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## Welcome to \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor and Mrs. J. A. Simonson

*Secretary, Department of Education*



By A. F. Tarr

A HEARTY welcome to Pastor and Sister J. A. Simonson who arrived from the United States by the *Queen Elizabeth* on September 6th, to join our Division family. Pastor Simonson was elected at the recent General Conference Session in San Francisco to take the educational secretaryship of the Northern European Division.

For the past seven years Brother Simonson has served as educational secretary of the Southern California Conference, the denomination's largest conference and

which also has the largest school enrolment of any conference in the world. Previous to this period Brother Simonson had served for five years as principal of the Glendale Union Academy and for two years of the Loma Linda Academy. He has also spent twelve years as superintendent of the schools in the Hawaiian Islands and in teaching work in other fields.

Brother Simonson therefore comes to us with a rich experience in educational work in various parts of the world field, and we are sure that he will bring to the schools of the Northern European Division a vision of the task that confronts us, and an understanding of the many problems that we face. We wish Brother and Sister Simonson much of

God's guidance and blessing in the heavy responsibilities that will now be his, and we know that we bespeak the feelings of the entire field when we accord them this most cordial and hearty welcome.

It is anticipated that Brother Simonson will contact as much of the field as possible between now and the time of the Winter Council. We are happy that he found it possible to be present with Dr. Smith at the opening of the new school year at Newbold College.

## The Advent Message in Iceland

By Axel Varmer

*"He shall not be loud and noisy, He shall not shout in public; He shall not crush a broken reed, nor quench a wick that dimly burns; . . . till He has settled true religion upon earth, till far lands long for His instruction." Isa. 42:2-4, Moffatt.*

ONCE more it was my pleasant opportunity to visit our Iceland Mission and meet a number of our believers from all parts of Iceland. To know God's people is to love them wherever you find them and have a chance to associate with them in worship and fellowship.

Since our message reached the "far land" of Iceland "true religion" has found entrance into many hearts among the comparatively small population, and undoubtedly many in Iceland are still longing for "true religion."

I got a new impression of the timeliness of the message entrusted to us, when Pastor G. Gudmundsson and I visited the priest of the State church on the Westman Isles. We had a very interesting conversation with this young priest, who told us how spiritualism and modernism had saturated the church of Iceland, and undermined the nation's faith in the Bible and orthodox Christianity. He himself was a firm believer in both, and we had opportunity to tell him of our faith and work.

At the time of the annual meeting which was in June this year, our membership was 378, divided among eight churches. There are 111 members in our youth societies, and the two church schools have an enrolment of about 65 children.

A most interesting feature of our work in Iceland is the Bible Correspondence  
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# ANNUAL MEETINGS ———

## A Message from Pastor E. E. Roenfelt

FOR me it is always a distinct pleasure to visit in the territory of the Northern European Division and to meet with the leaders, workers, and churchmembers of this section of the world field. My recent visit was no exception to this, and I am grateful for the privilege afforded me of spending most of the months of July and August attending local conference sessions in the home territory of this Division.

Northern Europe is a most interesting Division, both from the viewpoint of its territory, which extends from beyond the arctic circle in the north to the equator in the south, and of the people who inhabit the countries that comprise it. Here are the colourful Netherlands which the industrious Dutch people have virtually dug out of the sea; the beautiful Scandinavian countries with their lovely pasture lands, beautiful forests, and scenic splendour of mountains, streams, lakes, glaciers, and fiords; the tropical jungles of West Africa with their verdant growth; and the mountains and canyons of ancient Ethiopia.

Here are people with different characteristics, having a variety of cultures, speaking many different languages and practising numerous forms of religion. Here is nominal Christianity with its fine churches and splendid cathedrals; the crudest of paganism with its devil priests and fetish worship; a most ancient admixture of the Mosaic ceremonial system and of Christianity; and numerous modern cults that masquerade in the guise of the religion of Christ.

Into all of these lands and among all of these people the Advent message has found its way, and believers have been raised up. Our work has been strongly established, and it is inspiring to see what has been, and is being, accomplished. But we can never be content with that which has been achieved, for our task will not be finished until every person on the face of our globe has been given the opportunity of hearing and responding to God's final message to men. What a privilege it is for our workers and churchmembers in this Division to carry the message of a crucified, risen, ascended, and returning Christ to the millions for whom they have been made responsible!

The conference sessions which it was my privilege to attend were those of North

Holland, North Sweden, East and West Denmark, and North Norway. The attendance at these meetings was excellent, and in some instances the capacity of the meeting-places was taxed to its utmost, and it was a problem to seat all of the people. Not only was there a full attendance of duly elected delegates, but large numbers of our members who were not delegates were present, not only in the devotional meetings but also in the business sessions. In several places public halls were rented for the evening meetings and it was encouraging to see many non-Adventists in the audiences. These visitors manifested a keen interest in the messages that were presented.

A splendid spirit of harmony and Christian fellowship prevailed in all of these sessions, with the result that the business was conducted expeditiously and in the consciousness of the guidance and leading of God's Spirit. On the part of the delegates there was an enthusiastic and earnest participation in the discussions that took place on the various items of business, and it was gratifying to observe the intelligent interest that our churchmembers are taking in the various phases of the work.

The reports that were presented were generally most encouraging. In each conference a growth of membership had occurred during the previous biennial period. While the delegates were thankful and delighted over these additions in membership, they felt that the time has come when greater things should be accomplished, and actions were taken calling upon every worker and churchmember to unite in a greater and more aggressive soul-winning endeavour than has ever been undertaken before. At the East Denmark session, those in attendance were thrilled when a telegram was received from Greenland reporting the baptism of our first convert in that newly-entered field. Nothing cheers the hearts of Adventists as does the news of the advance of God's cause.

The reports submitted by the respective treasurers revealed that the conferences are sound financially. In every instance there was a substantial increase in the tithes and offerings that had been received. It is evident that our people are not only very faithful in returning to God the tithe which He claims, but also self-denying and self-sacrificing in bringing in their free-

will offerings for the support of His cause.

That people not of our faith are being constrained by the Lord's Spirit to give more and more generously to help in our work, was revealed by the larger sums that were gathered, in each conference, from the public in the Ingathering campaign. Recognizing how much the Ingathering funds mean to the support of our cause, our people are ever setting higher goals and putting forth increased efforts to reach them. God is most assuredly rewarding their endeavours by giving them favour with people outside of our church.

The work of the various departments, which was featured in the departmental reports, has been carried on strongly, and it was gratifying to observe that all of these varied activities were directed to one grand purpose; the winning of souls for the kingdom of Christ.

It is always a thrill and a joy to see strong young men who have heard the call of God, and in whom the church has recognized that call, step into the ranks of the ministers of the church. In the sessions that I attended, five young men were ordained to the Gospel ministry: Sven Karlsen in North Sweden, Jens Arne Hansen and Borge Larsen in East Denmark, Kaj Petersen in West Denmark, and Roald Guleng in North Norway. These brethren have all won souls to Christ since their connection with the work, and thus has been confirmed the calling wherewith they have been called. May all of them prove to be capable, devoted, loyal, and fruitful ministers of Jesus Christ.

The outstanding feature of these conference sessions was the keen interest of the people in the devotional meetings. Not very frequently have I seen such thirst for the Word of God as was manifested in these gatherings. The people crowded into the services, drank in the messages that were presented, participated enthusiastically in the prayer seasons, and availed themselves of every opportunity of testifying to the goodness of God and of their experience in spiritual things. It was at times difficult to conclude the meetings because of the people's eagerness to pray and to testify. That the Lord graciously visited His people was the logical outcome of their earnest and zealous seeking after Him.

The Sabbath consecration services were wonderful occasions. To the appeals for complete and unreserved surrender to Christ that were made, there was a wonderfully spontaneous response and it is certain that these blessed occasions will not soon be forgotten and that their in-

fluence will continue not only through the rest of time, but also over into eternity. I feel constrained to say that rarely have I found greater joy and satisfaction in my ministry to the people than that which came to me in these services. My soul was both greatly cheered and wonderfully refreshed as a result of my labours on behalf of, and my fellowship with, the people at these sessions.

Music and song played an important part and greatly added to the inspiration of these meetings. Our people in these Nordic countries love to sing, and it was soul-stirring to hear them in their congregational singing. Special musical items

were presented in almost every meeting and service. These were heart-warming and inspiring. Those who sang, did so with a sincerity and a depth of feeling that was wonderfully appealing and moving. It was as though we heard an echo of the music of heaven, and made us long for that better land.

The day is far spent. Only fleeting moments are left to us in which to finish our task of giving God's message to all the peoples of earth. May our people of Northern Europe arise as one man with the firm resolve to do their part in speeding the work to its glorious consummation!

## EAST NORDIC UNION

By G. A. Lindsay, *Division Treasurer*

IT WAS my happy privilege to attend the annual meetings in the East Nordic Union this summer. As this was the particular field in which so many years had been spent in pleasant service, it was a special joy to me to mingle again with the workers and churchmembers attending the annual meetings both in Finland and in Sweden.

The meetings were all very well attended. They also proved to be real spiritual feasts to all who participated. The people had, as always, come to the annual meetings hungry to hear the Word of God, and thirsting for the living water that God would provide. And indeed, they were refreshed and edified.

The excellent ministerial help that the General Conference had provided for the annual conference meetings in the East and West Nordic Unions, which were running concurrently, was greatly appreciated. Several members of the General Conference staff attended, dividing their time between the two unions, following a programme outlined by the Division committee.

Elders E. E. Roenfelt and E. W. Dunbar attended the North Swedish Conference session in Stockholm. Elder Dunbar also attended the East Finland Conference meeting held in Mikkeli. Elder F. L. Petersen attended the sessions in the West Finland Conference held in Jyväskylä and the Finland Swedish Conference in Helsinki.

Elder H. O. Olson, formerly of the General Conference and leader of the Swedish work in North America, now

retired, was also a very welcome visitor. He attended all five conference sessions, commencing with the South Swedish Conference meeting in Norrköping. His studies regarding the Spirit of prophecy in the Advent movement were very much appreciated.

It was a great inspiration to all who attended the annual meetings in North Sweden and East Finland, to see and hear one of our African workers, Pastor C. B. Mensah, associate president of the Gold Coast Mission. It had been arranged by the Division that Brother Mensah should spend a few weeks in Northern Europe on his return home from the General Conference session in San Francisco where he had attended as a delegate from West Africa. Brother Mensah's cheerful and friendly disposition, his sincere and thrilling stories of what the mission had done for him personally, and for his people in the Gold Coast, touched the hearts of all.

Pastor C. Gidlund, president of the East Nordic Union, and other members of the union staff, gave a strong and helpful lead in the affairs of the sessions.

The reports that were received were encouraging. While regrets were expressed because the increase in membership was so small in the conferences in Sweden, there were other reports that brought satisfaction. Tithe and offerings registered a substantial increase in comparing this two-year period with the previous one. In Finland both the membership report and the report of tithe and offerings were excellent.

Special reports from the evangelists

were an interesting feature in all the conferences. All the conference workers, except one conference president who had spent one winter studying at the Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., and the departmental secretaries and conference treasurers, had been directly engaged in evangelistic campaigns. While their experiences differed greatly, all could testify that God had blessed their humble efforts, and souls had been won. Two evangelists had, during the past two-year period, brought eighty souls each to the truth and church membership. One had had the assistance of a young college graduate and a Bible instructor, and the other had only the help of a Bible instructor.

In East Finland it was also reported by a layman that he had conducted a campaign in a rural district, not far from the Russian border. The average weekly attendance had been about 150. Twenty had already been baptized and joined the church, and there were others to follow.

In another place in the same conference, a colporteur family had been the means of raising up a new church. Several years ago an evangelist had commenced a campaign in this place but there was no interest and he had to quit. Later this colporteur and his wife moved there, and in their own quiet way, by means of Bible studies and group meetings, an interest was developed, and as a result about eighteen or twenty souls had already been baptized and a church had been organized there. This church was accepted into the sisterhood of churches in the conference at this session.

Splendid reports about the literature ministry and the Bible Correspondence Schools were given. We were told that on the average, every other home in Finland is visited every year. One colporteur sold thirty-one copies of *Desire of Ages* in Finnish in one day.

Some changes in the leadership in the conference were effected. Pastor E. Luukko accepted a call back to Finland as an evangelist after having served well in the South Swedish Conference for four years. Pastor R. Svenson, president of the Finland Swedish Conference, was elected to fill this office. Pastor E. Erenius had had, for health reasons, to lay down his responsibilities as president of the North Sweden Conference several months before the session, and Pastor A. Andersson, Bible teacher at Ekebyholm Junior College, with many years' experience as a conference leader previously, was chosen as his successor. Pastor E. Roslin, an evangelist in

South Sweden, was elected president of the Finland Swedish Conference. Pastors A. Arasola and O. Peltonen were re-elected as presidents of the East and West Finland Conferences respectively. Other officers were re-elected in all conferences, and only small adjustments were made in the departmental leadership in the field.

A number of resolutions regarding plans for a more efficient soul-winning service were passed, and the delegates gave clear evidence of a great interest in every activity sponsored by the church. We look forward to still greater achievements in the East Nordic Union field in the days to come.

are united with the organization of the Voice of Prophecy.

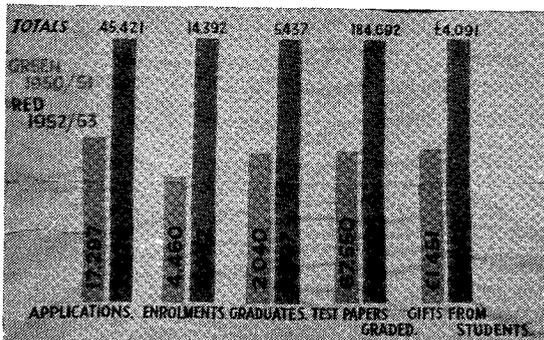
In addition to the number of 581, at least 108 students have been baptized who were connected with campaign work, especially in London.

The three outstanding campaigns in London, Birmingham, and Sheffield co-opted the special branch of the Bible School, which has been created to connect in a direct way with the public campaigns in order to enlarge the audience and to help the interested to study the Bible for themselves.

We are confident that all the foregoing figures would not have been possible without the growing influence of our radio work throughout our union territory. We would not have had nearly the number of cards returned or applications from the sale of our literature without the added incentive of the weekly broadcast. There is every reason to believe that God is using our radio work to take the everlasting Gospel to many thousands with whom we would have no other means of contact. We wish we could give an accurate record of what is being accomplished by this modern method, but this is impossible. Its influence is so penetrating and extensive that only eternity will be able to give a correct evaluation.

Our ever-increasing post indicates that through our broadcasts thousands are gaining a true conception of Seventh-day Adventists and what we believe, so that prejudice is being broken down everywhere. Many ministers of other denominations have written and expressed their appreciation of our programmes. We know that our listening audience is growing, and that our programmes are well received. The following figures will emphasize this fact. In the whole of 1950 we received only 333 letters from 104 fifteen-minute programmes, whereas in the first six months of 1954 we have received 1,289 letters from 26 thirty-minute programmes.

We believe that this branch of the Lord's work will become increasingly important as a mighty power in finishing the preaching of the Gospel, and bringing to fruition the endeavours of every branch of God's church.



## The Voice of Prophecy in the British Union

By C. R. Bonney

WE have often heard it said by our members, "However are we going to reach the many thousands in our own fields who will not attend our meetings, or are living in districts where we have no place of worship?"

This has certainly been a great problem which has been before us for many years, and no definite help, or hope, has been given in solving it. There is no doubt that a new day has dawned as we think of the privilege that faces the church in the task of taking the everlasting Gospel to the millions. We cannot judge the approximate time of our Lord's return by what we have accomplished, under the blessing of God, during the past one hundred years. "The final movements will be rapid ones," we are told. There are evidences everywhere that God is preparing the church with its organization and added facilities for this final, quick work which will be accomplished by the co-operation of the members with the promised power of the Holy Spirit.

The Voice of Prophecy radio work and Bible Schools are not just more man-made departments to add to the organization of the church, but God-appointed methods and means of proclaiming His saving message in the finishing of His work and saving souls for the Kingdom.

Although the Voice of Prophecy is a comparatively new branch of our work here in the British Union, it is nevertheless making itself known in no uncertain way in the vast scope of its influence, as

well as in the definite results of winning the hundreds of souls for the kingdom of God.

There is no doubt that the co-operation we have experienced between our membership and the Voice of Prophecy has been one of the outstanding contributing factors which has made this possible. During the past four years 581 Voice of Prophecy students have been baptized. It is interesting to note that 300 of these new members became students of our Bible School through the applications cards which were distributed by our members. Also a great number of our radio interests are the results of people listening through seeing our advertisements of the radio programme on these cards.

Added to this good number we know of seventy baptisms, during the four-year period, as a direct result of the literature distributed by our colporteurs and members; for as you know, all our periodicals and books carry an advertisement of our radio work and Bible School.

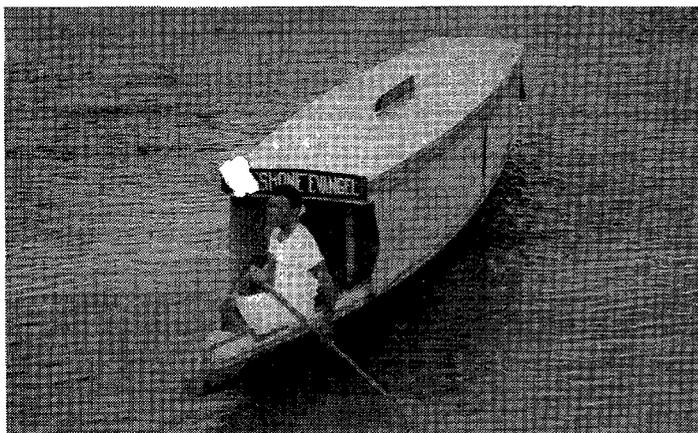
This means that through the co-operation of our members with the Voice of Prophecy nearly 400 souls have been baptized.

We recognize, of course, that such a good number of baptisms would not have been possible without the co-operation of our ministers and Bible workers in the field who have helped so much in visiting and getting decisions. Nevertheless it does show what can be done when public evangelism and personal visitation

### Truth, Lord

Let me not by silence  
When, with some word, I should be heard.  
In speech or silence, make me wise  
To know full truth from compromise.

GWYNNYTH GIBSON.



"The Shone Evangel" with Pastor W. Limejuice in charge.

## "The Shone Evangel"

By W. J. Newman, *President,*  
*West Nigerian Mission*

WHEN flying over the Niger delta, one is amazed at the great network of waterways that comprise this great river mouth. Here hundreds of villages are to be found which have never heard the Advent message. What a challenge this is to us as we are commissioned to take the Gospel to every creature.

It was with this in mind that we spoke to Pastor Tarr of our need of having a boat with an outboard motor, thus enabling us to reach most of these villages. The response was prompt, for soon money came from a kind friend in England enabling us to buy a canoe and a fifteen horse-power outboard motor.

It was last Tuesday that we set off with Pastor Limejuice and Brother Igo, a local evangelist, on a trip to visit a new interest. It took us nine hours to make the journey, arriving just as the sun was setting. How pleased the interested people were to see us. Having been previously disappointed, they were doubtful of our coming. The meeting in the evening was well attended, and a number of very good questions asked. A small church has been erected and they are now pleading for help to erect a worker's house.

The following morning, in the pouring tropical rain (the total rainfall here is 170 inches a year), we conducted a short service to dedicate the boat to the service of God, naming it "The Shone Evangel." On the top of the boat is another sign, "Free Bible Course," which has enabled us to enrol educated folk in the Voice of Prophecy. This course will do much in

reaching these people, for we have the great problem in meeting a different language almost in every village.

It was in these waters that 130 people were killed four years ago in a dispute over fishing rights set by Queen Victoria. Pastor Limejuice, once a successful fisherman, now wants to catch men along these miles and miles of water-ways.

Pray that "The Shone Evangel"

will bring the light of truth to this water-logged land.

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## THE ADVENT MESSAGE IN ICELAND

(Continued from page 1.)

School. As you know, the population of Iceland is about 145,000 people. Since the Bible School began in 1948 more than 4,000 people have received the lessons. In 1953, 1,368 enrolled, and 113 finished the course, and 10 were baptized as a result of this good work.

Four years ago the new school was opened. It is a very attractive and practical building for the purpose. Time has shown that the location forty miles from Reykjavik on the south coast was well chosen.

Since the school was finished several prominent citizens of Iceland have appealed to our leaders to establish a summer sanitarium at the school. In the beginning of this year plans were formed to equip treatment rooms, etc. In June this work was finished, and on July 1st the sanitarium opened, and from the very first day every bed was occupied. The income for the month of July was 50,000 IKR. (\$3,125.)

This year the Conference Session was

held at the School. The weather was bright if not warm, and the attendance especially over the week-end was good. Pastor Gudmundsson was re-elected as president for the Conference and principal for the School. Three fine young men with good education will be connected with the school as teachers, and between twenty and twenty-five students have enrolled for the coming year.

Olav Gudmundsson and Sigfus Halgrimsson were re-elected respectively as secretary for the department and leader of the Bible Correspondence School.

I must not forget the colporteur work and the Ingathering work. Brother Magnus Helgason, the secretary-treasurer of the conference for many years, is also acting as printer. He and the little modern press are turning out a considerable number of Sabbath-school lesson books, papers, Bible School lessons, small books, etc. In 1952 and 1953 literature for more than 180,000 IKR (\$11,250) was sold, and more than 150,000 IKR (\$9,375) collected in Ingathering.

If the Seventh-day Adventist church in Iceland is not known for anything else, it is certainly known for its Dorcas and Welfare work which is a prominent aspect of our work. In 1953, 1,080 persons were helped, 1,614 pieces of clothing given away, and—just think of it—the value of clothes, money, food etc., distributed, was approximately 100,000 IKR (\$6,250). No wonder that this work, done by our faithful sisters, is broadcast over the radio and given favourable publicity in the newspapers.

In 1952 and 1953 our members in Iceland gave nearly 100,000 IKR (\$6,250) in tithes and offerings to the cause of God, an average of about 2,800 IKR (\$175) per member.

Workers and members in Iceland were looking forward to the planned evangelistic campaign in Reykjavik in the winter of 1954-55. During the Conference Session, plans were adopted in order to prepare for this effort by distributing literature and Bible School lessons by our members. A big hall has been secured for the meetings which will be held by Pastor L. Murdoch of the British Union. Iceland is very thankful that the Division has made it possible for Pastor Murdoch to spend a winter in Iceland conducting this evangelistic campaign in the capital and its vicinity.

May God richly bless our church and its work in bringing "true religion" to everyone in far-away Iceland.

# The Dorcas Society and the Church

By Ordell R. Rees

IN certain sections of the field there has been considerable discussion as to the place of the Dorcas Society in the church. Lest there be others who have questions about this matter, we shall endeavour to give a clear and concise statement in the hope that it will bring us into unity of thought. The following is based on General Conference policy and publications.

First, let us remember that the Dorcas Society is a part of the church and the leader is elected by the church each year, as are leaders of other departments.

The Home Missionary Leaflet No. 10, page 34, states that "the Dorcas Welfare Society is a recognized unit within the missionary organization of the church," and that the leader is officially on the church board. This recognition indicates that it is a definite part of the church organization and not an annexed portion, as some seem to think.

This recognition also indicates that the church missionary leader is the "grand chairman" of the Dorcas Welfare Society, since he is the missionary leader of the whole church, which includes every department.

The missionary leaders and the missionary committee should help in planning the Dorcas programmes so that it will benefit the soul-winning programme of the church. Simply to do fancy work, or to spend all of the time in preparing for sales, to the exclusion of personal contacts and helping the sick, homeless, and the needy, is not Dorcas work, in the full meaning of the term, nor is it evangelistic. It becomes merely a social circle and is of very little help to the church.

Welfare work should not be left to the Dorcas Society alone. Every church member should have a part, while the Dorcas Society takes the lead and keeps sufficient supplies and food on hand to meet the immediate needs of any emergency. Supplies should be made available to all members who will use them according to the policies of Dorcas Welfare Service.

Since the Dorcas Welfare Society is a recognized unit within the missionary organization of the church it is subject to the missionary committee, and/or the church board for its existence, programme, and conduct. Dorcas should

have a part in the missionary programmes of the church, such as the first Sabbath missionary service of each month; and the ten-minute service could

profitably be given over to the Dorcas leader once a month. The entire church would be inspired and benefited by reports of projects and visits.

## London Dorcas Welfare Federation Display



Mrs. A. F. Tarr addresses a capacity crowd in the Oddfellows Hall, Watford, during the Union Session. Seated on the platform are members of the Federation committee.

IN planning for the recent quadrennial session of the British Union Conference, arrangements were made for the Oddfellows Hall in Watford to be placed at the disposal of the societies of the London Dorcas Welfare Federation for one of the days. This was to enable them to display some of the work the member societies had been engaged in during the previous year.

The Federation committee was most happy to avail itself of the British Union Conference's kind courtesy, and on Monday, August 2nd, the doors of the hall were thrown open at the close of the afternoon business session to welcome delegates and visiting Dorcas friends. Those who had laboured so hard to make the afternoon a success, were more than gratified by the splendid attendance. It certainly needed more than the Oddfellows Hall to house Dorcas and her ardent admirers, at least on this occasion.

On three sides of the hall the neat and attractive stalls of the various societies had been arranged, each bearing its own church name. Among these appeared the names of Edmonton, Edgware, Ilford, Croydon, Chiswick, Stanborough Park, Holloway, Watford, and Walthamstow.

Among the exhibits on display were boys' neatly tailored trousers, pull-overs, lovely little dresses, baby clothes including complete layettes, sleeping garments, a shawl knitted by a brother, hats and many

other items too numerous to mention, all made to bring help to needy persons. Few will ever know of the many, many hours of selfless labour it had taken to finish all this work.

An interesting feature of the display were the exhibits on the Federation table under the label, "Ideas." Many and varied were the suggestions given for making Dorcas work interesting and even remunerative. One of the outstanding exhibits worth duplicating was a large patchwork quilt made of travellers' samples which adorned the table on the platform. This was a gift from the Reseda church in California. On the same table appeared a dainty little china slipper, a gift from the Southern California Dorcas Welfare Federation, possibly one of our largest Federations, comprising no fewer than sixty societies with a membership running into thousands. Its leader, Sister Cox—believe it or not—is a Londoner. Having received the slipper, surely Dorcas in Britain will no longer be considered the little Cinderella of the church!

Our young people also contributed their share to the success of the programme, as was evident from the very beautiful stall of the Daughters of Dorcas. These senior young people, under the direction of Sister G. D. King, have met every Monday evening throughout the year in one of the member's homes, and their stall bore testimony to their many hours of happy

work together. Dressed in the modest garb of their founder, they made a pretty picture and were an inspiration to many other young people to share in the joy of serving Dorcas.

An ice cream and cool drinks stall was operated by another group of young people who found their supplies totally inadequate to satisfy the eager crowds.

Sister Cox of Southend displayed her blankets which many in Britain have helped make, and her booth brought a very acceptable splash of colour to the hall. Friends as far afield as Dundee had had a share in the making of these; and the work still goes on, for we saw many leaving her stall with a ball of wool and a pair of needles tucked in their bags. Some of the blankets are being shipped to refugee camps on the Continent.

A little corner which was possibly overlooked by some was labelled, "Thrift Department." In this section appeared some of the finest gifts of clothing received by the Federation—some quite new. These are available to our own churchmembers who, through sickness, misfortune, or loss of work, find themselves in temporary need. We recommend this section to our societies and request our ministers to bear this Department in mind when visiting their needy members.

### The Minister's Wife

TEN commandments for ministers' wives, as presented to the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in annual camp meeting assembled:

- I. Thou shalt have no other interests more important to thee than thy husband's.
- II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any church clique or anything resembling it
- III. Thou shalt not take thy husband's name in vain.
- IV. Remember thy intimate family matters, to keep them secret.
- V. Honour thy husband by keeping thy place, that his years of ministry in the cause of God may be long.
- VI. Thou shalt not gossip.
- VII. Thou shalt not be a burden on others.
- VIII. Thou shalt not appear untidy.
- IX. Thou shalt not covet a taste beyond thy husband's income.
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy lay sister's or fellow minister's house, furniture, car, or whatsoever thy sister may have.

We were so happy to have Pastor E. W. Pedersen of the Division Home Missionary Department with us at our gathering, and his words of counsel to press on in this work of God's own appointment brought new courage and inspiration to the many who were present.

Yes, it was a wonderful afternoon, and how our hearts thrilled as we listened to Sister Gammon singing so beautifully: "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living will not be in vain." The leaders have tried hard during the past year to multiply their activities, and we are happy, as was mentioned during the opening remarks of the afternoon, that our membership in the London area has already doubled itself, and that 2,310 garments have been collected and 1,666 distributed during the past year. Much effort is being expended on building up the stocks. 752 articles were made, 161 gifts of food distributed, 233 visits made, and 481 persons helped. Garments have been delivered to a number of institutions, many parcels of clothing sent to Germany, Poland, and Austria. But all this is so very insignificant when we sense the tremendous need all around us. Oh, that hundreds more of our people would join us in the wonderfully satisfying work of lending a helping hand to those less fortunate than ourselves.

MRS. A. F. TARR.



Much can be done to stimulate the interest of our young people in Dorcas work.

The "Daughters of Dorcas" stall at the Dorcas display during the British Union Session.

# NEWS FLASH

DOCTOR and Sister J. Schooley and family, who have spent nearly two years in Britain on special service in connection with the U.S. Army, returned to the States in mid-September. They will be greatly missed by their many friends and fellow churchmembers in Britain.

From Iceland we learn of the safe arrival of Pastor and Sister Lamont Murdoch. Pastor Murdoch has been lent to Iceland by the North England Conference for the conducting of a public campaign in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital. We wish Brother Murdoch and his associate workers God's rich blessing and much fruitage as they enter upon their great mission.

Pastor F. L. Peterson, one of the associate-secretaries of the General Conference, has passed through London *en route* to the States after having attended annual meetings in most of our Northern European countries. Pastor Peterson's ministry throughout our field has been greatly appreciated, and we thank him and the Coloured Department and the General Conference for the great good that his visit has brought.

Pastor and Mrs. F. H. Thomas and their son, Mervyn, returning from furlough in Britain, sailed for South Africa on the s.s. *Rhodesia Castle*, on September 2nd.

Pastor and Sister D. J. Handysides and children sailed from Southampton, September 9th, for South Africa. Brother Handysides has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Durban church in Natal. We wish Brother and Sister Handysides much of God's blessing as they take up service in a foreign field.

Pastor E. W. Pedersen left on September 19th for West Africa, where plans are in hand for him to attend institutes in many of the local fields.

Dr. W. I. Smith of the Department of Education, Walla Walla College, arrived in London by air from the United States on September 10th. Dr. Smith is to take the principalship of Newbold College for the 1954/55 school year which began on September 15th. Dr. Smith is a former president of the Pacific Union and Walla Walla Colleges, and is most heartily and gratefully welcomed to Newbold College. Sister Smith will arrive later by boat.

The annual meeting of the South Netherlands Conference was held in Rotterdam, September 2nd to 5th, and rich spiritual blessings were enjoyed, especially by the approximately thousand members who spent a very happy Sabbath together. These meetings were attended by F. L. Petersen of the General Conference, and A. F. Tarr of the Northern European Division, in addition to the union and local workers. A. F. TARR.



## GRATITUDE

I DEEPLY express my gratitude and appreciation for my appointment as a delegate to the General Conference and the support of my tours around the Division field. This privilege should have been the lot of the high ranking officer of the Mission, but you found it necessary to extend it to me. When I think of this great honour and privilege, in fact, I have a cause to be grateful.

To all the Division, Union, and Mission officers who made this possible, I say, Thank you. I would be ungrateful should I not say a word of appreciation to all the brethren who stood by my side in counselling, travelling, and helping me throughout these journeys. No greater love could have been shown to any other than that which has been demonstrated to me. It is marvellous to think about and it is wonderful to delve into.

The love of the brethren in the Division field has added impetus to my faith, and the warm reception given to me by the churches and conferences I visited has been a great inspiration for my soul.

Now counting the cost of my travelling and support during these four months I pray that this may be an investment in my life for more aggressive and fervent work and that I may be able to inspire my co-workers and members for a spiritual living and a greater effort for the Lord.

C. B. MENSAH.

## NEWS FROM RUSSIA

ON his return to Stockholm after attending annual meetings in Finland, Pastor C. Gidlund made contact with a Russian Baptist pastor from Moscow who was attending a large Baptist Conference in Stockholm. Pastor Gidlund met the pastor at his hotel and had a most interesting interview with him. The pastor told Pastor Gidlund that there are about 500 Seventh-day Adventists in Moscow. He did not know how many members there are in all Russia but the Adventist mission, he said, is strong in the country and the Adventists are very zealous and diligent.

The Adventists and Baptists in Moscow use the same church and have the same baptistery. They get along very well together and there is a good, peaceful relationship between the two denominations. He also gave the name of our leader in all Russia. He told further that they had had a large congress of all the different denominations in Moscow and afterward they published a book concerning these meetings. The leader of the Adventist church also took part, and his photo is in the book. The pastor promised to send Pastor Gidlund this book in English. The Adventist church in Moscow has its own office close to the church that they occupy with the Baptists and the Baptist pastor felt sure that contact with our Russian brethren could soon be established.

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