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# THE CHALLENGE OF MISSIONS

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TEN weeks of travel in West Africa will leave vivid impressions upon the mind of any visitor. But add to that travel a survey of the various aspects of an ever-enlarging mission programme, and one is easily moved with appreciation for what has been accomplished; yet one is equally stirred by the challenge of what remains to be done to evangelize the vast unentered areas.

Through Sierra Leone and Liberia, across Ivory Coast, into Gold Coast and Nigeria, one sees the thrilling triumphs of the Gospel in the nobly enriched lives of once alienated men, but now lifted to purer and holier living in Christ. On every mission compound, at every clinic, school, and out-station, the visitor finds abundant cause for rejoicing. If he remains on the scene long enough, and observes closely enough, his joys will be sobered by the need for larger services, which everywhere presents itself.

Imagine the thrill of accompanying a paramount chief to a prominent elevation overlooking his village, which he gives to the mission for a new house of worship. Try to sense the joy that comes to one who speaks of Christ and salvation to the chief men of a village, where the Bible was unknown, and where before now the Gospel was never preached. Think of the pleasure of wading into a clear running stream and of burying native converts in Christian baptism. Experience the sheer

## *We Will Remember*

FAREWELL! Ah yes, we wished you then  
GOD-SPEED.

As to your task you bravely set your  
face:

We prayed that God would bless you in  
your deed

And pledged our full support at the home  
base.

We give our gifts, and joy in sacrifice;  
Nor our dear youth from service shall we  
hold:

Some have arisen and will pay the price—  
To labour by your side they have  
enrolled.

Keep to your task. God's work will soon  
be o'er,

And He is just—He does remember, too,  
Your work of love, your patient toil, and  
more—

A great reward He has reserved for you.

When loneliness would try your faith to  
shake

And you are apt to ask if it's worth  
while—

Remember then—our pledge we will not  
break.

Look bravely up, go forward with a  
smile.

'Twill not be long ere all your work is  
through.

Till then, dear friends, WE WILL  
REMEMBER YOU.

Stanley Combridge.

satisfaction of hearing newly-won native believers praising the great God of heaven for sending the missionary with the message of Christ, when you have shared in the support of that missionary family. Then preach the wonderful story of salvation and have it three times interrupted by songs bursting rapturously out of the mouths of deeply-moved men and women, while others of their number yield body and soul in surrender to Christ. Listen to little children singing the songs of heaven in a strange tongue, and hear them join with their parents in prayer to God for greater understanding and help to live the better life. Share the pleasures of a serenade of Gospel hymns which is your welcome to a native village, then follow the believers as they escort you with singing to the place of meeting, and out of the village again with a musical farewell, meanwhile, they are lavishing their love upon you in kindly words of thanks and simple gifts of fruit and flowers and foods. Then you are perfectly willing to be forgiven if your own joy overflows in thrilling tears. But you will be eternally happy that through the years you gave freely to missions and helped to make those experiences possible.

But not all that the visitor sees and hears in mission lands is rosy; for like the unsuspected prick of a brier on the stem of the rose, much that one observes on his visit tends to sober the heart, if it does not prick the conscience.

## FACING THE FUTURE

By F. D. Nichol



*Missionaries travelling a hot, dusty bush trail into the interior of the Gold Coast.*

Listen to a delegation of men that have walked miles from a remote village to plead for a teacher to come and instruct them and their children in the things of Christ, when you know that no teacher is available. Hear a chief plead with the mission superintendent to continue the operation of his school, and for lack of funds, he is told, "We cannot, for the present at least." See another building on a site which was once set aside for your own mission, simply because funds from your home base were not sufficient to carry out the operations as promised. Look at the large number of sick that had to be turned away from your clinic untreated, many of whom you know have struggled over rugged miles to this disappointment, only for want of better facilities and adequate medications. Regularly they appear at the clinic, men, women, and little children, festering with tropical ulcers, their bodies eroded by diseases of the skin and wasting away from triple forms of leprosy. See them needlessly crippled and maimed and hopelessly blind, when in many cases the simplest attentions may have saved all, only those attentions were not available when needed. Hear the mission doctor fretting as he discovers that an infant has expired in the arms of its weeping mother, while she waited her turn for the help that came too late; which help also is openly insufficient to attend to all of the most needy cases in time.

Add to these the fact that similar experiences are re-enacted many times over in literally hundreds of villages in the vast unentered areas of Africa, and you are to feel some of the emotional disturbances which beset the missionary all too often.

When it is remembered that the above cases represent only some of the more

common experiences, and only some of the most urgent needs which the missionary faces, then mission operations begin to take on a much different aspect of appeal. No attempt is made here to rehearse the personal inconveniences, privations, and dangers which are the common lot of the missionary. These alone will surely make their appeal to the conscience. But the emphasis here is shaped by things which impress themselves upon the conscience of the visitor, and make their appeal to the supporters of missions.

Admittedly, the visitor has a struggle with his conscience when he witnesses the above. His conscience not only chides him, it literally smites him, when he considers how little he has done to help, and how small have been his efforts in support of foreign missions. Then and there he decides that from what he sees of missions, it is one of the most deserving and needy of church enterprises. He is convinced that foreign missions pay a thousand times over, in men and women restored to Christ, in salvaged and recovered lives of children and youth; in the training of African youth to assume responsibility for the betterment of their own people, in the guidance given to parents in procedures for better home conditions, and general health, in instructions offered in child care, youth development, and discipline. He resolves firmly that his giving to missions hereafter, shall be larger, systematic, sacrificial, and at last, purposeful, based on enlightenment and sympathy and love, such love, as the Christ must have felt during His sojourn among men. Then only can the words of our Lord live in us, for, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren," He says, "ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25:40.

THE most important asset we must possess as we face the future is a renewed conviction that this Advent movement is an expression of the mind and purpose of God; that we are here, not by accident, but by prophetic decree.

## THE DANGER OF APATHY

The degree of our earnestness in proclaiming our message is measured by the intensity and vividness of our belief in it. We face, not so much the danger of apostasy from the faith, as the danger of apathetic, matter-of-factness of belief. You cannot truly talk about the coming of Christ in a monotone! Apathetically to affirm belief in the Advent is virtually to deny it. If our unique message is to make the right impress on the world, our whole lives, the expression of our faces, and the tone of our voices must be tuned to it. We like to tell the world of how the events of to-day fit the prophetic forecasts. And that is proper. But the question before us is not so much whether the times fit the forecasts, as whether our lives do. Only a mood of intense earnestness, fervour, and enthusiasm comports with the message committed to us. And that mood is generated only in the souls of those who intensely believe. No crusader for God ever sharpened his sword on the grindstone of doubt.

Now, strong belief springs from something more than prophetic evidence and scriptural argument. These have their place. But there must also be a daily practice of the presence of God. The key to blazing success in our Advent task is a more vivid and constant consciousness of the supernatural realm, of God and the angels and the Garden of Eden.

## THE GREAT MEN OF GOD

We marvel at the courage and the success of Elijah on Mount Carmel, who held a rebellious host at bay and finally drew from their sullen lips a confession of the true God. The secret of his power is found in his words to Obadiah: "As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand."

Not the ship's captain, nor the centurion, but the prisoner Paul, was the one whose looks and words drew audience and attention, for he could declare: "There stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve."

Elijah, Paul, and all the other mighty men of old possessed a constant consciousness of God. They stood in His presence, they saw His angels round about them, they saw the glory of a better country. That was why they were mighty men.

NEED OF DIVINE PRESENCE

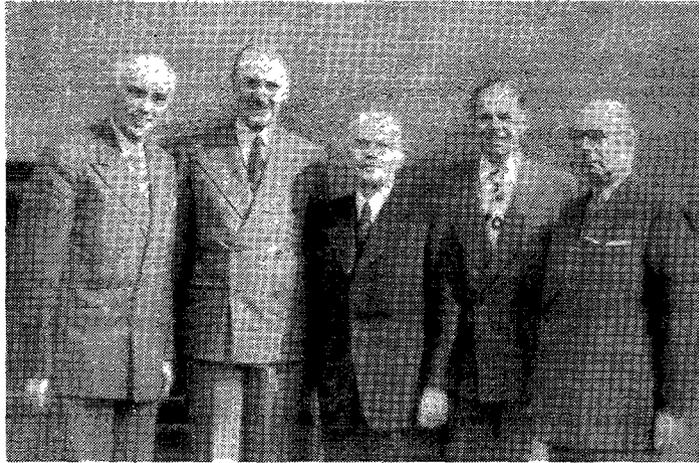
Perhaps we need better techniques in the mechanics of evangelism. I am for every improvement that will aid us. And doubtless many of us need better education. I am for the improvement of the mind. We may even need further refinements in the mechanics of conference and institutional organizations. I am for efficiency in God's work. But as we face the future, our need, above all else, is for men who declare with compelling conviction: "There stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve." Who can say without presumption: "As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand."

Of Stephen, the record states: "And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel."

Reflecting on his face the glory of God, from his communion with heavenly beings, Stephen and others like him were able, in one short generation, to shake the foundations of the then-known world. If we are to finish, shortly, God's work in the whole earth, we too, will have to reveal more of that heavenly light on our faces. That light will enable us to see through dark and difficult problems, and will give us irresistible power in our ministry.

If we who are ministers would have that light, that vision, of the unseen, we must make the same resolve that the apostles made: "We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." Acts 6:4. God becomes real only to the man who turns his eyes heavenward long enough each day for heaven to come sharply into focus.

We should daily pray to have our eyes opened to see the glory of God, to see our guardian angels, to see the rapturous beauties of Eden. And if we sincerely wish to work together with God for the fulfillment of that prayer, we will focus our minds less often on earthly subjects that have no possible relation to God's work. Men who live in anticipation of receiving messages from God will ever keep tuned to Heaven. We shall never be great men of God by accident. Our greatness can come only from following a great programme of renunciation of earthly interests.



Some of the leading doctors at the Medical Convention:

Left to right.—  
Dr. J. D. Henriksen,  
Dr. W. E. Macpherson,  
Dr. A. Andersen.  
Dr. Wayne McFarland,  
Dr. V. Sucksdorff.

## MEDICAL CONVENTION

Held at Oslo from April 10th to 14th

By A. H. WILLIAMS

Medical Supt., Stanborough Park Sanitarium, Great Britain

WHEN Dr. A. Andersen of Skodsborg Sanitarium, and Medical Secretary of the Northern European Division, rose to open the first meeting at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 1952, over four hundred delegates and other churchmembers were present in the Oslo (Norway) church, appropriately named Bethel.

These had come from all over Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland, as well as from Holland, Great Britain, and Eire. A very welcome visitor was Dr. A. Müller from the Gland Sanitarium, Switzerland. Somewhat later arrivals in the course of the convention were W. E. Macpherson, M.D., Dean of the College of Medical Evangelists, and J. W. McFarland, M.D., Associate Medical Secretary of the General Conference. Much to our regret they had been delayed in transit.

The delegates included, in addition to A. F. Tarr, E. B. Rudge, and G. A. Lindsay from the Northern European Division, the presidents of the Netherland Union, the East and West Nordic Unions, and the British Union, together with the medical secretaries of the last three. Doctors, managers, nurses, and other workers were present from practically every denominational medical institution in the unions named, whether large or small, conference, or privately owned.

We regret that the great distances involved, prevented the attendance of delegates from the Division's mission fields in Africa. However, we welcomed Miss Martha Hansen, a missionary from the

Southern African Division, who was in attendance.

A large map studded with flags, showed vividly how many health institutions there are in the Scandinavian countries, where through the years since Skodsborg, Hultafors, and the other sanitariums were founded, their graduates have gone out to open their own treatment rooms.

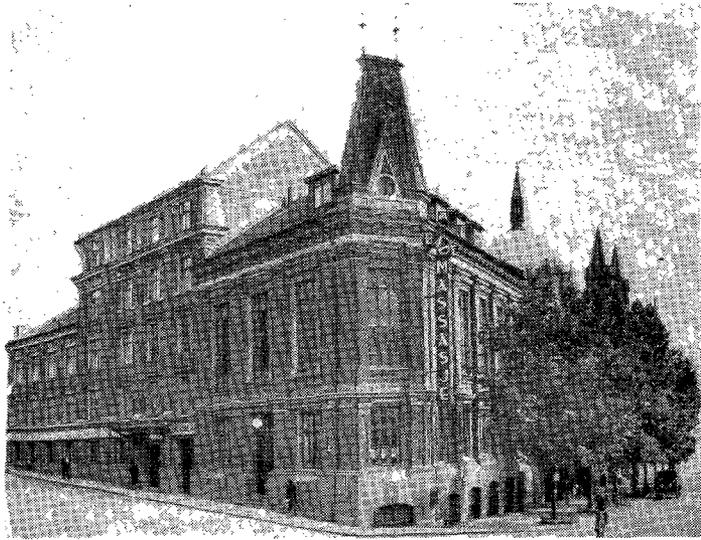
The daily programme opened with a devotional half-hour. As health workers, equally with all other branches of this movement, we are engaged in a spiritual work; and the morning devotion served to lay a true foundation for the day's business.

Following this, lectures on medical subjects were given by W. E. Macpherson M.D., J. W. McFarland, M.D., and other physicians present. Then the delegation separated into three groups for discussion or demonstration of physiotherapy, cooking, and medical topics of special interest to physicians.

The afternoon programmes followed the same plan as in the morning.

Two evenings were devoted to illustrated lectures. An excellent film depicting physiotherapy applied to the rehabilitation of infantile paralysis patients, was of great interest; while the lantern lecture given by an Oslo orthopedic surgeon on the surgical treatment of joint conditions, helped to bring us up-to-date on this important subject.

On Friday evening Pastor W. W. Armstrong occupied the pulpit. His message was deeply appreciated.



*The Adventist Headquarters in Oslo where the Medical Convention was held. The church is on the first floor of the corner house.*

*"Kurbadet," the clinic, is on the left. It is the first of its kind in Scandinavia.*

Sabbath morning we assembled in a theatre in the city, so as to accommodate the greatly increased congregation. About six hundred and fifty were present for Sabbath-school. The lesson was conducted by Pastor G. A. Lindsay. This was followed by a service led by Pastor A. F. Tarr, who preached a very inspiring sermon.

On Sunday afternoon and evening the

convention adjourned for a social occasion, including an outing to the Olympic ski-jump, high above the city, where a magnificent view of the lovely Oslo fjord is to be seen. Afterward we gathered in a delightful concert hall on the hill-top, where three or four hundred sat down to an excellent supper, the courses of which were interspersed by songs, recitations, and lan-

tern slides, which brought us glimpses of the many countries from which the delegates had come.

On Monday we assembled for business as before, this being the closing day of the convention.

When the time came to disperse, the feeling was unanimous that the convention had been a great success, thanks largely to the excellent preparatory work done by A. Andersen, M.D., and J. D. Henriksen, M.D., and many others, as also to the valiant interpreters upon whom very heavy work fell by reason of the polyglot nature of the assembly.

Much of Tuesday was occupied by an administrative council, attended by those specially concerned with management problems.

Personally, we look back to the Oslo Medical Convention, 1952, as a happy and valuable occasion. While the world at large is sharply divided along racial and political lines, in this movement we are united in and by the Gospel. May that spirit of unity be ever present among us, as an example to mankind of the meaning and purpose of the Christian message.

## Fifty Years in the Canvassing Field

By Unto Hongisto, *Publishing Secretary, West Finland*

ONE day in March I visited a little town in West Finland. As the train pulled into the station of Kristinestad I immediately noticed an old man standing in the same place on the platform as he had always stood whenever he expected visitors. It was a touching sight, this tiny grey fellow, now seventy-four years old, but as busy and faithful in the canvassing work as he had been ten, twenty-five, and even fifty years ago. During five decades he has given himself entirely to the task of delivering good Advent literature in our northern country, and these many years of diligent work for God have marked him.

We were very happy to see each other. We left the railway station and soon arrived at a nice little house where the Höglund family is still living. However, the old colporteur's wife is mostly alone now, for their five children have left home. One of the girls is a missionary nurse in Ethiopia.

We had a good chat about things. However, our thoughts soon wandered back to

old times. The old veteran is asked many questions by his younger fellow-worker.

"I just wondered, Brother Höglund," I said, "how you received the light of the Advent message. It's a long time ago, isn't it?"

"Yes, it is fifty years ago. When this century began I was a partner in a business firm in Borga. My associate in the firm had a relative who was an Adventist and she presented some books to his family and sold a book to me. One day, in the winter of 1901-1902, the publishing secretary, Nils Hammar, walked around the market selling Advent literature."

"There was no-one to preach the Advent message at that time, was there?"

"Well, there was a minister from America whose name was John Hoffman. He was holding efforts in Borga at that time. I began visiting his meetings and soon I wanted to visit the Sabbath-school."

"When were you baptized?" I asked him.

"The fifth of June, 1902. Brother Hoffman asked me what I was going to do after being baptized. After a short discussion it was decided that I should go out canvassing on the ninth of June. When the train arrived at Haapamaki, a man got on the train and started selling magazines. This man was Nils Hammar, the colporteur leader. Then straightway began the colporteur councils and I received plenty of good advice."

"How did you get on in your canvassing? They didn't sell many books in those days, did they?"

"When I came home after my first canvassing day, Brother Hammar asked me, 'How many orders did you get?' 'Twenty-five,' I answered. 'Joking apart, just tell the truth,' Brother Hammar urged. But when I insisted, he asked me to show him my order list. I can still remember how his smile broadened the more he read my list. Brother Hammar had taken fourteen orders. Next day I again took twenty-five orders, as well as the following day."

"But how did you manage so extremely well?"

"I think it was God's blessing that worked it. Nowadays many may say, 'No

wonder Höglund is so successful, he has been canvassing for fifty years.' At this time there was nobody to say this. But there was something I noticed when going out canvassing together with Brother Hammar. He always used to say, 'I'm sure this book will be a blessing to you.' I have followed his example and have noticed the influence of these words."

"Have you canvassed every year?"

"From 1902 to 1908 I was in the field all of the time. In autumn of 1908 I went to Nyhyttan Missionary College in Sweden. I remained there for three winters, but in the summer I went canvassing. In 1911 I went back to Finland again and started canvassing in Tampere. At the conference meeting in 1912 I was elected as the publishing secretary. This post I held for twenty-one years or until 1933. In these years, however, I often went canvassing."

"How did you get time for canvassing? You were the only colporteur leader in Finland, weren't you?"

"When I started as a colporteur there were only four to six colporteurs in our colporteur councils. But the number grew and soon there were fifteen to twenty-five colporteurs. You will understand now how I felt when last year I met 130 literature evangelists in the colporteur councils at Toivonlinna Missionary College."

"How did you get the believers interested in the canvassing work?"

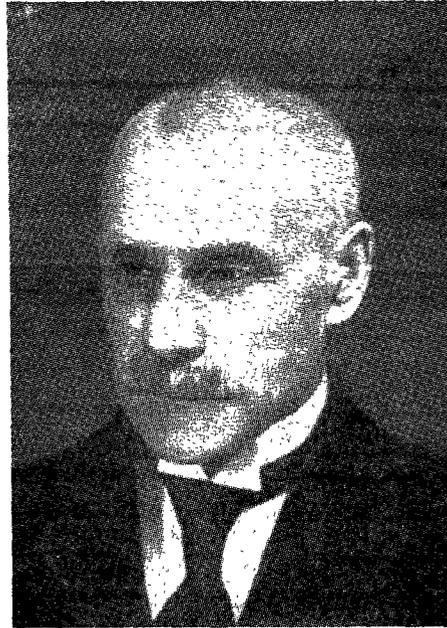
"I never neglected attending a baptismal service and asking the newly baptized if they would like to go canvassing."

"You have had many interesting experiences in the work, haven't you?"

"Yes, I have. I remember, for instance, one day in 1918, during the civil war. I had to go out canvassing with Brother Hjalmar Halminen. On the way to our territory in a part of Helsinki we came to a street where a battle was in progress. We managed to avoid the bullets and get to another street where Brother Hammar, now the publishing house manager, was living. You must know it wasn't easy to get into Brother Hammar's house, for people were shooting in the street and from the windows, but God protected us."

"I see you have had plenty of experiences. But what were the first things you had to teach colporteurs?"

"Well, many times I started to teach them orthography and simple arithmetic. There were many in those days who had little education. I always tried to make every colporteur understand the necessity



Otto Höglund  
Literature Evangelist 1902-19—

of diligent work. I told them that fifty to sixty hours of work a week was not too much. I also tried to make them understand that the early morning hours should always be used."

"Yes, I have heard how you sometimes went to awaken sleepy colporteurs in the early morning. But, please, tell me, didn't you think that in 1933 the time had come to finish your work? You were fifty-five years old then, weren't you?"

"As long as I have health and strength I want to spread the light in our country through the Advent literature."

"Have you ever counted the number of parishes and towns in which you have worked?"

"Yes, I have worked in 173 territories, of which thirty-two are towns. I have been in Suojarvi in the east, Aland and Vasa in the west, Hango in the south, and toward the Norwegian border."

"What books have you sold during the time you have been in the work?"

"All the books published in our publishing house in Finland during the last fifty years."

"Do you know how many copies you have sold?"

"I don't know. I've lost count, I fear."

"We do not have the exact figures either. Since 1939, however, you have sold 12,274 big books and 4,322 small books. You have taken 1,120 magazine orders, that is 13,440

magazines. The total selling amount is 3,418,032 Finnish marks (£5,340 or \$14,796). We have to remember that the mark's value has fallen off all the time during those years. Have you lost count of your working hours, too, during the last thirteen years?"

"Yes."

"You have done 24,254 hours, or an average of 1,865 hours every year. That is a large number of hours for a man of sixty-one to seventy-four years old. You have been a good example to our literature evangelists. Tell me, Brother Höglund, have you ever regretted starting out in this work?"

"In the first summer I was in the work, there was a man from another denomination who said to me, 'It will not be very long before you will see your error, leave this church, and this work.' Fifty years have passed away, but God has all this time taken care of me. I have never doubted the Advent message. If we diligently study the Word of God, we will always remain zealous and devoted to the work of God. I have never regretted going into the literature work."

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

The following are the dates of the annual meetings to be held in Europe and Great Britain:

### NETHERLAND UNION

South Netherland Conference May 22nd-25th  
North Netherland Conference May 30th-June 2nd

### WEST NORDIC UNION

West Denmark Conference May 28th-June 2nd  
East Denmark Conference June 3rd-8th  
West Norway Conference June 10th-15th  
Legal Meetings (Oslo) June 16th  
East Norway Conference June 17th-22nd  
North Norway Conference June 25th-29th

### EAST NORDIC UNION

Finland-Swedish Conference May 28th-June 2nd  
West Finland Conference June 3rd-8th  
East Finland Conference June 10th-15th  
North Swedish Conference June 17th-22nd  
South Swedish Conference June 24th-29th

### BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE

Irish Mission June 28th  
Scottish Mission July 4th-6th  
Welsh Mission July 12th



## Greetings From Begemder Mission, Ethiopia

By Erling Bjaanes

**B**EFORE I left Begemder on furlough, our native believers there asked me to convey their sincere Christian greetings to their brethren and sisters in the lands across the sea which I would be visiting. This is now one opportunity I have of fulfilling their wishes. On more than one occasion they have expressed their gratitude for the way you believers in the homeland give of your means in order that the Gospel may go forward among their people.

Our members in Begemder have suffered much for their faith. Owing to frequent persecution and trials they have become poor in this world's goods. One village, Guvda, where all are Adventists, has been attacked by bandits and burned down on two occasions. Our believers were robbed of their cattle, food, and clothing, and two old brethren, not being able to escape, were killed in one night.

I have been encouraged many times as I have listened to their testimonies and thanks to God for the "faith" that no-one can steal. They are looking and longing for the soon return of their Saviour.

The native evangelists, some who have had very little education, have gone out among the people and done a wonderful work. They are truly on fire and their hearts are in the right place. Their one desire is to win souls for the Master. During the heavy rainy season it is impossible for them to trek from village to village and so they attend special courses of Bible study at our station. It has been interesting to watch them grow spiritually, thus preparing themselves for yet greater service.

Some of these evangelists have been imprisoned because they have been found preaching in forbidden areas by the Coptic priests. This has not daunted their spirits, and as Peter of old, they have chosen to obey God rather than man.

In Psalm 68:31 we read that "Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God." I have seen evidences of this and a new day is dawning on our evangelistic work there. Thousands upon thousands are sitting in darkness and are in need of the help our message can bring them. I have heard them pleading for teachers and evangelists and doctors, but lack of means and workers prevents us from pressing forward the work in these needy and neglected areas.

Brethren and sisters, will you join with me in remembering our native evangelists and the work in Ethiopia in your daily prayers.

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*The pretty outdoor scene at the investiture service held at the hospital in Addis Ababa.*

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## INVESTITURE AT THE ZAUDITU MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

By Lois Bowen, R.N.

*M.V. Leader*

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*The Adventist village of Guvda which has been burned down twice and two members killed during the last raid.*

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**O**NWARD. Christian soldiers, marching as to war," rang out lustily in Amharic as the procession marched down the walk. First came the M.V. leaders and speakers, then came Miss Mary Magnusson directing, the student nurses in uniform, followed by the other young people to be invested—all singing. With their bright red and blue scarves and insignia, and led by two flag-bearers with the vivid green, yellow, and red of the Ethiopian Missionary Volunteers at the Paris Congress last summer, they made a colourful sight that sunny Sabbath afternoon of February 2nd to the crowd gathered to witness the second Investiture of the Missionary Volunteers of the Zauditu Memorial Hospital.

The hospital has no chapel large enough even for the hospital workers, though a new one is in the blueprint for 1952; so the lawn in front of the training school library was utilized. The temporary platform had a background of two large globes of the world field painted by Miss Bertha Shollenburg representing the M.V. Aim, "The Gospel to all the world." There were decorations of flags and flowers, banners and achievement charts, which vied with the eager faces of the young people who had worked long and hard for this event.

Demonstrations and dialogues followed the processional and welcome to the many visitors. These featured the M.V. Pledge and Law, Reading Course, a Sabbath afternoon hike, learning birds, flowers and trees, Christian help and other Progressive Class requirements. Interspersed

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# Publishing Department Report

Presented at the Winter Council, 1951



It is a pleasure to bring a report of publishing progress to this progressively-minded Council. There is every indication that in these days of evangelistic revival the publishing work is fulfilling the mission predicted for it through the writings of the Spirit of prophecy. At such a meeting as this it is surely unnecessary to repeat the quotations we know so well indicating the part our publishing work will play in the closing days of earth's history and the place our literature will occupy in bringing about the enlightening of the world by the glory of the Advent movement and message.

We take courage from the fact that the first nine months of 1951 are probably the best ever for the sale of our literature throughout this Division territory. The simple story of progress and victory is comprehended in these illuminating figures. We now have 340 faithful and fruitful colporteurs carrying the printed page to the homes in almost every part of our Division. In 1950 there were just about 300—the increase is not only encouraging but it is important as we think of our evangelistic responsibility to the millions of our field. But think of this tremendous increase in sales. For the first nine months of 1951 we are able to report an increase of \$67,967 worth of literature. All our large Union Conferences and Missions report an increase in the number of colporteurs working and of sales achieved.

The Colporteur Institutes this past year have been inspiring gatherings. It has been my privilege to attend institutes in Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Britain, and West Africa.

The student-colporteur achievements have been outstanding this summer. Not all the reports are complete, but already the indications are that around one hundred students will have earned scholarships this summer (and that in spite of the Congress). This will be an increase of about twenty-five per cent over 1950.

By the way, the most remarkable student

achievement of which we have heard so far is that of a student in Norway. In 779 hours he sold \$4,898 worth of books. That's real selling!

From the West Nordic Union also comes the story of a young man working in the Faroe Islands with *Great Controversy*. In a village with about seventy houses he sold thirty-six copies of the book. In another village of sixty houses he sold thirty-eight copies. Surely the light of God's truth has entered these villages!

The revival of our publishing work in West Africa is one of the great events in our evangelistic programme for this Division. It has been an exhilarating experience to meet with our literature-evangelists in that great territory. Evangelists they truly are! It is both amusing and thrilling to hear and see them at work. Their sales technique is of course African, but effective!

One colporteur was stopped by one man three times who asked, "What is in that bag?" "A light," replied the colporteur! Only on the third time of asking did he satisfy the intense curiosity of the inquirer by showing his book and, of course, receiving the order. The purchaser is now a student of the Voice of Prophecy Course.

Brother J. Erundu working in Kaduna, Nigeria, has established a branch Sabbath-school of eighteen members through his colporteur contacts. One day when he was at the railway station in Kaduna doing his colporteur work and passing out Voice of Prophecy enrolment forms, the police arrested him and told him that he must go with them to the police station. On the way to the police station our colporteur introduced the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence pamphlet to this policeman. The policeman stopped, began to look through the pamphlet, became quite interested in it, and enrolled in the Bible Course. After enrolling he told Brother Erundu to forget about going to the police station and if he did it quietly that he could go back to the railway station and pass out the Voice of Prophecy pamphlets and continue his colporteur work, which he did.

Brother Agraw Amoah sold 300 copies of *These Days of Destiny* in Kadjebi, a large town in British Togoland. As a result of these books he has now established a branch Sabbath-school, and the last I

knew was that at least three of the men were keeping the Sabbath.

Brother John Newman in Liberia sold sixty *Message* magazines in two days. In about one week he sold twelve copies of *God's Way Out*, one being sold to the Catholic priest of Kakata.

A letter from Brother W. S. Jensen in Ethiopia gives the good news that the literature ministry, which began in Ethiopia just a few months ago, is making excellent progress. Already a small doctrinal book has been produced in the native language and the distribution of this book is making encouraging progress. Brother Jensen writes that an excellent show of our literature has been made in the International Exhibition held in Addis Ababa. Fifteen thousand tracts were distributed to the people attending the Exhibition and the brethren are greatly pleased with the interest that appears to be developing. There is every indication that there are great possibilities of development for our publishing work in Ethiopia.

Here in the British Union right on the doorstep of our Press and Union Headquarters, the colporteur is doing a marvellous piece of missionary work.

One day one of our colporteurs sold a copy of *Bible Stories* to a lady in the Watford area. This lady became interested in the book and Bible studies were arranged. Within a short time the mother was baptized and the son in the family, age ten, joined our Secondary and Church School at Watford as a pupil. The father is now attending the Stanborough Park church services and further, this family is now bringing another mother and her children to the Sabbath-school each Sabbath. Who can tell just what the final results will be from this one contact by our faithful colporteur-evangelist?

Then just recently the same colporteur sold his first copy of *The Bible Speaks* to another interested family who live almost on the door-step of our British Publishing House. Every Saturday evening there is a Bible study in this home which is conducted by one of our lay brethren and the colporteur.

The husband and wife and son, who is seventeen years of age, are keenly interested in the Bible and they all arrange to be present at each Bible study. There is every indication that this entire family will soon identify themselves with God's remnant people. The son is already considering the possibility of becoming a student at our Newbold Missionary College.

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# NEWS FLASH

Dr. A. W. JOHNSON, secretary of the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference, paid a brief visit to London on April 29th on his way from the United States to Finland, where he was to join Dr. L. Mark Hamilton. Dr. Johnson will be spending several weeks in visiting various parts of the three European Divisions.

Dr. W. Macpherson, president of the College of Medical Evangelists, and Dr. W. McFarland, associate secretary of the General Conference Medical Department, left London on April 29th on their return journey to the United States. The last few days of their visit to the Northern European Division were spent in England and Scotland.

W. B. Ochs, vice-president of the General Conference for the North America Division, is due to arrive in Rotterdam, Holland, on May 19th. Pastor Ochs will be making a fairly general tour of the Northern European Division and will be attending annual meetings in the Netherlands, West Denmark, Finland, and East and North Norway.

T. L. Oswald, secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, visited England from May 7th to May 12th. He was a welcome visitor at Division headquarters and was also a much appreciated speaker at the Stanborough Park church on Sabbath, May 10th.

Pastor A. F. Tarr left Edgware on May 21st to attend annual meetings in the Northern European Division. Pastor Tarr is travelling by car and is accompanied by Mrs. Tarr.

T. J. Bradley returned to the Division office from West Africa on May 9th after an absence of nearly five months, where he has been engaged in evangelistic work and in conducting ministerial institutes.

We are happy to welcome E. L. Minchin back to headquarters after an absence of two and a half months. Brother Minchin reports a very happy and profitable visit to West Africa. Details of this visit will appear later.

G. D. King is at present on the Continent conducting student-colporteur institutes in Holland, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden.

Alf Karlman left London on May 5th for a three weeks' audit itinerary in the Netherlands Union.

Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Hyde sailed from Southampton for West Africa on April 23rd, following their furlough. Pastor Hyde's ministry while on furlough was greatly appreciated by the churches he visited in Great Britain, and also in various parts of Denmark, where several weeks were spent.

Pastor and Mrs. H. J. Welch, of the Bekwai Training School in West Africa, recently spent several days in Great Britain on their way to the United States, where their furlough is to be spent. He was a very welcome visitor at Stanborough Park.

Miss I. White is greatly enjoying her association with old friends in Britain after having served four and a half years in India. It is likely that Miss White will be proceeding to the United States for a portion of her furlough before returning to her field of mission service.

G. L. Anness in his secretary-treasurer's report during the recent West African Union Constituency meeting, paid tribute to a number of overseas missionaries who had given many years of loyal service to West Africa. They included the following: Pastor and Mrs. W. G. Till—29 years; Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Hyde—26 years; Pastor and Mrs. C. A. Bartlett—21 years; Miss A. S. Nuka—20 years; Pastor and Mrs. W. J. Newman—14 years; Miss R. Munderspach—13 years. He also mentioned the following who have returned to their homelands after over 20 years' service: Pastor and Mrs. W. McClements; Pastor and Mrs. J. Clifford; and Brother and Sister M. Duploux.

A. W. Cook, the British Union Publishing secretary, writes that the colporteurs in his union have been doing exploits for God during the first four months of 1952. Every field in the union reveals a gain and they were at the beginning of May, £2,617 ahead of the corresponding period of last year.

Howard and Carrie Nix of the Ranelagh Health Institute, Dublin, writing to Dr. Wayne McFarland, report that in harmony with a suggestion made by him they have started a Children's Health League in connection with their Health Institute. In telling of its inception they write: "First, we let a few children play with our children in our back garden. They gradually increased until we turned it into a story hour on Sunday with pictures and a projector, and each child contributing a song, poem, or something of his own. The Sunday before Christmas we had a party with Mr. Nix as Santa. January 1st began the Health League. Seventeen were present last Sunday. When I go shopping, if it is out of school hours, they run and one carries one parcel—another carries my basket, etc. One evening I went along and a little girl came flying down the street. 'Oh, Mrs. Nix, I've had two baths,' she called out, 'and I've been a good girl, etc.' We are thrilled over the results from the Natural Methods. Our patient list has increased, too, and we are thankful to God."



## Investiture

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were songs by the School of Nursing chorus, in both English and Amharic, and the charge was given by Dr. L. Mark

Hamilton, Division Educational secretary.

It was a happy group of Friends, Companions, and one Guide who were invested by Ato Dessie Kassahoun, our Ethiopian Union Missionary Volunteer secretary, and who received vocational honours in Health and Healing, Blockprinting, Needlecraft, Cookery, and Language.

We were happy to have many visitors besides the hospital family, the Addis Ababa churchmembers, and friends from the town. The workers from the various stations and representatives from the Division who were present for the annual union meeting swelled the audience who stood with bowed heads as the setting sun closed another Sabbath, to ask God's blessing on this group of Ethiopian young people as they pass another milestone in their preparation to Share their Faith.



## Publishing Report

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Time does not permit a fuller recital of the experiences our colporteurs are having. They are enrolling literally thousands in our Bible Correspondence Courses.

The Lord is doing "a new thing." Isa. 43: 18, 19. From the witness of our literature-evangelists a harvest of souls will be gathered in, such as will be a grand surprise in the day of final surprises and rewards.

G. D. KING.

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