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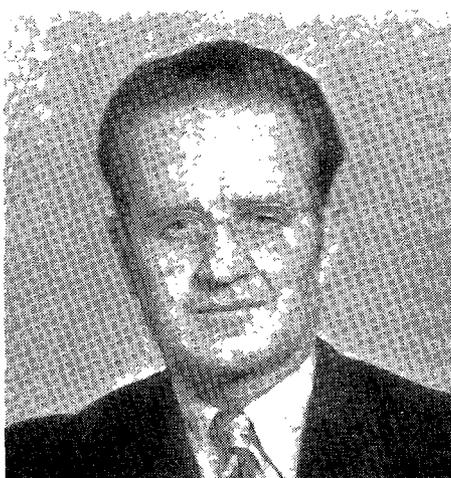
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Welcome to Dr. L. Mark Hamilton

A HOST of memories crowd in upon me as I wing my way across France to Tripoli and on to Accra, Gold Coast, to study the needs and problems of our educational programme in the West African Union Mission. They are memories of schoolmates and former students who have gone out to serve in these and other parts of the world field. There are memories, too, of a far-off day when I was a student in a middle western academy in the United States, and of the inspiration received from a godly principal which fired me with a desire to be a missionary in God's cause. Youthful imagination selected Africa as the field of labour and medical work as the medium through which that service would be given.

As often happens with youthful ambitions, mine eventually changed direction and instead of going as a medical missionary to Africa, I became a teacher. In this capacity I have worked with young people training for Christian service during the past fourteen years. As I review those years and the students who have sat in my classes I like to think that I have had a small part in the mission programme in helping to prepare many of them for positions of responsibility in the world-wide programme of Advent missions. Some of these young people can be found in every division around the circle of the earth—in Central and South America, Europe, Africa, China, India, Australasia, and the islands of the sea.

And now as I look down on the beauti-



A HEARTY WELCOME

to Dr. and Mrs. L. Mark Hamilton and their son Dean, and Mrs. Van Gorder, Mrs. Hamilton's mother.

Dr. Hamilton, who is to be the educational secretary of the Northern European Division, comes to us from the United States of America where he has had long experience in the educational field. His last service was rendered at Pacific Union College where he was head of the Department of History. With Dr. Hamilton's rich background in educational problems, we are confident that our Division will find in him one of the best men that the General Conference could possibly have secured for us. Already Dr. Hamilton has made some happy contacts with the field and we are glad that he arrived in time to be present with his family at the Youth Congress in Paris. This gave him a very happy introduction to about 2,000 young people of the Northern European Division.

We welcome Dr. Hamilton and his family most sincerely to the Division staff and to the Division field.

A. F. TARR.

ful countryside of France as it slips by below and we speed toward our destination in Africa, it seems that even at this late date those youthful dreams are nearing another phase of partial fulfilment in a way I little dreamed in the school days of long ago. True, we have not come as missionaries to our responsibilities in the Northern European Division in the sense that we are in a mission field or out on a mission station. But in coming, we have gone through many of the procedures and emotional experiences that are so indelible a part of missionary memories: we disposed of our home, we packed our things and got them ready for shipment, we took leave of our friends and colleagues with whom we had laboured for fourteen years, we bade good-bye to our loved ones, some of whom we may never see again, we made the long journey across the breadth of the United States from San Francisco to Washington and New York, and there embarked on an equally long ocean voyage which brought us to Division headquarters in Edgware. There were tears and heartaches to be sure, but we are happy that we are privileged to serve in the Master's cause wherever we are needed most. And now it results in being associated with the mission programme in a much more intimate way than ever before and we count it an honour that it is so.

At the end of my journey lies West Africa and a period of earnest study and planning with the leaders in that field as

they face the serious problems confronting the programme of Christian education in that vast and fruitful field. Human wisdom is not sufficient for the solution of the whole problem and we solicit your prayers and your support in upholding the hands of those whom you have sent to carry on the work in this difficult place. They are carrying the tidings of Jesus' soon return to the millions still in darkness and they need the assurance of your earnest intercession on their behalf for the school work there during the uncertain times that lie ahead. Our training institutions must not only be retained, but they must be increased in numbers and strengthened in their breadth of service if we are to meet the demand for trained workers for the unfinished task confronting us in West Africa.

On behalf of Mrs. Hamilton, our son Dean, and Mother Van Gorder, we send warmest Christian greetings to all of you. Although we have been among you for so short a time we already have been made to feel very much at home by the warmth of the reception that has been accorded us everywhere. We are looking forward to the future when we may be able to meet many of you face to face as time and opportunity make it possible to do so, as we work together in the service of Him who called us brethren. We are most happy to join you in the task of giving the third angel's message to the world in this generation. To that end we pledge our most earnest efforts as we work together to make Christian education effective throughout the Northern European Division, and we pray that God will bless us all in the finishing of the task that lies ahead.

L. MARK HAMILTON.

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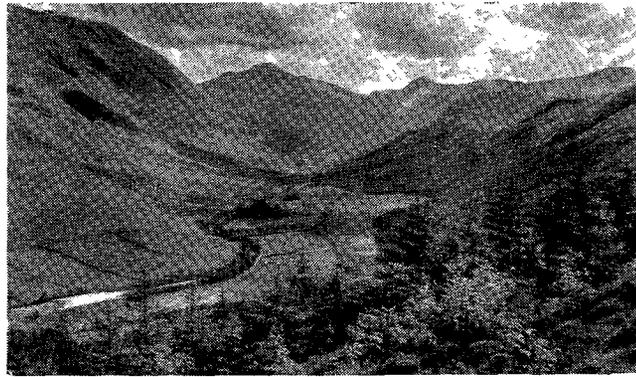
"TRUE gentleness is a gem of great value in the sight of God. A meek and quiet spirit will not be ever looking out for happiness for itself, but will seek for self-forgetfulness, and find sweet content and true satisfaction in making others happy."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 3, page 530.

The Last Hour

*Lift up thy voice, O man of God,
And sound the warning cry.
Spare not thyself in this last hour;
God's kingdom draweth nigh.*

*Bid sinners turn their eyes toward God,
And from His wrath to run,
For time is late, O man of God,
Behold, the sinking sun!*

E. A. Crane.



News from Scotland

By
John H. Bayliss

Glen Nevis

*"O Caledonia! stern and wild,
Meet nurse for a poetic child!
Land of brown heath and shaggy wood,
Land of the mountain and the flood,
Land of my sires! what mortal hand
Can e'er untie the filial band,
That knits me to thy rugged strand!
Still, as I view each well-known scene,
Think what is now, and what hath been,
Seems as, to me, of all bereft,
Sole friends thy woods and streams were
left;
And thus I love them better still,
Even in extremity of ill."*

THESE lines from the pen of Scotland's town poet, Sir Walter Scott, describe graphically the geographic character of his native land—a country which, exquisite in its scenic beauty and rich in its historical monuments, attracts thousands of visitors annually from all parts of the world. The population of Scotland at the most recent census numbered a little in excess of five million, the vast majority of whom reside in the central lowland belt, with Glasgow and Edinburgh as the elliptical centres. There are also further knots of population in and around the cities of Aberdeen and Dundee, the Highlands and surrounding islands being sparsely peopled.

The Advent message came to Scotland in 1889, and through the passage of years its progress has been slow and difficult. The Scots, including the vast majority who make no profession of faith, are wedded to their traditional church. Such religious conservatism provides a formidable barrier to Adventist evangelization. In spite of this obstacle the Lord has called out, at the time of writing, 362 into the fellowship of His remnant church. Each of the four main cities has an established church fellowship, and three possess their own buildings for worship. There are in addition a few companies and some scattered isolated believers.

We have sought to maintain a continuous evangelistic witness in the chief cities,

while reaching out to unentered places within the scope of our small force of twelve workers. The work of colportage has proved a potent weapon in this land, thousands of books, magazines, and leaflets have been sold and distributed in the cities and remote villages in the braes and glens where the public speaker may never have the opportunity to tread. We are encouraged by the auxiliary arm of the Voice of Prophecy radio and school which is drawing interests from all parts of the land. A unique feature of our work is the recent development of a first-class health food store and vegetarian cafeteria. Attached to the silent testimony of wholesome food, regular courses of lectures on healthful living have been delivered. Through these means prejudice is being shattered, and inquirers into our teachings are increasing.

We have a faithful people, keen to engage in practical missionary work. The annual tithe and sundry offerings income is progressively rising; the mission reached its record figure and per capita in Ingathering this year; the youth have their own annual camp gathering; Dorcas evangelism is flourishing in one centre; we have two active Sunday-schools, and this autumn we have planned for the largest evangelistic programme in living memory. God has truly blessed His people in Scotland abundantly. Dissatisfied, however, with our attainments, we are in pursuit of greater achievements for our Lord, depending entirely upon the latter rain to revive and reinforce us for the finishing of His work.

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"A MINISTER has *not* the right to do as others. He stands on a higher plane, and the nature of things requires that he should walk by a higher rule in the details of daily life."—*The Christian Preacher.*

GREETINGS FROM MIDDLESBROUGH

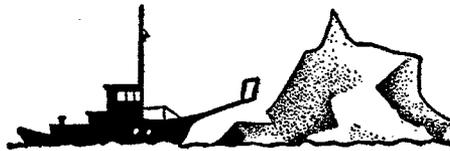
By L. Murdoch

ON MONDAY, May 28th, the morning post brought the NORTHERN LIGHT which was read with great interest. This paper brings to us in the British Isles a feeling that our brethren on the Continent and in Africa are closer to us in the great task of evangelism than we have ever been before. And just as we rejoice with you in your arduous labours for God, we feel sure you also rejoice with us, and for that reason we send you a short report of what happened quite recently.

For the past three months now we have maintained an unusually good interest in our campaign in North England. Last evening was the date set for presenting the Sabbath. It was gratifying to see the hall filled with every seat taken. The Sabbath was proclaimed as clearly and strongly as it possibly could be with an interesting result. At the close of the lecture the congregation, as one man, applauded and applauded until the chairman, Brother F. Pearse, brought them to a stop. It is the first time in twenty-five years' direct evangelism that this has been experienced after presenting the Sabbath. We hope and pray that it is a good omen and a sign of the "breaking of the day" in our conservative old country.

In recent months we have been conducting two campaigns—evangelistic and Harvest Ingathering. As workers we decided to have our workers' meeting during the lunch hour on Tuesday instead of the usual Monday morning meeting, thus freeing all to engage in Harvest Ingathering work on that day. This plan had to be arranged so that the heavy visiting in connection with the campaign would not suffer, as May happened to be the critical month. Imagine our pleasure as workers last evening, after the successful presentation of the Sabbath, to be told by our local agent that we had just reached our Harvest Ingathering goal of £250 for the church with still another week to collect!

Missionaries of the Northern European Division, we want you to know that as evangelists in the home field, we are behind you up to the limit. We believe fully in home and foreign missions, and that success is sure as we unselfishly help each other at home and abroad.



OUR MISSION BOAT IN THE POLAR SEA

By Hakon Muderspach

IN OUR Division we speak often of the mission fields of West Africa and Ethiopia—and that is only natural and correct—but we also have large unentered fields much nearer the home base. We, however, very seldom refer to such territories and for that reason many know little about them.

We would, therefore, like to call your attention to one such place—the hundreds of islands that are scattered along the barren Norwegian sea coast.

On practically all these islands tough fishermen with their families have found some sheltered place where they have been able to place a humble hut that they call home. They may stay there alone or a few families may settle together, but in common with hundreds of these people they have no electric light, no telephone, no shops, and no road connections other than the changeable ocean.

Here we find no villages; they have no meeting halls or places for public gatherings and yet they are souls for whom Christ gave His life, and to whom He wants us as His earthly representatives, to bring the third angel's wonderful message. Here is a needy and difficult mission field! Can we afford to leave it unworked on account of its unpleasant problems? Should we allow the much larger and more promising mission fields to make us forget this virgin territory of the North?

We at least have one man who firmly sounds his clear "No," and that is Brother Harald M. Hansen from Harstad in North Norway. He is a carpenter; but as it was with the Man of similar trade, who lived over 1,900 years ago, he bears a heavy burden for those who live in this country and have no opportunity to come in contact

with our precious teachings. Some years ago, with the help of the Norwegian publishing house and the union, he bought the little motor boat, *Kjell*, in order to accomplish his plans for mission activities.

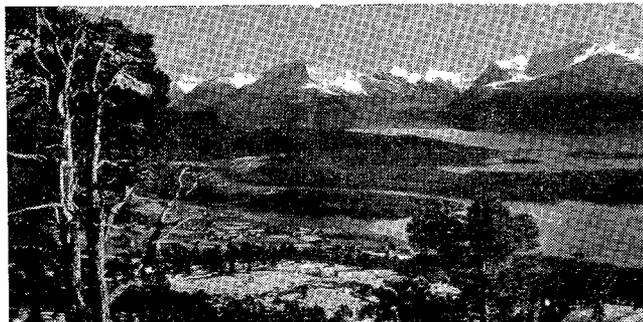
During the past three years this brother, together with a helper, has spent three summer months on the open sea visiting the isolated people on the many small, bare islands of the North Atlantic and Polar Seas.

These months are the time of the midnight sun. The weather is somewhat settled and our brethren can work long hours, something that is very necessary when we think of the long distances they have to cover.

Brother Hansen keeps away from the few roads that have been made on the larger islands and the villages and more densely populated districts and works among the isolated people. He is a pioneer of the cross in the fullest sense of the word.

A few figures from the 1950 report show better than words can what is being accomplished from year to year in the short time that can be used in this difficult area. Certain places on the mainland and twenty-one islands were visited. The two men had sixty-four working days and spent a few days for repair work on the engine and lay-over on account of bad weather. They spent 276 hours in travelling from place to place and 550 actual hours were left for canvassing.

They stopped at 376 different places and paid 1,200 visits. In 193 of these places they only found one family and only at thirty-six stops did they pay more than five visits. They sold 1,066 pieces of literature to the value of 7,175 Kroner. This



The rugged, barren coastline of Northern Norway.

gives an average sale of nearly 6 Kroner per visit. Besides this, 3,000 tracts were distributed free of charge.

The reports for the previous years are somewhat similar to the one mentioned. Already several people have begun to keep the Sabbath as a result of this work, and many are taking the Bible Correspondence Course. Only eternity will reveal the results of these strenuous efforts that now seem of so little importance; but undoubtedly in the eyes of Heaven they will be valued in a different way.

Such work cannot be done on a self-supporting basis; it calls for help from the publishing house as well as from the union, but is certainly worth the appropriation. We hope that this little report will be of interest to our readers everywhere and that all will uphold the hands of our good brother who, in the time the midnight sun yields its influence in the far north, leaves his regular work and goes out to follow the Master's call.

Let us, too, remember this section of the great mission field in our prayers.

ORDINATION SERVICE

By D. V. Cowin

AN UNUSUAL event of great importance to the furtherance of the Gospel work took place in the Gold Coast Mission on May 2nd. Three African evangelists, by name, Amos Amofah, D. K. Asare, and S. Appiah-Dankwa, were ordained to the Gospel ministry. This brought to ten the total number of ordained African ministers in the mission.

The ordination service was conducted on the last day of the annual workers' meeting in the church on the campus of the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary at Bekwai, Ashanti. Detailed arrangements for the occasion were made by Pastor H. J. Welch, principal of the Training College.

On the day prior to the setting apart of these three men, all of the ordained ministers (European and African) who were present for the workers' meeting met to examine the candidates and their wives. It was revealed that these men had given many years of service to the mission, as teachers and evangelists. Only one of the three had been brought up from childhood as an Adventist. The candidates and their wives were found to have won a total of more than five hundred souls during their years of service.

The nearby Sanfu church, of about sixty-five baptized members, honoured the day by attending *en masse* and by rendering many beautiful hymns, sung in Twi, their native tongue.

After the writer had presented brief comments especially for the occasion, Pastor J. K. Garbrah, veteran African minister (retired) from the Gold Coast field, led out in the ordination prayer and



Singing Band in attendance

“ TO FINISH HIS WORK ”

By J. O. Gibson, President, West African Union

JESUS saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work.” John 4:34. Jesus here outlines very clearly what His work was. With this clear statement there could be no question of what He was to do. We are followers of Christ. We are to do as He did. We are to make His aim and objectives ours. It is therefore very clear to us as followers of Christ and workers for Christ as to what our duty should be.

I have been having a very enjoyable time visiting all of the fields except North Nigeria, where I hope to go in the near future. Plans have been laid everywhere for larger evangelism. Each committee member has seemed to sense anew the great task before us. Large plans have been laid. Large goals have been set for new believers and for baptisms in 1951. Earnest prayers have been offered asking God to send the Holy Spirit in a larger measure, filling our hearts and lives and flowing out to bring other souls to Christ.

“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” John 4:35. Certainly as we look over the field we can see the startling truth of this text. Ten days ago I left Sierra Leone. This somewhat backward colony is taking on new life. Large secondary schools, girls' schools, and teachers'

training colleges are being opened up in many sections of the interior. Small towns and villages with nothing but mud huts in past years are almost overnight becoming modern cities. The people are being awakened. They are aware of the uncertainty of the times and want to know what these things mean.

Liberia, too, is experiencing great changes. New sections are being opened. The day before I reached there the new seventy-mile railway — the first in Liberia—was opened. A new centre with untold wealth of iron ore is being developed.

All of these new openings mean new centres to develop. Now is the time! The field leaders are doing their best, but lack of funds and workers retards the work. We must have more of the power of the Holy Spirit if we are to finish the work. We must arise as workers. We must, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, devise new plans and better organization, ever keeping in mind our great task of “finishing His work.”

We ask that your prayers for us may ever ascend to Heaven for guidance that we may make plans whereby we can do the great task before us. God has promised us success if we trust in Him. Let us arise to this great task and God will send His Spirit to show us the way.

EVANGELISM IN SIERRA LEONE

As Told by H. Wilson to D. V. Cowin

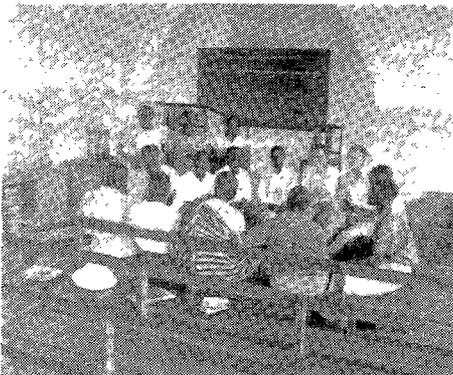


Newly-ordained ministers—D. K. Asare, Amos Amofah, S. Appiah-Dankwa, with their wives. These workers have won more than 500 souls.

in the laying on of hands. He said, as he prayed, "Awurade Ma Won nyansa, ahoaden ne tumi, na ya tumi aye we adwuma," meaning, "Lord, give them wisdom, strength, and power to perform Thy work."

Pastor P. H. Stearman, acting superintendent of the Gold Coast Mission, said in his words of welcome to the new ministers, "We welcome you into the fold of the ministry, into the field of service which has as its goal, eternal life. It is now your privilege and your duty to produce fruits from among the peoples here, and your opportunity is unlimited."

The meeting came to an appropriate close and was followed by a most interesting African ceremony. The people, led by a large singing-band which was presenting beautiful hymns, accompanied the newly-ordained ministers and their wives to each of their places on the campus. There they exchanged statements of best wishes for happy and fruitful service in the years to come.



Examination of candidates for ordination. Wives of candidates are seated in the rear.

Bo is the most important town in the Protectorate of Sierra Leone. Besides being the headquarters of that section of the country, it is also the headquarters of the South-western Division and the Bo District. Nearly all the Government departments are represented in Bo. The growth of this town has been phenomenal. Within the past ten years it has grown from a little old bush village of about two thousand people to a clean, well-planned town of over ten thousand. Old, congested compounds and smoky huts are fast giving way to wide streets, concrete dwelling houses and shops. The Sanitary Department of Bo is the most hard-working and efficient in the country.

For us, however, the importance of Bo lies chiefly in the fact that it is the headquarters of our mission. Here we have a large school and a church of over 130 members.

Although much has been done in Bo in the past, yet we have always felt the need for a large-scale and more aggressive evangelistic drive in order to reach the rapidly increasing population and bring before them in a definite way God's last message of warning to a perishing world. All the different tribes of the country are represented here. All eyes are on Bo, and so whatever we do here is bound to affect the general attitude of the whole country toward our work.

There is one chief difficulty, however, in the way of holding public evangelistic meetings in Bo, and that is the lack of a suitable town hall. Muslims do not like to be seen in a Christian place of worship and the members of popular churches have their prejudices. Such meetings, therefore, cannot be held in the church.

The only available place is the Native Administration Court *barri*. But experience has taught us that this is impossible. The people have a strong dislike or secret dread for this building. For most of them it is the place of litigation, which reminds them of bitter feeling, hard words, and sharp oaths on the Quran and the juju. In the last effort made a few years ago to hold a series of meetings in this *barri*, the attendance never exceeded a hundred and quickly dropped down below twenty. An evangelistic effort in Bo, therefore, had to be confined mostly to compound meetings

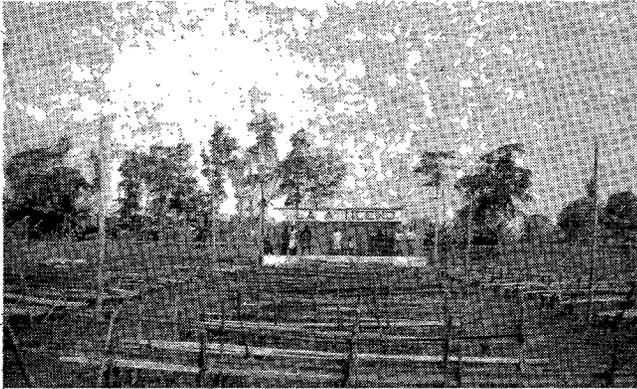
and house-to-house visitation. Where, then, should we hold our meetings?

Elder Keslake, president of the mission, had the solution to this old perplexing problem—a solution that no one else had thought of before. He suggested building an open-air theatre at the Kobonko Park large enough to hold 600 people. But can we reasonably expect 600 people to come to an evangelistic meeting here in Bo? Impossible! Anyway we were willing to try it out. And so we planned and prayed, worked and hoped. For many long hours and under the intense heat of the sun, Elder Keslake worked hard to put up a covered platform large enough to hold the electric organ, public address system, the pulpit, a stock of books and other equipment. His helpers had never seen anything like this before and this made the work much harder for him. Day after day, as we worked, people wondered what it was all about. Many questions were asked but we told them to wait and see. At last the strange little building, the bamboo seats and the electric wiring was all done and ready for use.

The seventeen subjects to be presented were carefully selected and arranged. Pastor H. E. Wilson presented the messages in the Mende language; Mr. T. E. Harding strongly supported him as song leader. Sister E. Keslake was the organist and Miss A. S. Nuka, secretary-treasurer for the mission, was in charge of the book stand. Mr. E. V. Watson, mission M.V. secretary, together with teachers and students from the school, completed the organization. Everything was ready for the great adventure of faith.

With the public address system we went round the town announcing the first meeting. Everywhere people rushed out of their houses to see this new wonder—the talking lorry as it was called. About an hour before the meeting started every seat in the enclosure had been taken, and yet the people kept on coming. What shall we do with this huge crowd? We were helplessly lost in wonder. By the time the speaker was ready to deliver his message an overflow of thousands of people was seen standing or pacing up and down the two corner streets, all eager to hear the Word of God. Our faith had been rewarded beyond all expectation.

And so time after time the crowd kept



The open-air "auditorium" where the Bo evangelistic campaign was held.

into your church and make her a Christian. I say this in Allah's name."

One day a Muslim lady came to the pastor of the church and said, "I have come to see you on a very important matter. My husband and I have been attending the Kobonko meetings and we believe that the messages presented are the words of God, and we must do something. But we cannot give up Islam. We have therefore decided to give this our baby boy over to the religion of Jesus. We want you to pray for him that he may grow up to be a Christian of your church." Anyone who is acquainted with Islam and knows its attitude toward the Christian faith can testify that such testimonies as these can only come as a result of an overwhelming conviction.

A group of young men from a village about four miles outside of Bo attended the meetings. They took back the inspiration they received and told their people from time to time the wonderful message they heard. As a result twenty-three people are now keeping the Sabbath in that village. On their own initiative and after much difficulty to persuade the town chief to give them a piece of land and permission to build, they are now putting up a small prayer house entirely at their own expense. This troublesome chief is now enrolled in the hearers' class!

These are only a few of the many evidences we have that the Lord is with us in this effort and that His Spirit is working mightily in the hearts of men.

Sabbath, April 7th, the Bo church witnessed a very solemn and impressive scene. During the preaching service the names of fifty-six persons who had already taken their stand for the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus were called out and one by one they came forward to be enrolled in the probationers' classes and to receive their membership cards. As they stood around the pulpit, the congregation of over 200 rose and bowed their heads in holy reverence and gratitude to God while Elder Keslake offered up an earnest prayer on behalf of these dear ones, the first-fruits of the Kobonko effort.

But while we rejoice over those already won, yet on the other hand we are greatly concerned about the hundreds who are yet standing in the valley of decision. Our prayer is that the honest-hearted among them may by faith lay hold upon the precious promises of God that they may receive strength to obey, courage to endure, and victory over every sin and the forces of darkness.

coming to the meetings. The testing truths, however, came as a severe blow to many and they took no pains to hide their feelings. When the Sabbath truth was being presented over a hundred people walked away in anger and others tried to interrupt the speaker. But the hand of the Lord was with us to control, to inspire, and guide. The interest in the message was kept up to the very last meeting. We started with an attendance of about 5,000 and in the last meeting we counted 3,986.

The skilful fingers and trained voices of Sisters Keslake and C. A. Bartlett (violinist) and little Victor Keslake (accordianist) contributed largely toward the success of the effort. All over the town people are still talking about the boy musician, the lady violinist, and especially about the beautiful song rendered so impressively by Sister Keslake at the last meeting.

The Catholic priests tried in many ways to hinder their people from attending the meetings. But the drawing power of the message was stronger than all their threats.

After the first few subjects had been

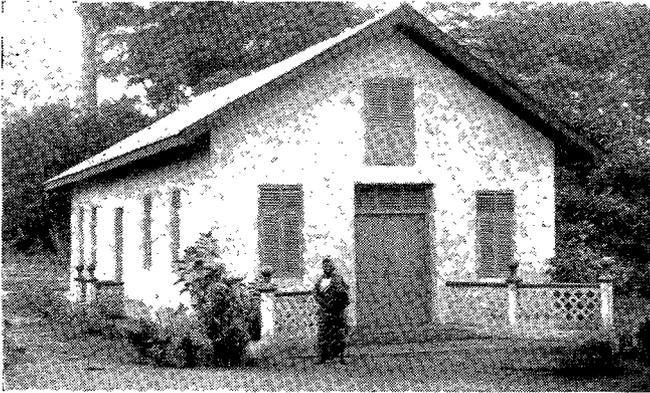
presented we started on the more important work of following up the interest that had been created. Hundreds of names and addresses had been handed in. To take care of all these, four other workers had to be called in from other parts of the field and the town was divided up into districts. Many interesting contacts have already been made. Five cottage meetings and several smaller study groups have been organized. But the work is still great. Only about two-thirds of the interested ones have so far been contacted and new interests are springing up here and there.

Here are a few items of interest: After the subject of Christian temperance had been presented, a man went home, took his pipe and the balance of tobacco he had been smoking and handed them to the Bible worker. He was through with the filthy habit.

A Muslim became so convinced of the truth that he called for the Bible worker in his district and said to him, "I believe that all that I have heard at Kobonko is the truth. But here is my only wife, take her

Northern European Division Membership Comparisons for Half Year, January-June, 1951

	Membership Jan. 1, 1951	Membership June 30, 1951	Members Added by Baptism During ½ year	TOTAL GAIN
British Union Conference	6,666	6,696	100	30
East Nordic Union	8,161	8,327	327	166
Ethiopian Union Mission	654	709	55	55
Netherlands Union	2,150	2,195	79	45
Polish Union (Last report received 31/3/50)	3,034	3,034	no report	
West African Union	9,834	10,077	411	243
West Nordic Union	8,231	8,306	208	75
Iceland Mission	324	358	28	34
Totals	39,054	39,702	1,208	648



The Wiamoase Seventh-day Adventist church, Gold Coast. Teacher Sanderson in front.

CHURCH DEDICATION

By Teacher Sanderson

THE official dedication service of the Wiamoase Seventh-day Adventist church took place here on April 7, 1951. The ceremony was quite simple but very impressive.

The great success of the ceremony was due, in a large measure, to the arrangements put up by the ingenious church elders and, not least, the co-operation of Teachers Sanderson, Ntim-Amoakohene, and Ernest Yoa Boadu. The way in which they sent out the many invitations and decorated the compound is highly commendable.

Twelve singing bands attended. For the whole Sabbath they captured the large town of Wiamoase with their melodious songs, pregnant with the messages of Jesus and His coming.

Special mention should be made of the Agona Missionary Volunteer band whose activities created illimitable joy to all who attended. In brief, it brought them in close contact with their Maker. Thanks to the Agona teachers for their careful planning!

The programme planned for the dedication service itself was carried through smoothly. The climax was reached when the representative of the Agona-bene turned the key of the main door of the elegant church and declared it open for inspection and other church services. The presence of the Lord was felt as the place resounded with the singing of Isaiah 61 by the Agona singing-band and two soul-uplifting anthems by a quartette from the Bekwai Seminary.

Among the distinguished visitors were Pastors C. B. Mensah, J. K. Amoah and P. H. Stearman, Miss Mohlman, Brother

J. C. Vetter and Brother and Sister A. M. Moyer.

Pastor P. H. Stearman, acting superintendent of the Gold Coast Mission, preached the dedicatory sermon. The offering collections amounted to £122.

It Is Ingathering Time!

THE first excellent reports from the Ingathering Campaign have reached the Division office from Holland, Scandinavia, Finland, and Iceland, and we congratulate our fellow-workers and churchmembers on the success already achieved during this the first month.

I can assure you that our mission fields are looking to the home field, as usual, to raise the means for the expanding of the work among the millions in West Africa and Ethiopia. Let us go on with the good work and finish it on time.

Faithfully yours in the Ingathering work,

AXEL VARMER.



Group of forty-one young people baptized at the Akaki Boys' School, Ethiopia.

BAPTISM IN ETHIOPIA

By Mae Matthews

SABBATH afternoon, April 28th, between three and four hundred people gathered at the Akaki Boys' School, about fifteen miles from Addis Ababa, to witness a very impressive baptism.

A church service conducted by Brother W. S. Jensen was held in the chapel preceding the baptism, at which time Elder Hanson spoke on the meaning and significance of baptism and Elder Nielsen questioned the candidates.

After the church service, the congregation moved to the outdoor pool located at the top of the hill near the new school building. Here, surrounded by eucalyptus and subtropical vegetation, the crowd gathered. A group of students and teachers sang songs of surrender and consecration as Elder Nielsen administered the rite of baptism. A spirit of sacredness pervaded the entire service as each candidate quietly took his place. Forty-one young people, sixteen girls and twenty-five young men, thus showed their determination to follow in the footsteps of their Saviour, as they took this most important step of their lives.

This group included four girls and seventeen men from the Akaki Boys' School, twelve girls from the Kabana Girls' School and eight men from the Filwoha Hospital. Most of these young people were from Coptic homes, but one was from a Catholic, one from a Mohammedan and two from a Lutheran home. Four had one Adventist parent. Four Ethiopian tribes were represented. As we checked their homes and sections of Ethiopia and Eritrea, we really could sing. "They come from the east and west, they come from the north and south," for that was what had really happened.

NEWS FLASH

PASTORS A. F. Tarr and G. A. Lindsay recently paid a visit to Sweden, Denmark, and Norway in connection with committee and other special meetings associated with the institutions in that section of the Division. Our Hultafors Sanitarium celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary during their visit. Pastor Tarr left for Iceland on September 19th, in order to attend annual meetings and the opening of the new school at Reykjavik. He will proceed from there to the United States, where he will attend the Fall Council at Cleveland, Ohio.

Pastor G. D. King, secretary of the Division Publishing Department, left for West Africa on August 28th. Brother King expects to spend two months in the various sections of the West African Union, meeting the colporteur leaders and colporteurs, and associating with Brother D. L. Chappell, the West African Union Publishing Department secretary in a vigorous campaign in the interests of the literature ministry.

At the city of Derby, North England, the British Union Conference workers have just concluded a most inspiring institute. These workers came from all parts of the British Isles. Also attending were several missionaries on furlough, and mission appointees to West Africa and South Africa. General Conference representatives at this meeting were Elders G. Vandeman and A. L. White.

The secretary of the Medical Cadet Service of the General Conference, Elder W. H. Bergherm, recently spent several days in London, visiting the Division office and meeting with representatives of the Division and British Union Conference. Study was given to ways and means of implementing in this section of our Division the Medical Cadet Service programme.

Pastor O. J. Olsen, who has recently spent several months holding special meetings in Iceland, has recently returned to his home in Norway. During Brother Olsen's special campaign in Reykjavik, Iceland, he had the pleasure of adding thirty-four souls to the church there. In addition, others are observing the Sabbath and are preparing for baptism in the near future. An interesting feature of the work in Iceland was the friendly relationship which Pastor Olsen sustained to the

church leaders of other faiths, throughout his series of meetings. He was permitted on a number of occasions to hold meetings in their churches.

In East Nigeria, where Pastor W. J. Newman is giving a vigorous lead to the work, strong plans for evangelistic campaigns are in hand. Thirty spearhead efforts are being conducted at the present time by evangelists and school teachers who are



IMPORTANT

WE would draw the attention of all of our readers to an article written by Elder W. H. Branson entitled "Our Real Goal—'To make ready a people prepared for the Lord.'" In order that this important article might be available, not only to the workers but to all churchmembers in all of the unions and in their own languages, it is being published in all of our union papers.

We make special mention of this article at this time, trusting that this Division may unitedly accept Elder Branson's stirring challenge to put forth every effort in a great soul-winning endeavour to double our membership during the next four years.



sharing in this splendid work. In one district, twenty lay members are using a lorry to transport them to their meeting place, while many others cycle as much as twenty-five miles to their destination. A large harvest of souls is expected from this combined work among church officers and lay members.

From the Gold Coast, West Africa, Pastor A. M. Moyer tells of their successful school of field evangelism. The school operated for five weeks in the town of Jewel Ben. In addition to practical instruction in homiletics, church organization, and other related matters, public meetings were conducted. It is heartening to know that this practical school of field evangelism succeeded in gathering forty-two new adherents to the message.

Pastor K. Tilstra, president of the Netherland Union, sends the following good news from his field: "We are glad to report that we have an increase in baptisms so far this year. In Limburg, our most southern province, several people of the reform movement have joined our church again. Others are still studying and we hope that they also will come back to the fold.

"The new boys' dormitory at 'Zandber-

gen' is nearing completion. The painters are working on the outside woodwork. Several rooms in the main building are occupied by summer guests and we plan to use also a number of the rooms in the new dormitory. Our foodstore, the new industry project for the school, is developing very well and we hope to be able to supply work for the students when they come back to school in September. Most of the students have entered the colporteur field and several are having good success. We hope that all will be able to reach their goals and come back to finish their studies."

There have been changes in the London transportation office in personnel and office location. Brother C. H. Anscombe, who has been connected with the office for nearly twenty-five years, has responded to a call to be treasurer of the South England Conference, and Brother N. H. Knight has accepted a call to be transportation agent of the General Conference transportation office, London. All correspondence to the transportation office should be addressed to:

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