



At the beginning of the year 1951 we had in the East Nordic Union 8,161 members, and at the end of the third quarter the membership was 8,390, thus showing a net increase of 229 members. During the first three quarters, 467

new members have been baptized and taken into the church through evangelistic efforts, the work of the lay members, and the Bible Correspondence School. Last year the net increase was 182 and members added 355. In some places we have had good success, but in others it has been hard to gather people together and win souls for Christ. We do not know what the future holds in store for us, but we believe that the Lord will give us new and greater victories in our soul-winning work. We are planning for more and bigger efforts.

TITHES AND GIFTS

During the first nine months of the year the tithes amounted to \$206,899, i.e. \$34,400 more than for the corresponding period last year. In gifts to missions we have received \$64,535. Compared with the year before it shows a decrease of about \$3,600, but this is due to the fact that we have not proceeded with our Harvest Ingathering, the work being not yet finished. In the union we have, however, reached our goal and are continuing to labour for the great needs of the mission fields. Many of our workers have done a splendid work in the Ingathering. For instance, one Bible worker has gathered

The East Nordic Union

Report Presented at the Second Winter Council, 1951

Reminiscences on a Workers' Meeting

Why came we there those days apart
From din of city street?
We came in faith at Heaven's call
To sit at Jesus' feet.

We heard Him speak His words of grace
In accents true and clear;
He showed our secret worthlessness.
Then filled our hearts with cheer.

We knew our needs, our loss of power,
Our ignorance and sin,
Our blinded eyes, our wretchedness,
Our poverty within.

We set aside the little things
That tend to mar the life;
In earnestness we sought to win
The victory in the strife.

How swiftly passed those precious hours
Of light and life and love.
A foretaste of the purer joys
That wait the soul above!

And down the valley now we go
To battle for the Lord.
In simple faith and righteousness
To wield the Spirit's sword.

O brethren, let us onward press
Till victory is complete,
Until a great, united band,
We meet at Jesus' feet.

H. S. Streeter.

over \$1,200, and several have collected over \$800. This year Ekebyholm school did good work, although the number of students is only half that of the previous year. They collected \$52,200 in the Harvest Ingathering.

THE LITERATURE WORK

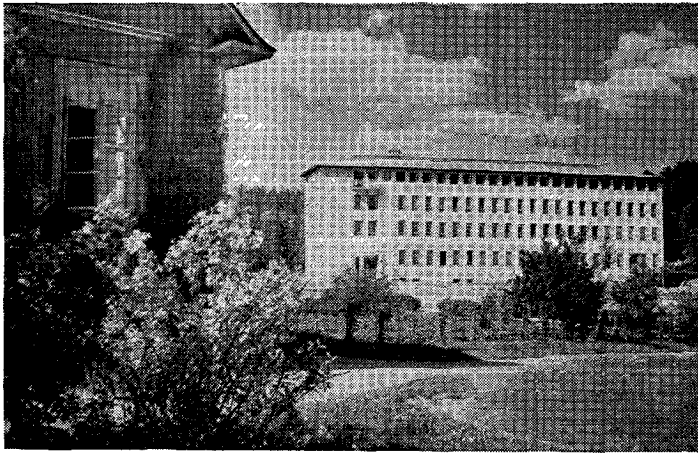
Our literature workers, too, have had good success. During the first nine months of the year our literature evangelists sold literature to the value of \$279,956.20, the amount for the corresponding period last year being \$205,832.20, which means an increase of \$74,124. But we have not yet reached the peak. In Finland, because of the great demand, we must ration the editions of some of our books.

THE MEDICAL WORK

Our five sanitariums—two of them operating three months of the year—have been crowded with patients and many of our workers there are living examples of what God can do. One of the guests said to me: "The spirit of service manifest here has preached to us not so much through words, but through the deeds and the whole being of those that minister." We thank God for this group of faithful workers.

OUR SCHOOLS

At our two schools we have a total enrolment of 138 students—at Toivonlinna 101 and at Ekebyholm 37. The number of students at Ekebyholm has dropped almost to half. This is a fact to be deplored, but apparently it is temporary, due to the fact of many of our youth having spent their money at last summer's grand adventure—the Paris Congress. At Ekebyholm we have this year wholly reorganized our curriculum so that it will meet the re-



quirements that the Swedish State is demanding of an academy.

CHURCH BUILDINGS

This year we shall be able to dedicate five new church buildings in Finland, two in the Finnish conferences and three in the Finland Swedish Conference. This is a remarkable fact, something unprecedented. The little Benjamin has done a good work—three small church buildings during this year. And they are on the way to having the fourth church building in the coming year. They have followed the principle of seventy-five per cent on hand of the expenses and I hope that the Division will remember this Benjamin.

OUR NEEDS

We find that our greatest needs are at the schools. They must be helped to be free from their heavy debts. This applies to Toivonlinna as well as to Ekebyholm. We need also new church buildings, viz., in Vasa, Helsingfors, and Lahti—all in Finland. In Sweden we have Malmö, which has been waiting long and now needs help in order to arrange its new property as a church building.

We thank God for what He has done and will do for us in the East Nordic Union Conference. C. GIDLUND,
President, East Nordic Union.

TRUST HIM

"Dost thou fear to launch away?
Faith lets go to swim!
Never will He let thee go;
'Tis by trusting thou shalt know
Fellowship with Him."

Toivonlinnan Kristillinen Opisto.

Finland Mission School which had an enrolment of 101 students at the close of 1951.

Medical
MISSIONARIES

By Dr. Wayne McFarland
General Conference Medical Department

IT was my privilege to be present at the health conventions held in the West and East Nordic Unions of the Northern European Division. Included in the western union are Denmark, Norway, the Faroe Islands, and Greenland. The eastern union claims the territory of Finland and Sweden.

The first health convention was under the able leadership of Dr. J. D. Henriksen, medical secretary of the western union, and was held at the Danish mission school which is located on one of Denmark's most lovely fjords. In attendance were medical workers from our Skodsborg Sanitarium and the numerous self-supporting clinics and treatment rooms that are to be found in practically every city of any size in these Scandinavian countries. A few statistics will help us grasp a bit of what has been accomplished. There are over seven hundred and thirty workers devoting their time and effort to medical missionary enterprises. There are four sanitariums, one food factory, three cafeterias, and ninety-five clinics, treatment rooms, and rest homes. During the past two years they have had twenty-five baptisms which can be traced as the direct result of our health work. In addition, many hundreds of people have felt the touch of Christian medical ministry.

It was an inspiring meeting and the aim of the entire programme was to emphasize how our medical work can

unite with evangelical ministry in soul-saving. We were happy to have a number of students present. One of these, Svend Overlade, a freshman medical student at the University of Aarhus School of Medicine, Denmark, wrote the following as his impression of the convention:

"It was a great privilege to be able to attend the health meetings. We experienced a blessed Sabbath. It was strongly expressed that the medical missionary must have as his goal the saving of souls. We medical students were happy for the invitation to attend the doctors' meetings. We are thankful for the confidence shown in us. It strengthened us to know that there is a professional fellowship as well as a Christian fellowship.

"We were glad for the statement about the asserted relationship between diet and tuberculosis. We also got a clear understanding that it is necessary for us to take up research work in our special fields of medicine.

"It was made clear that we must follow the health-reform work better than ever before, and with tactfulness help others to do the same."

CONVENTION AT HELSINKI

Shortly after the meeting in Denmark I was invited to the health convention held by the eastern union. Dr. V. Sucksdorff, our successful medical secretary for this territory, planned for the meetings to be held in Helsinki, the capital of Finland.

Finland is one of the most fascinating countries in the Northern European Division. I reached Turko, the oldest town of Finland and its former capital on the eastern coast, by sailing the Baltic Sea. To travel from Turko to Helsinki one goes by bus or train.

The main theme of our convention there was how to make our medical work a real agency for saving souls. In this union we have three sanitariums, two clinics, two summer sanitariums, and thirty privately owned institutions.

I was particularly interested in the Finnish *Life and Health, Terveys*, which has a circulation of 50,000 among the 4,000,000 population. I think this is very close to the circulation record per capita of any of our health magazines. *Terveys* is the most popular health magazine in all Finland, and Finland is a very health-conscious country.

In addition to the topic of evangelism, certain hours were set aside to cover scientific subjects. Since the larger number

of those in attendance, approximately 175, were working in treatment rooms and clinics as physical therapists, the latest advances in the field of physical medicine were stressed at the scientific sessions. Dr. Tarast-Rancken, head of the department of physical medicine at the University of Helsinki School of Medicine, gave a splendid paper regarding physical therapy and its place in general practice. I learned that she had spent some time in the United States and was well acquainted with my former chief, Dr. Frank Krusen of the Mayo Clinic.

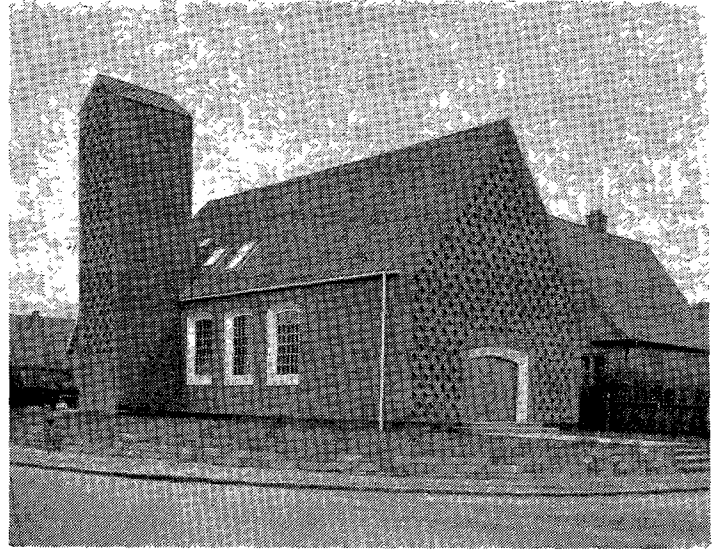
Dr. A. Andersen, medical director of the Skodsborg Sanitarium, who was with us throughout these meetings, has had a large share in seeing that proper recognition has been given by the Danish Medical Society to our physical therapists trained at Skodsborg. Dr. Andersen, the beloved physician of all the Scandinavian countries, is our medical secretary for the entire Northern European Division. His untiring efforts on behalf of our medical work throughout the Division have done much to keep the right arm of the message to the front.

A visit to our sanitarium at Hopeanemi, Finland, not too far from the city of Helsinki, provided the atmosphere for a wonderful social gathering. Dr. Sucksdorff, the nursing staff, and other sanitarium workers certainly showed us what is meant by Finnish hospitality. We had a feast of good things to eat. The setting for our Hopeanemi Sanitarium is ideal, nestled among the beautiful evergreens on one of the 60,000 lakes for which Finland is famous.

Following the health conventions, the union conference session was held. During these meetings a spirit of earnest devotion was apparent. As I listened to the reports, the prayers, and the testimonies of the medical and ministerial workers of the East Nordic Union, it left me with a deep conviction that in Finland our fellow-workers have learned, far better than some of us, the compelling power of a life wholly given to God's service. If I should try to sum up in a few words the things apparently uppermost in their minds it would be this: We have but a short time to work. Saving men's souls is the one work to be done now. Let us work and unite our efforts in greater evangelistic effort.

Is it not time for all of us to make a decision that every physical examination, every medical history, every operation, every patient visit, shall have but one objective—to lead lost men to Christ?

The new church at Viborg, in the heart of Jutland, Denmark.



ICELAND

FROM Pastor O. Gudmundsson, acting president of the Iceland Mission, comes the following word of progress: "Here in Iceland the workers are doing their best to preach the Gospel to the people. Pastor O. J. Olsen is holding an effort in Reykjavik and Pastor A. Krogstad is working in a little village on the west coast. I have been in a village on the north coast since January and will stay here for some months. I have been holding public meetings twice a week. Let us hope the message will touch the hearts of the people.

"Our new missionary school is our hope for the future. The school opened its doors last year and we trust that the youth studying there will become an earnest and consecrated group and be a great help in the cause of God here in Iceland where there are so few workers.

"Brother Olsen is the principal of the school while my brother Julius is in the States. During the week Pastor Olsen is busy at the school out in the country, but at the week-end he travels to Reykjavik, where he is holding meetings. The Bible Correspondence School makes good progress here as elsewhere. It is a great blessing to have the lessons to give to the people. This coming spring we plan to publish two books by Arthur Maxwell and our colporteurs will travel across the country carrying the Gospel contained in them to the people scattered all over this large island. While it appears sometimes in our work that no great thing happens, yet things do happen if only we will take note. God's work is like life itself, it grows

although in silence—it is a constant miracle. Let us be of good courage praying that God will continue to manifest His power."



NEW DANISH CHURCH

By Thorvald Kristensen

THE seventeenth of November will forever be a milestone in the history of the Advent church in Viborg. On that day a new church building was dedicated here in the heart of Jutland.

The church is situated on a corner plot and its simple yet beautiful style harmonizes with its surroundings as well as the light coloring of the interior of the building. The church seats 160 people and contains a small adjoining room seating thirty. There is also an apartment for the pastor and his family.

Axel Varmer, Home Missionary secretary of the Northern European Division, officiated at the dedicatory service, using for his text John 4:23: "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him."

About 300 were present on the day of dedication, and congratulations, telegrams, and flower decorations were presented from many churches and individuals. Journalists in attendance brought the news of our new church building to the attention of the citizens of Viborg.

It is our wish that the churchmembers will gain much blessing from association together under such ideal conditions and sharing their faith!



The Gimbie road about forty miles east of Gimbie village.

We Travelled the Gimbie Road!

By L. Mark Hamilton

ALMOST from the moment of our arrival in Ethiopia we had heard about the road to Gimbie. The rigours of the journey along its three hundred mile length, the variety and potential savagery of the wild life and insects in its jungle and grassland margins, the unexampled viciousness and brutality of the rocks strewn in indiscriminate profusion along its track, and the score or more of unbridged rivers that lay athwart the path, hiding in every valley to trap the unwary traveller in their muddy bogs and boulder-strewn fords—all these had been graphically described to us. Before we had even seen it or travelled a single, short mile over its uneven surface, it had become almost legendary. In fact, it had come to epitomize Ethiopia and its needs as we thought of that ancient empire and the work of God there.

There are five principal stations currently functioning in the Ethiopian Union, but the distances that separate them and the difficulties of travel between them transform the task of visiting them into something of an endurance test. In company with Pastor E. B. Rudge, secretary of the Northern European Division, it was the writer's privilege to visit them all recently. Using Addis Ababa as a base of operations it took the greater part of five weeks to make the circuit and to attend the annual union committee sessions.

In addition to its position as the capital of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa is the headquarters of our work in the vast territories that comprise the Ethiopian Union Mission. The offices are located in the

north-eastern part of the city on what is known as the Kabana compound, which also contains the homes of the president, Pastor S. A. Broberg, and his secretary-treasurer, Brother W. S. Jensen. A girls' school has been operated here during the past several years, but is being moved to another location outside the city.

Operation of the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital constitutes the only other denominational enterprise within the city. Commonly known as Filwoha Hospital, it is a fully-equipped and well-staffed institution which enjoys an excellent reputation among, and patronage from, the better class of citizens. Its two doctors serve as personal physicians to the Emperor's household, and several of the recent additions to the younger generation of the royal family have been ushered into the world in its delivery room. Six nurses, one of whom serves as pharmacist

and X-ray technician, assist in the operation of the hospital. A nurses' training programme is preparing about twenty-five Ethiopian young people for service in hospitals, dispensaries, and dressing stations throughout the country. The keen, enthusiastic missionary spirit manifested among the nurses and doctors was very refreshing.

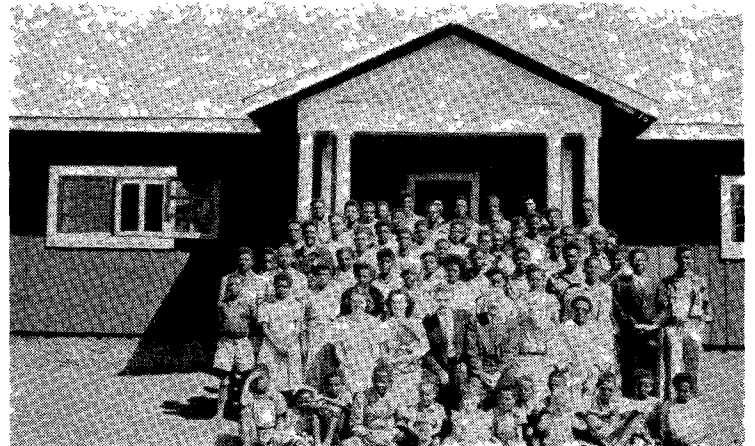
Our first visit to an outlying station took us to the Ethiopian Training School, which lies about one hundred and sixty miles south of Addis Ababa. *En route*, we stopped at our school at Akaki, some ten or twelve miles south of the capital. It was originally established for boys, but with the first transfers of young women from Kabana, it is now a co-educational institution, with an enrolment of about three hundred. The erection of a new classroom block recently filled an imperative necessity, but there is still pressing need for additional housing for both girls and boys, as well as for the European teaching staff.

From Akaki, we drove southward across a high, semi-arid plateau inhabited chiefly by innumerable herds of cattle, a few hyenas, monkeys, baboons, jackals, exotic birds, and other wild life. For the first hundred miles the road is quite acceptable by usual Ethiopian standards, but the last sixty miles were incredibly rutted and filled with deep holes. All of this was quite innocently disguised by a layer of finely pulverized dust six to ten inches deep which plumed into the air like a small geyser whenever we dropped into one of these "bottomless pits." Then it came cascading down over the jeep and its occupants in suffocating clouds! After three or four hours of such travel, the dusty visitors sighted the Ethiopian Training School with a sigh of relief, standing

Ethiopian Training School Kuyera, Arussi Province.

Student body and faculty.

European staff: Miss Gladys Martin, Mrs. L. Rasmussen, Mr. L. Rasmussen, Principal V. E. Toppenberg, Mrs. V. E. Toppenberg.





*Gimbie village
outside the
hospital mission
station, West
Ethiopia.*

like a small garden of Eden in the midst of a rather barren countryside.

Here we found nearly seventy-five young men and young women in active training for work for their own people. The school has a farm of more than six hundred acres, a part of which is under irrigation, making possible the production of a wide variety of tropical and semi-tropical fruits and vegetables, as well as grains. It is planned to expand the productivity of the farm and add other small industries in order to provide both training and employment for the students. A dormitory unit was in process of construction, but there is urgent need of housing for the European and Ethiopian staff and a new dormitory for the girls.

At last the momentous day arrived when we were to travel the road to Gimbie, of which we had heard so many things. Portions of it were very good, but there were others which quite lived up to a reputation which seemed to have been fully merited. The rocks were large and sharply jagged; the unbridged approaches to the numerous rivers were steep and rocky, and the water in them of uncertain depth; and at night, when we camped along the road, the driver-ants invaded our star-canopied bedroom and disturbed our slumbers. But we found no lions in the way and we *did* get to Gimbie, westernmost of all our stations in Ethiopia. Here we found a school and a small hospital, in addition to the usual activities of mission work. The school was overcrowded and without proper equipment and the dormitory hopelessly inadequate, but there was a good spirit among both students and teachers.

We found the hospital staff rejoicing that the new clinic building was nearing completion and would soon be ready for

use. In the judgment of the writer it will be none too soon, for the old mud-walled building which has been used for this purpose appeared to be in a state of imminent collapse. The white ants had completely eaten away about three inches of the supporting wooden framework on one end and the whole structure teetered uncertainly when one leaned against the wall.

One aspect of the work at Gimbie provided little occasion for rejoicing however. During the dry season the water supply on the compound is wholly inadequate for even the most elementary sanitary, laundry, and domestic needs. Almost all of it has to be hauled in discarded oil drums from a river several miles distant, making it difficult to carry on a minimum of domestic activities, to say nothing about the conduct of a hospital. Plans have been laid for remedying the shortage by pumping water from a stream along the lower edge of the mission property, about half a mile away. Some of the materials have already been ordered, but there is no money in the budget with which to complete the project. And so they must wait—for how long?

Flying north from Addis Ababa to Gondar, the plane crosses Lake Tana, the source of the Blue Nile. From here one must travel for eight hours by jeep to reach our mission station at Debre Tabor, some distance east of the lower end of Lake Tana. Here again, the work consisted of the usual evangelistic activities, coupled with a school and a hospital. Both are doing a good work in this part of Begemder province. A number of students are sent on to the training school for further preparation each year. Plans were being laid for the opening of a new clinic in the village of Chilgo, some distance

west of Gondar, and it is hoped that this will open up new areas to which the message can be carried after the "right arm" has opened the way.

Our final stop was in Asmara, headquarters of the Eritrea Mission. Activities here are centred in evangelism and school work. Under British administration, Eritrea is completely free and open to the preaching of the Word. A short campaign in Adi Ugri recently yielded excellent results. We have several schools in operation, although they are generally overcrowded, understaffed, and underequipped. Plans were being laid for the re-opening of the clinic in Asmara which has been closed for some time.

Homeward bound, our plane flew west over the red and orange hills of Eritrea and as we looked off across the mountains and valleys of Ethiopia to the south for the last time, we remembered the Gimbie road. It had been unbelievably rough and rugged. Its mountains were formidable; its rivers and valleys deep and difficult to cross, and it seemed to fully live up to its unpleasant reputation. How like the road to Gimbie all of Ethiopia appeared to be as we thought of the final harvest. There were difficulties and problems everywhere, and the results seemed all too meagre. Yet we found the workers everywhere of cheerful courage and confident that a new day is about to dawn in this ancient empire of the African highlands. Soon the mountains and valleys will be levelled, they hope, and every way made straight and plain for the promulgation of the Gospel in Ethiopia. We join the brethren there in asking that you pray with and for them as they face the tremendous challenge of the Ethiopia of the Gimbie Road.

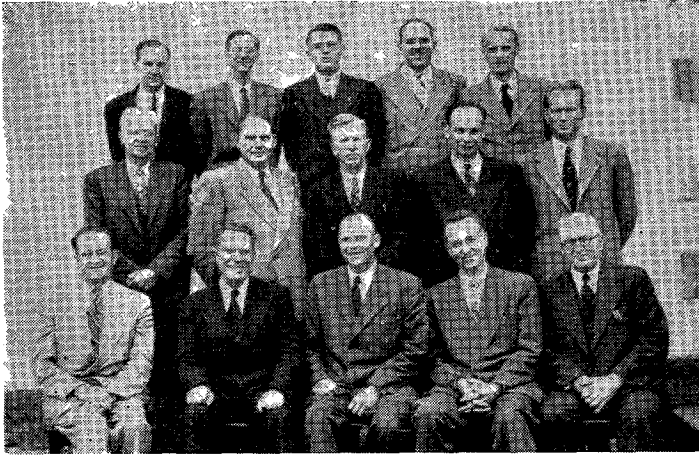
Fellow Travellers

But as we meet and touch each day
The many travellers on our way,
Let every such brief contact be
A glorious, helpful ministry!
The contact of the soil and seed;
Each giving to the other's need—
Each helping on the other's best,
And blessing each as well as blest!

—S. Coolidge.

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Christ fits His ministers through manifold experiences of sorrow and pain for the highest service. Such as He would make most eminent in His service, He takes farthest with Him into Gethsemane!—Dr. Taylor.



Workers in attendance at the Annual Committee meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Back: W. S. Jensen, Erik Palm, Claude Steen, F. L. Artress, Kristian Hogganvik.

Middle: V. E. Toppenberg, M. G. Anderson, H. A. Hanson, H. E. Davis, Mangor Omiland.

Front: L. Mark Hamilton, A. F. Tarr, S. A. Broberg, Union President, T. R. Flaiz, General Conference, E. B. Rudge.

Ethiopia Plans for Vigorous Evangelism

By E. B. Rudge

THE Ethiopian Union Mission, with its membership of 745 and a force of seventy-four workers, incorporates the following territories: Ethiopia, Eritrea, Southern Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, and the Somalilands.

Recently, it was the privilege of Dr. L. M. Hamilton and myself to spend five weeks in visiting this field, as well as attending the annual meeting of the union mission committee. It was a most interesting experience to travel around in this country, so much of which is volcanic and mountainous, and to see its people, representing varied races and speaking strange and unfamiliar languages.

Through past years a very successful medical missionary work has been carried on in several centres. The main hospital is located at Addis Ababa, where a training school for nurses is proving to be a very impressive feature of our medical work.

At the time of the annual committee meeting, study was given to the development of plans for the future, having in mind particularly the extension of the evangelistic work. To attain this end special plans have been laid for the development of an Ethiopian ministry and an aggressive band of colporteur evangelists. In working out these plans, it is the intention of the brethren in the near future, as funds make it possible, to establish a printing press in connection with the mission headquarters at Addis Ababa, and to steadily build up a force of regular colporteurs. The union committee has planned to hold a series of four col-

porteurs' institutes during June and July of this year.

In recent years, successful evangelism has been carried forward in the western portion of Ethiopia and in Eritrea. Despite the difficulties that must be faced in this feature of the work, plans have been laid for the building up of an Ethiopian ministry. Toward the attainment of this purpose, two young men during this year will devote their full time to evangelism. These young men are enthusiastically joining in this project. It is also planned for Pastor H. E. Davis to conduct a vigorous campaign in the city of Asmara, Eritrea, during 1952.

Encouraging developments among the Shankarli people and the success attending a recent effort in Eritrea lead the brethren to look forward to a steadily increasing return from their planned evangelistic efforts. It is interesting to note that a fine group of young people in the Kuyera Training School, and another company of students in the Akaki Secondary School—many of whom are turning their minds toward full-time service within the cause of God—are factors in leading the brethren to believe that soon we shall have a competent force of Ethiopian workers in full-time evangelistic service.

Further encouraging omens are certain providential leadings connected with the training school at Kuyera. About two years ago a young male student at Kuyera asked to be granted temporary leave of absence to visit his people many days' distance from the school. He expected to be absent for about six weeks. Two years

went by before the young man returned to the school. During the month of January the teachers were surprised one morning to find this young man back again among their student group. They were even more surprised at the story he had to tell. He reported that he had spent the two years in visiting among the people of his tribe and in striving to teach them the truths of the message. He concluded his report by stating that he had approximately one hundred among his own tribesmen who were now keeping the Sabbath and asking for baptism. Elder Toppenberg, principal of the Kuyera Training School, plans to make contact with these interested people at an early date.

Here is another interesting development. There came to the school a few months ago a little boy some twelve years of age. This young lad was stolen by a group of cattle dealers and sold into slavery in the province in which our Kuyera School is located. The boy heard about the mission school, and he felt impressed that for him this was the place of refuge. He finally managed to run away from his masters and reached the school. Here he was made welcome. As his story was unfolded the brethren finally were able to locate his people and send word to his parents as to his safety and location. By the time the boy's father reached the school, the lad had been deeply impressed by the things he had heard and seen. Naturally, the father desired to take the boy home. However, the boy insisted that he must remain in the school and prepare himself for a place as a teacher among his own tribesmen.

These favourable omens in this very difficult land lead the brethren to look expectantly to the day when the statement of the psalmist shall be very widely fulfilled: "Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God." Psa. 68:31.



Youth Camp

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choir of 600 voices accompanied by a well-known orchestra and supported by famous soloists.

For further details of the M.V. Holiday Camp and a booklet entitled, "What's Hatching?" write now to: Pastor V. H. Cooper, M.V. Secretary, North England Conference, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham, England.

V. H. COOPER.

ADVENT YOUTH COME!

Camp on the Seashore of SNOWDONIA, North Wales

SOME of my happiest memories are associated with camp. Memory takes me back to the camp fires on the hillock at Dinas Dinlle, watching the sun sinking over the rim of the sea, sending out long streamers of crimson and pink across the darkening sky. Our thoughts go way beyond the sunset. Readily to our lips come the words:

Beyond the sunset one blissful morning
When with our Saviour heaven is begun,
Earth's toiling ended, oh, glorious dawning,
Beyond the sunset when day is done.

Our hearts are drawn out to God.
Desires for holiness well up in the soul.
Decisions are made for God—and made for life.

In addition to being a powerful evangelistic endeavour, our camps foster a warm spirit of comradeship and Christian fellowship. Young people who cannot make friends with worldlings need the companionship of those who have similar ideals and desires.

Again this year we are holding M.V. camps at Dinas Dinlle, Caernarvon, North Wales. The spacious site adjacent to the sea will be dotted with white tents from August 1st to August 28th.

Seniors—August 1st to August 18th
Juniors—August 18th to August 28th

Through the medium of the NORTHERN LIGHT we wish to extend an invitation to all youth in the Division who are able to join us. Come to the camp on the seashore of Snowdonia. Some of the loveliest scenery in Britain is on our doorstep. In addition to visiting Snowdon (3,650 ft.), we are planning a boat trip aboard the *St. Trillo* along the beautiful North Wales coast.

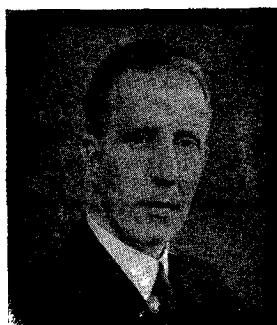
Plans are also afoot to make a day trip to the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales at Aberystwyth held from August 4th to 9th and coinciding with part of the Senior camp. There will be competitions in music both instrumental and vocal, and in the evening a celebrity concert with a

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In Memoriam

So sudden and unexpected was the sad news which reached us on March 4th, that Pastor Peder Gustav Nelson had passed away! Only three days earlier, at the close of the West Nordic Union committee meeting held at Skodsborg Sanitarium, we had parted, not realizing that we would not meet again in this life.

We had had a good and profitable session in the best of brotherly fellowship. Pastor Nelson had taken an active part in the deliberations, as well as serving as interpreter to those present who did not understand any of the Scandinavian languages. On Sabbath, March 1st, he had preached in one of the churches in Copenhagen, leaving that night for Oslo,



and Onsrud Missionary Training School, of which he had been principal since last summer.

It seems so hard to realize that Pastor Nelson is gone. It happened so suddenly. We can now only bow our heads in deep mourning over the loss of a faithful and loyal fellow-worker, a good brother and leader, one who has made a great contribution to the Advent movement in Denmark and Norway.

Pastor Nelson was born in Oslo on August 27, 1893. He was baptized and joined the church at the age of twelve. Early in his youth he helped his father in his evangelistic campaigns. After having completed the ministerial training course at the Danish-Norwegian school at Naerum, near Copenhagen, he held his own campaigns, beginning in Stange, near Hamar, Norway.

Pastor Nelson spent two years studying in the United States, one year at Hutchinson Seminary and one year at Emmanuel Missionary College, returning in 1922. While in the States he married Miss Anna Skands from Denmark, who had gone there shortly after Pastor Nelson.

During his years of service our brother served successfully in many and varied endeavours. He was Bible teacher at the Danish-Norwegian Union School at Naerum for some time; then departmental secretary in the Scandinavian Union Conference from 1926 to 1929; editor at the Norwegian Publishing House from 1929 to 1936; president of the West Danish Conference from 1937 to 1939; president of the West Nordic Union Conference from 1939 to 1951; and at the West Nordic Union session last year he was asked to become principal of Onsrud Missionary Training School in Norway.

For twelve years Pastor Nelson served as president of the West Nordic Union, which comprises Denmark and Norway. During the time of the present union organization no-one has borne such heavy responsibilities for so long a time. What burdens this responsibility brought with it, only those who were his closest fellow-workers know. The years of the Second World War belong to this period. Conditions during the war had, as far as travelling and visiting were concerned, separated the two countries from each other, but even if for that reason Pastor Nelson spent most of the war years in Denmark, his heart beat warm and strong for the brethren and sisters in Norway. In the memorial service that followed the funeral service, Dr. A. Andersen, the medical director of Skodsborg Sanitarium, made mention of the fact that Pastor Nelson was the moving spirit in arranging for food shipments which were sent from Denmark to Norway during the hardest years of the occupation.

In the reorganization of the union field after the war, Pastor Nelson had the great task of gathering together and reconstructing that which had broken up during those evil days of the war. It was a work that required patience, understanding, love, and Christian faith, and Pastor Nelson was blessed with these qualities. He was respected by his brethren for his sincerity, his desire to do the will of God, and his sympathetic appreciation of the opinions of others. He never sought to dictate, but to lead.

The funeral service was both solemn and impressive. So many wanted to follow our brother to his resting-place that all could not get into the chapel at the cemetery. A great number of wreaths and floral tributes from relatives, fellow-workers, denominational organizations, and firms from all parts of the union, covered the casket. Messages of con-

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NEWS FLASH

ELDER G. A. HUSE, secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, has spent a few days in London on his way home from an extensive visit to Southern Asia and the Far East Divisions. He made a brief visit to Stockholm, Sweden, while here to counsel with the brethren there on pressing problems affecting the publishing work in that union.

Welcome visitors to the Division are Drs. W. E. Macpherson and J. W. McFarland. Dr. Macpherson is the president of the College of Medical Evangelists, and Dr. McFarland is the associate-secretary of the Medical Department of the General Conference. These brethren have come to attend the Medical Missionary Convention convening in Oslo, Norway, from April 10th to 14th.

The Netherland Union held a Youth Congress at Utrecht from April 11th to 13th. The Division was represented at this Congress by Dr. L. M. Hamilton, Division Educational secretary, and Pastor R. A. Vince, Missionary Volunteer leader for the British Union Conference.

Surprise visitors to Division headquarters recently were Elder and Mrs. C. D. Henri and child, on their way to the States on furlough. These missionaries came from Liberia where Elder Henri has been leading out in a strong way in evangelistic work.

The three Division officers, Pastors A. F. Tarr, president, G. A. Lindsay, treasurer, and E. B. Rudge, secretary, are in attendance at the Medical Missionary Convention at Oslo, Norway, where a large number of our health workers throughout the Division are gathered together to study problems of mutual interest.

A recent report from the West Denmark Conference informs us that twelve branch Sunday-schools are being conducted in that conference, and that the enrolment includes some 1,200 children and young people not of our faith. This is indeed cheering news.

The president of the Sierra Leone Mission, Pastor E. Keslake, and family, have spent a few days in London on their way home to the United States, to enjoy a well-earned furlough.

Our hospital at Ile-Ife, Nigeria, reports a very encouraging year's work:

2,000 patients were hospitalized during the year.

Out-patients treated number 46,000.
330 obstetrical cases were cared for.

The School of Midwifery connected with the Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria, graduated its first class of Grade 2 midwives a few weeks ago. Five were in the class and these all succeeded in passing the Government examination for registration. Out of a total of twenty-three graduate midwives sitting for this examination only eleven passed, and from these, five were from the Ile-Ife School. The top three positions in this Government examination were filled by our Ile-Ife graduates.

The doctors and nurses caring for the work at Ile-Ife Hospital have a deep interest in the Sabbath-school work. The hospital Sabbath-school has a membership of almost 200. In addition, the staff of the hospital operate five branch Sabbath-schools. These schools are in strategic centres in the mission area of the Ile-Ife Hospital.

**"Being perplexed, I say,
Lord, make it right!
Night is as day to Thee,
Darkness as light.
I am afraid to touch
Things that involve so much;
My trembling hand may shake,
My skill-less hand may break;
Thine can make no mistake."**

**"Being in doubt I say,
Lord, make it plain;
Which is the true, safe way?
Which would be gain?
I am not wise to know,
Nor sure of foot to go;
What is so clear to Thee,
Lord, make it clear to me."**

The following figures from the Zauditu Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa, give an interesting picture of the work covered in that institution last year:

Out-patients cared for	—	44,542
Bed-patients cared for	—	9,378
Major operations	—	102
Minor operations	—	713
Infants born in the institution during the year	—	630

Word comes from the British Union Voice of Prophecy office that new enrolments during April in the London area have passed the three-thousand mark.

The Division Sabbath-school membership stands at 62,923 enrolled in 1,106 Sabbath-schools; 3,749 new members were enrolled in the first three quarters of 1951. The percentage relation of Sabbath-school members to church members is 155.

In Memoriam

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dolence, as well as appreciation of past service, both from the General Conference and the Northern European Division, were read.

Pastor Nelson leaves to mourn this untimely loss, a devoted wife and daughter, an aged mother, a brother, and other relatives, friends, and fellow-workers.

It is not possible in a few words to summarize the importance of the task that our departed leader accomplished during the long time that he served the cause of God. He alone who knows all, understands and appreciates the unselfish and wholehearted service our brother rendered. And if one should in one single sentence try to express the memory that most forcefully lingers with us, it can hardly be expressed better than in the words that the students of Onsrud Missionary Training School had inscribed on the wide silk ribbon on their wreath: "Thank you for the example you gave us."

Pastor Nelson's decease has caused deep mourning among all who knew him. We honour his memory and we will do this by promising one another that we will, by the grace of God, advance speedily the cause he loved so much and to which he gave the best of his strength.

ALF LOHNE,
President, West Nordic Union.

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