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WHAT a lovely, sunny morning it was! I couldn't resist a stroll into the garden where the first green buds were struggling forth from their brown winter shells, and the lovely crocuses had already pushed their colourful petals into the fresh spring air. But I stopped to think, as I saw a few green, sharp-pointed plants breaking the sod. They were the first lilies of the valley for 1951. Soon the dainty white cups would gently dance above the broad leaves, and the rich, sweet perfume would be wafted out into the world around.

It was that world about me that caused me to pause, and there in the sun-kissed garden, still rather bare, I thought of the lily of the valley and the world into which it was coming. The roar of the traffic not far away, the roar of the planes overhead, the roar of the machinery in the distant factories—all this seemed so incongruous at that moment, when God's handiwork was being reborn. The clamour and challenge of our modern world seems to override all else, and we are in danger of being engulfed with the speed and importance of material things, and depressed by our own impotence and comparative insignificance.

Then there is the frightening complexity of life in our modern world. Production of food is amazingly prolific and yet the artificial barriers of our nationalities cause a painful percentage of earth's millions to face starvation. Science has changed the face of the earth, but it has not always brought blessing. Fear, outlined by horror, stalks among us like a demon from Gadara and no one can forecast the future, whether hell or paradise awaits us. Many individuals feel that life for them is developing into one huge vacuum. The little they have may soon be replaced by nothing.

As I have scanned through the pages of history, I am certain that no previous age ever produced so many conferences and committees, and so many fiery speeches; nearly all, however, leaving us nearer disaster than when we began! In past ages individuals and single nations have shown their sense of disillusionment by turning to a devout recognition and worship of God, but our age is hardly paralleled in history for the way in which its spiritual structure has collapsed before our eyes.

Jesus warned us that by these signs among the people we should know that the great second advent of our Lord would be near. In Luke 21:28 He calls them "these things." "Things" of heaven, "things" of the earth, "things" of the nations, and "things" in men's hearts. A great combination of signs would reveal that "your redemption draweth nigh." But while "these things" alert us to the fact of the return of Christ,

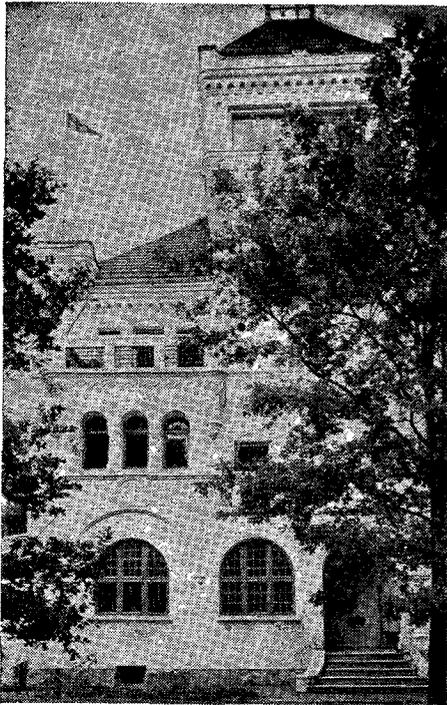
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## "These Things"

By T. J. BRADLEY

Secretary, Ministerial Association





The beautiful headquarters of the East Nordic Union in Stocksund, a suburb of Stockholm, Sweden.

THE flags of the cross—a blue with a yellow cross for Sweden and a white with a blue cross for Finland—wave their welcome to the NORTHERN LIGHT! We have just received the first copy, which makes us eager to express our heartfelt thanks for the same and for the many greetings contained therein.

In our union—as seems to be the case in all the world—we still feel the mighty influence of the General Conference in San Francisco. The most important points in our programme, therefore, are *revival*, *renewal*, and *evangelism*.

Early last fall we had a campaign for prayer and revival, and since then we have continued to pray and work for the revival of spiritual life among our own people and for greater results in our soul-winning endeavours. We have also sought to hold these spiritual aims before our people through our church papers. We feel, indeed, that this strengthening of spiritual life is the only way to progress and victory for our people and for the work.

All our ministers have been holding evangelistic efforts this winter, many of them two or three. This also includes our conference presidents, who thus are lead-

## TWENTY YEARS of PROGRESS IN THE EAST NORDIC UNION

By A. Y. Rintala, *President*

ing their fellow-workers in the way of evangelism.

In Finland, our leading evangelists are again this year attracting large crowds to their meetings. A bounteous harvest of souls is expected in all these places. Our

members, too, are rallying to the work with heartfelt enthusiasm.

In Sweden where the work has been much more difficult, some encouraging signs of a change for the better are now to be seen. Some of our ministers have had to move into larger halls in order to accommodate their audiences. One worker writes: "The Spirit of God is working mightily. It is wonderful to see the streams of people coming to the meetings and then to see them sit in rapt attention with open minds and hearts. It has been our happy privilege to hold some very powerful and stirring meetings."

This year the East Nordic Union celebrates its twentieth anniversary. Twenty years ago we had seventy-nine churches and 3,571 members. Since then the number of churches and believers has steadily

### East Nordic Union

*Union-Headquarters:* Bergstigen 25, Stocksund, Sweden.

*Personnel:* A. Y. Rintala, President; O. Grundberg, Secretary-Treasurer; D. Carlsson, Departmental Secretary; V. Sucksdorff, Medical Secretary; Elsa Pärpe, Mrs. Etel Eriksson, Office Workers.

Conference	President	Membership
North Swedish	E. Erenius	1,855
South Swedish	E. Luukko	1,578
East Finnish	T. Seljavaara	2,022
West Finnish	A. Arasola	2,132
Finland Swedish	R. Svensson	674

#### *Publishing Work*

Swedish Publishing House, Manager: E. H. Larsson.

Finnish Publishing House, Manager: Y. Miettinen.

#### *Mission Schools*

Ekebyholm School, Sweden, Principal: C. Gidlund.

Toivonlinna School, Finland, Principal: Dr. H. Karström.

#### *Bible Correspondence Schools*

Sweden, Director: A. Blomstedt.

Finland, 1. Director: V. Kohtanen; 2. Director: R. Svensson.

#### *Medical Institutions*

Sweden:

Hultafors Sanitarium, Manager: Dr. I. Unhäll.

Nyhyttan Sanitarium, Manager: N. Zerne.

Ekebyholm Summer Sanitarium, Manager: C. Gidlund.

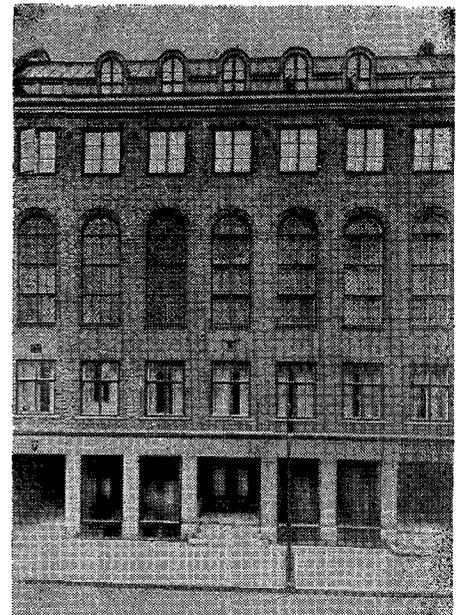
Stockholm Hydro-Electric Institute, Manager: J. P. Lindberg.

Finland:

Hopeaniemi Summer Sanitarium, Manager: Dr. V. Sucksdorff.

Toivonlinna Summer Sanitarium, Manager: H. Karström.

Helsingfors Hydro-Electric Institute, Manager: Dr. V. Sucksdorff.



The headquarters of the East Finnish Conference in Helsinki, Finland. The Publishing House occupies the ground floor. On the first floor is the Hydro-Electric Institute with Dr. V. Sucksdorff in charge. A church of 750 members meets on the second floor in a hall seating 350. Two services are held each Sabbath. The Conference office and recreation rooms for the young people are at the back of the building.

increased, until to-day we have 111 churches and 8,161 churchmembers.

To begin this anniversary it has been our privilege to move into our own quarters, the union having secured the property previously owned by the Division at Stocksund, a residential suburb within the city of Stockholm. Here we have room enough to house both the union offices and our Swedish Bible correspondence school.

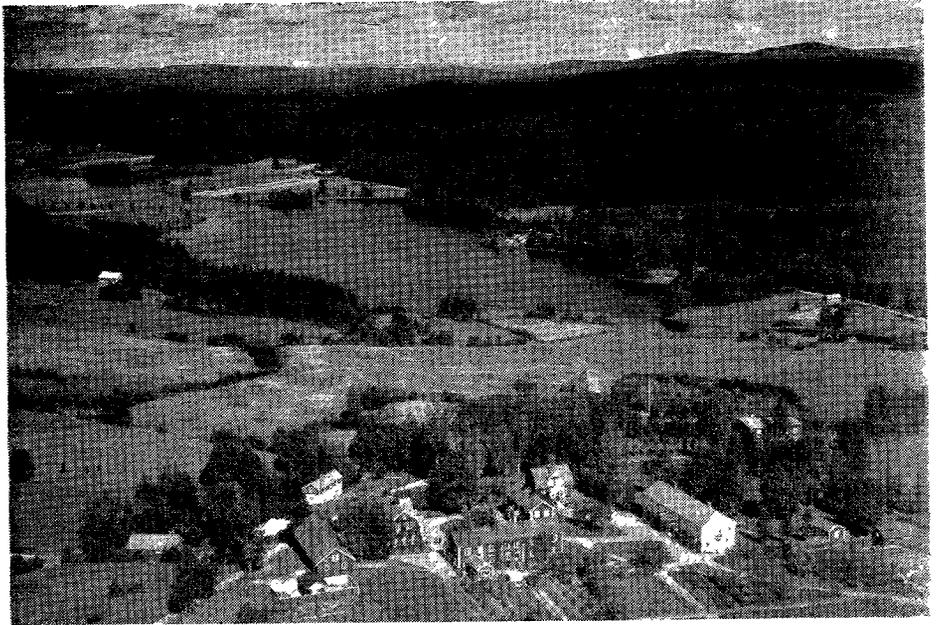
Our three Bible correspondence schools have a large field of labour, where something new is always happening. The other day I heard on one of my trips about a justice of a city court who is one of our correspondence school students and who has accepted the Advent message as far as he has learned it from the lessons. In another place the chaplain of a prison and the paper which he edits and publishes are now witnessing for present truth—all through the work of the Bible correspondence school.

We also rejoice that we have a number of sanitariums and health institutions which are doing a good work for the cause of God in these lands. One of our health journals has now about 60,000 subscribers, and has been well received in different spheres of society. To-day it contains articles from some of the most representative doctors and medical scientists of the country.

Our two schools, one in Finland and one in Sweden, have now the privilege of working in new and spacious modern buildings. God is richly blessing their work. What would we do to-day, pray tell me, without our own schools?

We face the future with hopeful courage in our union. Faithfully we desire to serve our Master, who has sacrificed His all for our sake. Our prayers ascend to God that He also might bless His work in all lands. We, too, ask to be remembered in the prayers of the Advent family everywhere.

The East Nordic Union with its 250 conference workers and colporteur-evangelists, 200 employees at our health institutions and the teachers and students in our training schools extend through the NORTHERN LIGHT their hearty greetings to all their fellow-workers and believers in the Northern European Division.



Nyhyttan Sanitarium, Sweden—beautiful for situation.

## The "Right Arm" of the Division

By A. Andersen, M.D.

ALTHOUGH the Northern European Division is a new reorganized division and I know as yet very little about the medical missionary work in the big mission fields connected with this Division, yet I do know that the medical missionary work is considered a very important factor in forwarding the third angel's message and in some parts of our Division it is very strong. When I look back fifty years, I think it is marvellous to see what the Lord has done.

About the century end we had but a few small institutions and a few doctors and nurses, but our pioneers were filled with faith and courage, for they believed that the health reform programme was from God, believed that "the sick are to be healed through the combined efforts of the human and the divine. Every gift, every power, that Christ promised to His disciples, He bestows upon those who will serve Him faithfully."—*Medical Ministry,* page 12.

I think of Dr. D. H. Kress and Dr. A. B. Olsen who began the work in Great Britain; Dr. Carl Ottosen and Dr. N. P. Nelson in Denmark. Only a small institution in England, two very small ones in Denmark, and one in Norway. To-day

we have a sanitarium and a clinic in Great Britain, and scattered over the Scandinavian countries ten strong sanitariums and over one hundred treatment rooms, and 800 of our members have a part in this wonderful work. Nurses and physiotherapists trained in our institutions you will find above the Arctic circle and down to the equator. To God alone is the glory.

During and after World War II many of our health institutions prospered. The world appreciates the work we are doing, but do we as health workers understand our responsibility? We have wonderful opportunities to warn the world, to tell the people about the soon-coming Saviour in the treatment room, at the bedside, and in the doctor's office. We must always remember that we are not our own. We are called to be representatives of Christ and must live our faith. We must never forget that we are saved to serve. We often listen to others telling how wonderful it is to find among our workers in our institutions the "spirit of service" which at present is so seldom found in the world. This is our stamp of nobility. God has given the workers in the medical department a high calling and a great responsibility!

## West African Union Mission

### Pressing Forward

By J. O. Gibson, *President*

GREETINGS to the many labourers in the various fields in the Northern European Division from a loyal corps of workers in West Africa. We wish you to know that we who have the privilege of working in the "dark continent" are of good courage. God has been good to us during the past years, and we have seen 1,739 souls buried with their Lord in baptism. We thank God for these, but our field leaders and workers are not satisfied with this. We are looking for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This year we have set our goal for not less than 2,500 baptisms, and probably double that amount for new converts entering the preparatory classes.

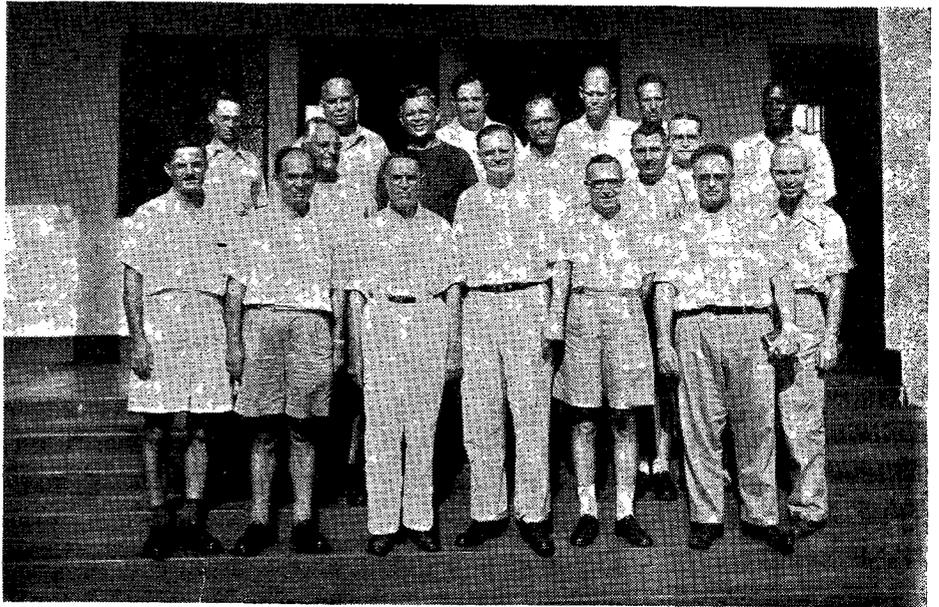
The people of West Africa are wide awake. They want education. Old chiefs who cannot read one word are doing all in their power to see to it that their children and the children of their villages have a good education. While they are primarily interested in schools and hospitals, yet many of them beg to have an evangelist to teach them of God. They are looking to us as missionaries to give them something better.

Our publishing work is getting under way and it already is proving to be a great blessing to our work. Hundreds of copies of the *Signs of the Times* are being mailed out each week. They are greatly appreciated by all classes. The Voice of Prophecy Bible School is proving a great asset to our work. We have not in the past reached the educated classes. To-day we are doing it through the printed page. Sister White tells us that the time will come when a thousand will be converted in a day, most of whom will have received their first impressions from the reading of our literature. We fully believe that this will happen right here in Africa. Our publications are being read.

Impressions are being made. More and more interest is being manifested in our publications.

New doors are opening to us every day. Some of the colonial governments are urging us very strongly to open medical work. They say that the mission

can do a much better job in the medical work than can the government. They are willing to furnish heavy finances if we will do the work and furnish God-fearing medical personnel. We hope and pray that we may grasp this and many other opportunities that present themselves. Certainly the time to advance in all lines is here. Our loyal members here are sacrificing in order that we may advance. Will you in the homelands try too, to do a little more in order that God's work may not only advance but that it may be FINISHED while probation's hour lingers?



### The West African Union Committee Meets in Annual Session in Accra — March 6-15, 1951

By D. V. Cowin

THINGS new seemed to be the order of the day as the West African Union committee came together in its main yearly meeting to review past accomplishments, to study present trends, and to lay ambitious plans toward the speedy finishing of the work within the limits of this part of the world field. There were in charge the recently appointed officers of the West African Union, namely Pastor J. O. Gibson, serving as president, and G. L. Anniss, the secretary-treasurer. These men were taking the posts of duty which had been carried through the period of the organization of the West

African Union Mission by Pastor W. McClements and M. Duploux, veteran lifetime workers on the West Coast and in Africa. Present to give counsel and oversight in all of the activities of the field, were Pastors A. F. Tarr and G. A. Lindsay, newly-elected president and treasurer respectively of the new Northern European Division, a part of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. D. L. Chappell, union Publishing Department secretary, had joined the staff of the headquarters since the last meeting. Pastor G. M. Ellstrom was new again to the union committee, for he had

just accepted the responsibility of the leadership in the vast field of evangelistic opportunity covered by the limits of the territory of the French Ivory Coast. Present also to take part was Pastor W. J. Newman, the new president of the East Nigerian Mission, where are located Seventh-day Adventist members totalling nearly one half of the union constituency. Within the past year, Pastor Newman had attended the Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Outstanding with newness among the new things present was Dr. J. A. Hyde, M.D., president of the extremely large and difficult area of Moslems, known as the North Nigerian Mission. He had only recently returned from taking studies in advanced work, having also successfully passed the examinations in Tropical Medicine and Procedure. Thus ends the cataloguing of persons new who were in attendance during the ten, ten-hour days of planning.

The list of new things continued as was revealed through the many splendid reports of work done in each mission, each union institution, and each department, and as shown also later by the many numbered pages of the recorded actions of the committee. But, of course, space does not permit the tabulating of more than a limited number of "firsts" and of the "things that are new." Without fanfare, each leader told of the progress of the work of the Lord which had been given him to do and then he revealed specific plans for new advances.

Gripping were the detailed and technical reports of accomplishment and growth, such as:

(1) A new total high of 9,821 baptized members in the West African Union. The previous high had been 8,408 in 1949.

(2) The baptizing of over 1,000 new members in the Gold Coast Mission in 1950.

(3) The report of the union Ingathering leader, D. L. Chappell, that the union had for the first time in its history reached £4,203 and had exceeded the union goal. The leader himself had participated in raising more than £661. The Liberian and Gold Coast Missions had gone over their goals by sizable margins.

(4) A new Sabbath-school record had been made with 432 Sabbath-schools,

119 branch Sabbath-schools, nearly 45,000 Sabbath-school members, and offerings totalling more than £3,413.

(5) The first youth camp in the history of the West Nigerian field included 150 campers. The East Nigerian field was conducting a youth leadership camp for a large number of its teachers and church leaders. The Sierra Leone Mission had conducted the first youth camp ever to be held in the union at the end of the previous year.

(6) New to this union was the flourish of activity seen in the use of the public press. Realizing anew the opportunity existing and open to us, the union committee placed a person in charge of press relations.

(7) A fine new church is under construction at our Nigerian Training College at Ihie. Money is in hand, plans have been approved, and work has been started on new churches in Monrovia, Liberia, and at the Ile-Ife Hospital, West Nigeria.

(8) The programme of Christian education was seen to be on the march. The records revealed ninety primary schools and five training institutions, which included four training colleges and one nursing school. Three hundred and fifty-five teachers were directing the new record enrolment of more than 5,500 pupils in a Christ-centred educative process. A five-year educational development plan was studied. This plan included a recommended advance in the number of our infant, junior, and senior schools, and gave considerable attention to the growing request of our African people for higher education. Additional girls' schools, a vocational school, two secondary schools, medical centres for the training of midwives and dressers, and in addition, possibly some post-secondary

education, were all envisioned in this long-range development plan.

(9) A fine new dormitory was completed and dedicated for use at our training centre at Konola, Liberia.

(10) New bungalows in the union totalled five.

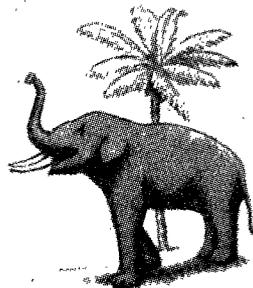
(11) Never before in the history of the Liberian and North Nigerian fields had a Missionary Volunteer investiture been held. The year 1950 saw large investitures in both of these fields including some of the very first Master Comrades (now Master Guides) ever to be invested in this union. Many additional and outstanding programmes were held during the year, but the largest and the most unique of all (nearly five hundred persons were invested in one investiture) was at Agona in the Gold Coast, where many illiterates took part. More than three thousand Africans were invested in one or more of the Progressive Classes in the period of twelve months.

(12) The youth of the Missionary Volunteer societies accounted for 893 of the total baptisms during the year.

(13) Calls for new families and single persons to carry on existing work and to advance the present work numbered seven.

(14) Recent new expansions of the total evangelistic programme in the field were specific efforts directed by A. M. Moyer, E. Keslake, A. E. Brendel, J. J. Hyde, J. D. Meade, H. Wilson, D. L. Chappel, G. N. Banks, C. D. Henri, and numerous ones of the African brethren. Unusual and different were the efforts of A. E. Brendel (a series of church revivals), E. Keslake and H. Wilson (a large outdoor affair in vernacular with attendances of from three to four thousand), J. J. Hyde (meetings held on the nicely decorated mission tennis court with as many as 1,500 Africans present), G. N. Banks and C. D. Henri (having good results from a series of lectures held in the Liberian Government's new anniversary auditorium, and in addition the effort of Pastor Henri back in the hinterland where he was able to teach and baptize nearly all of an outside church group as a direct result of books sold which were later read by a former minister of another denomination).

(15) Medical work, "the right arm of



the message," was shown to be ever growing, with a new clinic and dispensary at Inishia, Nigeria, new facilities and buildings at the Ile-Ife mission hospital, as well as the new midwifery school, a new hospital ward at the mission hospital at Jengre, North Nigeria, the laying of plans for new hospital and dispensary work in East Nigeria, arrangements being made for medical work and for a medical training programme in the Gold Coast, and research being done in preparation for medical work in Sierra Leone, which would include the possibility of opening up work for an ophthalmologist.

(16) New buildings and facilities in the form of dormitories, classroom block, girls' school buildings, offices, food service buildings and practice schools were added to the training schools at Bekwai and Ihie during the past year.

(17) Personally- and newly-adapted manuals of instruction were used by such men as Brethren J. C. Vetter, G. M. Ellstrom, A. M. Moyer, H. J. Welch, J. O. Gibson, and A. E. Brendel in a renewed programme of lay-evangelistic training. Several fields had the benefit of these classes and high soul-saving goals were set by the laymen in each place.

(18) Several thousand pounds had been spent on new equipment for the union printing plant, which it was hoped will soon be seen in Accra as the fruition of much hard work and much planning.

The Friday-night vesper gathering in the home of one of the union workers was a never-to-be-forgotten experience. Although this was not a new thing, it made possible once more, a quiet and sacred period of fellowship, such as the very soul of the isolated mission worker (man and woman alike) hungers after with a growing intensity, as the time goes by. Restfully, and in the peace of the Sabbath hours, one beloved hymn after another was called for by the various workers and then was sung with a roundness of expression and harmony which can come only from the depths of those who know by living what it means to sacrifice, to be alone, to save souls from eternal loss, and then to know God and His Son Jesus as a personal Saviour. The stories which were told were heart-warming and revealed the secret goals and heavenly ambitions of each teller.

Throughout the period of ten days each person present seemed to be prayerfully in tune with the present keynote of our world work, the theme of which is "Greater Evangelism for Christ." Pastor Tarr, on that Tuesday morning when the meetings were started, challenged all to a greater soul-saving work. Then following these same themes of thought and inspiration were the words of Pastor Lindsay and the committee members while working in session. Finally came the challenge and summarization by Pastor Gibson as he showed each one the extent of the unfinished work in our own union field. He asked every worker in the entire union to conduct evangelistic work during the year 1951 and as a result he received the pledge of the leaders that they would bend their every energy and all effort toward the General Conference goal of doubling our membership in four years.



### "These Things"

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we must not overlook the instruction that comes to us personally in this connection, for Jesus said, "Look up, and lift up your heads." We each have some responsibility in personal action measured to meet the challenge of "these things." Nature can enjoy its rebirth each spring, without being conscious of the changed world, or the fearful hearts, or the looming disasters about it. But with every new morning there should come to us as God's ambassadors to a modern, yet doomed world, the challenge of service—the renewed challenge of "these things."

To-day as never before we should be moved irresistibly and unhesitatingly into a bigger, wider, and more effective soul-winning programme. It must be obvious to all that we have no time to spend in leisurely planning for years ahead. The hour is late. "The nations are angry." Everything about us is charged with explosive possibilities. The whole course of the earth is disrupted and the end is not yet. Into this amazing situation we all must throw ourselves with renewed vigour and consecration, in our greatest endeavours to win a people and prepare them for the Lord's return. The work we plan to do for God must be done

immediately, lest the doors of our personal opportunities close against us, and we are still but planning.

"We are doing a work in the world, but we are not showing enough activity [zeal]." So wrote the servant of the Lord in 1903. I wonder how the sentence would read if penned to-day for us. The past accomplishments have much to cheer our hearts, but we have not yet reached the golden age of preaching foreshadowed in Volume six, page eleven: "The Lord designs that the presentation of this message shall be the highest, greatest work carried on in the world at this time." What an exalted objective! Yet how far are we from reaching it!

"If our people will go forth in faith, doing whatever they can to make a beginning, and labouring in Christ's lines, the way will be opened before them. If they will show the energy that is necessary in order to gain success and the faith that goes forward unquestioningly in obedience to God's commands, rich returns will be theirs. . . . The world must hear the warning message."—"Evangelism," pages 18, 19.

This can be our finest hour if we all accept the challenge of "these things," and respond with an unparalleled soul-winning service. The motto of "doubling our membership in this quadrennium" must not be allowed to be placed on the scrolls of time as an unattainable ideal. With such a message as we possess, and with the promise of divine help through God's gracious Spirit, we can startle the cities and the nations and quickly finish our task.

Pastor Branson, our General Conference President, recently wrote: "Let us go out now, with God's own burning message upon our lips, and bring the world the revelation of Christ. Let us not wait until another year has passed, but by God's grace make 1951 our banner year for evangelism."

What then shall we say to "these things"? Plan for larger work by all means! Move forward in prayer and faith not being daunted by the tumult, the confusion, the excitement about us, and above all else let each one of us, whatever our position or calling, win someone to God and this message THIS YEAR.

## NIJMEGEN REPORTS PROGRESS

By B. Gabriel,  
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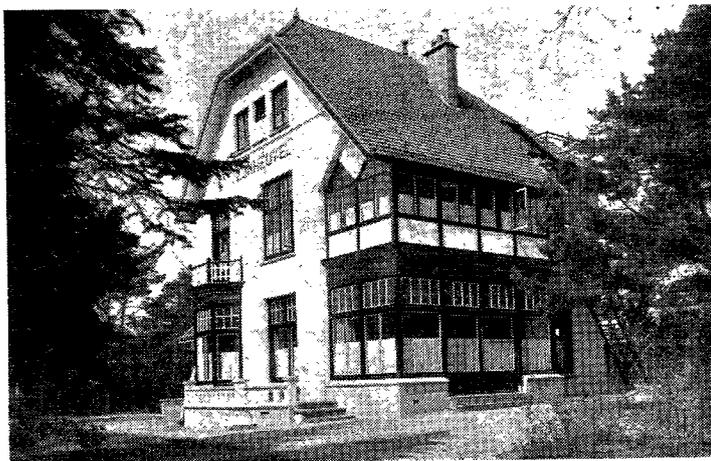
IN the Netherlands the northern part of the country is largely Protestant, while the southern sector, including the provinces of Brabant and Limburg, is largely Roman Catholic.

In the south lies the town of Nijmegen, right on the frontier between the Protestant north and the Roman Catholic south. The town, beautifully situated on the banks of the river Waal and surrounded by forests and hills, is approximately ten miles from Arnhem and counts 100,000 inhabitants. Here the Roman Catholics have their own university and this has made the town the centre of ecclesiastical culture and religious power. In and around the town are to be found many other institutions of Rome and of her religious orders. All these make Nijmegen a firm bulwark of the Roman Catholic Church.

Looking at the Advent churches in these provinces, we can only say: "So much to do; so little done!" The work of reaching these people is necessarily slow as so much prejudice has to be removed, but in spite of all this we know that even here the Lord has many devout children who are earnestly seeking for more light. The truth-filled Advent message will reach them when we workers accept the full guidance of the Holy Spirit.

First we must arouse the interest of the indifferent ones. The Dutch Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast and the Bible course have done much in preparing the way for public efforts. Handbills have been distributed freely by the members, as well as through the post. About sixty-five people in Nijmegen have continued the correspondence course and while this may seem a small number, yet when we take into consideration the general attitude of the people in the south, this result can be called hopeful.

The writer had the privilege of holding a series of twenty-four public lectures.



"Zonhevel," the delightful home for orphan children in the Netherlands.

We were so happy to secure a very good, well-known hall in the centre of the town. The meetings were attended by a considerable number of Roman Catholic listeners, most of whom handed in their names, thus preparing the way for further labour. When I visited these interested ones and started to hold Bible readings with them, I was often amazed to see their complete ignorance concerning the very fundamental principles of the Gospel. It is an extensive task to remove the distorted views with which they have grown up and to clearly explain to them the plan of redemption. But the mere fact that it was possible to conduct a series of twenty-four evangelistic meetings is an encouraging factor. In the south of Limburg one of our workers could not even secure a church building or a hall for his meetings and the papers refused his advertisements. Yes, we thank the Lord because we were able to hold these lectures which, generally, were well attended.

The little Adventist church in Nijmegen, the harvest of efforts held eleven years ago, is very happy that we could start here again. We know the Lord is with His children and that He will bless their work. If we are faithful and avail ourselves of every opportunity we shall once again see a rich harvest.

That the Lord may send His Holy Spirit into the hearts of those who are longing for truth, as well as into the hearts of those who work in His vineyard, is our daily prayer.

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## CHILD WELFARE WORK IN HOLLAND

By E. B. Rudge

A DELIGHTFUL recollection of my recent brief stay in the Netherlands was a visit to the "Zonhevel" home for children, located several miles distant from the Netherland Union Conference offices. This home which cares for more than eighty needy children is delightfully situated in its own grounds which are splendidly set out to provide suitable playing space for the many little tots who, through the years, have found a haven of refuge in this charming place.

The children cared for range in age from babies of a few weeks to those of sixteen years of age. The dormitories are roomy, well lit, and spotlessly clean. The matron and her staff of helpers certainly take a keen interest in the work under their care, and from kitchen to attic have an institution that is unusually clean and tidy, and a delight to visit. One cannot help but carry away the conviction, after several hours spent in this delightful home for orphan children, that our brethren in the Netherlands have certainly found an excellent way of providing for what, in days gone by, has been an urgent need for the orphan children of their land.

We wish for those who serve in this institution, as well as those who attend to its general management, the continual blessing of the Lord upon their labour of love for the little ones.

## NEWS FLASH

PASTORS A. F. TARR, G. A. Lindsay, and E. B. Rudge are at present attending meetings in the Netherland and East and West Nordic Unions. They hope to return to headquarters at the end of June.

As we go to press word has just been received that Pastor A. Lohne, formerly president of the East Norway Conference, has been elected president of the West Nordic Union. Our sincere good wishes are extended to Pastor Lohne at this time, that God will abundantly bless him and give him special wisdom as he leads out in this large and important union.

Pastor G. D. King spent the month of May in the northern unions of the Division in the interests of the publishing work. He writes from our Toivonlinna School in Finland as follows: "This has been a very busy trip but a most interesting and inspiring one. I have already visited our schools in Denmark and Norway and I am now here at this delightful spot in Finland. This makes my sixth colporteur gathering since the beginning of April when I was in Holland. The attendances have been very good and the attention excellent. I have found a great desire on the part of colporteurs and leaders to improve methods and progress into more efficient and effective service. Here in Finland the attendance is the best we have had—there are about 150 here—forty students and over a hundred regular colporteurs, and considering the population and position of Finland that is remarkable." Pastor King strikes a note of courage and sees great prospects for the future of the publishing work.

Sabbath, April 14th, was indeed a high day for the Advent believers in the city of Amsterdam, Holland. On that day, Pastor G. A. Lindsay, treasurer of the Northern European Division, and Pastor K. Tilstra, president of the Netherland Union, led out in the opening service at a church building recently purchased by the union. It is a substantial building facing one of the canals in the city of Amsterdam. With the building are connected three apartment houses. The building was obtained at a comparatively low cost and is capable of seating about 700 people. The beautiful pipe organ purchased with the church promises to be a very helpful feature in promoting the spirit of worship.

On call to the Southern African Division, Miss Vera Lauderdale, who for a number of years has been connected with the educational work in the British Union, is soon to join the staff at the Kamagambo School, Kenya. Miss Lauderdale is to be a normal teacher in the girls' training school.

Another worker called from this Division by the South African Division is Miss Gwen Clarke, for many years a worker associated with the institutions at Stanborough Park, Watford, England. She goes to the East African Union for service in the Kenya Mission office.

in the Empire Theatre, Chiswick. The campaign was conducted by Pastor T. J. Bradley, now the Ministerial Association secretary of the Northern European Division. Pastor W. W. Armstrong, the president of the British Union Conference, and Pastor J. A. McMillan, president of the South England Conference, were associated with Pastor Bradley on this very inspiring occasion.

An interesting article from Brother J. K. Amoah of Bekwai, Gold Coast, has been unavoidably held over for lack of space. This thrilling story of God's protection of His own in time of trouble will appear next month.

### "YOUTH WEEK" BLESSINGS

The Christian life is truly a warfare, as pointed out by Bible writers, but we were reminded of this in a different way by Pastor H. T. Johnson, the South England youth leader, during the recent young people's Week of Prayer at Stanborough Park, Watford, England. Supporting his theme, "God's Mobilization Order," with vivid illustrations from personal experiences in World War I, he brought a new vision and determination of purpose to many. At the close of the week, there was a consecration service, and it was gratifying to see the large number of youth who gladly gave themselves to God and His cause.

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Welcome visitors to our Division office are Elders E. D. Dick and E. E. Roenfelt, who have come to spend some weeks in attending union conference sessions and other general meetings within this Division.

The principal of Newbold College, Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, has just returned from a three weeks' visit to the various union educational institutions in Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland. This visit was made in preparation for the work of planning for the development of a senior college for this Division.

On Sabbath, April 26th, the Chiswick church, West London, was the scene of a very impressive baptismal service. On this occasion thirty-one new members were admitted to the church by baptism and profession of faith following a campaign held

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