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Wings Over Africa

By Dr. L. Mark Hamilton

Division Educational Secretary



THERE was more than a hint of subdued excitement in the air as we loaded our things into the Ethiopian Union Mission's station wagon early one morning last January. Several months ago a Sabbath-school missions appeal, written by Principal Herbert Hanson, of Akaki School, had graphically described the possibilities of establishing a new mission station among the pagan Danakil people in the Awash River valley in eastern Ethiopia. During the year that had intervened the way had opened up, almost miraculously, for the work to begin. And now we were privileged to participate in the first exploratory trip to examine the proposed site for a school, dispensary, and mission in the village of Aisaita, about two hundred miles east of Dessie, near the French Somaliland frontier.

Perhaps the excitement was heightened a bit by the fact that an armed police escort had been assigned to accompany us. Only a few days previously, a number of tribesmen had been killed during a raid by a heavily armed party of ruffians from a distant borderland region. Order had been promptly restored and there was evidently no great danger, but the police officials insisted on taking all necessary precautions to protect us against any possibility of harm. There was a good deal of assurance in the arrangements, despite the fact that the muzzle of one of the police rifles kept nudging us in the back most of the journey—quite inadvertently, to be sure!

En route, we stopped in one village in answer to an urgent request to help a sick man who was said to be seriously ill,

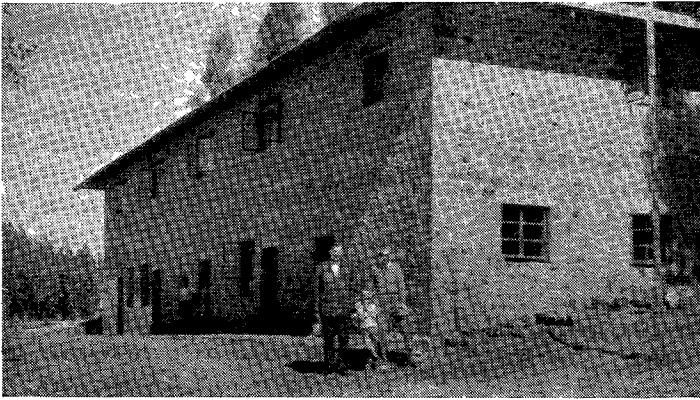
evidently suffering from a severe attack of malaria. Pastor S. A. Broberg, Union Mission president, gave him some medicine which he always carries for such emergencies, and, having spoken a few words of comfort, we drove on our way.

The road descended from the high plateau around Dessie into the desert country which extends eastward to the Red Sea. It was dry and dusty, and in the lower altitudes it was very warm, but not unbearably so.

The village of Aisaita is situated on a rocky ridge overlooking the vast plain which marks the delta of the Awash River. Trees dot the landscape, adding a pleasantly contrasting green to the brown and barren mountains that ring the valley. This is a centre of trade and commerce for the Danakil people for miles around and it is a strategic location for a school, mission station, and a small dispensary to serve as an entering wedge for the third angel's message among these needy tribesmen.

Comfortable quarters for teachers had already been completed and a well-planned school building was in process of construction at the time of our visit. Ample land for farm and garden will be available for teaching agriculture and to provide food for the students. In addition, there is an excellent opportunity for the development of small industries adapted to the resources and the needs of the region. Use of these facilities appears to be assured if we will only supply the men and means to operate them.

Other mission bodies have sought in vain for permission to enter this region, and now that the way seems fully open for us to establish a new outpost here, it would be tragic indeed if we failed to respond. As we knelt in prayer for evening worship at the close of day we prayed earnestly for men and means to kindle a light in this



The Boys' Dormitory at Akaki School. A substantial and much-needed building constructed under the direction of Principal Einar Haugen.

village that will illuminate the entire valley and its peoples with the hope of Jesus' soon return.

As we visited other parts of Ethiopia there were encouraging evidences of the onward progress of Christian education in that field. On the material side it can be reported that two excellent new dormitories have been completed at Akaki school during the past year. Urgently needed classroom space at the Ethiopian Mission Training School is nearly ready for occupancy, and additional facilities are planned for the coming months. At Gimbie, plans have been made for utilizing recent appropriations to rebuild the boys' dormitory, which collapsed about two years ago.

In Eritrea, plans are being laid to establish a boys' boarding school with funds provided for that purpose at the time of the winter council in Skodsborg. Because Eritrea constitutes a different language area from the rest of Ethiopia, it is necessary to provide the elementary training for a selected group of young men whose preparation will be completed at the Union Mission senior school at Kuyera.

More important than the material progress which has been made or is being planned, is the fact that the first graduates of the training school are now at work in the various mission stations and are demonstrating the value of the investment that has been made in their education. We saw them carrying the Gospel to the heathen Shankullahs in the stifling heat of the Dedessa River valley in western Ethiopia, near Gimbie. We saw them teaching in the Gimbie school; we saw them giving superior quality of instruction in Debre Tabor and in Guvda, the all-Adventist village nearby. And what we saw reassured us that the sacrifices and labour which had made their training possible had not been made in vain. Surely a new day is dawning in Ethiopia which will see the fruition of the

years of seed-sowing which have preceded it.

At Debre Tabor, Professor Cossentine and the writer had the thrilling privilege of talking for a few minutes with the wife of old Chief Zacharias, whose work for God has brought such a good harvest of souls into the light of present truth in and about this ancient capital of Ethiopia. Although Chief Zacharias died nearly a quarter of a century ago, his widow has seen hundreds of her husband's followers



The local governor of Wallo Province in whose territory our school building at Aisaita is located. We met him by the side of the road at a cattle watering place. He was most courteous and helpful.

join the Advent church for which he so earnestly looked. Although she is nearly ninety years old, she has not been "disobedient to the heavenly vision," and today rejoices in the blessed hope of Jesus' soon return.

The immediate task having been completed in Ethiopia, I turned westward in an aerial journey which was to take me in rapid succession to our schools in Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. In less than a month's time I had crossed Africa at this point of greatest width from the Red Sea on the east to Dakar, at the extreme westernmost tip of the continent. It was inspiring to visit the schools, and to talk with teachers and educational leaders, and with the students. Again there were evidences of progress and growth: a new administration block and dormitory for the secondary school at Ihie in Nigeria; a beginning secondary school class diligently studying under the direction of two teachers at Bekwai with plans for the construction of additional dormitory and classroom space in the coming year; a boys' dormitory under construction at Konola in Liberia; and plans laid for the establishment of a girls' boarding school in Sierra Leone and for strengthening the school work there in the most vital places.

With all the encouragement in this report, however, one cannot dismiss from mind the very great and serious needs that remain unfilled. One that I shall not soon forget is the countless towns and villages that lie along the route from Khartoum, in the Sudan, to Kano, in north Nigeria. For twelve hours we flew over them. During the last hour there unrolled below us a panorama of some of the most densely populated areas in central north Africa—all without a single school or mission station. These, too, must hear the good news of salvation.

Nor can one forget the terribly crowded schools; their teachers struggling along with poor buildings and a heartbreaking shortage of books and the most elementary kind of equipment. The situation in Sierra Leone is particularly acute where we face government closure of many of our schools unless strong emergency steps are taken to establish them on a sound and respectable basis.

In the early hours of a cool March morning, I stood on the verandah of the airport terminal in Dakar thinking of the thousands of young people, the hundreds of teachers, in scores of Seventh-day Adventist schools stretching like a thin line of aerial beacons across Africa. Overhead

the stars twinkled in jewelled brilliance just as they had done during the night watches in the days of Livingstone and Moffatt. Above the nocturnal clatter of the international airport came the muffled thunder of the surf as the restless Atlantic pounded ceaselessly on the shores of western Africa at the end of the runway. Out on the tarmac the giant BOAC airliner was being serviced and refuelled for the final portion of the journey back to London.

What a revolution air transportation has effected since the days of those pioneer missionaries to the Dark Continent! It would have taken them weeks, yes, even months, to have covered the same distance. Fifty years in their lives did not suffice to accomplish the work now being done in days and weeks by Christian schools and teachers and students, in evangelizing the thousands of villages of which they wrote, which had never heard the name of Christ.

Wings over Africa! What wonders God has wrought to speed the Gospel for these last days. Africa is dark no longer, thanks not only to new methods of transportation but even more so because of the vast network of Christian schools. These brilliant beacons have not only dispelled the darkness in their surrounding communities, but they have effectively trained the youth of Africa to be winged messengers carrying that light to other towns and villages, even to the remotest corners of this vast continent.

Among the powerful forces at work today reshaping the life and destiny of Africa and its peoples, none is more important than Seventh-day Adventist schools. They stand as the embodiment of the third angel's message, and more than any man-made machine of the air, they are living symbols of "Wings over Africa."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO-DAY

By D. V. Cowin

*Union Educational Secretary,
West Africa*

FIFTY-FIVE years of Adventist missions in West Africa have been built upon the strong and lasting foundation of the Christian school. Wherever the brethren have gone in to evangelize the people they have very soon built up an educational centre, first in the form of an elementary school. The results of those early and continual efforts can be seen to-day, on the whole west coast in the more than 625 churches and elementary schools, the hos-



The wife of Chief Zacharias, about eighty-seven years old, snapped with Brethren Cossentine and Hamilton at Debre Tabor, Ethiopia.

pitals, the Voice of Prophecy school, training institutions, and printing plant.

Growth in the total programme of Christian education in the entire West African Union, especially during the more recent years, has been most encouraging. Within two years the number of Adventist schools of all classifications grew from 95 to 116. The number of teachers increased from 313 to 489 in that same period of time, while the number of pupils enrolled rose from 8,216 to 11,534.

The Ivory Coast Mission opened its first church school with thirty-two pupils enrolled. Liberia re-opened the Palmsberg

school, where once a strong mission work flourished. Both the Gold Coast and East Nigerian Missions increased the number of their schools and the enrolments significantly. Plans were completed in 1952 to open two much needed and sought after new secondary schools early in 1953.

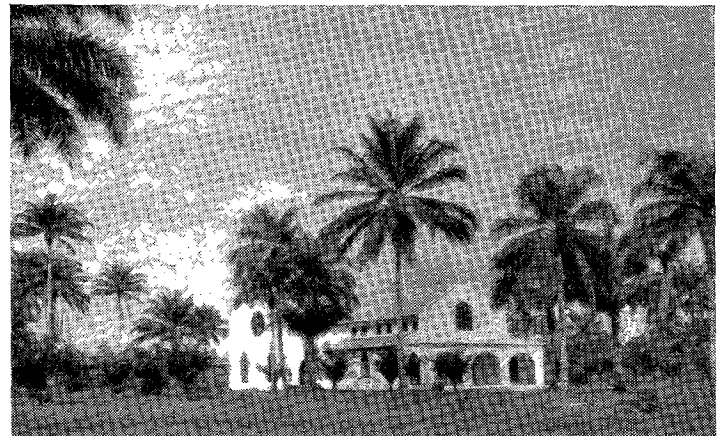
These fine advances have not been accomplished, however, without hardships and heartaches, and even some heartbreaks. Here is an example of what we mean. Our North Nigerian Mission with its eleven millions of Moslem and heathen peoples has just one single infant-junior Seventh-day Adventist school. 1952 was the year it was to have been advanced to senior standing under government approval. Months of careful searching showed that it would be most difficult to find a qualified Adventist teacher for that distant post. The day to open school for the year came and with it came pupils for two classes in the senior school, but there was no teacher. A full month passed by while the leaders investigated all available prospective teachers in the entire union. At last the sad word, "There is no teacher," had to be given to the two waiting classes of ambitious youth. They were sent back to the bush for another year of waiting.

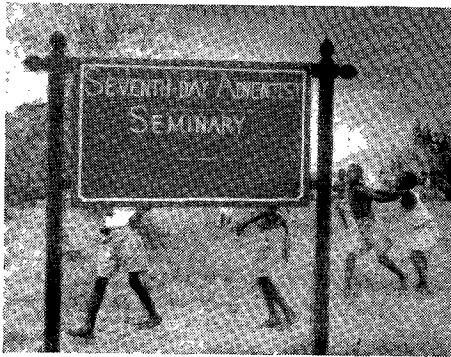
The determination of these young folk to obtain education is really marvellous. One young lad in standard four walked more than twelve miles each day, past other schools, in order to attend an Adventist school. Another boy in standard five enrolled in a nearby Catholic school and studied a year while he waited for an opening in the Adventist school. He went regularly into the bush over the week-ends to carry the Gospel story, and as a result a strong church was raised up.

These are stories of Christian education in West Africa, a field with more than

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The beautiful new church at the Nigerian Training College, Ibie. It seats 500 and is being used for public evangelism.





Advanced Training for Gold Coast Youth

By Howard J. Welch

JANUARY 20, 1953, marked the beginning of a new adventure in Christian education in the Gold Coast of West Africa. On that day fifteen young men, and later one young woman, arrived at Bekwai to become the pioneer class of the new Seventh-day Adventist Secondary School. It was somewhat of an act of faith both on the part of mission leaders and on the part of the students who came, for as yet there was neither a building nor adequate staff.

The young woman went into the home of a teacher and the young men were crowded into temporary quarters with the younger boys of the middle school (Junior High school). Classes began in the dining-room. One of the teachers in the Training College, Isaac Garbrah, son of a pioneer Gold Coast minister, consented to be the temporary headmaster and house master as well. Classes are now in full swing and the little group of students are a busy but happy family joining together in work, study, play, and worship just as do students in Adventist academies all around the world. Many of them are working to earn at least a part of their expenses. All

share in the duty of caring for their classroom, dormitory, dining-room, and grounds around the building, as well as helping on the school farm. Just at present the construction of a new classroom for the primary department of the demonstration school is furnishing remunerative work for several of the young men.

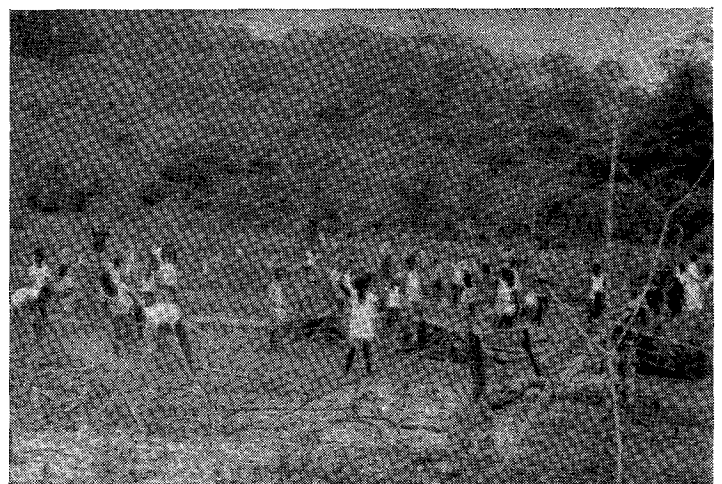
Through the kind liberality of our brethren in other lands funds have been made available through the General Conference for the development of this secondary school. Soon we expect work to begin on a fine modern two-storey building. This will contain six classrooms, a suite of offices, a library, and a counselling room. The church membership of the Gold Coast is getting behind the project and is endeavouring to raise £7,500 this year. This amount, together with the funds from overseas should build and equip the administration building and provide one dormitory. Later it is hoped funds may be available for more dormitory space for both men and women and for a science building. A water system and also a new electric light plant must be provided in the near future.

This new school project should bring greatly increased strength to the Seventh-day Adventist work in the Gold Coast, for its graduates will make it possible to obtain much more adequately trained evangelists, teachers, office workers, and church leaders. Some who complete their secondary studies will no doubt go on to earn college degrees and thus be prepared to replenish and strengthen the staffs of our existing schools with teachers fully trained in our own institutions of higher learning. This is most important, for in the past we have had to depend on teachers who were sometimes not thoroughly indoctrinated with the Adventist plan of education. It should be understood also that in the past our Bekwai Training College has had to recruit its students to train as workers from those who had only completed middle form IV (roughly corresponding to grade eight in the American system) and after two years of training send them out as evangelists and teachers. This training of course was woefully inadequate.

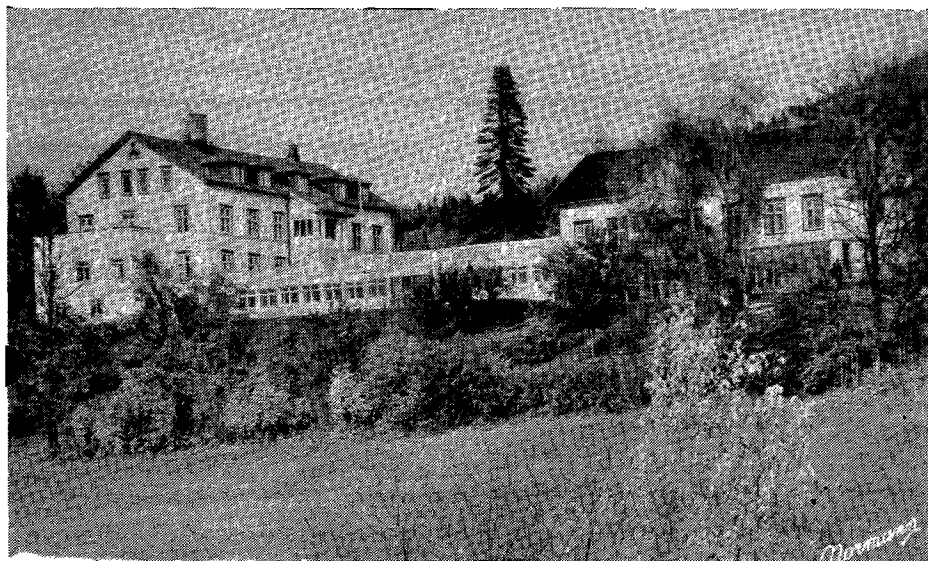
Public education in the Gold Coast has been greatly accelerated. Gold Coast youth aspire as never before to gain a higher education. Our youth do go to school. In the past many have gone to other secondary schools and in most cases have been lost to the message and to the work. Great difficulty has been found in getting Adventist trained teachers for our Training College. We thank God that now there is a prospect of change. We hope to hold our youth and train them for the Lord's work. We solicit the prayers of all for this new adventure in Christian education: a secondary school in the Gold Coast to the glory of God.



New Bekwai Secondary School—Students at work.



Students at play—Clearing land for school gardens.



The new treatment rooms of Skogli Sanitarium can be seen in the centre connecting the two older buildings.

MEDICAL EVANGELISM

By Alf Lohne,

President, West Nordic Union

THE official opening this spring of the new bath and treatment departments at Skogli Badesanatorium, near Lillehammer, marked the beginning of a new era for the health work in Norway.

It is more than fifty years ago that the first committee began searching for a place where a sanitarium could be established. When, in 1946, Skogli was bought, we called it a "Badesanatorium," but the extremely poor treatment facilities did not measure up to the fine name.

Now conditions are different. The new treatment rooms are situated in a concrete building which in a practical way unites the two older buildings where the patients live. No longer do the patients need to go outside in order to pass from one building to the other, which in bad weather and heavy frost was very inconvenient.

The new building contains twenty separate treatment rooms for massage and hydrotherapy, as well as rooms for Finsenlight, short-wave, and other electrical treatments. The bright and pleasant locality of the buildings makes the sanitarium the most inviting and modern of its kind in the country. From now on the "Badesanatorium" is a reality.

When Pastor A. F. Tarr, president of

the Northern European Division, spoke at the official opening and told of the purpose and the strength of the Adventist health work, a distinguished audience listened very attentively. Among the guests were the head doctor from Skodsborg Badesanatorium, Dr. A. Andersen, and two head doctors from a State hospital near by. Eight other doctors and representatives of local authorities were also present. Several of them expressed their admiration for the splendid work which is being done for the sick at the sanitarium.

Very encouraging experiences have been happening at Skogli. Some time ago there arrived a lady who was broken down by rheumatism and completely helpless. She had to be carried down to the treatment rooms every day, as the sanitarium has as yet no elevator. This was painful for the poor lady, but day by day she became better, and after a few weeks she could walk up and down the steps without any help at all.

Many such sufferers have to be refused admittance because of the limited number that the masseurs can carry up and down each day. When the sanitarium gets its much needed elevator, the outlook indeed will be brighter.

There was a young man among the patients who knew nothing about Adventists when he arrived. But he became interested in these peculiar people who "keep Sunday on Sabbath." He began asking questions. The answers convinced him of the truth and he was baptized. To-day he is out canvassing and planning to attend college next year.

Every year former guests are sent the Ingathering magazine, and thousands of kroner are received for our mission work.

Skogli Badesanatorium is becoming increasingly popular among its patients. Many come back year after year. During 1947, the first year of operation, 382 patients arrived. In 1952 this figure increased to 782. The new treatment rooms have already had their effect. While writing this article, the manager, Brother M. K. Stavnem, tells me that there is a long waiting list and many are turned away.

Situated on the hillside near the town of Lillehammer, the sanitarium commands a wonderful view. In the peaceful valley below lies Lake Mjosa and beyond, the eye rests on snow-clad mountains. The pure, crystal-clear air in these districts is famous far beyond the borders of Norway. Every year many asthmatic patients come from far-off places to enjoy the clean, invigorating air that the districts around Lillehammer afford.

Through the sanitarium we contact a class of people we otherwise hardly ever reach. Recently a leader of one of the free churches stayed at the sanitarium for the third time. He said to one of our workers: "I feel at home among you Adventists here at the sanitarium. I know some of my fellow ministers are against you, but won't you please tell me something about your teachings?" The Bible study that followed made this influential man even more friendly toward us. When he now comes to stay here, he often takes the worship hour.

The possibilities for helping people both physically and spiritually seem limitless in this place. The blessings of God rest upon the faithful work being done by our health evangelists, and we know we can trustfully place our further plans for this work in His guiding hands.

Christian Education To-day

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40,000,000 population, where the people are crying out for a greater educational opportunity. Their hearts are full of appreciation for all that the mission has done, but they are asking for a higher level of training, and this must be given, for one day the full load of leadership must rest upon the shoulders of these people. In anticipation of that time we must train well the qualified youth through all of our school services. That training can best be given in Adventist schools which follow the full pattern in a broad, Christ-centred educational programme.

DIVISION-WIDE EVANGELISM

Youth Evangelism

LATELY we have had some wonderful and interesting experiences in the west of Ethiopia and we wish to share them with you. It might inspire you to hear how God is working on the hearts of people in this part of the mission field.

Some months ago one of our Ethiopian evangelists was called to a house close to one of our churches. The farmer who lived at this house told the following story: "My wife and I have never been to your church, but our children have. One of our boys who is eight years old has learned about the Sabbath—now he refuses to eat any bread if the flour has been ground on the Sabbath, and he also will not drink the water carried from the river on the Sabbath. We wish to learn the Word of God that our children have learned. Come to our house and teach us, so that we can be baptized. From now on I and all my family will come to your church and learn about Jesus."

We are happy to see that the seed sown in the heart of a child is bearing fruit in such a wonderful way.

Three weeks ago we had another encouraging experience. Around our mission there are several valleys inhabited by heathen people. These people are spirit-worshippers and are subject to the influence of the witch doctors. We received a letter signed by several of these people requesting us to come and teach them the Word of God. This letter came from a small village six hours by mule west of Gimbie station, in an area where we have no work.

The man who wrote the letter told us that they had learned the Advent message from a boy who had spent but a few months in our school in Gimbie several years ago. Five days after we received the letter, the man who had written it came himself to Gimbie and asked us to come and teach them more about God. The man told me that he had read the whole of the Bible after he had heard the message from the schoolboy.

The man as a boy had attended another mission school where he had learned to read. He had later left that school because he believed their teaching was not according to the Bible, especially their teaching regarding the Sabbath.

To read the Bible through in this country means a great deal, as there are

few Bibles and not many who can read well. After reading the Bible the man had started to teach others about the truth he had found, and there were, he said, six other people with him wanting to be baptized. When I questioned the man I was amazed at what he knew about the message, for by the answers he gave I could see that he was about ready to be baptized. Our Ethiopian evangelist went over to see the place a few days later and found many people interested. Fifteen joined the baptismal class on the first day, and more joined each succeeding day. Thirty to forty people attended other meetings held by the evangelist.

And since then I have received another request from the same people for me to go down to them and arrange for a church building. The people had asked their chief—who is the son of the previous witch doctor and the owner of all the surrounding land—if he would give them land and building materials for a church. (The witch doctor died two years ago and so far no successor has been found to take his place.) When I came down to see them the chief went with us to find a suitable place on his land which he wanted to give us. He also offered to give us all the trees we should need for the building.



Pastor Hugo Palm, Superintendent of Gimbie Mission, with Atomase Saba, who taught his own village about the message after two months at Gimbie Mission school.

How happy we are to see the waning of Satan's power that has held the hearts of these people for thousands of years; and to know that God is now working in a special way to help these people to know and be ready to meet Him when He comes.

HUGO PALM.

Newspaper Evangelism

THE principal of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, West African Union Mission, Roger W. Coon, sees great possibilities in the use of the press as an evangelizing agent in that union. Concerning the "Know Your Bible" column which has been appearing regularly in the *Nigerian Tribune*, Ibadan, he writes:

"This column was started some months ago by Pastor E. E. Hulbert, then director of the Voice of Prophecy, West Africa. It has run regularly each Saturday ever since. This newspaper, like most African newspapers, has only four pages of six 18½ inch columns, making a total of twenty-four columns in the whole newspaper each day. As you see, we regularly get the equivalent of two full columns each insertion, so we really get a 'lion's share,' of each Sabbath's paper. Couple with this the fact that these smaller newspapers are avidly read by the local populace, and you can begin to see what a potential and real impact our column has on the public here. We are permitted to write on any subject that takes our fancy, and even allowed, usually, to run a free advertisement at the end, inviting the readers to enrol for the Bible Course. A number of enrolments have come in through this medium.

"The future is bright for continuing in this newspaper, and in starting the same, or similar type column, in many other newspapers throughout Nigeria, and perhaps throughout West Africa as a whole. I have contacted many editors already who have been unusually cordial and friendly, and who have expressed a willingness to take any copy we are able to give them. At the moment we are limited only by a lack of time on the part of the writer for extending this most profitable type of newspaper evangelism. As you know, we are limited in the amount of radio work we can do here, and so we are turning to the public press more and more as a means of widening the sphere of our influence. Newspapers are read in Africa much more thoroughly than in Britain or in America, so a small story or article here means as much as a much larger 'spread'

in papers in the homeland. Pray that God will continue to expand this most profitable enterprise, and that He will also bless the contacts already made with regard to increasing the size and extent of our radio work, which is regulated and controlled by government agencies."

Literature Ministry

PRESS publicity throughout the Division territory appears to be growing in momentum and in many places a keen interest is being manifested in this most fruitful auxiliary to our evangelistic programme. Within a week or two, Elder J. R. Ferren will be with us in the field and is expected to make visits throughout Britain, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, and Holland. His visit will undoubtedly bring further inspiration and blessing to this important phase of our work.

In a recent letter, Pastor C. R. Bonney indicated that it is known that at least 357 souls have thus far been baptized as a result of their contact with the British Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School. As a result of applications received from those who have first been contacted with Adventist literature which led to the Bible Correspondence Course, ninety-two souls have been baptized. This is undoubtedly a great indication of the potential fruitage that awaits the church as it harnesses this modern means of soul-saving evangelism.

A recent visit to Finland brought the good news that one of our colporteurs had been instrumental during 1952 in winning fifteen souls to the message in one place and of erecting a church as a result of his literature ministry and Bible studies. A fuller report of this outstanding experience we hope will appear in a later issue.

G. D. KING.

Public Evangelism

THE following is an extract taken from a letter written by Herman E. Davis, Eritrea, dated April 23, 1953:

"Sabbath, April 11th, we held our first Sabbath school and church service in the hall in the city of Asmara and forty-six were present. Last Sabbath there was an increase of twenty, making a total of sixty-six. Others have promised to come out this week, so the church should continue to grow.

"But Satan is also working very hard and we certainly need your prayers. I am

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HEALTH REFORM
God's Great Gift

A TIMELY CHECK-UP

By H. Karstrom, Ph.D.

Professor of Biochemistry,
Turku University, Finland.

THIS article introduces a series of articles which Dr. Karstrom has written by special request. Dr. Karstrom's comments on healthful living are of particular interest to us, because of his wide experience in Biochemical research. Besides serving as Professor of Biochemistry at the Turku University, Dr. Karstrom is principal of our Finnish school at Toivonlinna. For many years Dr. Karstrom worked with Professor A. I. Virtanen of Helsinki, who was awarded the Nobel Prize and who is reputed to have discovered a greater number of vitamins than any other scientist. Dr. Karstrom is convinced that many of the facts upon which he has worked so tirelessly have been available to Seventh-Day Adventists for many years through the Spirit of prophecy. His research work has convinced him of the inestimable value of the Spirit of prophecy to Seventh-day Adventists.

OUR health is a very precious heritage. As long as we enjoy good health, we should do all in our power to retain it. Should we feel our health failing, we ought to take immediate steps to build it up again. It is far wiser to endeavour to prevent disease while one is still in good health, than to try to regain health after it is broken down. The most effective method of preventing disease is to constantly follow Nature's own health laws from which, I am sorry to say, civilized man is prone to turn away.

We Adventists believe that the greatest of all events—the second advent of Jesus Christ—is near at hand. We also believe that we, the remnant church, have a special message to preach to the world. We believe, too, that this "remnant," according to Revelation 12:17, is recognized by the fact that its members "keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." And from Revelation 19:10 we learn that the testimony of Jesus Christ is the Spirit of prophecy. We also believe that God has used Sister E. G. White as His special messenger through whom He has revived the Spirit of prophecy in these last days.

What really would the Advent message be without the Spirit of prophecy? If Ellen G. White had been a false prophet, then her teachings would have been rejected long ago. But, on the contrary, we Adventists treasure the Spirit of prophecy

as much as ever to this day. Through the Spirit of prophecy we have received detailed instruction and counsel concerning all lines of endeavour in the church. And not least is this true regarding the health programme that we promote, which has so often been referred to as the "right arm of the Advent message." The Advent message, in general, is reformatory in its nature, and likewise the health message that we teach is a message of health reform. Regarding the great and important purpose of health reform Sister White writes the following:

"There are but few as yet who are aroused sufficiently to understand how much their habits of diet have to do with their health, their characters, their usefulness in this world, and their eternal destiny. I saw that it is the duty of those who have received the light from Heaven and have realized the benefit of walking in it, to manifest a greater interest for those who are still suffering for want of knowledge. Sabbath-keepers who are looking for the soon appearing of their Saviour should be the last to manifest a lack of interest in this great work of reform."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, pages 488, 489.

"In teaching health principles, keep before the mind the great object of reform—that its purpose is to secure the highest development of body and mind and soul. Show that the laws of nature, being the laws of God, are designed for our good; that obedience to them promotes happiness in this life, and aids in the preparation for the life to come."—*The Ministry of Healing*, page 146.

"He who cherishes the light which God has given him upon health reform, has an important aid in the work of becoming sanctified through the truth, and fitted for immortality. But if he disregards that light, and lives in violation of natural law, he must pay the penalty; his spiritual powers are benumbed, and how can he perfect holiness in the fear of God?"—*Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene*, page 10.

Because an essential part of health reform touches the food that we eat or our diet, we can, in a restricted sense, also speak of it as food or diet reform; and the interesting thing about this diet reform is that modern teaching concerning healthful living has, broadly speaking, been led to follow along practically the same line regarding a healthful diet, as that which has been given to us Adventists long ago through the Spirit of prophecy.

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NEWS FLASH

E. L. MINCHIN has returned to the office after a prolonged visit to Ethiopia. The workers and members of Ethiopia, and especially the young people, are most grateful for the help given by Brother Minchin in the various parts of the field that he visited.

After an extended audit trip in Ethiopia, Brother Alf Karlman is back at headquarters again. On his way back from Ethiopia, Brother Karlman broke his journey in Beirut, from where he paid a brief visit to interesting spots in the Holy Land. Some of the interesting pictures that he and Brother Minchin took of that visit have been greatly appreciated by members of local churches.

Miss Lois Bowen, who has until recently been connected with the Zauditu Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa, paid a brief visit to Division headquarters on her way from Ethiopia to the States. Miss Bowen is on a well-earned furlough.

Dr. L. Mark Hamilton, in company with Dr. K. Reynolds of the General Conference Department of Education, is at present making a survey of the educational institutions in Northern Europe. He expects to return to Britain the latter part of May.

Miss A. S. Nuka was a recent welcome visitor to the Division office. Miss Nuka is a member of the training school in Nigeria, and is now on furlough.

Brother T. J. Bradley has paid a brief visit to Birmingham in order to lay preliminary plans for an evangelistic campaign which he expects to conduct in the coming autumn.

The annual meeting of the Nordic Philanthropic Society was held at Skodsborg Sanitarium on April 3rd, and was attended by representatives of the East and West Nordic Unions and by A. F. Tarr and G. A. Lindsay of the Northern European Division.

Writing of this meeting, A. F. Tarr tells of the very encouraging reports rendered by the three organizations whose affairs are governed by this legal body: Skodsborg Sanitarium, the Danish Food Factory, and the Old People's Home. The food factory was able to show a small, but encouraging gain. Skodsborg Sanitarium itself reported a record year both in finances and in patronage. The average daily

number of guests for the year was 227, with the low-level number of 140 one day in mid-winter (January 6th) and the high-level mid-summer (July 15th), when the guests numbered 300. Many influential people figured among those treated in the institution during the twelve months for which Dr. Andersen and Brother Westerland reported.

Pastor Tarr also writes that the annual meeting of the Swedish Legal Society was held at Nyhyttan, April 9th to 13th. At this meeting reports were presented by the Hultafors and Nyhyttan Sanitariums, the Stockholm treatment rooms, the Ekebyholm Mission School, and the Old People's Home. Gains were reported on the operations of all but one of these institutions, and a strong spiritual influence was being

It is with sincere regret that we report to the workers and believers in this field the sudden and unexpected death of Elder W. E. Nelson, for more than fourteen years treasurer of the General Conference.

On Sunday, May 10th, Elder W. E. Nelson experienced a severe heart attack which brought about his untimely end. Many throughout the various sections of this Division remember gratefully the deep and very practical interest manifest in the work of our Division by Elder Nelson. All will regret his passing to rest and share in expressions of condolence to his wife and the members of the General Conference family. E. B. RUDGE.

exercised by all. Speaking on behalf of the Stockholm treatment rooms, Brother Lindberg, the manager, stressed the Ingathering activities and the Bible Correspondence School promotion by members of the staff.

Principal Linde of Ekebyholm told of how the government have now arranged for Ekebyholm students to write their public examinations at Ekebyholm rather than at a public centre, and also for government examinations on Sabbath to be discontinued. The refusal of Seventh-day Adventist students to take these examinations except as permitted to do so on Saturday night following their being kept segregated and under close scrutiny all day Sabbath has, it seems, been the prime factor in this very interesting and helpful development. These legal meetings closed with all greatly encouraged over the work done by all of these good institutions of ours in Scandinavia.

Student-colporteur institutes have been held in each of the five colleges in the home field—Newbold, Zandbergen, Vejlefjord, Ekebyholm, and Toivonlinna—and at each one of these schools there was a very ready response from the student body and every indication that this summer period will be another record season for student-colporteur sales.

From our Newbold College in Britain, where plans are being made for the senior College programme, there will be about fifty students in the field. Overseas students are also beginning to make application for colporteur territory in Britain with a view to taking up their College work in England. Fortunately the British field is now open for overseas students to enter the colporteur field if they are registered as Newbold students.

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thinking of a widow and her five children who have been among the most regular attenders at the meetings, and all have finished the Voice of Prophecy lessons and agree to the truthfulness of the message. But they are hesitating to make the break with life-long friends. There are others also who are going through the valley of decision, and we solicit your prayers on their behalf."

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