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“Sanctify Yourselves”

Opening Address of Northern European Division Winter Council by A. F. Tarr

THE theme selected for this Council is found in a striking message of Joshua to the hosts of Israel. It came at the close of their forty years of desert wanderings, as they camped along the banks of Jordan. Here they confronted the last barrier separating them from the promised land. Beyond lay the culminating events of the world's greatest crusade. Their leader sensed the new situation with its transcending responsibility. Under God's direction he planned his programme. Then he sent officers throughout the camp giving detailed instructions as to what the people must do, in order, he said "That ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore."

After detailing their physical movements Joshua turns to the spiritual, upon which everything depended. With urgent earnestness he issued this proclamation: "Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

We, no less than Israel, face a new and untried way. We face the culminating events of another great movement—the last in God's great programme. We, too, must know the way whereby we should go. We are standing on the borders of Canaan, this time the heavenly Canaan, and like Israel of old we long that the wonders of God might be performed on our behalf. But is it not rea-

sonable to believe that the same conditions that applied to ancient Israel apply also to us, and that the wonders of *our* tomorrow depend upon the sanctification of *our* today?

Past history bears abundant evidence that God works to a programme and that His wonders are measured time and again by the demands of the hour. Amid the wickedness of the antediluvian world God declared: "My Spirit shall not always strive with man: . . . yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." Gen. 6:3. Immediately thereafter He set in motion a plan whereby those who chose might be saved from the impending doom. For 120 years Noah, who had "found grace in the eyes of the Lord" faithfully delivered his message, and when the hour arrived that God had predicted, the waters of a universal deluge were poured out upon an unrepentant world.

"As it was in the days of Noah," our Saviour declared, "so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of man." The destruction of Sodom, the exodus from Egypt, the first advent, and the beginning of our own second advent movement, all indicate unmistakably that God works to a programme and that His wonders, both for destruction and for salvation, are measured by the demands of the hour.

With overpowering emphasis was this evidenced in the exodus of Israel from Egypt, where the exact period of their bondage had been predicted centuries before! Of that time and of that exodus we read: "Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt." Exod. 12:40, 41.

The same God that directed the movement of His people from Egypt is directing the Advent movement today, for in Jeremiah 23:7, 8 we read: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, the Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, The Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land."

Of the Saviour's first advent also we read: "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son." Galatians 4:4. Throughout our Saviour's life, as in so many other epochs in history, every event seemed to be timed by God's great clock. And is it not reasonable to expect that the same pre-

cision and divine planning should be attending God's closing work today?

But God's wonders have been measured not alone, nor perhaps even primarily, by the demands of the hour, but by the characters and lives of the men at His disposal. God has always sought men to do His work. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth," we read, "to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." Those who have responded the most sincerely and wholeheartedly have been the most mightily used in God's programme. We see it not only in Noah's life but in lives of men like Abraham, Elijah, John the Baptist, and later of Paul, of whom it was written, "He is a chosen vessel . . . to bear My name before the Gentiles."

We see it in post-Bible times when men like Luther and Wesley and countless others responded to God's call and achieved a mighty work for Him. We see it in our own Advent movement when God worked so remarkably through human agencies like Joseph Bates, James White, and others of our pioneers.

Is it not reasonable to believe that God seeks men today to do a similar work for Him? And might He not be scanning the Northern European Division and perhaps looking at this very body of men tonight, in His choice of those who might undertake unprecedented achievements for Him? One godly writer has said, "If there should arise one truly believing man, the history of the world might be changed."

God's wonders are measured also by the progressive sanctification of the men whom He has chosen. Wide-open, unobstructed channels have always been filled, and a variation in experience has so often meant variation in power.

How clearly evident this was in Jacob's life where each advance step brought a new measurement of God's power on his behalf. We see him fleeing from his father's house, having stolen the birthright, yet God still sought him. He spoke to him in a dream by night and Jacob made an unforgettable promise to God. Years after in Laban's home an angel of God again appeared to him in a dream, and later as he followed the instructions given, we read that "angels met him."

Then following his desperate experience at Jabbok he was able to say: "I have seen God face to face." Finally, when the distressing conduct of his sons at Shechem had driven him even closer to God, he was urgently besought to return to Bethel, and to "make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother."

He appealed to his whole household to join him in this fresh consecration. Their response was unanimous and whole hearted. They changed their garments, "they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears." They journeyed with him to the appointed place, in consequence of which we read that as "they journeyed: . . . the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them." Genesis 35:5.

How mighty was the power that now attended Jacob in contrast to those early days when through that same country he had fled as a fugitive from his brother! Now God could say of him "As a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."

What an example this is to set before ourselves at this gathering! Here at our Council God's power is available in no smaller measure that it was back there.

And the hour has come when He would demonstrate it in an unlimited way. The men are here, I believe, to whom God would entrust that power—but under the same conditions that were set before ancient Israel: "Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

Sanctification, in Webster's dictionary, is thus defined: "The act or process of God's grace by which the affections of men are purified or alienated from sin and the world, and exalted to a supreme love to God." That is the experience that God sets before us tonight. Is the price too great for us to pay? What a wonderful thing it would be if every one of us at this very first meeting of this Council could enter into this experience. Remember that it is not a change of men that God wants, but a change *in* men. And I believe we are those men in whom God would make some change tonight. It is through us that God wants to perform His wonders of tomorrow, but those wonders now, as in the past history of the church, depend upon the sanctification of today.

May God help us to enter into that measure of sanctification at this Council, that will enable God's tomorrow in the Northern European Division to measure up to the transcending hour of the world's history to which we have come.

PROGRESS IN ICELAND

By Julius Gudmundsson, *President*

As I take you with me for a moment to the stepping-stone of Iceland between the old and the new worlds, there are a few things there which I would like to bring to your notice.

In Reykjavik, the capital city, the Star Cinema would attract your interest. It is the place where Pastor L. Murdoch is conducting his evangelistic meetings.

The Star Cinema is one of the nicest and most modern halls in the city of Reykjavik. Its seating capacity is a little over 500. At each Sunday meeting practically every chair has been taken. Sometimes all the tickets have been taken a week in advance, and in our advertising we have had to ask the public to be

patient and wait until the next Sunday.

Each meeting is divided into three parts. First, singing for half an hour. We have been fortunate enough to secure the assistance of a baritone who is considered to be Iceland's best male singer. The next item is Pastor Murdoch's lecture which takes thirty minutes, and finally the splendid colour film, "I Beheld His Glory."

When we had the premier showing of this film we invited the dignitaries of the city. Practically all the ministers were present together with the bishop of the Icelandic State Church, also the Minister of Education. The following day, Pastor Murdoch received a letter from the



The little Icelandic Adventist girl who was chosen to present a bouquet to the president's wife.

bishop in which he expressed his thanks and wished us the blessing of God on our work.

At this stage we do not know what may be the outcome of this public work, but we have every reason to be thankful to God for what He has done so far.

I take this opportunity to express the profound gratitude of our believers in Iceland to the Division, the British Union, and the North England Conference, for their interest in the work in Iceland which they have shown by lending us one of their strong evangelists. We are fully aware of the fact that Britain has not too many evangelists and this makes us all the more thankful for the help.

The year's Ingathering is outstanding for several reasons. In spite of the fact that we published more magazines than ever before we have had to reprint this year for the first time. We have had more members participating in the Ingathering than ever before, and never before has the public been so ready to receive the magazine and give donations.

All our schools are filled with pupils this year. At the training school we have had to refuse several applications. There are twenty-nine students. Two teacher families have had to live in the dormitory as there is no house for them. This of course means fewer students can be admitted.

In view of the fact that there are only 370 churchmembers in Iceland I think we have reason to be thankful for the

good attendance of seventy pupils at the school.

Last year our summer sanitarium was appointed to receive benefit from the Big Week income. This gave us courage to make a fine little clinic in the basement of the school building.

The summer sanitarium has been our cherished dream for some years. I am afraid that many have thought that the prospects for it were not too bright, as we had no medical doctor, nor even a nurse. However we gathered courage enough to invite the public, having secured the help of an Icelandic nurse from Copenhagen, even though we had no facilities other than a Finnish bath and a little electric lamp. I am fully convinced that there is no sanitarium within the Division with such meagre facilities. On the other hand, I believe that none of our health institutions by comparison have had any better attendance than ours.

On the opening day the house was

filled to capacity, with quite a long waiting list. For the two months we were open the total income was about \$6,000. We have already seen some fruit from this work. Almost without exception the guests attended our Sabbath services and gave very good offerings. One lady gave a 100 Kr. note every Sabbath. Several of the guests have sent their sons and daughters to our school as students.

It was an unexpected pleasure to have the first Adventist missionary in Greenland as a guest in Reykjavik the other day. Although we Icelanders do not claim to be Eskimos, we admit that they are our next-door neighbours, and we are fully aware of the fact that Eric The Red, the discoverer of Greenland, was an Icelander.

Pastor Nielsen very badly needed a slide-projector. We had one which we had received as a gift from the Division. Now we have passed it on to Greenland

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The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers Volume IV

WE TAKE special pleasure in announcing that Volume IV of *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers* is now available to workers and laity. This completes the series of books giving in an authoritative and scholarly setting the background of prophetic interpretations.

While each volume in the *Prophetic Faith* series has been completed in its own area, Volume IV gathers up and crystallizes the basic evidence of the set. It is therefore the key volume of the series, and is of paramount interest and importance to Seventh-day Adventists, as it constitutes the first documented history of our own denominational beginnings based upon the complete sources.

It is impressively illustrated, with reproductions of rare title pages and key extracts from former expositors. It contains the likenesses of the foremost interpreters of the past, and has graphic illustrations of the crucial scenes and episodes in the development of interpretation. Priceless tabular and diagrammatic charts summarize the teachings of the leading expositors and their principal

positions within each major epoch. They provide a bird's-eye view of the exposition of any given century, geographical area, or national group. Thus the complete teaching of any individual or group is available at a glance in that given period or area. This enables the reader to trace chronologically, across the centuries, any given point, principle, or application of prophecy.

These volumes therefore constitute indispensable tools for theological students in training, as well as for preachers, teachers, and Bible instructors already in service. They will also appeal to our informed laity. They bring about a new understanding of our historic backgrounds and the origin of our prophetic interpretations. We are thus made more sure of the present by the pioneering light of the past.

We commend the complete work to our ministry and laity alike, believing that in these volumes they will find a wider understanding of the prophetic background of the message.

E. B. RUDGE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION IN DENMARK

FROM December 10th to 12th, a Sunday school convention for Denmark was held at Vejlefjord High School. The convention was sponsored through the MV Department, by Pastor Borge Olsen, MV Secretary of the West Nordic Union. The conference presidents of both East and West Denmark were present, thus giving fine support to this interesting council. Likewise did we see a number of ministers present. But first and foremost, this was a laymen's gathering and forty-five delegates representing thirty-five Sunday schools were present.

It is difficult to single out any particular one to be mentioned, but if we do so, it

must be young Arne Gisle Jensen, who, although suffering from a heart disease, teaches regularly in his own home between twenty-five and thirty-five children in his Sunday school. His testimony that "if I had not the Sunday school work, life for me would have little interest," gives us a true picture of the intense interest shown by the delegates as a whole.

All the delegates were extremely well cared for by the management of the Vejlefjord High School. The total cost of the council amounted to approximately £115, of which each delegate paid the modest sum of ten shillings, the local conferences making up the difference.

The writer had the pleasure of taking part in this most interesting convention.

M. E. LIND, *MV Secretary,*

Northern European Division.



Gisle Jensen teaching a Sunday school class in his own home in Denmark.

Progress in Iceland

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together with a complete set of colour films, as we felt sure that the Division would not have its first missionary to Greenland go there empty-handed. In passing I might say that the Reykjavik Dorcas Society gave Pastor Nielsen a brand new fur-lined coat especially made for the polar climate.

In closing I would like to say that during the past few years we have made many appeals for the school, the summer sanitarium, and last year for an evangelist. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to tell you that our hopes for success were not in vain. We are still convinced that there are success possibilities for our work in Iceland. It warms our hearts to hear the testimonies from non-Adventists of their high respect for our churchmembers.

When the President's wife recently visited one of our towns, it was a little Adventist girl who was selected to present her with a bouquet. This small incident shows their respect for us.

I hope that what I have said has been enough to show that it is a good investment to do something for Iceland. Whatever is done for us is greatly appreciated and we shall do our utmost to make a success of every enterprise.

Gold Coast Colporteurs Hold Annual Institute

By D. L. Chappell

USING as their theme, "Constant Advancement," twenty Gold Coast colporteurs spent ten profitable and pleasant days together during their annual institute held in the Accra church from October 4th to 14th. Ably leading out in the meetings was R. D. Mawutor, newly-appointed Publishing Secretary for the Gold Coast Mission.

In addition to receiving instruction in Gospel salesmanship, both orally and by films, the men were privileged to hear excellent messages from eight experienced mission workers, including our veteran African pastor, H. D. Wilson, who delivered the Sabbath morning sermon. The

closing meeting was an ordinance service conducted by Pastor H. S. Pearce, manager of the Advent Press.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," applies to colporteurs, too. Knowing this, R. D. Mawutor planned for several social events for the men. Films were shown at the writer's house. Miss George of our union office and Miss Dorane Cowin honoured the colporteurs with an impressive piano concert, and one evening was spent in a "get together" with the workers of the Advent Press. Friday afternoon was spent touring the big city of Accra in a chartered bus. Highlighting the institute was an interesting visit to the

Comparative Report of Publishing Department January to September, 1953-1954

	Average Colporteurs		Hours		Total Orders		Deliveries	
Field	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
British Union	118	119	99,849	99,060	\$123,909.37	\$130,569.15	\$104,092.89	\$105,760.40
East Nordic	113	108	130,557	118,316	249,010.00	240,923.96	226,562.00	218,183.41
Iceland Mission	3	3	2,040	1,121	3,748.49	2,140.10	3,748.49	2,140.10
Netherlands	28	25	24,058	20,812	19,569.60	16,556.13	19,569.60	16,119.81
West African	38	38	43,297	42,207	46,386.53	60,124.38	23,990.98	31,857.13
West Nordic	53	49	69,030	62,241	138,112.92	129,328.68	126,041.82	117,097.36
Division Totals ...	353	342	368,831	343,757	\$580,736.91	\$579,642.40	\$540,005.78	\$491,158.21

plant where the city paper is published and the enlightening hour spent at the Advent Press on Monday becoming better acquainted with the art of printing.

As usual, Sabbath afternoon was used for a colporteur symposium. A number of men related stirring experiences, a group demonstrated how the colporteur does his work, and others sang songs. The experience that impressed me most was the one told by colporteur Samuel Ofori, an illiterate man who began canvassing back in 1949 when the colporteur work was first organized in the Gold Coast—in the days when most educated men were afraid of “that *new work* called canvassing”! Not knowing how to read and the books being in English, Brother Ofori walks up to a man, hands him the book and then bows his head and prays while the man looks at the book. And many of the prospects buy the book. Ofori humbly stated, “I sell books by prayer.”

But the greatest thrill came near the end of the symposium when we had those in the audience who had been interested in the truth by colporteurs to stand. Several persons stood, most of them being former customers of Colporteur C. A. Clerk. The scene could have been duplicated in a number of other churches where former colporteur customers are now baptized members of God’s remnant church.

With three more months to go, the Gold Coast colporteurs already have a £1,500 gain in deliveries thus far this year. They praise God for His wonderful blessing. Won’t you join us in praying that God will continue to bless these loyal servants of His, and their fellow colporteurs around the world, in their work of literature evangelism?

DIVISION PUBLISHING COUNCIL

By G. D. King

WE HAVE just closed a most profitable and inspiring two days in counsel at Stanborough Park, Watford, England, with representatives present from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, and Britain. W. A. Higgins of the General Conference Publishing Department was with us and his ministry and counsel were much appreciated.

This council at least demonstrated that it is not the length of a meeting that determines its value; these two days were

crowded with intense study and deliberation and we believe strong plans were made which will mean much to us in our progressive programme of publishing and distribution during coming days.

In the devotional meetings to begin each day’s work, we were blessed through the ministry of A. F. Tarr, president of the Northern European Division, and J. H. Bayliss, president of North England Conference. A wonderful spirit of devotional worship and prayerful intercession characterized these morning meetings and brought much spiritual blessing to us all as we enjoyed fellowship together.

The agenda items were of such a nature

as to call for careful study. No time was wasted in detailed technicalities, and a high level of discussion was maintained throughout the two days’ gathering.

Special emphasis was placed on the soul-winning nature of the literature ministry, with a practical approach to making its contribution more effective in the total programme of evangelism throughout the field. The real value of such a council will only be realized as the practical suggestions and plans are put into effective operation in the field.

May we all move forward into a more efficient and fruitful service during coming days.

RESOLUTIONS Winter Council, 1954



FAITHFULNESS IN STEWARDSHIP

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that the promotion of systematic benevolence results in greater faithfulness in tithe paying, and more generous giving for the support of God’s work, and in a deeper spiritual experience on the part of all tithe-paying members,

Voted: 1. That our pastors and church elders be encouraged to present the call for tithes and offerings in our church services, in such wording as to lead the worshippers to recognize that the bringing of their tithes and offerings to the Lord is in itself an act of worship.

2. That in each field a suitable compilation of inspired statements on stewardship and the blessings to be received as a result of faithfulness in the returning of our tithes and offerings to the Lord, be made available for ministers and elders to read in our churches in connection with the receiving of the offering.

3. That our ministers and church elders be encouraged to preach sermons or give Bible studies periodically in our churches on the importance of stewardship; and lay upon the hearts of our members as they visit them in their homes the importance of faithfulness in bringing all their tithes to the Lord, especially in the case of those who have been delinquent in that respect.

4. That a renewed emphasis be placed on the importance of new converts being instructed fully in the doctrine of stewardship and the importance of faithfulness in the returning of all the tithe to the Lord.

5. That conference officers inform the churches frequently of the trends in conference receipts in tithes and offerings, indicating to the churches the progress of the work, and at the same time presenting the current needs of the local and union conferences and of the world field.

6. That the conference and church officers frequently acknowledge with gratitude the faithfulness of the churchmembers in the return of their tithes and offerings to the Lord.

7. That ministers and laymen be encouraged to study the book, *Counsels on Stewardship*, and that quotations from this book and articles from other sources on this topic be published frequently in division and union conference papers.

8. That we call the attention of our pastors and church elders to the opportunity afforded our church treasurers in connection with our regular church business meetings, in presenting their financial report, to emphasize the importance and blessing of faithfulness in stewardship.

9. That we urge all church nominating committees to follow the instruction given in the Church Manual, pertaining to the nomination to church office of those only who are faithful in the payment of their tithe.

OUTPOST EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, "Young men and women should be educated to become workers in their own neighbourhoods and in other places" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 118), and

WHEREAS, The servant of the Lord has instructed us that the light of truth is to be taken to the outposts, using such expressions as the "highways and byways," "new localities," and "out of the way districts,"

Voted: 1. That an earnest effort be put forth in all our churches to enlist every Adventist youth in Outpost Evangelism, and

2. That every Missionary Volunteer Society be encouraged to select an outpost, and by means of Share Your Faith methods best adapted to each group, discover and instruct those interested in Bible truth, leading them toward preparation for baptism in counsel with the pastor or district leader.

MV SUMMER CAMPS

WHEREAS, Missionary Volunteer summer camps for junior and senior youth during the year 1953 have resulted in 450 decisions for Christ and the church; and

WHEREAS, Some of our conferences already in possession of youth camp sites have found them to enhance greatly the effectiveness of the Missionary Volunteer camping programme; and

WHEREAS, Only thirty per cent of our Missionary Volunteer membership availed themselves of Adventist camping in 1953,

Voted: That conferences and missions, wherever possible, enlarge their plans and facilities to make the camping experience available to all our youth; and

Further Voted: That our conferences and missions seriously consider the purchase of camp sites and facilities for youth camps, which will be completely under the direction of our own organization.

MV CONGRESS IN STOCKHOLM

WELCOMING the plans which have been laid for the holding of a division-wide Youth Congress in Stockholm, August 2-7, 1955; and

REALIZING the great value of soul-saving and soul-preserving opportunities such a congress may afford,

CHURCH SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Christian education from the earliest school years is the accepted programme of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; and

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy ad-

monishes that every church with six or more pupils should provide a church school; and

WHEREAS, It will require united effort and long-range planning to develop church schools in many areas of the Northern European Division,

Voted: 1. That where it has not been done, an individual be appointed for each union and local conference and mission, preferably one who does not carry the responsibility of administration, to act as educational secretary.

2. That continuous promotion of church school organization and operation be launched by the division, union, and local conference personnel and the church pastors.

SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

IN view of the ever-expanding mission work with its increasing pressure for needed funds in this late hour, with still so large a world-wide unfinished task before us, and

WHEREAS, The Sabbath school provides to a very large degree the financial support of our foreign mission programme,

Voted: 1. That every effort be put forth to encourage all our Sabbath schools to achieve the splendid objectives of a definite weekly per capita goal for missions through our Sabbath school offerings, and that appropriate goals be set by the committees concerned.

2. That each Sabbath school set a specific over-all offering goal, and by appropriate methods such as the use of charts or devices keep the offering achievements before the school week by week and thus enable all the members to know the status and progress.

3. That specific funds such as Birthday Thank Offerings, Investment Offerings, and Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings, be recorded separately, and the school be specifically informed as to the amounts in these various offerings, and that care be taken to keep each offering separate.

4. That we lay definite plans whereby tape recording from the mission fields containing human interest experiences, be provided for the use of our home churches and for the promotion of the thirteenth Sabbath school offering.

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

WHEREAS, We recognize that in the early days of the remnant church there was given to it the gift of the Spirit of prophecy, and through this gift by voice and pen during the life of Ellen G. White and through her writings since her death, we have been counselled, guided, and led to higher planes of spiritual experience, to

higher standards, and to a clearer concept of coming events, and

WHEREAS, We recognize that the principles set forth in the Spirit of prophecy writings do not change with the passage of the years, and are of equal value to the church in all lands in fostering Bible standards, encouraging the spirit of devotion and sacrifice, and guarding and unifying the church, therefore be it

Voted: That we reaffirm our fundamental belief:

1. (a). That God has given the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the edifying and perfecting of His church; and that the gift of the Spirit of prophecy, one identifying mark of the remnant church, was manifested in the life and ministry of Ellen G. White; and that her writings provide, neither a substitute for the Holy Scriptures, nor a new rule of faith; but, spiritual uplift, instruction, warning, reproof, admonition, comfort, illumination of doctrine, and special guidance for God's people through the perilous last days.

(b). That we urge our Publishing House to a renewed effort to produce, and our colporteur evangelists to distribute, the message-filled Spirit of prophecy subscription books.

2. (a). That we call our churchmembers throughout the division to a diligent study of the Spirit of prophecy writings, as they may be available in their languages; and to a practical application of their teachings.

(b). That we hasten the publication of the Spirit of prophecy books, in all our fields, recommending the course now being followed in many fields in developing the "Introductory Spirit of Prophecy Library," to be followed by other of the books as circumstances may indicate.

(c). That we encourage our administrators, evangelists, and pastors to provide for the adequate presentation of the doctrine of the Spirit of prophecy and its value and place in the church, at our large gatherings, in our evangelistic meetings, and in our local churches, and that the annual Spirit of prophecy Sabbath be observed.

(d). That we urge our churchmembers to build a Spirit of prophecy library in their homes, thus making readily available to all members of the family the timely and helpful "counsels, warnings, and reproofs" so much needed in these perilous days.

3. That as the truth presented in the Ellen G. White books written for circulation among the general public "is light

needed to arouse the people to prepare for the great day of God, which is just before us and these books contain God's direct appeal to the people" (MS. 23, 1890), we encourage every Seventh-day Adventist to join in the wide dissemination of these inspired volumes.

LITERATURE EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, We believe that "the book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 69); and,

WHEREAS, We believe events in the world clearly indicate that our time in which to finish the work is limited, and that every agency for the propagation of the truth of God must now be used with the greatest possible efficiency,

Voted: That every endeavour be made to take full advantage of the great potential forces for evangelism available to us by the co-operative use of our literature evangelists in our division programme of evangelism.

Further Voted: That the appropriate committees or boards give favourable consideration to the following suggestions whereby this plan might be implemented:

1. That in all our publishing councils and institutes the spiritual and soul-winning nature of our literature ministry be re-emphasized, and that evangelistic workers and conference leaders be invited to take part in these departmental meetings in order that their counsel and guidance can be made available to our literature workers.

2. That in conference workers' meetings time be given to discussion and counsel whereby the work of our literature evangelists and ministerial evangelists can be more fully integrated, and that selected literature evangelists be invited to the workers' gatherings.

3. That plans for evangelistic efforts in conferences include a definite programme of literature evangelism by carefully selected literature evangelists to precede the opening of the evangelistic campaign, or that evangelistic campaigns be planned in areas where such literature work has already been conducted.

4. That wherever possible all our books and periodicals carry an invitation to the subscriber to enrol in one of our Bible Correspondence Schools.

5. That a plan be adopted whereby subscribers to our subscription literature be supplied with an appropriate missionary periodical for at least six months after accepting delivery of the book.

6. That every endeavour be made to encourage our literature evangelists in this co-operative work by keeping them informed of specific results from their work in the number of souls baptized; and by inviting them, whenever possible, to attend the baptismal service where these interested persons are baptized.

CIRCULATION OF RELIGIOUS AND MEDICAL BOOKS

WHEREAS, God has ordained the literature ministry as a great soul-winning agency, and the church has developed literature covering the various phases of its message; and

WHEREAS, It is of utmost importance to give proper emphasis to religious and health literature; therefore

Voted: 1. That all publishing houses supply the division, union, and local publishing secretaries at regular intervals—if possible every quarter—a complete list of the titles and quantities of books sold in their respective fields; and

2. That more emphasis be placed upon selling books in sets, combining religious and health literature.

3. That the above classification of books be promoted in a strong way, but that no one particular group be promoted to the disadvantage of another, thus holding to the ratio as set forth in the Spring Council action of 1944 appearing on page 91 of the Publishing Department Policies which reads as follows:

"Voted: That our health literature be not neglected, but that care be exercised to maintain a well-balanced programme, suggesting as a distribution standard the ratio of one-third medical to two-thirds religious books."

HEALTH EDUCATION AND HEALTHFUL LIVING

WHEREAS, God has given the Seventh-day Adventist Church special instruction in the basic principles of healthful living to assist the church to stand in the time of crisis, and to become triumphant overcomers in every phase of Christian living; and,

WHEREAS, God has given special instruction regarding the care of the body, with special emphasis in respect to healthful diet, which if rightly practised would contribute materially to the health, strength, and vigour of the members of the church; and,

WHEREAS, The Lord's messenger points out the importance of the book *The Ministry of Healing*, by stating "This book contains the wisdom of the Great Physician" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 71); and

WHEREAS, Scientific research has abundantly corroborated and supported the fundamental principles given to the church by divine revelation; therefore,

Voted: 1. That we call upon all our workers and laity throughout the Division to read and study the book *The Ministry of Healing*; and,

2. That study be given by our executive committees to secure a bulk consignment of *The Ministry of Healing* at a special reduced price.

3. That our conference, mission, and church leadership study the plan of having a regular organized course of studies of our great health principles as found in the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy.

4. That we suggest they use in their study the newly revised booklet, *Twelve Outline Studies for the Ministry of Healing*.

5. That all members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church be earnestly admonished to follow faithfully the broad, balanced principles of healthful living available in the counsels of the Spirit of prophecy and the health literature of this denomination.

BIBLE TEXT-BOOKS

WHEREAS, There is a need for acceptable Bible text-books in the church schools and the secondary or middle schools; and

WHEREAS, The cost of publishing text-books by each language group is prohibitive; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Education of the General Conference has collaborated with the various union conferences in North America in the preparation of uniform Bible text-books for church schools and secondary schools,

Voted: 1. That workshops be held during the summers of 1955, 1956, and 1957, for the purpose of adapting the text-books used in North America to the specific needs of each union conference; and that funds be made available by the Northern European Division and the home unions for this purpose.

2. That the prepared text-book material be translated, edited, and produced for each language group.

3. That these text-books become the basic courses in Bible in our church schools and secondary schools.

NEWS FLASH

IN response to a special request of the Newbold College Board and the Northern European Division Committee for affiliation with an American college, Dr. W. H. Shephard of Washington Missionary College, and Professor E. E. Cossentine, secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, met with the College Board and members of the Division Committee in the College chapel on January 10th, to study the affiliation programme as had been proposed by Washington Missionary College administrators. We are awaiting final word of acceptance by Washington Missionary College.

Dr. W. H. Shephard has spent a few weeks visiting the Continent while over here for studies on the affiliation programme. His visit to several educational institutions in Europe was very much appreciated.

We were very glad to have Elder W. R. Beach, secretary of the General Conference, spend a few days in London and Newbold in connection with the affiliation studies at the College.

Elder E. J. Folkenberg and family, who responded to the call from the British Union Conference to connect with the work of evangelism in Great Britain, arrived in London on January 31st. Elder Folkenberg is to connect with the London Evangelistic Centre. We extend to Elder Folkenberg and his family a very hearty welcome to this field, and wish him much of God's blessing and abounding success in his labours in London.

Elder R. Allan Anderson, secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, has been serving the London Evangelistic Centre for about three months, until the arrival of Elder Folkenberg. Elder Anderson left for Australia via the Middle East Division, stopping en route in Cairo and Aden.

Mrs. A. F. Tarr, the editor of NORTHERN LIGHT, left on January 27th for her homeland, South Africa, travel-

ling on the s.s *Edinburgh Castle* of the Union Castle Line. Pastor Tarr joined her there after his itinerary in the West African Union. We wish Pastor and Mrs. Tarr a very pleasant rest and visit with their many relatives and friends in South Africa, during their brief three months' leave of absence.

We have been happy to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Herschel Lamp and family to this field from the United States. They are new missionary appointees to West Africa, where Dr. Lamp is to connect with our medical station at Jengre.

The South Rotterdam new church, which is a very modern building, beautifully appointed, was officially opened on Tuesday evening, January 18th. At that time the architect presented the church to the local conference president in the presence of a number of city celebrities and church dignitaries.

Pastor G. D. King from the Division was present, and along with Pastor F. J. Voorthuis, president of the Netherlands Union, had a leading part in the programme. On Sabbath, January 22nd, a full Sabbath programme was enjoyed by many members from nearby churches, together with the local membership.

This church is almost altogether a gift from the General Conference and the Northern European Division, to Rotterdam, the city which was so severely bombed during the war. We also have another church in the centre of this city. This church was miraculously saved when fire raged in that section of the city during the war.

The construction has begun on the new church building at Skodsborg Sanitarium. The building committee greatly appreciate the fact that their request was one of the only two granted among thirty-five applications for church building permits in the Copenhagen area for this year.

G. A. LINDSAY.

Unfolding the Revelation, by R. A. Anderson, is the text-book being used by the public in the Revelation classes at the New Gallery Centre. These books are available from the New Gallery Centre, Regent Street, London, W.1., at the publisher's cost price of 7s. 6d., post paid.

NEWS FROM SWEDEN

By K. Utterback

Home Missionary and Sabbath School secretary.

I AM glad to send you greetings from 8,000 Sabbath school members in the East Nordic Union, 3,000 from Sweden and 5,000 from Finland. We operate our Sabbath schools on much the same pattern as you do in other parts of the Division.

We also operate Sunday schools. We should like our Sunday school children to attend our Sabbath schools, but unfortunately they must attend public school on Sabbath.

Again this year we have had a very good Ingathering campaign and the union has gone over its goal by \$4,400. We have collected \$61,400. In Sweden we have full freedom to do our Ingathering work, but in Finland we have to sell our Ingathering paper for about twenty-five cents. This year one of our Bible instructors collected \$1,400. She has been doing this for many years. Our Swedish school, Ekebyholm, collected \$3,200 toward our goal.

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