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As Pastor A. Nielsen boards the steamer for Greenland, he carries with him the first Advent pamphlets printed in Greenlandic.

PASTOR H. MUDERSPACH, President of the East Danish Conference, writing from Copenhagen on June 24th, tells of the entrance of Pastor Andreas Nielsen into Greenland. This is the first Seventh-day Adventist minister to enter this previously "closed" country. Pastor Nielsen has taken with him tracts in Greenlandic and Danish.

It was Adventist fishermen of the Faroe Islands who first sowed the seed in Greenland many years ago as they visited the island for the summer fishing season. Although forbidden to speak to Eskimos, these fishermen managed to meet some, making good friends with Amon and Emil Berthelsen, a father and son. Later Amon wrote:

"I do want to tell you of my thankfulness and love to the

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church of Jesus. Through you I want to send my dearest and most heartfelt greetings to your church in the Adventist denomination and ask God's blessing over you. . . . I hope that by correspondence we may learn to know each other better and better. . . . My dear brother in Jesus Christ, I pray, kindly read Hebrews 10: 19-25."

And now comes Pastor Nielsen's first letter from Greenland. He writes under date of July 8th as follows: "I have now practically finished the distribution of the Greenlandic tract here in Holsteinborg. It is a town with about 1,000 inhabitants. The people appreciate this tract very much. Some Greenlanders have come personally to ask if they could have a copy. I have now been in this place one and a half weeks and have spent forty-two hours in visiting in the homes. In this time I have sold and delivered literature to the value of over 800 kroner. When we remember that only very few are able to read Danish, I am astonished at this result. Last Thursday I held my first public meeting with an attendance of about 250.

"Our friends Amon and Emil Berthelsen seem to understand the present truth quite well. They have now decided to observe the Sabbath. I am hoping that the whole family will join our church, but it will take some time before they are ready for baptism. Last Sabbath ten children gathered in the home of Amon Berthelsen. I conducted a Sabbath school class and studied the lesson, 'Jesus shall return,' with them. Amon translated. On Friday I plan to travel on a small boat to Sukkertoppen (next place toward the south), and then I hope in the latter part of the month to be successful in reaching Godthab."

STEWARDSHIP FOR TODAY

By W. H. Branson

AS EVERY man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." "None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." These are but two of the many texts of Scripture which teach that it is the duty of every Christian to share with others the blessings which have come to him. We have nothing except that which God has given us. We brought nothing into the world when we came. We take nothing with us when we leave except the character which we have formed. All that we may seem to possess has been placed under our control for a short time in order that we may learn how to be stewards for God. Even life itself is to be spent in service for others. It is not to be wasted in idleness or pleasure seeking or in gathering riches and power for selfish use. The moments of every Christian are carefully numbered and in the judgment an exact record will be revealed. You and I will be called upon to give an account of our stewardship. Day by day, it is our solemn responsibility to fulfil the purpose of heaven in our lives.

The apostle Paul understood what it meant to be a steward. "I have received of the Lord," he says, "that which also I delivered unto you." He did not consume the blessings of Heaven upon himself. The gifts of God to him were to be shared with others. He could not rest until he had done this. He was a debtor to all men everywhere, Greeks, barbarians, bond, free, wise or unwise. "Woe is me," he declared, "if I preach not the Gospel." Farther and still farther he extended the triumphs of the cross. With burning zeal, in spite of iron fetters and the darkness of the dungeon, he brought the good tidings even to Rome. He lived to see the Gospel preached to "every creature which is under heaven." He was indeed a steward of the manifold grace of God.

The Lord Jesus Himself is our great example of stewardship. He dwelt in the fellowship of the Father and the holy angels in the sunlight of eternity, worshipped and adored by the heavenly host. But he could not continue to enjoy heaven while men and women were lost in sin. "Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." And God Him-

self so loved the world that He emptied heaven in the one great gift of the only-begotten Son.

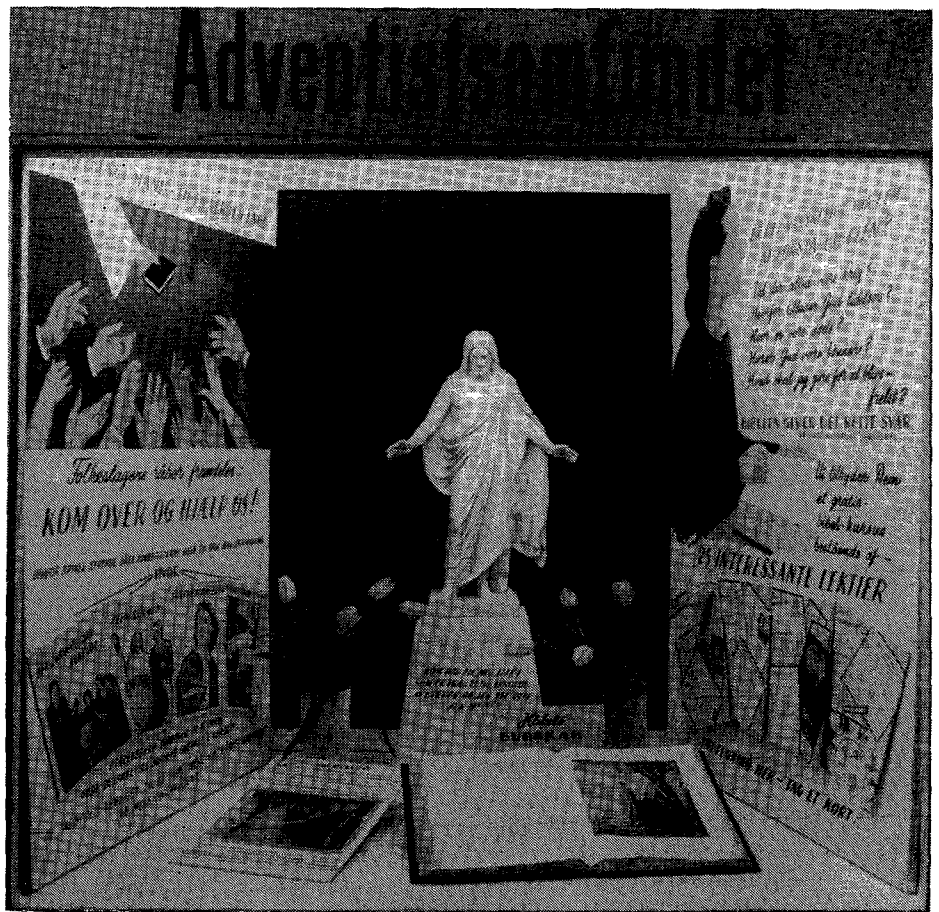
Everyone who names the name of Christ becomes a partaker in the work of redemption. "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work," said Jesus. The people inquired, "How shall we do the works of God?" "Believe on Him whom He hath sent," was the reply. And, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also."

It seems clear therefore that to be a Christian is to be a fellow worker with the Lord of glory, to join Him in the solemn, thrilling declaration, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." It is to deny self, to take up the cross as we follow Him in service, knowing that whosoever forsaketh not all that he hath cannot be His disciple.

The work of God is to give life to the world. The tidings of eternal redemption are to be carried to every creature. This is the work in which all heaven is interested, and the plan is that those who

believe in God and in His Son Jesus Christ, are to have a part in its accomplishment. Every talent is to be put to use. Every treasure is to be laid on the altar of sacrifice. This is not just a romantic sentiment. It is not just an emotional exercise at the time of conversion. It is not simply a declaration to the world that we have decided to join the church, not merely the assent of the mind to the fact that the Bible is true. It is all of these, but stewardship is much more. It is the active, regular, unceasing dedication of a part of ourselves to the work of God. We are to bring to Him freely, joyfully, that which is entirely within our control, that which we could keep for ourselves if we wished, that which we could easily use in our own affairs, but that which because we love the Lord Jesus and long to see His cause grow and have a part in the salvation of precious souls, we eagerly devote to the work of God.

There is no other way. The only plan of Heaven for the progress of the Gospel on earth is that those who have themselves tasted of the good word of God and be-



Adventist exhibit at the Industrial Fair in Denmark.

come partakers of the heavenly gift, shall do everything in their power to make the glad tidings known to others. This brings ever-increasing joy and spiritual growth to the Christian. He learns the meaning of the Scripture assurance, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth."

In the remnant church to which God has called us in these last days, the phenomenal growth attending the preaching of the three-fold message has always been accompanied by the payment of faithful tithes and liberal offerings on the part of the membership. Seventh-day Adventists believe in tithing as the plan of God, given to His people from very earliest times. It is the divine arrangement for bringing the Gospel to mankind by the ministry of the human agent. It is the solemn obligation of every member of the church to keep his account right with God and to render back to Him His own. The faithful tithe-payer seldom becomes discouraged. He rarely apostatizes. The money which he pays into the church does not purchase for him the favour of God or assure him an inheritance among the sanctified. Not at all. But his faithfulness in acknowledging the claims of God makes it possible for heaven to open its windows and pour him out a blessing.

In addition to the tithe, which belongs to God, and over which man has no lawful control, the faithful steward will bring his freewill offerings. These come from a thankful heart which cannot be satisfied to bring merely the required amount, the tithe, but which longs to express more abundantly his love and gratitude for the many blessings enjoyed. This is done not of necessity, but willingly, cheerfully, eagerly. It gives an opportunity to share more abundantly in the great work of salvation which is going forward in every land.

Seventh-day Adventists live in the time when the most thrilling events are taking place. The work of God is almost finished. The enemy is fighting with great fury, but the Lord of hosts is with His people and marvellous victories are being won as thousands take their stand for the truths of the Bible and join the remnant people. With these developments come the privilege and the duty of faithful stewardship. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth labourers" is the divine admonition to those who lift up their eyes and look on the whitened harvest fields. No man can pray with earnestness and fervent sincerity for more labourers without

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AFRICA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

*By D. M. Swaine, Principal,
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SOME years ago, a man of the Nandi tribe in East Africa, Ezekiel Kimenja, was converted by a Luo Adventist, named Paul Mboya. This Nandi convert, our first from this tribe, immediately started to go around among his own people raising up Sabbath schools. I think of the Kaigat church in the Nandi country, which was started by this man as a small Sabbath school. Today, it is our oldest church in the Nandi Reserve.

To the east of Mount Kenya lives a small tribe called the Atharaka. They are a branch of the Kikuyu tribe. A young man left his home and drifted down to Mombasa to find work and adventure. He found both. After a few years in Mombasa, he came into contact with our mission there. Soon, Ismaili, for that was his name, enrolled in our school at Changamwe Mission, where Pastor W. C. S. Raitt was in charge. After receiving a Standard III education, he told Bwana (Master) Raitt that he wanted to go back to Tharaka, his home town, to preach the good tidings. It was about this time that we were appointed to the Karura Mission, which covers the Kikuyu field. About eight months later, we visited this out-of-the-way-place, where no white man had ever been to preach the Gospel. We were very pleasantly surprised to see a neat little church building, a good-sized Sabbath school enrolment, and about six people already in the baptismal class.

It is ever a source of wonder, and a joy, to the missionary, that raw heathen can in so short a time be able to witness to the truth they now live and teach. Here was Ismaili with a Sabbath school started. Think of the labour all this meant, besides getting people sufficiently interested in the message to give of their time to build a very creditable prayer house and school. This tribe is very primitive. When we visited this outpost, many of the people had never seen a white woman or child before.

I have noticed that once a Sabbath school is formed, it remains a Sabbath school always; very seldom does it close down. Truly, in the mission fields, our Sabbath schools are an evangelistic agency. All our members are members of the Sabbath school.

I need not remind you that the third quarter's Sabbath school overflow offering will come to the Southern African Division. This special overflow offering will be taken in all our churches throughout the world on September 26, 1953.

There are two reasons why this special offering should be the largest in the entire history of the great Advent movement. Firstly, generally speaking, our believers in all parts of the world are enjoying temporal prosperity. God continues to shower many temporal blessings upon His people. He expects a spirit of liberality to be among us. And secondly, our people everywhere are interested in Africa, for Africa is changing rapidly and we must move wisely and swiftly with the changing times and exploit to the full, all our advantages in bringing the message to all the peoples of this large division field.

SKODSBORG VISITORS' BOOK

AS THE many thousands of guests pass through the hospitable doors of Skodsborg Sanitarium each year, a glance into their visitors' book is bound to prove most revealing. Dr. Andersen tells of many prominent men who have entered their portals and mention of a few of these will possibly be of much interest to our readers.

Count Bernstorff-Gyllensten visited the Sanitarium this year and Baron and Baroness Stjernstedt have been patients many times. The Baron is a well known Red Cross worker in Sweden. Two university men, Professor Hellström and Professor Kay from Stockholm also visited the sanitarium. Dr. Bernhard Roosmark, a military surgeon, came to see the institution, spending a week there. Later he returned with his wife and daughter and the wife of a general and stayed a month. On leaving, the doctor said, "There is one word which I believe is the quintessence of the biggest in Christianity and which I have never seen so well practised and lived out in everyday life as here, and that word is love."

Then there was Dr. Bondo, a prominent member of the Danish Medical Association. He it was who helped the sanitarium gain recognition as a school of physiotherapy. Dr. Tvedt, president of the Norwegian School of Physiotherapy, came to observe our work and Mr. Bay, the American ambassador to Norway, spent some time there and was very satisfied with what he found. Mr. S. Wangel the well known

film photographer, who always accompanies the Danish king and queen on their travels and was with them when they visited Greenland last summer spent some weeks at the sanitarium and showed the wonderful film of the visit of the king and queen to Greenland. "Yes, and many, many others," Dr. Andersen concludes.

May God richly bless the wide influence of the Skodsborg Sanitarium which is being felt in all walks of life.

E.M.T.

ABLAZE FOR GOD IN FINLAND

PASTOR O. PELTONEN, president of the West Finnish Conference, sends the heartening news that reports indicate that 150 have already been baptized this year in his conference, with some sections still to report and others preparing for further reports. He hopes the figure will reach 200 before the end of the year.

Brother Onni Halminen, one of their young evangelists, has had good success at Jyvaskyta in central Finland. He began his effort at the beginning of January and has so far baptized 53 with still more to follow. He occupied the largest hall in the town with seating capacity of about 450. So many attended that many nights he held two sessions and even three on occasions. With the help of only two Bible workers he found the task a very heavy one, but the churchmembers rendered valiant service.

Pastor T. Seljavaara has baptized 34 in Turku and is expecting more a little later.

Pastor Peltonen himself has been very busy visiting the various churches and groups in his field during the year, but he has found time to hold an effort in Tampere where Pastor A. Arasola laboured for seven years so successfully. There have been twenty-one baptisms from this effort so far and the work is still going on. Pastor Peltonen expresses his gratitude to the Lord for all the blessings they have received.

Next winter the West Finnish Conference plans to hold fifteen efforts. They have only seven male workers in the conference together with some Bible workers and women evangelists. This means that each will have to run two efforts at the same time. This year there were only five male workers but two have joined their forces from Toivonlinna.

Pastor Peltonen's great desire is that God will richly bless His work in their field as well as in other parts of the Division.

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MINISTERIAL GATHERING WITH DUTCH WORKERS

By T. J. Bradley

IT has always been an inspirational time when we have been able to meet with our fellow-workers in Holland, and the recent meeting convened at our college at Huister Heide from June 7th to 9th was no exception. During the week-end preceding these meetings I was able to meet with our members for Sabbath services in Utrecht and Amsterdam.

The warm, friendly, Adventist-family feeling is a joy to share and as we approach nearer to the dear Lord's return we should see an increasing measure of that spirit in evidence.

During our ministers' gathering, we had time to study and reflect upon our own needs as well as discuss most enthusiastically the varied problems which daily face the servants of the Lord.

Farewell time came all too soon. At the special communion service which concluded the gathering, references of sincere appreciation for the services of Pastor K. Tilstra as union president and Pastor P. Schuil as college principal were made. Brother Tilstra was to leave shortly for the Dutch territory of New Guinea, where he hoped to launch a mission programme once more, and Brother Schuil was to return to Newbold Senior College in England to connect with the faculty teaching staff.

As hands were joined in the fervent singing of a consecration hymn, I felt that a good soul-winning year lay ahead for our strong and loyal band of workers in the Netherlands.

TIMES OF REFRESHING

PASTOR C. GIDLUND, president of the East Nordic Union, sends the following encouraging report: "I have just returned to my office after having been out in the union for over six weeks. All our annual meetings are now in the past and they have all been very good. Indeed, they have brought wonderful refreshment and revival to our people in Sweden and Finland. During the week-ends we had about 400 in attendance at Gothenburg and 700 in Stockholm. In Tammerfors there were about 750, while in Helsinki, about 1,000 attended the Finnish conference, and 350 the Swedish conference sessions. So you see we have had good crowds.

"The brethren from the Division and

the General Conference were greatly appreciated. I should make special mention of the work of Brother Ferren in getting our work into the press. Every day the local press had news of our annual meetings and public gatherings, with pictures of the speakers, etc. It would seem that our local press secretary took courage under the good instruction of Brother Ferren and made daily contact with the press.

"Between all these meetings we have, of course, had committee meetings and have tried to solve the many problems that always assail us. After the last conference session at Helsinki I started on a week's journey to the eastern part of Finland and held one or two services each day. I visited Elsa Luukkanen's field, and had many good meetings with the new churchmembers. She is a strong preacher and was very happy that I could come and meet her church and give them a special message.

"From Finland I visited our young people's camp at Vasterang where over the last week-end we had about 400 in attendance. Many of the young people responded to the call to give their hearts to God. Pastors Minchin and V. G. Anderson held some very good meetings for our youth."

MEDICAL SPEARHEAD EVANGELISM IN NORTH NIGERIA

By Dr. J. A. Hyde

AUGUST efforts are well-known elsewhere in West Africa, and correspond in some places with the small "drys." Here in North Nigeria, August is our wettest month and so we have in the past been rather reluctant to undertake evangelism at this time of the year.

This year, however, it was felt that it would be worth the trial, especially as the doctor would be away on furlough during the forthcoming dry season. The president made available five junior evangelists to constitute the team with the local district leader. In addition the hospital contributed a part of the team which most of the time consisted of the doctor, dispenser, a graduate nurse, a dispensary attendant, with a clerk.

The site having been chosen at Wa'ba a careful survey of the land was made by the district leader in charge, B. M. Kakwi,



Members recently baptized in Accra, Gold Coast.

and the area which we would attempt to cover mapped out. Wa'ba is not a township and it was only by following the people to their farms that we could hope to get any audience.

The equipment for the effort consisted of a Tilley lamp, six bush lamps, a battery-operated projector, a gramophone and Hausa records, and twelve picture rolls. The area to be covered was divided into six sectors and a junior evangelist assigned to each one. During the effort itself six laymen offered to assist the evangelists and were assigned, one to each sector.

During the first week of their stay every evangelist visited every home in every sector. There was no attempt made to preach to the people, but just invite them to the meetings to be held. Wherever possible, the evangelist had prayer with the people, just asking God's blessing upon them, their homes, their families, and their farms.

The daily programme in the campaign proper, which only lasted two weeks, started at 6 a.m. with compound worship, and then went on with only two hours' break in the day until ten or eleven at night. During this time the sick were seen, workers' meetings were held, and above all, insofar as was possible, each evangelist visited every home in his sector every day. During these visits the people were encouraged to relate those things that impressed them most in the meetings and above all to relate themselves to Jesus Christ.

Yes, that was the theme of these meet-

ings. "Know nothing, preach nothing, but Jesus and Him crucified." Even when we came to discuss the law of God and the Sabbath, it was presented as a part of the light shining from Calvary. Perhaps this can best be seen by a summary of some of our fourteen sermon titles:

God in your farms, the God of Creation.
 Why do we get sick? (The fall.)
 God plans a way out. (Redemption.)
 What of the future? (The New Earth.)
 Helpers for triers. (Angels.)
 Would you like to talk to God? (Prayer.)

How God talks to us. (Bible.)
 How God knows His friends. ("If ye love Me, keep My commandments."—Law.)

The heart of the Law. (Sabbath.)
 Do the dead bring sickness? (State of the Dead.)

God will reveal our secrets. When? (Judgment.)

The doorway to God. (Baptism.)
 Each evening when we were discussing, in the sermon, an aspect of the truth which seemed not to be too near the Gospel, or to lead up to an appeal to the people to give their hearts to God, the pictures shown afterward were designed to make such an appeal. At each meeting we gave the people a chance to take their stand on the phase of the Gospel presented. After a week, we began to call for those who wanted to follow Jesus, and asked them to stay to an after-meeting at which we were able to talk to them more seriously. We taught them the Lord's prayer, so that before the spearhead effort ended they

were able to recite it like old Adventists.

On the fourteenth and last night of the effort a call was made for all who were ready to follow Jesus and join the Hearers' Class to stay for the after-meeting. We enrolled forty persons that night. One person stayed for the enrolment but did not actually enrol, himself. When invited to enrol he got up and ran out of the building. But late that night, when the evangelists were in the church discussing God's care and leadership in the effort and the lessons learned, he came back, well after 11.30 p.m. to take his stand. He told us that he had been wandering around the bush trying not to take his stand, but finally he had given in and had been forced to come and enrol with God's children.

The spearhead effort was over, and the local evangelists took over the interest. By the time of the first Hearers' Class night they had five more who wanted to enrol. On the night we enrolled them we asked if any more wished to join. "Yes," said one, "I want to." Then another came, another, and yet another. Forty-nine persons were enrolled. "I am waiting for the last one," I told the district leader, "as I know God will start this class with fifty members." And sure enough one minute later in walked a woman to enrol, and we opened our Hearer's Class with fifty members.

Of course, fifty new converts were a lot for the evangelists to visit and encourage on their own, so we asked the members to become uncles and aunts to the new converts. Each baptized member took five or six of the new converts into their family. They visited them at least twice a week. They watched over them, helped them in sickness or in persecution, and led them to the meetings. It was not their task to give them Bible studies, although this was not forbidden, but rather to make them feel at home in the faith, and to know that they had an uncle who would support them if the family troubled them.

God is still working through His faithful evangelists in the area, although the main spearhead effort has been finished. District Leader Blus Kakwi and his workers, Evangelists Samuila Kakwi and Musa Kajinkwi, in spite of their large district, with four separate companies of members, spend all their spare time, and some that is not too spare, visiting the new members. Through their work the interest has continued to grow, until at the time of writing there are seventy-two enrolled in the Hearers' Class. These are seventy-two souls on their way to heaven through the power of God working in Medical Spearhead Evangelism.

THE GOLD COAST LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

By C. B. Mensah

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THE leaders in God's cause, as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. In their planning they are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbours. The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Gospel Workers*, pages 351, 352.

In harmony with the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy, and the need and urgency of finishing the work of God in this part of the world field, plans were laid for a Laymen's Institute at Agona, Ashanti, May 21-24, 1953.

Before noon on Thursday, May 21st, most of the laymen, as delegates from their churches, had gathered at the place of meeting. In order to be present at the first meeting, some began their journey two days before, as they had to travel long distances on rough roads by unreliable cargo lorries. Others walked twenty miles through the bush before they could get to the nearest lorry road. In spite of all these privations they came with eager earnestness, seeking for something that would satisfy their souls, and make them a blessing to their fellow men. Hoary heads and those with youthful vigour were among the 140 who attended the institute.

But, oh! the first meeting seemed to be doomed to failure. Rain poured down in torrents, and as the light faded, so faded our hopes of getting a congregation. Presently the rain abated, the men came in, and were soon listening to the forceful challenge of "Our Task," a sermon delivered by the Mission President, Pastor A. J. Mustard, who said that evangelism would be the keynote of all the activities of the Institute. In the season of prayer which followed, every heart was opened, and many voices ascended on high in thanksgiving and supplication.

The four days' meetings were all well attended. No-one desired to miss any of the eight periods of each day's work. All

who could read their Bibles used them freely.

The communion service which was held on Friday afternoon provided bonds of Christian fellowship and love such as we had hardly known before. It was really bread from heaven to hungry souls. Not only that, but with new force, it brought home to our minds our duty to serve our fellow men in ministering to their physical and spiritual needs, as did the Saviour.

The Sabbath services were held under booths; for the church could not hold all who attended from the neighbouring churches. Pastor H. J. Welch, the Principal of Bekwai Training College, using vivid illustrations, explained and demonstrated with a large magnet the drawing power of Jesus when He is lifted up in our lives and work.

The laymen, who had won 646 souls in 1952, rallied together on Sabbath afternoon to show by action the inspiration they had caught from the meetings. They were divided into bands and assigned territories in the town. The band leaders were the pastors in attendance. Pastors A. J. Mustard and D. V. Cowin, joined with two of the bands. It was wonderful how each of the laymen witnessed for the Lord. By sharing their faith that Sabbath afternoon in the homes of the people, sixty-six souls were won, some of whom were idol worshippers and backsliders. The hearts of all rejoiced as the reports were brought in at an experience meeting in the evening. It was a great encouragement to all and a real demonstration of what the Lord will do with consecrated souls.

The instruction given in the Institute included the following subjects: "Leadership in the Church of God," "Better Sabbath Schools," "Better Methods of Evangelism," "How to Plan Evangelism by Every Member," "Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary Work." Each period of instruction was followed by opportunity for discussion and the relating of experiences. All who attended the Institute appreciated the services of Pastor D. V. Cowin. The choruses he taught inspired us and added to the liveliness of the meeting.

The laymen set for their goal the winning of 988 souls in the year 1953. The Institute came to a close during a heavy downpour of rain. Thus the beginning and the ending of the Institute was marked by a heavy rainfall, bringing to our minds the promise of the former and the latter rain, under which the work of the Advent message will be finished.

GATHERING THE FIRST-FRUITS

By S. Appiah Dankwah

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AT a laymen's institute, sponsored by the Gold Coast Mission, and held at Agona, Ashanti, during May of this year, 140 laymen were in attendance from all parts of the mission territory.

The lessons taught in the Institute were inspiring and fundamental. They included evangelistic tactics, home visitation, preaching methods, and promotion. The laymen left with spiritual weapons well sharpened and ammunition ready for the battle.

One layman, Enoch Opoku, an ardent, energetic, and good Christian from Noboam, Ashanti, went back to his home town and applied the methods and tactics he had learned at the Institute, and with the help of God has already won eleven souls in a layman's evangelistic effort conducted by himself.

Good reports are coming in from various towns and villages as a result of this Institute. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." John 12:32. When Jesus is uplifted, nothing can hinder the growth of the church.

May the Lord help all our laymen to fight a good fight, and to bring many captives from the strongholds of Satan into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

BLESSINGS OF GOD IN ASMARA

By H. E. Davis

THIS is the Lord's doing: it is marvelous in our eyes." Psalm 118:23.

The words quoted above from the Psalmist express our thoughts and sentiments as we see the blessings and the leadings of the Lord in connection with the evangelistic campaign that has been under way in Asmara since September 7, 1952.

Asmara is the scene of the first large scale city effort in the history of our work in the Ethiopian Union. As in other parts of the world field it has proved to be a God-ordained method of getting the Gospel before the people. There are obstacles, hindrances, and opposition to be sure, but I am convinced that we need to do more and not less active public evangelism.

The city of Asmara is situated high on a plateau near the Red Sea. It has an estimated population of 100,000, excluding the Europeans, most of whom are Italian. It is a cosmopolitan town with a mixture of religious groups and nationalities. The religious groups are; Coptic, Roman and Greek Catholics, Swedish Mission (Lutheran), American Faith Mission (Free Methodist), Sudan Interior (Interdenominational), Moslems, (about fifty per cent), and our beloved Advent message. As you can well understand, such a mixture presents a real problem and a challenge, but we are finding that the Lord has His children here as everywhere else.

We have made some splendid contacts that have developed into Bible studies. It is a pleasure to go into their homes and study the Bible with them. Many have remarked that these meetings have made the Bible a new book for them. Many are in the valley of decision and are receiving opposition and ridicule from all sides. Please pray for them that the Spirit of the Lord may lead them to full and complete surrender to the Saviour.

One young man with whom I am studying began to ask such questions as: Where are the Dead? and: Where and What is Hell? When I asked him to be patient for we would come to these subjects soon, he asked if we might study daily for he wanted to learn them quickly. Later, at the conclusion of a study, he asked if I would teach him how to preach as he wanted to help me preach the Gospel. He has submitted his application to attend Spicer Missionary College in India.

Another person with whom I am studying, a member of the police force, has repeatedly expressed his happiness that the Bible has been made so easy to understand, after having sought someone to teach him the Bible for two years. At first we began



The Voice of Prophecy Auditorium with its name written above in Tigrinya.

our studies in the auditorium, but after several lessons he invited us to his home saying that he wanted his wife and family to benefit by these lessons. It is too early yet to say just what will happen, but we can only hope and pray that they will accept the message in its fullness.

Shortly after the campaign began, Mrs. Davis started a class in Home Nursing for the women. This accomplished much good, besides the instruction along health lines. There were not any women attending the meetings, but this got them to come out, and all of them enrolled for the Voice of Prophecy lessons, and some opened their homes for Bible studies. We expect some of them to be baptized soon.

The Voice of Prophecy lessons have been a real boon to the effort. We were able to get the first lesson printed in time for the opening meeting. Our schedule was then made on the basis of one lesson per week. Half-way through the series, the printer informed me he was out of paper, and would have to wait until the next shipment arrived before he could continue the work. This would have seriously af-

ected our whole programme, dampening the enthusiasm of those who were studying regularly. We took the matter to the Lord in prayer, and then started to search the town. The outcome looked very doubtful for a while as some of the local newspapers were forced to suspend publication. But we kept praying and trying. At last the Lord rewarded our efforts, and we found the paper; and the printing continued without any interruption. For this we were very thankful.

Recently I was visiting the home of a dresser for the Government who is studying the Voice of Prophecy lessons. He is studying them very thoroughly, underlining new thoughts in red and other colours, and filing them neatly in manila folders. As he studies he writes down the questions that he does not understand, then we discuss them on our weekly visits. He has admitted to the truthfulness of the Sabbath. I hope that he will see the necessity of keeping it, and will take his stand with God's true church.

While we have enjoyed perfect freedom in these meetings, they have not been without active opposition. The Swedish Mission has warned their members to stay away, telling them that we do not believe in Christ, but only in the law. They have also been saying that we worship Mrs. White and honour her writings above the Bible. The result has been that some have come to see if we are as bad as they have been told, and they came the day I spoke on: "How Men are Saved." After the meeting they were heard to remark that if anyone ever said anything bad to them about the Adventists they would have a fight on their hands.

The Coptic Church has done the same, but have also sent spies to see who was coming. The power of the priest over the

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A view of the congregation taken during one of the meetings held by Pastor Davis in Asmara, Ethiopia.

NEWS FLASH

W. H. WILLIAMS, under-treasurer of the General Conference, spent several days in London in connection with his official duties while on his way to Germany. He met on several occasions with the Division Committee and was a welcome counsellor in discussions connected with the establishment of the evangelical centre in the city of London. It is hoped that at a very early date announcements will be made concerning the finalizing of this great project.

During the month of August we welcomed to the city of London many visitors from abroad. Among these were Dr. R. F. Wardell and wife from Bangkok, China, where Dr. Wardell served as medical director of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital and the Bangkok Mission Clinic. They were *en route* to America for a well-deserved furlough.

Another visitor of special interest to the British section of our Division is Brother A. R. Monteith who, accompanied by his wife, is spending his furlough in the British Isles after having served for almost seven years in Mexico City as manager of the Montemorelos Hospital and Sanitarium, and also as manager of the Training School. Brother Monteith is a native of Scotland, where his father for a time served as a colporteur before proceeding to Canada. Brother Monteith has served this cause for many years in Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

Pastor E. L. Minchin, the Division young people's leader, is back again in the office after a prolonged round of visits to youth camps and youth gatherings in most of the home sections of the Division. He reports having had exceptionally interesting meetings in the East and West Nordic Unions. It was also his privilege to spend a few days in Germany associating with Elder W. H. Bergherm in conducting a special convention for more than one hundred young Seventh-day Adventist service men connected with the United States Force in Germany.

Our readers will be interested to know that in response to the needs of the Bekwai Training School, Gold Coast, West Africa, where the educational work of the mission is rapidly growing, Brother and Sister Robert Gross of Los Angeles, California, have been invited to connect with the Bekwai Training College as leaders in the secondary section of this school.

STOP PRESS

As we go to press, a cable received from the General Conference announces the acceptance by Pastor W. R. French of a call placed by our Division to head the Bible Department of Newbold College for the school year beginning September 15th.

Pastor French has, over a period of many years, been a prominent leader in the Bible departments of a number of our American senior colleges, and is greatly revered and loved by former students who are now serving in all parts of the world.

We believe that the entire constituency of the Northern European Division will rejoice over our having been able to secure, through the good offices of the General Conference, a man of such outstanding qualifications and experience to head the Bible Department of our newly established senior college. ED.

Cheering word reaches us concerning the work in Eritrea under the leadership of Pastor W. H. Wollan. Recently two baptisms have been conducted at Qaunfeba. It is hoped that at an early date a new church will be organized in this place. The long-awaited school building in Asmara is nearing completion. Plans are in hand to dedicate this new structure before the month of August expires.

During the last weeks of August the following missionaries left London to take up new responsibilities: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tew of Stanborough Park, Watford, who are under appointment to the Kuyera Training School in Ethiopia, where Brother Tew is to be the teacher of English and Mrs. Tew is to have charge of the clinic which is operated in connection with the Training School mission work; Miss Ruth Broberg, S.R.N., S.C.M., who is to connect with the new hospital which is to be opened in Dessie, Ethiopia, at a very early date; and Miss Sigrid Nilsen, formerly connected with the Norwegian Training School at Onsrud, who is under appointment to serve in Eritrea as the secretary-treasurer of the mission and also assist in the work of the new training school at Asmara. E. B. RUDGE.

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people is tremendous. There was one man coming every Sunday as well as to the evening meetings, but a priest saw him, and went to his home and forbade him to return. He was never back. He has been visited many times and repeated invitations to come back have been given, but all to no avail.

The best news of all is that on May 16th we reaped the first-fruits of our labour as five precious souls were baptized. All of this first group were young men. One is a worker for the Municipality, and another is in the Teachers' Training College. The others are students who, with additional training should make us good workers. All have been regular attenders at the meetings and Bible classes, and all have finished the Voice of Prophecy lessons. There will be another baptism some time in July, but the number is not yet certain.

As we continue to press the battle here, we would request the fellow believers in the Advent message in our great Division to remember us in a definite way in your prayers, that there may be many who will respond and join the people of God and prepare for the soon-coming Saviour.

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feeling in his own heart the determination to do his utmost in helping the Lord to answer that prayer. "Here am I, send me," must be a part of his petition. Perhaps he can go in person to answer the call. Perhaps he can send a son or daughter to help gather in the ripened grain. However that may be, surely he can by his consistent, godly life and his faithful liberality have a definite part in hastening the day of the Saviour's appearing.

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