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# Evangelism Unlimited!

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AMONG the many commands which our Lord gave to His followers, one stands out with challenging simplicity. Its very brevity adds power to its utterance. The command is "Go." "Go, and tell My brethren. . . ."

"Go and search diligently . . . ;" "Go ye and learn . . . ;" "Go quickly . . . ;" "Go and teach all nations. . . ."

It was vital to the early church that the fires of personal and public evangelism should burn with consuming heat and set the servants of God, baptized as they were with fire, going through the highways and byways winning souls and converting thousands. The initial success which attended the apostolic proclamation of the Gospel is startlingly summed up by Paul in the words of encouragement in Colossians 1:23: "The faith . . . was preached to every creature which is under heaven." "By the co-operation of the divine Spirit, the apostles did a work that shook the world. To every nation was the Gospel carried in a single generation. Glorious were the results that attended the ministry of the chosen apostles of Christ. . . . Not in their own power did the apostles accomplish

their mission, but in the power of the living God. . . . With the might of omnipotence God worked through them to make the Gospel triumphant."—*Acts of the Apostles*, pages 593, 595.

However, we should all remember that "God's work is to be carried forward with power" and finished in triumphant glory. "Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward! Angels of heaven will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the regions beyond can never be laid down till the whole earth is lightened with the glory of the Lord."—*Gospel Workers*, page 470.

Too often the Lord's "Go" is interpreted as Great Obstacles, and we shrink before the challenge of Evangelism. But to-day let us revise our thinking and elevate our vision; God Offers . . . Greater Opportunities.

"We must now by the Holy Spirit's power proclaim the great truths for these last days. It will not be long before everyone will have heard the warning and made his decision. Then shall the end come. . . . God is the great Master-worker, and by His providence He prepares the way for His work to be accomplished. He provides opportunities, opens up lines of influence, and channels of working. If His people are watching the indications of His providence, and stand ready to co-operate with Him, they will see a great work accomplished." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 24.) The expression, "if His people are watching," indicates the possibility of a lethargic

attitude toward our most vital commission.

While the five foolish virgins slept, the bridegroom arrived for the marriage festivities! While the landowner slept, the enemy sowed tares in his field! While the disciples slept, Jesus fought the supreme battle of His earthly life, alone! It would be an unforgettable embarrassment to the church of Jesus Christ if, with unprecedented opportunities for evangelism on every hand, God should find His appointed representatives asleep in this critical hour. We should determine NOW whether we are conquering enemy strongholds for the Master or whether we have been conquered by the dangerously soothing spirit of lukewarmness, which changes Golden Opportunities into Great Obstacles and prevents us from Going Out on our God-appointed task. "Everywhere the light of truth is to shine forth, that hearts now in the sleep of ignorance may be awakened and converted. In all countries and cities the Gospel is to be proclaimed. . . . The time has come, the important time, when, through God's messengers, the scroll is being unrolled to the world. The truth comprised in the first, second, and third angel's messages must go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; it must lighten the darkness of every continent and extend to the islands of the sea."—*Evangelism*, page 19.

"Go ye into all the world"—is our challenging commission. The day of resting has not yet come.

# New and Dynamic Preaching in GREAT BRITAIN

By W. W. Armstrong, *President*



THE existence of fifty millions of people in these small islands is a challenging fact to every thinking Adventist. The evangelization of the masses within our sea coasts is a serious and often perplexing problem to the 6,000 members who re-

side here. After sixty years of labour only 6,000 members! Only one Adventist to every 8,400 non-Adventists!

As we look back we find several hundreds of people have been baptized year by year. For this our hearts are very grateful, but the figure remains fairly static. There has been nothing outstanding, no phenomenal success to report. Adventism is still largely unknown in these islands, and because we have not publicized ourselves, we have given our enemies opportunity to present us in a most unfavourable light.

The masses of Great Britain will never be reached by the "scratching on the surface" method of the past fifty years. If ever we are to catch up with and overtake the malicious criticism penned and preached concerning us for many years, we shall have to adopt a programme which will register "shocks" in vital spots and make men of influence realize that we have a sane and saving message that must be listened to. Our message must be clothed so attractively that men in high places, as well as the thousands of ordinary people, will be compelled to speak of us favourably and often.

Something of this conviction has been in the hearts of at least a few for some time and we have urged our viewpoint on every possible occasion. We believe the campaign in London is the beginning of such a programme as we have visualized for years. There have been great sacrifices to make it possible. Some may feel the attempt is somewhat extravagant. To such we would say that we expect that from it a wave will be set in motion that will never

spend itself, but will be cumulative and progressive in power and extent as time passes. Actually the campaign in London must never end. It must also be the inspiration for similar attempts in other parts of our union where the masses of our population dwell. Already plans are being made for a great assault on the great city of Birmingham in 1953 with its population of 1,112,340. The Northern European Division has kindly agreed to Pastor T. J. Bradley's leading out in that campaign, and we hope a good corps of workers and an adequate budget will be made available.

Along with this new and dynamic preaching of the Gospel there must be a co-ordination of every evangelistic agency. The radio and the Bible school plan must be developed and extended to reach the uttermost parts of our union, and every town, village, and hamlet brought within the planning of committees. The leadership of

the Voice of Prophecy school has this vision and is energetically conducting spearhead campaigns in conjunction with local ministers and members. Appointments fill the rest of the year week by week in many towns in this union. A strong and attractive programme is developing. The colporteur work is gaining ground and sales are growing apace. The influence of this important evangelistic agency is being harnessed more and more with our public campaigns.

We believe the sketch we have presented of our plans augurs well for the future of our work in the British Isles. We see the dawn of a new day, for with our planning there is a whole-hearted consecration and devotion on the part of our loyal people. This is most obvious wherever one moves among our people here. It speaks of a solid hope that the longed-for baptism of the Holy Spirit is near. We sense the moving of a mighty power in our ranks and we are being led to claim the fulfilment of the promises of God for this hour. We earnestly solicit the interest and prayers of all as we also remember you, that mighty accomplishments may be seen to the glory of the Lord and the hastening of His coming.

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## A Great Evangelistic Programme in the WEST NORDIC UNION

By Alf Lohne, *President*



SINCE the General Conference was held in the summer of 1950, 108 public efforts have been held in the West Nordic Union. The total number of baptisms for the same period, according to reports from the conferences, is 782.

We are happy for each one of these precious souls who have been brought into the truth. Only those who have themselves worked with men and women, trying to help them to understand the Advent message, then to accept it and to follow the light, know what it means to win a single

soul for Christ. In many instances it means to that person, the giving up of a good position, the loss of friends, and being misunderstood and even persecuted.

One evening a young lady came to my office and asked for counsel. She had seen the light and wanted to follow it. She had talked to her employer about having her Sabbaths free, but it had been denied her. She then talked the matter over with her parents. She told them she would rather lose her work than disobey her Lord. She had a good position and her family failed to understand her attitude. They told her she would have to leave home if she acted so foolishly.

"What shall I do?" she asked. "What do you think the Lord wants you to do?" I asked. Of course she knew the right answer to that question. She left her work. She was willing to leave her home, too, and

## Faithful Witnessing in the EAST NORDIC UNION

By C. Gidlund, *President*

ready to face all the difficulties ahead of her.

I believe every public evangelist in the West Nordic Union can tell similar experiences from his efforts. Not all have faith to do as this young lady did. But almost every one of those who accept the message have to fight their way to victory through tears and prayers, anxiety and doubts. These 782 souls are, therefore, very precious in our eyes. I know God holds them precious, too.

We are not satisfied, though, with the results we have had so far. We want more souls. We want more people to accept the message which brings such happiness and security into their lives.

All of our evangelists and our president-evangelists in the conferences are at present engaged in public efforts. Our two Bible Correspondence Schools, in close cooperation with the conferences and union, are preparing mass distribution of enrolment cards to the Bible course. Our departmental secretaries in the union are also directing their efforts toward a strong soul-saving programme. The conference presidents, Pastors T. Asheim, Paul Frivold, Thv. Kristensen, H. Muderspach, and T. Torkelsen have organized their forces, too, toward the same objective.

The union medical secretary, Dr. J. D. Henriksen, and his associate, B. Rost, report that many of our doctors are actively taking part in public efforts. All our health institutions are supplied with Adventist literature and invitations to join the Bible Correspondence schools.

In our Sunday-schools we have almost 2,000 non-Adventist children studying the Sabbath-school lessons. This work is strongest in Denmark, but the union Sabbath-school secretary, O. Jordahl, and the M.V. secretary, D. Guldhammer, plan to extend this work to the rest of the union.

Our truth-filled literature prepares the field for a rich harvest. The managers of the publishing houses in Norway and Denmark, E. Bjaanes and V. Thomsen, are laying plans for more message books to be printed and spread in the field by faithful literature-evangelists. The union publishing secretary, O. S. Sorensen, and his fellow workers in the conferences are eagerly trying to increase the number of soul-winning literature-evangelists.

With all forces united in a great soul-winning campaign, we look with confidence toward the future. The battle is the Lord's, and He will accomplish a mighty work through His humble servants.

IN THE East Nordic Union we are very glad that the Lord is blessing the work. All the presidents of the conferences report progress during the past year. God has abundantly blessed their efforts. In all, our workers have held sixty-nine efforts during this time. Our baptisms so far have amounted to more than 300, and we are confident that the future will give us even larger returns. We plan to hold sixty efforts next season, some of which will be large campaigns in the following centres: Helsinki, Turku, Tampere, Stockholm, Göteborg, and Malmö.



The coming year gives promise of being a good one in the East Nordic Union. We have some very fine young evangelists and we pray that God will give them, together with our older and more experienced ministers, a rich harvest of souls.

Onni Peltonen, the president of the West Finnish Conference, relates the following interesting experiences in the West Finnish Conference:

"While one of our young ministers, Sulo Halminen, was preaching in the city of Rovaniemi, located just near the Polar Circle, the priest in the Lutheran State Church became interested in our brother through the rumours that circulated about him in the community and asked him to pay him a visit. Brother Halminen happened to come just while a regular Bible-study Circle was holding its meeting. The priest asked our brother to take charge of the Bible study, to which he consented and asked what subject they wished him to study with them. They decided on the subject of "Immortality" or "The State of the Dead." Brother Halminen gave a clear and inspiring study. The priest then declared himself to have the same view as our brother, and at the same time lauded the message he had presented. After this experience the priest was eager to con-

verse with our brother and asked him often to visit him at his home. His attitude toward the Sabbath question was also very sympathetic, and when his house-maid, who attended Brother Halminen's meetings, desired to keep the Sabbath, the priest decided that all cleaning henceforth should be done on Fridays, and also looked with satisfaction upon her being baptized and becoming an Adventist. This open-heartedness and good-will manifested by the priest toward us and our message raised, however, a wave of opposition and criticism against him in different circles in the church. But this only strengthened his interest in the message and his association with Brother Halminen became very intimate. He would have been a strong help to our work in all that section, but the Lord willed differently. In the spring he died quite suddenly and awaits now the call of the Life-giver. Surely the Lord prepared his heart for that event by the blessed message of the advent.

"At the usual testimony meeting on Sabbath afternoon of our annual meeting, there was one testimony that gripped our hearts more, perhaps, than any of the others. It was given by one of our newly baptized brethren. He had experienced a mighty revival of spiritual life while at work in the fields. While he was spreading manure one day, the Spirit of God began speaking to his heart, causing him to tremble as he sensed the awfulness of sin and felt that God was very near. He fell on his knees right there on the manure pile and gave his heart to God. So great was his rejoicing over being released from his sins, that he forgot all about the horse and started running toward home to tell his wife what had happened. A new day had dawned for him, a day of unlimited joy and happiness, but also of searching for light and truth. While he was chairman of the rationing committee in his community immediately after the war, he had committed a crime against the rationing laws. Now he felt that he must go to the police and confess what he had done. The penalty was several months' imprisonment. But before he was to go behind the bars he had the opportunity of hearing Brother Arasola's preaching in Tampere.

'The message stirred me,' he confessed. He accepted it, however, was baptized, and united with the church.

'Now he was on his way to the prison. He asked us to remember him in our prayers. All eyes filled with tears as our brother left for prison and unknown experiences behind the bars. He has since passed through a very trying experience

because of the Sabbath, but he has been faithful and true. Now, through the help of God, he has his Sabbaths free without any trouble. He is happy and bears his testimony for the Saviour and the Advent message. His wife has also given her heart to the Lord and desires to be baptized as soon as her husband gets out of prison. May God bless them.'

cellent, but we are sorry to say that we could not take care of all of the interests because of the shortage of workers; therefore the harvest was not as large as it might have been. However several have attended our Sabbath services and will soon be baptized. Pastor Heijkoop has still a number of people to whom he is giving Bible studies.

It is very difficult to gather large groups in Zeeland. But Pastor J. de Ruiter, who was the district leader there, worked faithfully; as a result twelve souls have been added to the churches there.

The largest part of the South Netherlands Conference population belongs to the Roman Catholic Church. There are two of our younger workers stationed in that part of the field. Brother Gabriels in Nijmegen has worked there for a number of years; with the Lord's help he has been able to raise up the little group into a well-organized church. In South Limburg a group of people who belonged to the reform movement came back to the church through the united efforts of the worker and members. Through this union greater strength has come to this group and they are now working to spread the message among the thousands of people in that coal-mining district.

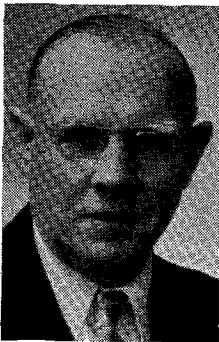
During the past two years two young men have been ordained to the ministry. We have been able to place four young men and four young women in the two conferences; they were graduated from the school last spring. One of the young men has been placed in charge of an interest aroused by the Bible Correspondence School. He has now rented a little hall where they hold Sabbath-school; ten to fifteen are coming regularly. The other young people will be connected with older ministers to help in evangelistic work during the winter months.

We could tell many thrilling stories how people came in contact with us and how marvellous God's dealings are with the children of men. Only Heaven will reveal to whom the credit belongs in bringing this one or that one to the foot of the cross.

We feel our great need for a fuller consecration and closer walk with our Saviour in order to be able to finish the task laid upon our shoulders. We believe that the Lord has great things in store for us if we will only keep humble and give His Spirit full control in our lives. We ask you to remember all of those who labour in this small country with its more than ten million people, in your prayers.

## Breaking Through to Victory in the NETHERLANDS

By K. Tilstra, *President*



THE message of a soon-coming Saviour has been preached in the Netherlands now for almost sixty years. But even before the proclamation of the third angel's message and before William Miller began his work in the United States,

there were pious men in the Netherlands who diligently studied the Bible and came to the conclusion that the end of the world was near and that our blessed Redeemer would soon come to gather His faithful people into His everlasting kingdom.

The Dutch people are not easily moved. In general they are a religious people and hold on to the established and recognized churches. The Bible is read in many homes at least two or three times a day aloud, right after each meal, and all the members of the family listen reverently. This gives the people a good biblical background, but the church moulds the thinking. This makes it very difficult for our workers to change the general opinion.

However, the Lord has blessed us in our labour for Him. During those years of toil, many precious souls have been gathered from the different creeds; also many of those who never made any profession of faith have been brought to the foot of the cross.

During the last war there was generally a very good response and although it was difficult to hold public efforts, many people accepted the message. Our colporteurs had

such success that they did not have sufficient books to satisfy the people. This continued for two to three years even after the enemy had left the country, and conditions became again normal. It has never been very difficult to gather a good number of people in our public meetings in the larger cities.

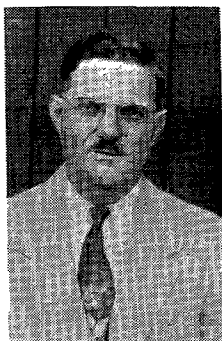
Last year several workers held a series of meetings during the winter months. Pastor V. Oossanen, the president of the North Netherlands Conference, set a good example for his workers. He conducted a full effort in Amsterdam and besides that helped with a smaller one in Den Helder. Through the united labour of those who associated with him, a number have been added to the church. It was my privilege to hold a series of meetings in Apeldoorn. A young man from the school was placed in charge of the work there and nine souls were baptized as a result of this work. In Deventer, Pastor P. Voorthuis, the leader of the Bible Correspondence School, held several meetings. There also a young man from the school was looking after the interest and four souls accepted the message.

In the South Netherlands Conference we were rather short of workers and in some parts of the field it is difficult to find a suitable meeting place. Pastor Slond worked in Rotterdam, where he conducted a series of meetings in one of the Protestant churches. Several have accepted the truth as a result of this effort. Brother Dingjan, a young graduate from the school, held meetings in two places near Rotterdam. As a result, a new group has been organized in one of these places.

In the city of Utrecht, Pastor Heijkoop held a series of meetings in an old Protestant church. The attendance was ex-

# A Thousand Baptized in a Day in the WEST AFRICAN UNION MISSION

By Jesse Gibson, *President*



WEST AFRICA is happy to report the blessing which God has given during the past year. On September 6th we had our big Baptismal Day which we called "Operation Mille Won." We have been working and praying that we could have more than one thousand baptisms throughout our fields on that day. We thank God that on that one day 1,124 souls were buried with their Lord in baptism in five of our seven West African fields. (Two fields did not participate.) We thank God for the success of this day and also thank the field leaders and workers who laboured so faithfully to make this achievement possible. This brings our total baptisms for the year up to 2,052. Our goal for the year is 3,000 and by God's help our workers have determined to do their best to reach it.

September 6th was a very big day for all our ordained men throughout the union. Previous to that time, examinations had been held and lists prepared of those ready for baptism. On the morning of the sixth many of our pastors were up soon after daylight, starting on their journeys toward the churches and watersides. A

service and baptism would be held in one place and then they would travel on to the second place which might be miles away for additional baptisms. I am sure that the angels in heaven rejoiced with us to see the many different churches holding baptisms on that day, from early morning until late at night, until the last of the 1,124 were buried with their Lord. In addition there were a good number who were prepared for baptism, but for some reason or other could not meet their commitments.

Yes, "Operation Mille Won" was a great occasion, but it was not something that took place entirely in one day. It was a culmination of two or more years of hard work on the part of our faithful evangelists and teachers.

## August Evangelism

One of the big events which helped to make "Operation Mille Won" a success has been the August evangelistic efforts. Just prior to the big Baptismal Day many of our fields united all their workers in all-out evangelistic campaigns. Evangelistic campaigns for one month's duration, held during the teachers' holiday, were arranged beforehand. All institutional workers, school teachers, evangelists, pastors, African and overseas workers joined hands in these all-out evangelistic crusades in various centres throughout the union. While I don't have the exact figures yet as to the

number of efforts and the results, I suppose that during that month, fifty or more efforts were held, and we trust that close on two thousand people took their stand for Christ. These will in due course be prepared for baptism.

## Literature Ministry

God's servant tells us that the time will come when more than a thousand will be converted in a day. She also points out that most of these will have had their first impression from the reading of our literature. We have just had the thrill of having more than a thousand baptized in a day and I want to say that our literature ministers also have had a big part in making this Baptismal Day possible. I have just returned from visiting a very thrilling group of colporteurs in the Gold Coast. It was a real inspiration to associate with them. They reported that more than 200 had accepted our faith as a result of their labours. Certainly that is marvellous. The Voice of Prophecy Bible School, too, is doing an excellent job. Thousands are being reached by this means. The great challenge before us now is to somehow arise and reap the harvest which is waiting to be gathered in.

## Institutional Evangelism

We are very happy to report that our institutions are real evangelistic centres. In the north our Jengre Hospital is the entering wedge in reaching the 11,000,000 people there. At our Ife Hospital, branch Sabbath-schools are in operation all round and these are doing much to bring souls to Christ. They also have a strong literature programme which is bringing in results. Around our two training colleges at Ihie and Bekwai, evangelism is playing an important part. The field is surging with evangelism. Approximately one hundred were baptized in the college district at Ihie on our Baptismal Day and I imagine that an equal number, if not more, around our training college at Bekwai. We thank God for this spirit of evangelism.

## Doubling Our Membership

We have determined, by God's help, to double our membership in the four years allotted. If we only had many more workers and larger budgets I am sure that we could do much better. The field is ripe to harvest. On June 30, 1950, we had a membership of 8,424. During the two years ending June 30, 1952, 5,048 were baptized.

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*The friendly spirit of the Gold Coast chiefs has greatly helped our evangelistic programme.*

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By courtesy of Gold Coast Public Relations Department.



This, in the two year period, is a 59 per cent gross increase. The net increase allowing for death, apostasy, transfers, etc., amounted to 4,032 or a 48 per cent increase. During this last quarter, however, including the big Baptismal Day, 1,348 more have been buried with their Lord in baptism. We are still hoping and praying

for another thousand this year. We pray earnestly that God will help us to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in doubling our membership, yes, and even more than that in the "finishing of His work."

Kindly remember West Africa in your prayers. The harvest is plenteous but the labourers are few.

Northern European Division, was in charge of the consecration service for the class, Friday night, June 6th, and delivered the Baccalaureate sermon, June 7th. He spoke on the class's chosen motto, "The Master's Call Is Our Command," and aim, "To Keep the Faith and Finish the Work," commenting on their appropriateness for this, the first Commencement of the Ethiopian Union Training School, which marks the beginning of a new era of our work in Ethiopia.

As these evangelists and teachers leave the Training School and enter their districts of labour for the Lord, it is not to discontinue learning, but to take with them the habit of study of the Scriptures and

## The Gospel Net in the ETHIOPIAN UNION MISSION

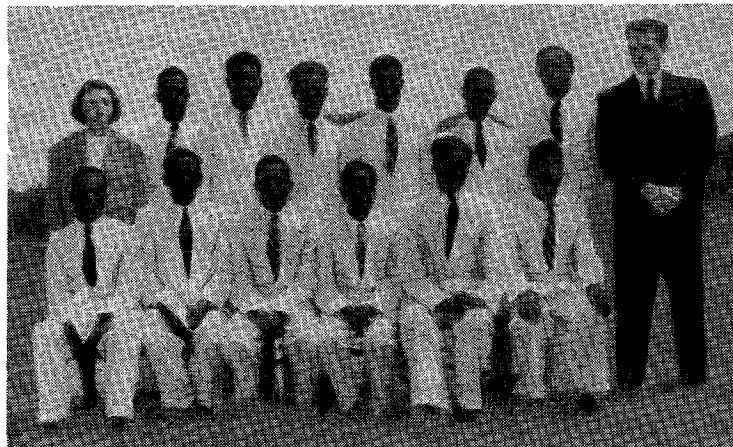
By E. B. Rudge, *Division Secretary*

FOR months past Pastor H. E. Davis has been working hard to open the way to begin a strong, public evangelistic effort in the city of Asmara, Eritrea. He faced many difficulties, and many obstacles had to be overcome. However, after months of negotiating, Pastor Davis succeeded in securing an empty theatre building with seating accommodation for at least 600 people.

The plan of campaign included the commencement of public services on September 7th. Arrangements were in hand for special meetings for adults and for children. It was also planned in the course of the campaign to hold special meetings for instruction in such themes as Home Nursing and Hygiene, and to organize an evening class for the study of the prophetic features of our message. Now word has come to us that Brother Davis has begun his meetings and has been encouraged by a very fine response on the part of the public of the city of Asmara.

The first meeting was held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 7th, when 600 men were present. Every seat in the building was occupied. This meeting was followed by one at 11 a.m., especially for the children. Seven hundred children were present at this meeting. Then at 3 p.m. another meeting for adults was held, at which 560 were present. The first encouragement that has come to the workers from this commencement of their campaign is the satisfaction of having enrolled 200 persons in the Voice of Prophecy Course in the Tegrinia language.

In addition to this special campaign in Asmara, Pastor J. H. Wollan is planning to conduct meetings in the town of Quantabar and Pastor M. Omland in the town of Adi Ugri. We shall await with interest further reports from this section of



*First graduating class, 1952, of the Ethiopian Union Training School at Kuyera.*

our field. We earnestly invite the prayerful support of our readers in the splendid work that is being done at this time by our brethren and their national associates in Eritrea.

### TRAINING EVANGELISTS AND TEACHERS

By Lester Rasmussen,  
*Principal, Ethiopian Training  
School, Kuyera*

AT the first Commencement exercise of the Ethiopian Union Seventh-day Adventist Training School at Kuyera, held June 8th, twelve certificates were conferred by the principal, Lester Rasmussen. Pastor S. A. Broberg, president of the Ethiopian Union, addressed the graduates, their relatives, and friends, and "I Would be True" was sung by a mixed sextette.

Pastor George D. King, guest from the

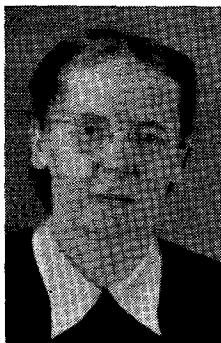
inspired books, which with humble prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit will develop in them the victorious life needed to bear the third angel's message to their fellow-men who have not heard. As they have tasted of the good things which Christ has done for them, may they possess love, the spirit of self-sacrifice, and devotion to the finishing of the work of God. They need the prayers of everyone in order that their efforts to sow the seeds of truth in the hearts of many may be fruitful and a rich harvest of souls gleaned from the land of Ethiopia.

### Regrets!

WORD has just been received from Pastor S. A. Broberg, president of the Ethiopian Union Mission, that he regrets that owing to some postal error, our request for an article from him on evangelism arrived too late for him to comply in time for the November issue of the NORTHERN LIGHT. We look forward to hearing from him, possibly in the December issue. ED.

## Women Evangelists in FINLAND

By Hanna Vaananen



FOR I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Rom. 1:16.

I thank God for having received His grace and power to accept the Advent message when I was a

girl of sixteen. Immediately after this decision I had another call from Jesus. He asked me to go out into His work. I do rejoice when thinking of the years I have been out in the work of God and remembering some of the experiences I have had as Christ's fellow-worker—first at college, then in the canvassing field, then as a Bible-worker, and finally as an evangelist. Perhaps you know that in Finland many women preach the Advent message.

I want to tell you of an experience I had some years ago, when I was preaching in one section of Finland where our truth had never been preached before. The people in these villages had been known for their sinful lives. However, they came to our meeting to listen to the Word of God. Immediately a revival seemed to come among them. One night, after I had spoken on the second chapter of Daniel, a man stood up and said: "The Bible has now been opened to us for the first time in our lives." Others agreed with him and said, "That's true, that's true." The subject of the judgment in heaven impressed the people very much and brought many of them nearer to a decision. When the meeting was over there were tears in almost every eye. A young lady came to me weeping, for she had despaired because of her sins. She told me she wanted to give herself to Jesus. I encouraged others to follow her example and many remained for an hour of prayer. There were many that night who gave their hearts to God.

Eighteen years ago a certain man had decided that the Christianity being taught was not in accordance with the Word of God. All these years he had been waiting

for a minister to come who would preach the Word of God in the correct way. In my first meeting he became satisfied that such a preacher had now arrived in his village. While writing this, I am happy to tell that this man and ten of his relations are rejoicing in the Advent message.

But wherever the Spirit of God is at work the enemy is endeavouring to hinder it. The local minister warned the people against attending our meetings. This made us somewhat discouraged. God noticed it and knew how to encourage us. The teacher of the elementary school of the village came to us. He shook my hand warmly

and encouraged me to go on with my meetings. He said that our work was not in vain, for a big change had taken place in the lives of the people.

The people continued to attend our meetings until the summer. Then we held a convention where we had the opportunity of seeing many precious souls baptized. Surely "the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation" in spite of all resistance.

Dear brethren and sisters, do you want to help somebody to find Jesus? Next to the joy of being saved yourself is the greatest joy of leading somebody else to Christ.

## Every Member Evangelism in the GOLD COAST

By A. J. Mustard, *President*



*Lay Preachers in the Korforidua District, Gold Coast. There are eleven such districts with lay preachers in each district.*

A GROUP of thirty-five laymen from the churches and companies of the Korforidua district of the Gold Coast Mission met recently for two and a half days of instruction in church work and soul-winning. This was the first of eleven such institutes to be held in the eleven districts of the mission this year. These will be followed by a mission-wide Laymen's Congress to be held in the early part of 1953.

These men came in at their own expense. They are already giving excellent service as church leaders and lay preachers, and are anxious to learn how they can better serve God and His cause. Pastor D. V. Cowin, Educational and M.V. secretary of the West African Union, joined with R. L. Cone, mission secretary-treasurer, Pastor P. H. Stearman, district leader, and the writer in giving instruction to them. Counsel was given on the promotion of

tithes and offerings, church organization, the duties of church officers, church discipline, organizing M.V. societies and Sabbath-schools, and the preparing of Bible studies and sermons. There were several Bible study hours and preaching services, and a very fine testimony meeting for lay preachers. As they told their stories of how God is using them in the winning of souls, we were impressed anew with the possibilities of growth in the work of God if we can harness and wisely direct the energies and enthusiasm of our consecrated laymen and lay women. The gathering closed with a public meeting in the town, conducted by the laymen themselves, and we returned to our homes with renewed confidence in the men and women who, in many cases, are only recently out of heathenism, and who are now so faithfully serving the living God.

## NEWS FLASH

THE Greater London Campaign, under Pastor Vandeman's leadership is continuing strongly. Over 2,000 persons are regularly attending. The interest in Bible truth is deepening with every impressive address. The campaign team is extremely busy with an intensive visiting programme. God is answering prayer in an encouraging way as the rays of light from His Word lighten the darkened corners of old London.

Dr. Roland Nielsen, under appointment to Gimbie Hospital, Ethiopia, as medical superintendent, left his home city, Copen-

hagen, to take up his new work on October 1st. We wish for Dr. Nielsen the rich blessing of the Lord as he carries on the work recently laid down at Gimbie by Dr. Claude Steen, Jun.

The Ethiopian Union Mission has received an additional recruit to its medical force in the person of Dr. Hubert F. Sturges, recently of California, who, together with his wife, reached London on October 1st. Dr. Sturges is enrolled at the London School of Tropical Medicine, preparing for his diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, which he expects to gain prior to taking up his work in Ethiopia.

Pastor O. Udbjorg has accepted a call to the Skogli Sanitarium as chaplain. Pastor

J. Reichelt, former Bible teacher at Vejle-fjord Hojskole, Denmark, is the new Sabbath-school and Young People's secretary of the East Norwegian Conference, and Pastor O. Frenning has been called to be the conference secretary for the Bible School work. Aksel Steen is the Home Missionary and Publishing secretary.

Ingathering reports received from Scandinavia and the Netherlands indicate that this work is going forward with a most encouraging swing this year. The West Danish Conference is the first one to report the attainment of its goal. This was done in four weeks.

At Vejle-fjord mission school all previous records were broken when in two days the students, in association with a group of ministers, succeeded in collecting 12,000 Danish Kroner. We congratulate these fields upon the excellent success following these efforts.

After six weeks of Harvest Ingathering work, the East Norwegian Conference has passed the N. kr. 100,000 (\$15,000) mark. The goal of \$16,800 is expected to be reached within the next week. Thus far the churchmembers have gathered \$9,750 and the mission workers \$5,250. The young people of Oslo have gathered \$1,425 which is almost twice their own goal.

## Prayer and Sacrifice

By A. Floyd Tarr

THE call to prayer, in Mohammedan lands, is always accorded a universal and individual response. Whether it be the high-pitched, pre-dawn call from minarets, or other calls of the day or week or year, the "faithful" are ever ready fervently to bend the knee to Allah. How often have we seen them, alone, in little groups, or in great assemblies, on river banks or in mosques, prostrating themselves toward Mecca, and presenting their most ardent supplications.

To the Christian, and especially to the Seventh-day Adventist, the devotion of non-Christian people to prayer should constitute a mighty challenge. Prayer occupies an infinitely larger place in the teaching of the Bible than in any other religion, and yet in the light of its unlimited possibilities and promises, how few there are who really avail themselves of its benefits. Said the Saviour, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. And in *Steps to Christ* we read: "Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence."—Page 99.

With promises like these before us, how eagerly should we heed the call of the coming Week of Prayer. It is a call to a very personal appropriation of the blessings that prayer alone affords. In the lives of those whose standards are so high, and whose hopes are so great, the need for personal

prayer is vital. "Watch and pray" is the Saviour's insistent admonition, and life or death hangs on the response we give to this command.

But there is another blessing that must also be enjoyed—a blessing always associated with our annual call to prayer. It likewise accompanied the praying of the early Christian church: the blessing of sacrificial giving. This, in the teaching of our Saviour, transcends even the blessing of receiving, for from His own heart of boundless love He declared: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We commend this blessing during the coming Week of Prayer.

The need to advance our work was never so great as it is to-day. Calls press in upon us from every side that we find ourselves completely unable to fill. This was the universal testimony borne by division leaders at the Washington Council just ended. The hour is late and there remains so much still to be done. What we fail to do in times of prosperity we shall be compelled to do under the most forbidding circumstances. With this in mind, we invite the membership of the Northern European Division to share in a great Annual Offering on Sabbath, November 15th, that will greatly advance our work in all the world. Let us, if possible, give a full week's income in special sacrifice, remembering the immense opportunities that still stretch before us.

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