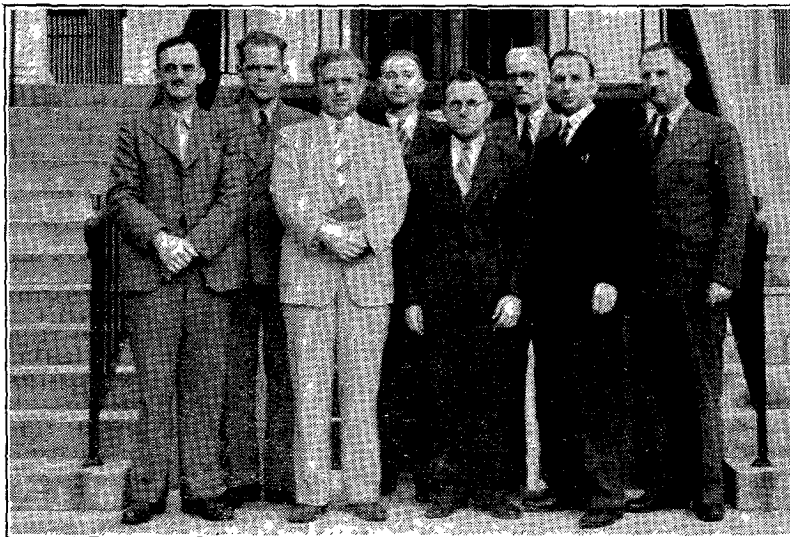
warn the world of His soon coming and prepare a people to meet Him in peace. This was the keynote of the Convention and resulted, I believe, in everyone present receiving a new vision of the greatness of his task, a new conception of the high calling of a Christian teacher, and a new inspiration to dedicate himself anew to the saving of our youth through Christian service.

The chairman in the opening address called for a larger educational programme in every field. He expressed the gratitude that everyone felt for the 446 young people enrolled last year in our

seven training schools. But it was pointed out that in the matter of enrolment our schools have made no progress at all during the last seven years. There are in our home unions in this Division 2,000 or more Seventh-Day Adventist youth of school age who are not in our schools. These youth should form a challenge to our conference committees and educational workers so that plans may be laid during the next two or three years to enrol at least 1,000 youth in our training schools. This is within our reach and should be our aim.

It was a wonderful privilege for our educational workers from the eight countries of Northern Europe, where we have training schools, to associate together in

a common study of our problems. After working for a period of years within our own national boundaries, it was an inspiration to study our problems from the standpoint of a world-wide message. We worked together in unity, laying plans for the strengthening of our educational work for the best interests of



Northern European Division men at Washington seminary.

From left.—W. T. B. Hyde (Nigeria), A. Jurkevics (Latvia), P. Knudsen (Division office), M. Larsen (Norway), E. Ney (Estonia), O. Angervo (Sweden), A. J. Raitt (Newbold College), G. Gudmundsen (Norway).

the whole field, as well as the interests of the different countries concerned. There was no spirit of nationalism present and we all felt that the Holy Spirit was drawing us into a larger unity and a more perfect harmony as we face the difficulties that lie before us in a troubled world.

The Convention gave time to consider all phases of our educational work as it pertains to our secondary schools and colleges in Northern Europe. First, the question of Christian education itself was considered—how as Christian teachers we can maintain it and show loyalty to its principles. This was the theme of several addresses at the Convention which, I am sure, enlarged the vision of those present and helped us to understand better the place that Christian education should have in the third angel's message.

Study was also given to the technical problems of school administration, finance, and industries. Various phases of school life including the worship hours, chapel exercises, missionary activities, social functions, and the home life of the students were considered. Study was given to our courses in Bible, history, and science, and how these subjects should be taught in a Christian school. These with many other topics offered ample material for a most profitable week in studying the educational objectives and procedures in the schools of the Northern European Division.

The Convention was most fortunate in having the help of Dr. W. H. Teesdale, associate secretary of the General Conference Education Department, during the whole time. Dr. M. E. Olsen, president of the Home Study Institute, was also present, and D. A. Ochs, associate secretary of the General Conference M.V. Department. These brethren gave most excellent help which was greatly appreciated by all the delegates.

The Convention delegates drew up a series of resolutions presenting in concrete form the results of their study of the problems that lay before them. The substance of the resolutions is given in this issue of the SURVEY.

As a result of the Onsrud Educational Convention I trust that a new life may permeate all our educational work in Northern Europe. We feel confident that everyone present returned home with a new vision of the opportunities and responsibilities that are his in guiding the Advent youth to the living fountains of eternal wisdom which can be found only as they sit at the feet of the Master Teacher.

MOST IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS

During the Convention a number of recommendations were adopted with reference to the de-

Washington Seminary

BROTHER PAUL KNUDSEN, of the N.E.D. Treasury department, now attending the Washington Seminary, sends us a photo of the N.E.D. representatives at the Seminary. He mentions that this is the largest number we have so far sent to the Seminary, and that this year our workers in attendance exceed the total from any Division outside the United States. "We enjoy an excellent time here," writes Brother Knudsen. "The classes and studies are outstanding."

velopment of our education work, especially our secondary schools. It will not be possible to publish all these recommendations in the SURVEY, but we would like to call attention to a few of the more important ones.

The spiritual work in our schools was considered and it was recommended that our schools seek to foster a very positive spiritual atmosphere in all their activities. Prayer bands should be organized at the beginning of the school year and continue throughout the entire session. The student group should be so divided among the members of the faculty that all the students will have an individual spiritual adviser on the faculty. In these ways it is hoped that the spiritual work of the school will be greatly strengthened and each institution become a real soul-winning agency.

The Convention expressed itself

as having noted with deep concern the tendency on the part of some of our young people to attend outside educational institutions rather than our own schools. Our educators stated that they considered it inadvisable and hazardous to the Christian experience of our Adventist young people to attend other schools before completing the courses offered in our own schools. It was also stated that although at times it may be necessary for a number of our older tried and experienced teachers to qualify themselves technically in an outside institution such cases should not be taken as a precedent by our youth for seeking an education elsewhere than in our own schools.

Christian education is an integral part of our denominational endeavour and is an important factor in binding our youth to the church and in training them for larger service in the cause of God. Realizing this the Convention recommended that our ministers and evangelists be encouraged to present with the doctrines the principles of Christian education to all converts to the truth and to bring from time to time the subject of Christian education before the church at the regular Sabbath services. It was also recommended that our workers exemplify their faith in Christian education by sending their own children to our church and secondary schools wherever possible.

One of the advance moves made at the Convention was provision for a survey and inspection of our secondary schools in Northern Europe. It was recognized that in the past our training schools have been operated largely as separate units without opportunity of having their work compared with other schools or being checked by appointed inspectors to see if the work offered is in harmony with denominational policies and standards. It was felt that our denominational work would be greatly strengthened and unified if a survey were made of each school and the educational, administrative, and spiritual phases of the work were carefully inspected by a competent committee. It was therefore recommended that the

Division Committee appoint a School Survey Commission to inspect all our secondary schools and colleges in Northern Europe, and that the Commission take time to make a careful survey of the detailed work of each school and present a report of their findings to the responsible committees. Also the question of the registration and certification of our teachers was considered and plans laid by which certain standards may be set up which all teachers will meet before registration.

The question of the establishment of new schools and raising the status of existing schools was studied. It was recommended that no union or local conference should establish a new secondary school or college without first submitting its plans to the Division Committee and seeking counsel concerning the location of the school and the courses of study to be offered.

It was also recommended that any union or conference school board desiring to raise the status of its existing school from a secondary school to a college, offering one, two, or more years of work, should first obtain approval of the union committee in whose territory the school is and also the approval of the Division Committee.

The qualifications that should be required of those who seek entrance to the work was also considered. It was suggested that in choosing a candidate for the work either in the home or mission field, the following should be taken into consideration:

(a) That he be a young person of spiritual power which comes only from a living personal conviction of a faith born in an actual experience with Christ.

(b) That he have a deep conviction that the Advent message is the truth for this time founded on the Word of God and is the saving message due the world to prepare a people to meet their God.

(c) That he have intellectual power manifested in superior scholarship during his school experience.

(d) That a young man be a graduate from at least a six-year training course in one of our schools and a young woman have finished at least a four-year course for Bible-workers or a six-year course for teachers.

(e) That he should have attended our denominational secondary schools or colleges for at least three years.

(f) That he be a young person of humble and teachable spirit who can endure hardness without wavering, and have manifested during his training a spirit of co-operation in working with others, and a willingness to accept counsel and advice.

(g) That he be in good health and furnish a certificate to this effect from a physician who may be designated by the employing organization.

The financial aid granted to students wishing to attend our schools was also considered. It was recommended that students be encouraged to finance themselves as far as possible by earning money before entering school or during their summer vacations by canvassing or other employment. It was also felt that students should seek financial aid when it is needed from parents or other relatives rather than from the conference or school. However, it was felt that in some instances financial aid should be given, and so it was recommended that each union or conference establish a Student Aid Fund and build it up by donations, Educational Day offerings, or special appeals, care being taken to keep accurate records of all grants made and how repayments are to be made to the Fund.

A plan was worked out by which financial aid can be granted to students on a loan basis to be repaid over a period of three or four years after the student re-entered the work.

The financial phase of the operation of our school was considered and it was recommended that in all our schools we adhere strictly to the budget plan, and that when the budget has been adopted by the board, it be recognized as the operating financial policy of the

institution for the period it covers.

The question of students' accounts and their collection was considered. The Convention recommended that before any student should be permitted to enter upon any work of the next school year he should have settled his account of the previous year or have made satisfactory arrangements with the management for the settlement of same. It was recommended that a student who falls into arrears in the payment of his account be not permitted to continue his work until satisfactory arrangements are made for the regular settlement of monthly bills.

The question of advanced education in Northern Europe was considered and it was recommended that the Division Committee give study to the question of establishing an institution offering full senior college work in a suitable location in England as may be determined after careful investigation by responsible committees. This college when established will offer a four-year curriculum embracing Theology, Art, and Education, and require the four-year secondary course as a prerequisite. It was further recommended that the establishment of this institution shall not hinder training schools in other sections of the Division from offering a six-year training course as they may be able to do so efficiently to meet the specific needs in each field.

Recommendations on physical education, a larger use of visual education in our schools, Christian culture, graduate work for teachers and other phases of school activities, were passed, but lack of space forbids recording them here.

The Advent Press in Poland

BY ST. KWIECINSKI

Our publishing institution, since the year 1934, bears the name of "Polski Dom Nakladowy" which means Polish Publishing House. Formerly it bore the title, "Polyglot," but the present name is more favourable for the work among the Poles.

The "Catholic Action" party is busily preparing for us all kinds of hindrances. These difficulties

arise not only from the quarter of the ever-growing Catholic power; they also come from the Evangelical Church, from the Greek Church, and even the smaller denominations do what they can in order to give us a bad name with the government, in spite of the fact that our country by its constitution assures to every citizen freedom of conscience.

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	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baltic Union	1	80	164	55	14	-95	5,195	66	26	96	5,418	3,864	2,920.00	0.10	495.63
British	2	94	144	21	21	103	5,986	125	82	168	5,900	4,511	39,051.80	0.53	6,903.00
B. Nordic	3	98	214	21	11	187	5,396	66	74	195	5,012	4,172	17,242.40	0.26	4,171.76
Polish	4	161	238	18	13	192	4,427	63	36	249	4,964	3,888	5,862.20	0.13	1,426.61
W. Nordic	5	141	229	30	20	174	7,067	60	79	173	6,108	4,873	24,902.40	0.28	5,950.74
Union Totals	574	989	145	79	561	28,071	395	297	881	27,402	21,308	\$ 89,978.80	0.30	18,947.74	2.14
French Equa. Miss.	6	1	...	1	...	-1	28	8	...	5	185	230	\$ 35.30	0.12	13.19
Gold Coast Union	7	12	18	9	4	7	1,103	45	1	73	3,912	2,722	\$ 914.20	0.08	256.34
Kenya	8	37	15	53	8	-41	5,403	275	10	256	15,314	13,650	\$ 1,039.70	0.02	664.93
Liberian Mission	9	2	...	...	...	...	92	17	...	16	236	199	...	N	O
Nigerian Union	10	27	502	11	9	480	3,069	129	16	173	14,482	11,953	\$ 860.40	0.03	532.67
Sierra Leone Miss.	11	13	...	...	...	...	501	26	...	30	1,461	1,219	\$ 177.30	0.04	74.66
Upper Nile Union	12	3	28	10	...	18	424	40	7	41	1,013	709	\$ 264.40	0.07	75.83
Mission Totals	95	563	84	21	463	10,648	540	34	594	36,603	30,682	\$ 3,291.30	0.03	1,817.82	...
Grand Totals	669	1,552	229	100	1,024	38,719	935	331	1,475	64,005	51,990	\$ 93,270.10	0.23	20,765.36	2.14

Missions finances for first quarter only.

It becomes more and more noticeable that our enemies, no matter how widely they may differ among themselves, draw together with one mind to war against us. More and more appears the great cleavage which divides us from the world. The enemy seems to be strong, but God, who is with us, is stronger still. Conscious of our great responsibility we stand before God and man, making every effort to come up to the great demand of this hour.

Our literature is being distributed in the uttermost corners of our land, where until now it has never been possible to carry it, notwithstanding the seriousness of the political situation. One might suppose that in such a time as this men would concern themselves less with religious publications and study closer economy in expenditure that they might make their bread secure for a longer period, and that in this way our colporteurs and evangelistic workers would suffer heavy loss. In reality, it is otherwise. We rejoice over this, but ought not to be surprised at it since our Advent message is the only one which offers true peace to the world in so troubled and uncertain a time.

It is wonderful to see how our health paper, *Zycie i Zdrowie*, makes progress. This monthly magazine only began to be published at the beginning of this year, and already we have some 2,000 subscribers which, under

existing circumstances, is most encouraging. Among us people set special value on the personality of a writer. As editor for this paper we have a young doctor. Most of the articles are provided by brethren whose names are unknown in Poland. Well-known medical men often endeavour to publish a health magazine, but after they have issued a few numbers they find themselves compelled to abandon the business as a failure, because they are running behind many thousands of Zloty. But we, through the help of God, have achieved such remarkable success that, to-day, we are able to print 10,000 copies of each issue, and of this number hardly one remains on our shelves. We believe that these publications will open the door for our colporteurs to many homes, and that in this way many loyal souls who are seeking the kingdom of God will be found. We are planning yet other publications in order that, so long as time extends, many more may be saved out of the sinful world.

In our Union we have very few preachers, so we are compelled every Sabbath to leave many of our churches without help. Because of this we issue every month our Polish paper, *Urzednik Zboru*, or, *Church Officer*, which brings to the churches the help they need. This paper contains preaching studies for the elders, instruction for the young, helps for the

Sabbath-school and for the Home Missionary secretaries. This journal is supported by the Union, and so is sent free to the churches. One might say that this paper acts as a substitute preacher every Sabbath.

Among the writings of the Spirit of prophecy we have as yet published only a few, but thanks to the financial help of the Division, it has been made possible to get out two new publications, one in the Polish and another in the Ukrainian languages. Our churches are expecting with joy the appearance of these works.

We are convinced that the greatest difficulties that can come will only contribute their part to turn the hearts of men to the truth, and therefore we will never rest, but always be courageous and stand prepared as watchmen on the walls of Zion.

[This report was written before the outbreak of war.]

A Change at Headquarters

(Continued from page 8.)

Brother Babienco's ministry and other hundreds of fellow-workers and believers who will long remember his faithful service and inspiring ministry. We wish him and his family God-speed and trust that the blessing of the Lord will rest upon them in their new field of labour.

J. I. ROBISON.

for the Quarter Ended June 30, 1939

Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offering	Miscellaneous Offerings	Week of Sacrifice	Young People's Offerings	Other Gifts	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	29
.....	2.80	.....	533.13	12.50	.....	632.46	1,696.52	0.06	58.1	31.84	231.82	2,269.69
1,881.24	.....	0.73	254.80	243.29	.....	1,618.17	10,901.23	0.15	27.9	325.11	5,811.70	23,909.85
25.06	4.56	10.23	2,976.40	103.78	.....	931.26	8,223.05	0.12	47.7	2,214.82	1,748.28	25,879.53
6.11	0.78	16.87	979.82	40.89	.....	759.20	3,230.28	0.07	55.1	57.94	397.75	3,392.48
206.99	46.07	2.44	2,583.01	188.65	.....	886.29	9,866.33	0.11	39.6	976.60	1,506.42	25,925.12
2,119.40	54.21	30.27	7,347.16	589.11	.....	4,827.38	33,917.41	0.11	37.7	3,606.31	9,695.97	81,376.67
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.19	0.05	37.4	.....	.....	.....
52.60	.62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.53	0.03	39.7	.....	.....	367.14
36.63	52.21	.....	3.96	.....	.....	.....	50.55	1,008.28	0.02	97.0	.....	205.02
.....	R	E	P	O	R	T	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
419.75	59.88	.....	0.36	.....	.....	.....	1,012.66	0.04	117.7	.....	.....	1,022.53
75.67	32.93	.....	66.21	.....	.....	.....	249.47	0.05	140.7	.....	.....	.....
74.57	2.44	.....	61.85	.....	.....	.....	0.79	215.48	0.06	81.5	.....	91.43
653.22	156.03	.....	132.38	.....	.....	93.87	2,832.17	0.03	87.0	.....	.....	1,686.12
2,773.62	210.21	30.27	7,479.54	589.11	.....	4,921.25	33,779.53	0.09	33.4	3,606.31	9,695.97	83,082.79

God's Work in Estonia

BY E. MAGI

THE Republic of Estonia belongs to the Baltic States. The country is a little smaller than Denmark and the population, in ten counties and nineteen cities, is about 1,350,000. Protestants number 900,000; the others are Greek Catholics, Roman Catholics, etc. To the third angel's message belong now 2,018 members, or 535 inhabitants to one Adventist.

The work in Estonia began forty-two years ago. In the old Russian time it was very difficult to work. Many workers and churchmembers have been in prison, and some sent to Siberia, but during the time of the Estonian Republic, from the year 1918, the work has made good progress. In all cities of over 2,000 inhabitants we have preached the message and now we have thirty-nine churches and thirteen groups of members who hold the truth.

We have now twenty-five workers. Seven of these are ordained ministers. Two workers have been sent to Africa. We baptized in 1938 more than 125 souls, and during the first half of 1939, 130 souls. We are very thankful to the Lord for that good success. We have to preach in four languages: Estonian, Russian, German, and Swedish. The Swedish work has just begun. One young Bible-worker and his wife, both of whom

have been in Skodsborg Sanitarium, started work among Swedish people on the island Vormsi. The people there were so afraid of the Advent preacher that they would not pass the house where he lived. But his wife began to help the sick on the island and now the people are more friendly, and so the first souls are baptized. We are thankful to the Swedish Conference, too, for the good literature they supplied for the work in that island.

Among the Russian people we have worked some years. Brother T. T. Babienco preached for three months in Narva. Some years ago he also started the Russian work in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. In another city, Petseri, where the Russian people live, there was a very big fire last spring, and in three hours more than 220 houses burned up. Among these were our small rented church-room and the house where our lady Bible-worker lived. All that she and the church possessed was burned up, but we are working on and we hope for success there.

As it was our aim last year to do a stronger evangelistic work in Estonia, nearly all the conference officers held public efforts. The field secretary, the publishing house man, the Bible teacher, and the president, took a part of their time

for that and the Lord richly blessed their work. These men alone have baptized over seventy souls in six months of 1939. Such evangelistic service strengthens the officer himself, and brings more success in the field.

Thanks to the Lord, we have reached all our goals in the year 1938. The goal of mission offerings was E.Kr.12,940, but we increased that by E.Kr.1,200. The goal of tithe was E.Kr.33,000, and we went beyond it by E.Kr.5,000. The tithe-payers are seventy per cent of the members, but we will work and pray till all the others bring to the Lord His own. The Harvest Ingathering goal was E.Kr.10,000, and we reached that, too, with the help of our God.

In the second part of July we had our annual meeting in Tartu, our university city. It was a very blessed conference. We appreciated the good help from the General Conference, Dr. W. H. Teesdale, and also the Division visitors, Brethren J. I. Robison and T. T. Babienco. The brethren always had a good message for our beloved people.

During these meetings we prayed for greater success in Estonia and set our goal for the next conference year to win, with the help of the Lord, 200 souls for the message.

Estonia is a good field. Also we have full freedom here to work. Pray for us that these privileges may continue until the work is finished here.

Estonia's Departmental Work

BY V. SUVE

It has been our purpose and desire to give, as soon as possible, in an organized way, through our churchmembers, the last message to every man and woman in Estonia. The reports of Home Missionary work indicate progress and growing interest on the part of our lay members. With the increase of our membership the missionary work done has grown from year to year.

Our lay members participate with enthusiasm in all our yearly campaigns. Last year was the best we have experienced; we reached our goals in a shorter time than in any preceding year and the experiences encourage us to press on, although our goals are advanced again.

Harvest Ingathering work is not as easy as in some other countries, for we have not the opportunity to collect money for missionary work, only to sell the papers. However, our faithful members have made full use of this possibility and sold many thousands of the magazines.

The report of the Home Missionary Department indicates good progress. Over sixty per cent of the members have reported, so that we are able to show such a report as the following: Bible readings, 22,310; 2,750 more than the previous year, or twenty per member; missionary visits, 26,465; an increase of 3,535, twenty-two per member; literature distributed, books, magazines, and tracts, 49,438; 13,091 increase over 1937, per member twenty-five.

It is also worth while to mention the successful activity of the Welfare Societies. The three groups, Dorcas, Nursing, and Boarding groups, had a great task in serving their fellow-men and assisting the poor. Through this organized group-work 10,121 persons have been helped, 1,917 more than in 1937. The treatments given 4,341; 1,204 more than in 1937. Garments given 1,738; increase of 304. Many children and aged poor have been provided with hot dinners through the winter in our Welfare kitchen; the Boarding group has spent thousands of kroner in preparing food-packets for needy families.

We must not forget the great help of our young people. We have over 400 Missionary Volunteers in the Estonian Conference who have taken part with great enthusiasm in our missionary efforts. The M.V. Department shows an all-round increase, and we hope that the Y.P. Movement will reach its highest mark this year.

In the S.S. Department a forward movement is shown. Every goal set has been reached, except the average attendance, which is only seventy-seven per cent. We hope to do better this year.

We can see a new awakening in our churches and a greater interest in missionary work. We believe this is the consequence of the H.M. conventions and Bible Service Training School courses which we organized in several churches last year. We are also glad that Pastor G. E. Nord from the Division had the opportunity to help us in organizing these courses. The experiences gathered fully convince us that this plan is the will of God for His remnant church, and we strive hard to realize in this year the plan of the General Conference

to call all members into action. Some churchmembers, who had nearly fallen away from the truth, have been saved through these courses. They have obtained a better understanding of Christian life and responsibility, and now they feel a burden for winning souls. In one church after we had finished the course a sister said to me: "I am saved, and I am so thankful to God for this plan of work. I was very tepid, weary, and shaking in the truth, and carried in my mind the thought of leaving the church. Now however I have found my heavenly Father again and I can understand His will much better. Instead of leaving the church of God I will try to bring others to Christ so that they also can rejoice in the same truth and the salvation He offers!"

We are looking in faith for a great victory for the truth in our country and we plan to urge much greater lay-evangelism in this year. Dear reader, don't think that we are working and living without difficulties in this country, but we will speak here only about the many blessings of our Lord and push on in faith. Pray for this little country and for the soul-winning efforts to hasten the finishing of the work.

The Estonian Mission School

BY R. VINGLAS

THE Estonian Mission School is the youngest of those which belong to our Division, since it started work in the year 1935. Until then the Estonian young people attended our Baltic Union school at Suschenhof, near Riga, where they had an Estonian Department.

The opening of a mission school in Estonia was the result of the steady growth of our work there, which in turn necessitated the training of future labourers. Among our churchmembers, who number more than 2,000, we have many young people who need a Christian education. The field also needs new evangelistic labourers who know the local conditions, and have received a suitable preparation.

To meet all these needs it was found necessary to open a mission

school in Estonia. This was made possible through the great interest that Brother H. L. Rudy took in this question. This experience made him fully cognizant of our great need and he had a warm heart for the Estonian Mission School.

The school opened in Tallinn, where we had the opportunity to hire some rooms from our local church building, since the school itself has not yet got its own building.

During the first two years our school was registered as a course, but when the second school year had ended it was decided to try to get our school recognized as such by the Ministry of Education. This decision was made because a recognized school gives the students better advantages.

We presented our petition to the Ministry of Education asking for permission to establish a school. We got a favourable answer, according to which we were allowed to open a private theological school. Thus we now have an officially recognized school. It co-operates with the Department of the Professional Schools of the Ministry of Education. According to our school programme we teach all the Bible subjects which are taught in our schools elsewhere. Besides these our students study the subjects of the Pro-Gymnasium School.

Thus we were able to start our work in September, 1937, having a school which is recognized by the Government. This experience has greatly encouraged us all and showed us that God has heard our prayers and has given us success in spite of all difficulties.

Our graduates every year are passing the necessary State examinations in order to get their official State certificates. Although we teach more subjects, and our pupils have less time for their studies than pupils in other schools, yet they show good knowledge of their subjects, and members of the examination committee have expressed their opinion that our school belongs to the best of the private schools. In the past two years our school was visited by the State Inspector and he has been satisfied with our work.

We are very happy that our young people in Estonia need no longer attend worldly Pro-Gymnasium schools; they can get the same education in our own school. And above all they can get a Christian education, a deeper knowledge of the Bible—the foundation of all wisdom and precept to life eternal.

By running a school the Estonian Conference shows that we as Seventh-Day Adventists appreciate education, since the general opinion in our land is that the "sectarians," as they call us, have no respect for education. The one reason why we need an official registered school is the training of evangelistic workers. According to the demands of the Government there is a paragraph in the present

statutes of the Estonian Conference which prohibits us to appoint any evangelistic worker who has not got his education in a mission school of the Pro-Gymnasium standard. Our school meets this demand, since the programme corresponds with that of the state Pro-Gymnasium, and besides we teach all necessary Bible subjects.

When we look back upon the work that has been done during these four school years, we can gladly say that the students have done their best in the classes, also in taking a share in church life and mission work. They have taken a

lively part in the Missionary Volunteer work in Tallinn, and have gladly assisted in the Harvest Gathering and Big Week Campaigns.

Although the beginnings of the Estonian Mission School have been small, we have realized in it all God's help and blessing, for which there is deep gratitude in the hearts of the teachers, students, and the churchmembers. We are waiting for great things from God, and trust He will make the Estonian Mission School a great blessing to the young people and the whole work in Estonia.

The Estonian Book Work

BY M. BARENGRUB

WHEN we look back on the work of the year 1938 we feel led to cry out with the Psalmist: "I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy goodness and Thy truth; for Thou hast made Thy name more glorious than all through Thy word." Psa. 138:2.

We have every reason to thank the good Lord for all He has done for us. He has richly blessed our work. He has given us liberty and health that we might labour unhindered. Also He has preserved us in the faith. Our success in 1938 went beyond previous years. In that year we sold literature to the value of E.Kr.50,322, while the total for 1937 was E.Kr.43,167.

By diligent work our colporteurs have accomplished this result. Most of the books sold were small.

Our largest book was priced at E.Kr.2.00. Most of the increase in sales was in the department of health literature.

This year we are working with evangelical literature. We have published W. A. Spicer's book, *Our Time and the Destiny of the World*. Reports for the first few months indicate that it will not be possible to sell this book as freely as the health books. However, we are convinced that the handling of the book will be a blessing to our colporteurs as well as for our work in general. If we cannot sell so large a quantity, the winning of souls is the main consideration. Hitherto God has helped us, and He will do so still. Our greatest need is for more consecrated canvassers. Remember us in your prayers.

The Work in Lithuania

BY W. STROHL

LOOKING back on the past year we can rejoice over good advance in all branches. The souls won were double the number gained in the previous year. Greater things were accomplished by the evangelists. The gross gain in members was eighteen, but ten were lost, so that the net increase was eight. At the beginning of this year the membership was 378.

In the mission campaigns, also in the tithe, we went beyond our goals, for which we are thankful

to God and to our loyal members. Especially good was the increase in the book sales. We had a turnover of Lits.9,760, one-third more than the figure we set as our goal. In view of the limited possibilities in our field for entering new places with the truth by evangelistic work, we are especially thankful for this increase in colportage, through which we look for larger gains in soul-winning.

This year we suffered a heavy loss in the taking away of the

Memel territory, which means for Lithuania a loss of seven churches with 165 members, two evangelists, and one of our best colporteurs. It also means a reduction in our tithe income of fifty-five per cent and sixty per cent less mission offerings. Notwithstanding our membership is now reduced to 200, upon whom the burden now rests much more heavily, we who remain are ready with renewed zeal and energy to carry on the work. At our annual conference in Kaunas, May 23rd to 28th, we resolved to give ourselves with deeper earnestness to the work of saving souls who are now living in darkness and sin, that at the day of the glorious appearing of our Saviour there may be a great army of the redeemed from Lithuania assembled before the throne of the Almighty.

Kenya Seminary

BY D. M. SWAINE

THE Evangelists' School started on March 1st, with sixteen men in training. It is good to see the unity there is among them considering that they come from four different tribes. All Bible subjects are offered, and such others as are needed by the worker in this field.

At the beginning of our second term we commenced working for the two tribes adjoining the school, namely the Kisiis and Luos. The evangelists were divided into three groups, two groups working for the Luos and one for the Kisiis up on the hills above the school.

You will doubtless be interested to learn how we conduct efforts here. First we visit the village elders and obtain permission to work in their locality. Having gained this, we next look for a tree under which to hold our meetings. We split up and visit all the villages in the district, telling the people the nature of our work and where we shall conduct the meetings, and the day on which we shall start. As the natives do not have clocks or watches in their homes, we tell them to listen for the ringing of the bell—the bell usually being a piece of iron hung up under the tree. On the appointed day we gather under the tree, ring the bell, and wait for our audience.

The meetings are now held twice a week, one group meeting under a tree, and the other two in prayer-houses. The evangelists in each group take it in turns to instruct the people.

We have had some interesting experiences with the group up on the Kisii hills. As the result of one visit by a Kisii evangelist an interest sprang up, and the people commenced building a prayer-house. The interested here are meeting with great opposition from the Catholics, who threatened to burn down the prayer-house. To guard against this, three young men started building themselves houses close to the prayer-house so that they might watch over it.

One Sabbath I was asked to take the meeting there, and after one and a half hour's stiff and hot climb, we arrived at our destination. As we breasted the top of the last hill and came in sight of the prayer-house, we saw two large groups of people trotting up and down shouting something. I soon learned what they were shouting. They were calling the villagers to the meeting with this message: "The world is finished. It is only waiting to be destroyed by fire"—crude, but very much to the point. As there were such large numbers present, we had to hold the meeting under a nearby tree. Evangelist Asa was with us, whose work in this sector is largely responsible for the big attendance. We had quite 700 present that Sabbath morning, mostly newly interested people. Fifteen Sabbath-school classes were conducted with from thirty to seventy people in each class. It was a grand sight to see these groups spread out on the side of the hill.



Evangelists' school in Kenya.

This gathering resulted in the Catholics damaging the prayer-house and also the three huts being put up by it. But the work is going on in spite of opposition, and the interested ones are determined to let nothing hinder them from having their prayer-house.

There is a great need of more trained evangelists in this field, and we ask you to pray for the school that it may indeed meet this need.

A Change at Headquarters

WITH the outbreak of war many changes have come to our Division. We will have to carry on our work under very trying conditions in the lands that are at war. Some of these will be closed to visits from Division workers. This has necessitated some rearrangement of our Division staff.

Pastor T. T. Babienco has for over three years been serving the Northern European Division as Field Secretary. His knowledge of the languages and conditions in Poland and the Baltic countries made him a very valuable worker for visiting these fields, but under war conditions such visits will be impossible. It has therefore been arranged for T. T. Babienco and family to return to Canada for a time at least. Accordingly they left on September 15th for their new home.

Brother and Sister Babienco are Canadian citizens and would have had to return by next spring in any case to re-establish their citizenship after many years of service in Manchuria, the Baltic, and Poland. We have greatly appreciated the service of these faithful workers in the Northern European Division during the past ten years. There are hundreds of souls who have accepted the truth under

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