



# "Vejele fjord"

## Danish Mission School

By Axel Varmer, *Principal*

*Nestled among the gentle slopes of Denmark and surrounded by beautiful orchards and shady trees, our school brings the blessings of a Christian education to our youth.*

**T**WENTY-FOUR years ago on a lovely evening in June a little group of men, the Conference Committee of that time, stood on the slopes of beautiful Vejle Fjord discussing the expediency of building a new school for the Adventist youth of Denmark on these hills along the fjord. We had been travelling all day from one place to another in order to find a locality which would meet the requirements and ideals given us in the Spirit of prophecy regarding the environment and situation of an Adventist school.

A strong conviction took hold of everyone present and we all said: "This is the place!" The following year, 1930, the school was ready to welcome the first group of seventy or eighty students.

Throughout the years the Lord has blessed the work of teachers and students in a remarkable way and a considerable number of workers have been trained here both for Denmark and for the mission fields afar.

"Vejele fjord" was not built in one day, and even yet it is not complete. An Adventist school is a growing organism, and from year to year stone has been added to stone, both in a literal and a spiritual sense. We started with a four-year course, and to date we have added a two-year ministerial course and a two-year course in secretarial training. In the near future we hope to add another year to enable our young people to take an authorized *Studentereksamen* which will give the young people admission to the universities of Denmark.

The first principal of "Vejele fjord," H.M. Johnson, will long be remembered. He had foresight to lay a broad and solid foundation for the future. The beautiful orchard, the greenhouses, and garden were all set out in his time. By the help of the students and the then farm manager every tree and shrub which has, in due course, yielded a bountiful harvest, was planted. We who work in the school to-day cer-

tainly enjoy the results of the labours of our predecessors!

P. A. Christiansen, cand. mag., who for a number of years was president of the school and is still teaching here, has during the past years played an important part in the upbuilding of the educational features of our school.

But now a few words about the

### PRESENT SCHOOL YEAR

"Vejele fjord" has grown to be quite a large institution and an important centre for our work in Denmark.

At present we have twenty-three workers on our pay-roll: eleven teachers, the matron, a farm manager, two gardeners, a technical manager, a cook and two helpers, a treasurer and book-keeper, and other helpers in the various departments.

Our 120 students have two hours of obligatory work every day, so that when classes are over at about one o'clock and

dinner has been eaten, the school compound is like a bee-hive for the next two hours.

We are happy this year to have a group of thirty-one girls and boys from Norway. As you possibly know, "Onsrud," the former Norwegian Mission School, has been sold, and there are plans to build a new school in Norway, the building of which may take two to three years. We are happy that Norway in the meantime has entrusted her "jewels" to the Danish school. Two teacher-families from Norway have joined the Danish staff and we have had pleasant and happy fellowship in our work so far. The Danish and the Norwegian students associate wonderfully, and some lifelong friendships will undoubtedly be formed between some of the members of the two nationalities. We are happy for a fine spirit of mutual understanding and co-operation among teachers and workers, as well as between students and teachers.

As a group of workers and students, we convey our most sincere and hearty greetings to all our schools and fellow-workers in the Northern European Division. May God daily give us wisdom and grace to reach our wonderful objective: "An education that will renew the mind and transform the character" of our youth.

CHRIST-CENTRED  
EDUCATION

By V. Norskov Olsen

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Bible Teacher



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST education is education in which Christ is the centre. The wise man of old expressed it in these words: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding."

At "Vejlefjord" the day begins and ends with worship. In the morning the older students lead out in this devotional service and in the evening it is conducted by the teachers. On Tuesday evening the boys have worship alone in the chapel, where special problems which young men have to deal with are taken up. During this time the girls are gathered in their

different prayer groups. On Wednesday evening this plan is reversed.

The climax of the week for the whole school family is the song-service and Friday evening meeting, which usually closes with a testimony service. The young peoples' testimonies and prayers testify more than anything else to the importance of Christ-centred education. The general Sabbath service, together with the Junior and Senior Missionary Volunteer meetings and the Sabbath afternoons spent singing or reading in the parlour or walking among the beauties of nature here at Vejlefjord, create a "Sabbath of heaven" here on earth.

The spiritual influence in the daily school life has often brought definite decisions during the specially conducted and always greatly appreciated meetings such as the autumn and spring Weeks of Prayer and other occasions when visiting brethren have been present.

"Vejlefjord" is an evangelistic centre this year. No fewer than thirty-five young people from Seventh-Day Adventist homes, between the ages of fifteen and seventeen, have as yet not been baptized. It is a great inspiration as well as a heavy responsibility for a Bible teacher to see all these young people, together with their

friends, gathered in the baptismal class on a Friday evening.

We work and pray earnestly and also ask for your prayers that we may see many of these youth united with our Saviour in the waters of baptism. This would be the best encouragement and the greatest reward that we could offer parents and the church for their gifts and sacrifice on behalf of "Christ-centred" education.

OUR SECONDARY  
EDUCATION

By Esther Hange, cand. mag.



AT Vejlefjord Højskole we have given our students a secondary education for the past twenty years, 1933 being the year of our first attempt. Four students passed the *prøliminæreksamen* that year. This present year we have only five

students sitting for this examination, for we contemplate discontinuing this type of secondary education and in future giving a more modern education leading to the *mellemskoleeksamen* and the *realeksamen*.

In a three-year course we give the ordinary five-year secondary school education. Our secondary school comprises the second, the third, and the fourth form. After two years of secondary education, the students sit for the *mellemskoleeksamen*, and after the third year they sit for the *realeksamen*. In the classes that prepare for these two examinations we have this year seven and six students respectively. So this year we have eighteen students preparing for state examinations.

SECRETARIAL TRAINING

In September, 1951, we started a course of secretarial training. It takes two years to complete this course. Only students with a good secondary education are admitted.

At present the following subjects are offered: Danish and English commercial correspondence, Danish and English shorthand, typing, book-keeping, and Bible.

Our first small class will graduate in May this year. We have two fine groups of students in these classes.

(The following poem was found on the wall of a Denver Hospital, U.S.A.)

"Lord Take Away Pain"

The cry of man's anguish went up unto God:  
"Lord, take away pain—  
The shadow that darkens the world Thou  
hast made;  
The close-coiling chain  
That strangles the heart; the burden that  
weighs  
On the wings that would soar—  
Lord, take away pain from the world Thou  
hast made,  
That it love Thee the more!"

Then answered the Lord to the cry of the  
world:  
"Shall I take away pain,  
And with it the power of the soul to endure,  
Made strong by the strain?  
Shall I take away pity, that knits heart to  
heart,  
And sacrifice high?

"Will ye lose all your heroes that lift from the  
fire  
Whitebrows to the sky?  
Shall I take away love that redeems with a  
price  
And smiles at its loss?  
Can ye spare from your lives that would  
climb unto Mine,  
The Christ on His cross?"

# DEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL

Held at Skodsborg, December 8-11, 1952

## SABBATH SCHOOL

By E. R. Warland

*British Union*

THE Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful." Rev. 17: 14.

Upon these encouraging and challenging words, Pastor E. L. Minchin based the message which kindled the hearts of all present at the first Sabbath-School Department session of our Council. He reminded us that we had entered this work in obedience to God's call, and all His biddings are enablings. We are *chosen* by the King of kings as vessels for a special work, and by His grace we can be *faithful* to our trust. Faithfulness requires diligent care for the details of our work, that we may prepare a people ready to meet the Lord.

Following this exhortation from our Division Sabbath-school secretary, many hours were spent during the next three days in study and counsel together, that our Sabbath schools may become strong evangelistic centres, strengthening the membership, and making an ever-increasing contribution to the extension of Christ's kingdom at home and abroad.

It would be impossible to report here all that was said by those who presented various topics for open discussion. Maybe some of the papers will be reproduced in union or Division papers, or even in *The Sabbath School Worker*, but we would like to pass on some of the inspiring thoughts or challenging questions which came to this body of workers, responsible before God for the care and development of our Sabbath schools, branch Sabbath schools, and Sunday schools in the various parts of the Northern European Division.

"Our children cannot be fed with spiritual food in any better way than in the Sabbath school. The children's Sabbath school ought to be a matter of great interest and concern to the church." "The children are a church within the church," said Brother O. Jordahl, Sabbath-school secretary of the West Nordic Union, when speaking on the importance of building on a solid foundation.

The topic of "Making the Sabbath-school Hour Attractive" was dealt with in a vigorous and stimulating way by Brother R. Guleng of North Norway. "Why," he asked, "should the secretary's report so often sound like the echo of an ancient business meeting?" He reminded us, too, that as there is not time for many extras, even on Thirteenth Sabbath, care should be taken in the selection and preparation of every item. His closing words—too good to be soon forgotten—were: "Inspiration in the Presentation is the Result of Perseverance in the Preparation."

Pastor J. A. McMillan of South England, gave us a characteristically lively address, reminding us that the great objective to which all others must ever remain contributory, is the "ingathering of souls." So "every one who shares in the teaching privilege should be a *trained* soul winner;" classes should be sufficiently separated for the undistracted attention of the class members. He urged that teachers be helped by annual conference or district-wide conventions, as well as by local weekly teachers' meetings.

Brother H. J. Christensen gave a most inspiring account of the Sunday-school work in West Denmark, where some seven hundred non-Adventist children are receiving religious instruction from about fifty teachers. He told us that similar figures can be given for East Denmark. We pass on now this "gem" from the very interesting discussion which followed: "He who places his hand on the head of a child, places it on the heart of the mother."

Pastor J. H. Bayliss, North England's Sabbath-school secretary, ably dealt with the importance of mission offerings. He urged as the best incentive a good mission appeal, given as a brief, well-informed, and interesting talk, rather than as a reading. There followed an interesting discussion of goal charts, Investment Fund, and Birthday thank-offerings.

Brother K. Tilstra from the Netherlands dealt particularly with the duties of the conference Sabbath-school secretary and Brother K. Utterback of the East Nordic Union with Sabbath-school conventions, for local churches, districts, and whole conferences. A very profitable exchange of views and experiences followed in each

case. Brother J. Reichelt, Sabbath-school secretary for East Norway, prepared a paper on the size of classes and the promotion of children from one class or division to another, but unfortunately there was not time for discussion of this topic.

On Wednesday evening, the last period allotted to the Sabbath-School Department, Brother E. R. Warland of the British Union spoke on the importance of good work for the children, urging the value of suitable accommodation and equipment. He concluded with a demonstration of the use of the flannel-board and kindred visual aids. As a climax, the last hour was spent in the exhibition of the Sabbath-school centenary film, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The inspiration and help of this Council will, we are sure, be carried by those present to their respective fields, and will bear fruitage in better Sabbath schools and the establishment of more soul-winning Sunday schools throughout the whole of Northern Europe.

## HOME MISSIONARY

By V. H. Cooper

*North England Conference*

FIFTEEN union and local conference Home Missionary secretaries were present at the Skodsborg Departmental Council. They were: D. Vink, O. Jordahl, K. Utterback, E. R. Warland, O. Gudmundson, G. Darn, A. Steen, R. Guleng, H. J. Christensen, M. Rosen, M. Meikkinen, H. Mandell, P. Hornfeldt, H. T. Johnson, who sad to say, has passed away since the Council, and V. H. Cooper. These men spent some nine hours in conference under the chairmanship of Pastor Axel Varmer, former Home Missionary secretary of the Division.

D. L. Moody once said: "God is ready and willing to work, if we are ready and willing to let Him, and to be used by Him." This spirit of surrender and consecration to the task was in marked evidence as we spoke personally with the departmental leaders present.

Pastor Axel Varmer opened the Council by giving us a picture of the ideal Home Missionary secretary; while the responsibility of our executive committees in planning and organizing work for the whole church was outlined by Pastor A. F. Tarr. Papers were rendered by many of the officers. Here are some clippings:

"Home Missionary secretaries should



DEPARTMENTAL LEADERS

Front Row.—E. R. Warland, D. Vink, E. L. Minchin, A. Varmer, D. Carlsson, Ole Jordahl.  
Back Row.—J. A. McMillan, H. T. Johnson, R. A. Vince, V. H. Cooper, Odd Jordahl, R. Guleng,  
D. Gulddammer, H. J. Christensen, H. Mandell, O. Frenning, J. Reichelt, J. Onjukka, M. Rosen,  
H. Andersson, J. H. Bayliss.

plan for ten to fifteen church or district conventions each year," said Pastor O. Jordahl of the West Nordic Union.

Pastor E. R. Warland reported the wedding of periodicals with tracts, and talked of the advantages of the new British Tract Campaign plan. Formerly the tract bonus was given on a special issue of *Our Times* which "was somewhat like a splendid honeymoon followed by a cold estrangement between the parties until the next wedding anniversary. What we wanted," said Brother Warland, "was a less spectacular honeymoon and a more happily married life during the whole twelve months. So a few years ago we decided to give the tract bonus on annual subscriptions." The advantages indicated included an all-the-year-round improvement in circulation and a sustained interest in small literature work.

After reporting 7,000 *Our Times* and a half a million free tracts distributed as a result of the British Tract Campaign in 1952, the spirited secretary from Watford suggested the production of a booklet similar to "Survival Through Faith" for free distribution in 1953, in place of the usual tracts.

From his experience in many parts of the Division territory, Pastor Varmer urged

that the house-to-house visitation programme was really productive in the so-called conservative countries of Northern Europe. Not the least blessing was to the visitors themselves. Mrs. E. G. White's counsel was brought to our attention. "Wherever a church is established, all the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit every family in the 'neighbourhood.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 296.

Our late brother, Pastor H. T. Johnson, brought the vexed question of reporting to our attention. He said that at least one British secretary almost collapsed in astonishment on arrival at Noreporte *en route* to the Council; however, all realized the value of good reports, but urged that the statistics requested from our church-members be kept to a necessary minimum. The Spirit of prophecy outlines the ideal report: "On the Sabbath relate their experience. The meeting will then be as meat in due season, bringing to all present new life and fresh vigour."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, page 19.

Pastors E. R. Warland and H. J. Christensen gave excellent papers on Ingathering Supplies and Promotion. Resultant upon discussion a recommendation was passed calling the Division Home Mis-

sionary secretary to supply the unions with suitable pictures and articles for their Ingathering literature. Denmark reported that our members there have permission to collect only from friends and neighbours who are known to them. A new idea in Ingathering literature was the Wall Calendar which has been sent to the more liberal English donors.

A very successful Council quickly came to a close. The brethren were cemented together in closer ties of unity and fellowship, and the Home Missionary secretaries heard only one voice as the meetings ended—the voice of Him who said GO—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." May God help us discharge our duty to the unsaved.

## MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

By R. A. Vince,  
*British Union*

THE challenge of youth evangelism lying on the hearts of the fourteen union and conference MV secretaries operating in the Northern European Division, seemed so much the lighter as it was shared around the table of open discussion, at Skodsborg from December 8th to 11th, with the inspired guidance of Pastor E. W. Dunbar, the General Conference MV secretary, and Pastor E. L. Minchin, our Division leader. Table delicacies prepared by our Skodsborg hosts with delightful finesse could only lay emphasis with symbolic appropriateness to the feast of fine counselling we received from one another. In "courses" of nine papers presented by youth workers of varied age and experience, we dissected and devoured the main themes related to our youth responsibilities, from society organization, through devotional and Share Your Faith activities, to summer camps and new MV projects, like the Legion of Honour. There was always an "hors-d'oeuvre" spiritual message to prepare our appetites, and a generous helping of sweet fellowship and humour to leave us invigorated and refreshed.

If British palates were charmed by Scandinavian diet, it was equally true that to each national group came a new, sympathetic appreciation of the others' MV methods and activities. The Swedish and Danish permanent camps stirred the interest of less fortunate unions. However, summer time problems in MV society continuity in Scandinavia was a matter for sympathetic enlightenment to those for

whom such problems did not exist. Sunday-school victories in Denmark, and JMV advancement in Britain, the pioneering spirit of the Dutch, the fervour of the Finnish youth were real contributions to the new strength and courage absorbed by all during these few days. Essentially the blessing of this inspired council must not only be expressed in the resolutions passed, but through the leadership in each conference. Typical of the appreciation for these meetings and the new vision of us all are the following testimonies:

"The days at Skodsborg were really days at the Master's feet. It thrilled our hearts to hear the reports about our faithful churchmembers, our MVs on fire for God, and how a thousand souls were baptized on one day in West Africa. Do I need to say that we returned home determined to stay where the Master might send us until that great and glorious day when He Himself will release us from duty?"—*Heinz Mandell* (MV Sec., Finland-Swedish Conference).

"I have had the blessed privilege of meeting God anew at the Council and the Departmental meetings. He has given me counsel, has met me with words of cheer, educated me and established principles for any work, for all of which I was in great need."—*Harry Anderson* (MV Sec., N. and S. Swedish Conference).

"The meetings held in the beautiful Sanitarium of Skodsborg gave me personally a new vision of the work for our young people and children. I believe that a new day is dawning in Finland, where this work is concerned."—*Johannes Onjukka* (MV Sec., E. and W. Finland Conference).

"The spirit-filled devotionals, the instructive discussions, and the fellowship with the brethren touched my heart and enlarged my vision. The inspiring time at Skodsborg was a valuable part of that solid preparation that is so essential if we shall face successfully the coming days."—*Roald Guleng* (MV Sec., N. Norway Conference).



WITH OUR  
FLOATING  
PUBLISHING  
HOUSE



*H. M. Hansen sets out in the "Kjell" for his field of labour among the islands of the Arctic Sea.*

Dear Brother and Sister Tarr,

THROUGH Brother Arnesen I would like to send my most cordial greetings to you, thanking you for the happy time I spent with you in Tromsø.

I would like to take this opportunity of telling you a little about the work which we, by the grace of God, have done since we left Tromsø.

We have been working among the farthestmost skerries and have visited nineteen groups of islands. These groups, which in most cases totalled from 300 to 350 islands and holms, varied from one to eleven inhabited islands in each group. The navigation in these narrow sounds, among the holms and skerries, in our endeavour to find the people who lived

there, was very thrilling—almost an adventure. With the chart in one hand and with the other hand on the wheel, we had to watch very carefully as we sought out the right channels. But we were all right. The Lord was with us. I have learned something from these experiences. If we would study the Bible as minutely as the chart, and at the same time watch for all threatening dangers, we would accomplish our spiritual sailing without striking the rocks and being wrecked.

We have called on thirty-four large and small islands, with 339 visits and 202 book deliveries, besides papers and tracts.

To ascertain which people were the most interested in Christian literature, we called on one island where we were able to make

ninety visits. There was quite an unprejudiced religious interest, but we had just twenty-three sales. On a smaller island, where people were more isolated, we made thirteen visits, with nineteen sales. Some islands, with just one visit on each, have given three and four sales in every home. This shows clearly who are most longing for the Gospel.

When travelling along the coast on a fast steamer, one can see a large double-storey building at Fugløyvær. (SW of Bodø). It looks as if it were floating on the ocean far out on the horizon. When passing I have often wondered whether I should ever be able to visit that home. It was recently my thrilling experience to call there. They greatly appreciated the visit, the first of its kind, and showed admirable hospitality. They bought three books.

We have had one motor stop which nearly caused our wreckage, but the Lord brought us safely through this time also.

One evening, when I was paying my last visit for the night, I met a certain man who was very interested in hearing about our message. He asked many questions and we continued our conversation long after the other folk had gone to bed. When I left at midnight I excused myself for keeping him up so late, but he assured me he had had a most pleasant evening.

With cordial greetings, I remain,  
Your humble brother in Christ,  
HARALD M. HANSEN.



EVANGELISM IN  
NIGERIA

MORE than 200 Nigerians crowded into Lisabi Hall in Ebute-Metta, a suburb of the metropolitan port city of Lagos, for the opening of another evangelistic crusade conducted by Pastor J. M. A. Adeoye on Sunday night, February 15th.

Pastor Adeoye, preaching in English, spoke on the subject, "Is the Bible an Inspired Book?" Following his clear, lucid presentation of his topic from the pulpit, he reviewed his message with the aid of an attractive film strip projected on the screen.

Of those present, the majority appeared to be those not of our faith, and upon inquiry, it was learned that the vast proportion of the congregation were students in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School.

Pastor Adeoye has been conducting intensive evangelistic campaigns in the suburbs of Lagos for several years, and has increased his number of baptisms by utilizing

the services of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School in his soul-winning work. Several converts have been made from the upper strata of society there already.

Present at this opening service were: Pastor G. A. Lindsay and Dr. L. Mark Hamilton of the Northern European Division, and Pastors J. O. Gibson and R. W.

Coon of the West African Union Mission.

Assisting Pastor Adeoye in this campaign are Associate Evangelist M. Olayemi, Music Director J. O. Oyerinde, Organist D. O. Ola, and a corps of workers numbering ten more. Services are conducted each Sunday and Wednesday night.

ROGER W. COON.

It is wonderful to see how readily our people everywhere have helped. As soon as our members in Belgium learned of our predicament, they came with several car loads of clothing and food. They called us by telephone from Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, to find out if they could help. From Germany and France letters came in asking what they could do. Headquarters in England did not forget us, although they themselves were experiencing and sharing in this calamity.

From Canada and the States help was offered and so we experienced a wonderful spirit of brotherly sympathy. It is gratifying to know that we all are bound together through the love of Christ into one large family.

With the Psalmist we all in the Netherlands can say: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof."

## Full Report of Holland Floods

By K. Tilstra, President

*"And there shall be signs . . . the sea and the waves roaring."*

AS WE sat in our beautiful church in Amsterdam that Sabbath of January 31st, and listened to God's Word, we did not realize the awful calamity which hung over our heads. True, the weather was stormy, but in Holland we are not afraid of a little wind and rain. But this was different; as the day wore on, the barometer fell, and things did not look so good. As we went outside from the evening service, even the canals in the heart of the city had waves on them and we were almost swept off our feet by the gale. The homeward journey by motor car was not very pleasant. Great gusts of wind nearly tore the car off the road; driving rain and snow blinded us and made driving very difficult and dangerous. However, we reached home safely. All night long the elements seemed let loose and we feared for the safety of our coastal provinces. Our fears were substantiated in the early morning when the radio told us of the awful calamity which had befallen the Low Lands, especially the provinces of Zeeland and South Holland. We listened with bated breath as the news commentator told of broken dikes, villages and cities flooded, hundreds of people isolated on roofs, hanging onto trees or the debris floating around, or standing on some dry spot on a dike, hoping to be rescued but eventually being swept away by the angry waves of the North Sea. Some mothers had their babies torn from their arms by the water; others were the only ones left of large families. All day long the terrible news continued. Then calls for help came as fast as the news items. Volunteers were called for as well as portable radios, medical supplies, doctors, nurses, ambulances and other conveyances, helicopters, and many other necessities.

Telephone connections were severed in almost every flooded area; but as soon as we were able that evening, we tried to get

in touch with our worker in Rotterdam. He told us that he had made a hasty trip through his district. Most roads were flooded, but he had managed to get through along country roads and had visited several of the members, also the city of Dordrecht. God had spared the lives of all our believers.

Several people had suffered much damage to their homes and businesses. We thanked the Lord for His protection over His people.

The next day we got a call through to Zeeland, the hardest-hit province. There, the story was the same; all our members were safe, but several had had close calls. One sister, with her two children, had had to flee from the house as the angry torrents rushed in; she lost everything. The other members in Flushing were living in a part of the city which was on a higher level than the rest, or in a second storey, where the water did not reach them.

The cities of Middelburg and Goes on the same island did not suffer much damage. In these places we have small churches. Some of our isolated members lost their possessions.

Last week we were out visiting isolated members in the flooded areas in South Holland. We distributed clothing to those who needed it. We drove through the flooded areas around Dordrecht. In this city we have several believers, but only one family suffered damage. The wife is a faithful member and is about eighty years old. Her husband has been very much opposed to the truth; we hope that this experience will bring him closer to God. She praised the Lord for His watchcare over them; her house was flooded, but she fled to the upstairs apartment. You should see how close these people live to the water, and are really in danger all the time, but they take it calmly, without a murmur. We shall try to help all we can.

## MORE PRESS PUBLICITY

TIME magazine has again given press publicity to Seventh-day Adventists. In the issue of February 9, 1953, there appears a brief account of the multi-million-dollar gift to the denomination, of the Harris Pine Mills Incorporated. We feel sure this account will be of interest to many. It reads as follows:

### \$5,000,000 Tithed

In 1913 Clyde Harris, a carpenter, set up a small lumber plant near Pendleton, Ore. The following year Harris was baptized a Seventh-day Adventist, after having been attracted by the "clean life" led by Adventists of his acquaintance. From then on, his church and his factory were his two big interests in life. A non-smoker and a non-drinker, Harris taught Sabbath school and rigidly shut down his small plant on Saturdays (the Adventist Sabbath), despite the protests of customers who wanted their lumber deliveries. But he prospered nonetheless. Harris Pine Mills, Inc. became a \$5,000,000 business, with three sub-plants in Texas, Illinois, and Virginia, besides the main office and factory, now at Pendleton.

Through the years Adventist Harris, like most others of his faith, regularly tithed, i.e., gave 10 per cent of his income to the church. But he wished to do even more. Recently, after talking things over with his wife—they have no children—he decided to turn over Harris Pine Mills, Inc. stock, and boards to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Said Harris: "I feel that all the talents we have belong to the Lord.

We should return these talents to Him before we die."

Church authorities gratefully accepted his offer. They appointed an Adventist minister, the Rev. C. J. Nagele, to take over the factory's management, and planned to use the factory's income chiefly for the expenses of the Adventists' international mission programme. Clyde Harris, in turn, promised to stay around the factory for about a year, at a nominal salary of \$6,000, until Pastor Nagele "knows all the ropes." Then he will retire (supported by income from other property).

Last week ex-Owner Harris told his 400 Pendleton employees, 65 per cent of whom are Adventists, that they are now working for the church. Then he made a formal transfer to the Rev. W. H. Branson, the Adventists' world president, who had flown out from Washington, D.C. to accept the gift. Elder Branson said a short prayer: "We know, dear Lord, that all the silver and the gold is Thine; we pray to Thee to bless this plant, the people who work in it, the brother and sister who have given it back to Thee, and to bless its profits. Amen."

THE EDITOR.

## ORDINATION IN WEST AFRICA

ONE of Christendom's most ancient and solemn rites—that of ordination to the Gospel ministry—was fittingly solemnized on Sabbath afternoon, February 14th, in our oldest church in Nigeria, located at Erunmu.

The candidate was Brother Edgar E. Hulbert, principal of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, Ibadan.

The ordination prayer was offered by Pastor J. J. Hyde, president of the West Nigerian Mission, Ibadan. Pastor N. B. Nielsen, mission secretary-treasurer, extended the welcome into the full Gospel ministry following the formal commission given by Pastor J. O. Gibson, president of the West African Union Mission.

Others participating in the ceremony included Pastor G. A. Lindsay, treasurer of the Northern European Division; Pastor Roger W. Coon, secretary of the Radio Department of the West African Union Mission; and Pastor S. Dare of the Erunmu church, who also conducted a separate ordination service for one local elder and four deacons before the congregation which numbered several hundred.

Pastor Hulbert graduated from Newbold College in England, in 1943. He served pastorates in Gloucester and Maidstone in Britain before coming to Nigeria in 1946, when he became a station director at Awtun.

In 1948 he became principal of the

West African branch of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School at Ibadan. He will soon leave to take up editorial duties at the Advent Press in Accra, Gold Coast.

Replacing him at the Bible School will be Pastor Roger W. Coon, who recently

joined the workers in the West African Union Mission from the Southern California Conference, where he had served for nearly five years as a pastor and secretary of that field's Public Relations Department. ROGER W. COON.

## Statistics from the Medical Secretary's Report at the Biennial Council, 1952

### SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS

	Capacity	No. In-patients	Visits & Treatments No. Out-patients	Charity Work	Physicians & Internees	Nurses	Other Employees	Total Employees	Student-Nurses
Ekebyholm Summer Sanitarium	75	263	15	\$100.00	1	6	55	62	—
Gimble Mission Hospital, Ethiopia	50	1742	13710	300.00	1	2	20	23	—
Haile Selassie Hospital, Debre Tabor, Ethiopia	26	511	5225	820.00	1	—	8	9	2
Hopeaniemi Sanitarium Finland	20	332	22	280.00	1	1	8	10	9
Hultafors Sanitarium, Sweden	130	1817	—	3930.20	2	26	75	103	10
Ile Ife Hospital, West Africa	90	2000	46000	1000.00	2	24	46	72	48
Nyhytan Sanitarium, Sweden	63	1157	36	3938.20	—	10	50	60	—
Skodsborg Sanitarium, Denmark	257	3626	566	18550.00	6	32	244	282	62
Skogli Sanitarium, Norway	50	563	—	350.69	1	6	23	30	—
Stanboroughs Hydro, England	57	659	838	2613.45	1	12	29	42	—
Toivonlinna Summer Sanitarium, Finland	85	354	—	—	—	6	33	39	—
Zauditu Memorial Hospital, Ethiopia	85	9378	44542	15580.00	2	6	98	106	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>22402</b>	<b>110954</b>	<b>\$47462.54</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>151</b>

### CLINICS AND DISPENSARIES

	Daily Capacity	Patients Treated	Charity Work	Physicians	Nurses	Others Employed	Total Employed
Copenhagen Clinic, Denmark	200	34508	\$300.00	4	12	10	26
Helsingfors Hydro-Electric Institute, Finland	70	9663	187.00	1	3	2	6
Oslo Health Home, Norway	260	60290	416.85	—	19	33	52
Ras Kassa Clinic, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	—	7293	2870.00	—	1	1	2
Stockholm Hydro-Electric Institute, Sweden	90	16503	317.60	—	11	3	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>128257</b>	<b>\$4091.45</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>100</b>

## NEWS FLASH

A MOST interesting report of the educational work in the West African Union Mission, covering the year 1952 has just come in. In the fifty years that have elapsed since our work first began in that field, a strong and vigorous work along educational lines has developed. At the end of 1952 we were operating 112 elementary schools and four training schools, staffed by 489 teachers, with an enrolment of 11,534 students. This represents a gain in enrolment of 3,320 students in a period of two years. The staff of teachers has increased by 176 in the same period.

On March 11th, Dr. and Mrs. Hubert F. Sturgess, under appointment to the Ethiopian Mission, sailed for their field of labour. Dr. Sturgess recently completed the Diploma course of the School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in London. We wish these new appointees much of the blessing of the Lord as they take up their new responsibilities.

One of our young men in Norway, Mr. Martin Gundersen, has received a call to serve in the Belgian Congo Mission under the direction of the Southern African Division. This young man and his wife will shortly proceed to Belgium for language study and to complete a course in Hygiene and Tropical Medicine as required for their new work in the Belgian Congo.

Dr. L. Mark Hamilton has just returned from an extended tour in Ethiopia and West Africa in the interests of our educational work. Pastor E. E. Cossentine accompanied Dr. Hamilton on his visit to Ethiopia where a thorough survey was made of the educational work and its needs.

Mr. and Mrs. Sven Sjoberg, members of the Skodsborg Sanitarium family, have responded to a call to join the staff of the Dar El Salaam Hospital in Baghdad, Iraq. They expect to proceed to their field of labour at an early date.

We are happy to report that in the recent floods along the East Coast of England very few of our people suffered serious loss. Six of our members in the Great Yarmouth district are reported to be homeless and one member is not yet accounted for. The church property at Lowestoft has suffered severely from the flood damage. The flooring and organ and possibly other furniture will have to be replaced. On Canvey Island none of our

members lost their lives, though two have lost their homes.

Reports from the Skodsborg Sanitarium indicate that the year 1952 has surpassed all previous years in the record of work done. The daily average of patients resident in the institution in 1952 was 226. This excellent achievement seems likely to be exceeded in the current year 1953, for the records of January and February show a daily average of 266 resident patients.

Dr. J. D. Henriksen, for many years associated with the Skodsborg Sanitarium as a specialist in physical medicine, together with his wife and family is *en route* to the United States. Dr. Henriksen has been granted leave of absence by the management of the Skodsborg Sanitarium in order that he may engage in post-graduate studies at the Mayo Clinic and other institutions in the United States, including some of our leading denominational institutions. E. B. RUDGE.

As we go to press delegates are arriving from various parts of the Division to attend the Publishing Council to be held at Stanborough Park, Watford, March 16th to 22nd. We are particularly happy that Pastor and Mrs. G. A. Huse of the General Conference are to be present. Representatives will also be coming from the Southern and Central European Divisions.

## NEWS FROM THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

THE FOLLOWING interesting items of awakening interest in the truth in the north of Norway come from Pastor T. Torkelsen, president of the North Norway Conference. He says:

"It is quite a way to a meeting when one has to row about seven miles over treacherous sea in order to get there. To have every man and woman in the community at the meeting is also evidence of an interest which is quite good. It is sad to have to leave such a meeting without being able to promise these earnest people a minister. The hunger for the Word of God is great in such small, hidden, and almost-forgotten places. The colporteur boat, however, takes care of these places as well as it is able. Last summer it visited four lighthouses way out in the ocean, twenty fjords, and seventy-one islands where no other workers can go. It

is not strange that we have to count in days when we travel, when other conferences count in hours.

"This is the ideal district for the Bible Correspondence School. I found several Sabbath-keepers who were ready for baptism.

"My heart rejoices nowadays as I receive letters from the ministers in the field. They are very diligent writers. That is a good sign in itself, for he who has least interest, writes least. But all tell about good attendance at the meetings. The youngest of them, who is out on his own for the first time, is among those who have the greatest interest. People say that they never have seen such a migration to a religious meeting before. True, there are only sixty to eighty people at the meetings, but when these are fifty per cent of the whole population in the community, the interest is not poor according to our way of figuring.

"We have the best hope for a good harvest of souls this year. Last year we won seventy-five per cent more souls than the year before. We believe that the increase will continue. Our prayer is that the spiritual drought which has rested over our land, and also over our conference, may wane. May the latter rain come soon—now—is our prayer."

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