



Newbold Missionary College

Report rendered at the Division Winter Council

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A NEWCOMER such as I would be presumptive indeed to bring before this Division session an array of personal opinions, impressions, and recommendations concerning the Newbold College resulting from his own thinking. It must indeed be more profitable to bring to you a review of gleanings from various sources which may provide a brief survey of past activities and a modest mosaic of things to come.

In Dr. M. E. Olson's *History of the Origin and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists*, we are told that the educational work in England began in 1901 when Professor and Mrs. H. R. Salisbury came over from America to take charge of Duncombe Missionary College. School actually started in January, 1902, and continued that year for twenty-one weeks. Students occupied private lodgings in the neighbourhood.

Next year the school was removed to Holloway Hall and was conducted for thirty-six weeks. At the close of the year Frank and Walter Bond, two students from America, went to Spain to open up the work there. During the years 1904-7 school was held in Manor Gardens, near Holloway Hall. During that time the enrolment reached seventy-six students, of whom twelve were in intermediate grades, and presumably most of

the others in secondary grades. Elder H. C. Lacey came from America to take charge of the Bible instruction, and at the close of the latter year Professor and Mrs. Salisbury returned to America to take charge of the Foreign Mission Seminary in Takoma Park.

In 1907 Elder Lacey became principal, and a new school property of fifty-five acres of beautiful grounds, on which there was an old-fashioned manor house, was secured in Watford. Here in 1910 was erected a new brick building for school

purposes and Stanborough Missionary College was welcomed to the sisterhood of colleges in the Advent movement.

The College has ever kept in touch with the needs of the field, and from its classes have gone out many successful workers. Probably from no one of our training schools has a larger percentage of the graduates served in a leading capacity in the organized work. This fact should bring great encouragement to all who have contributed or may yet be called upon to help in the upbuilding of

*Graduation Day
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Fellow students from Britain, Scandinavia, and West Africa outside the boys hall.

the administration and classroom building should be erected in the Egremont field. Egremont itself was to be enlarged for the housing of young men, and with the construction of the administration and classroom building Moor Close would be used principally as a women's dormitory, with provision for cooking and dining-room services and for a laboratory for Home Economics.

In 1953, Parkham, a fine country house with three acres of ground next to St. Mark's church and opposite Moor Close, was purchased, and this building providentially provides accommodation for a larger enrolment of men, and its grounds offer building land for teachers' houses. More encouragement for the building programme came when the authorities granted a licence for the erection of the long-planned principal's house. This has now been satisfactorily completed and serves admirably as a home for the principal and his wife.

The immediate and urgent building needs are now for an adequate administration and classroom building and several cottages for the housing of faculty members. Funds are available and negotiations are being made to begin operations very soon. When the programme is completed, Moor Close will offer accommodation for double its present capacity of young women, and in addition to Binfield Hall, Parkham and Egremont could be gradually utilized to care for double the present enrolment of young men. Thus accommodation for the enrolment of 200 College students is envisioned in the proximate future.

Heredity and environment are the two broad avenues of approach to human beings for the purpose of their betterment. Since heredity is a long process, we put our confidence and direct our energy in the avenue of environment. The factors of home, school, and church are a triumvirate that, more than all other influences combined, give direction to the developing young life. Particularly with reference to

the ideology of the individual; these lines have great significance:

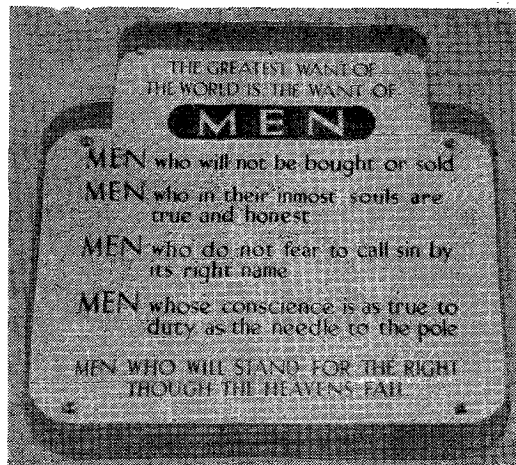
*As is the teacher, so is the school;
As is the school, so is the education;
As is the education, so is the character;
As is the character, so is the destiny.*

It is generally accepted in Seventh-day Adventist circles that our programme of Christian education is indispensable to the progress and success of our movement. Beginning small at first, it has grown with the advance of the message until our elementary, secondary, and higher schools encircle the earth. In many areas, the schools constitute the most effective means by which new work is opened up and the older work is vitalized. A few days ago an executive board meeting convened at Newbold Missionary College. Eleven members were present. Of these, six had been former students of Newbold College, and all eleven had received their education in our own schools. In commenting concerning this incident, it was remarked: "What would we do for workers were it not for our training schools?" At the present time we rarely meet with a Seventh-day Adventist minister, or other worker, who has not been educated in our denominational schools. As a means also of saving the youth to the church our schools are indispensable. It has been stated that ninety per cent of our young people who have the privilege of attending our own schools for a considerable period of time remain as loyal Seventh-day Adventists, while ninety per cent of those who go to schools

the cause of Christian education in this field.

In 1931 the College was removed to Newbold Revel, near Rugby. After years of progress in that location it was removed during the war to Packwood Haugh and there occupied temporary quarters for several years. From the latter place it was again removed and came to its present location in Binfield, near Bracknell, early in 1946. That the College spirit should survive, and the confidence of its constituency be retained under such trying circumstances, is a living testimony to the genuineness of its cause and to the great need that exists for the type of service it provides.

The first purchases in the present location were Moor Close, involving a millionaire's mansion with about seventy-seven acres of land; and Binfield Hall, with three acres. These two places were quickly over-crowded to provide for the various activities of the school, and an additional building was rented. Fortunately two nearby properties became available: Egremont and Popeswood Lodge. By the purchase of these two places sorely needed accommodation was provided and the College estate increased to about eighty acres. Plans were drawn at that time for the erection of teachers' houses, a men's dormitory, and an administration and classroom building. But building restrictions were binding after the war, money was not readily available, so eight years have passed by with little accomplished toward the goal. However, in March, 1953, the matter was carefully studied in board meeting and it was agreed that



This stimulating motto is in the Boys' Chapel.

of the world are lost to the church and to our cause. Can we afford to be passive in the support we give to our church school programme? "All our youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools, that they may be inspired to become labourers together with God." (*Counsels to Teachers*, page 44.) In the passing of the years we have learned by experience the truth of this statement, and today our denomination invests large sums of money in our various types of schools, knowing that thus the facilities will be made more adequate for the training of workers for all branches of this message.

There is an additional reason why we should arouse from any lethargy in relation to the church school work. Quoting again from *Counsels to Teachers*, page 497, we have these words: "The well-being, the happiness, the religious life of the families with which the youth are connected, the prosperity and piety of the church of which they are members, are largely dependent upon the religious education that they receive in our schools."

Let us illustrate how this has worked in the Plymouth church of South England—a church of under 100 members. The zeal for Christian education developed about thirty years ago and it has not flagged with the years. From their little church school have come eleven graduates of Newbold College, twelve other workers, three students now in Newbold, and much enthusiasm in the present group of children and in the church toward seeking the goal of a Christian education.

The Northern European Division has a membership of 45,000. This means that in accord with the law of averages in other fields, we might anticipate the day when there would be 600 College students in the union Junior Colleges and the four-year Senior College of the Division. What an army of recruits to develop more rapidly the work now well begun!

We need more church schools, more intermediate and secondary school students to supply recruits for College. More church schools in turn call for more trained elementary and secondary teachers. We also need secretaries, accoun-

tants, and other workers. The whole programme of Christian education is designed to be kept in balance so that there is a school suitable to the advancing capabilities of each child from the first year to graduation from College; and a place where each graduate can serve satisfactorily in the work of the Lord.

Christian education is on the march

in the Northern European Division. With the loyalty and co-operation expressed in the NORTHERN LIGHT by its leaders toward the unifying programme that has been set up, and with the assurance of the Lord's help in this great undertaking to save our children and to advance His work, victory is sure. May we each do our part to crown the work with success.

A Seventy-Fifth Anniversary in Oslo

By Trygve Asheim

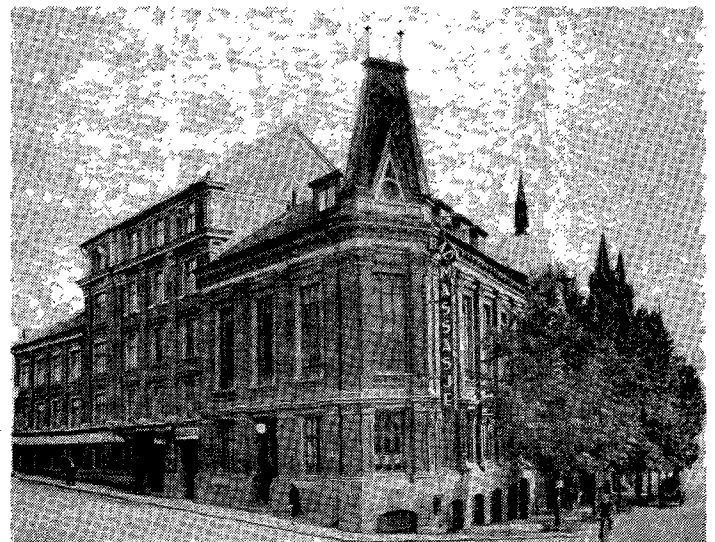
SET thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps [guideposts]. Set thine heart toward the high way, even the way by which thou wentest' Jer. 31:21.

Seventy-five years have passed since the church of Oslo was organized as one of the earliest Seventh-day Adventist churches in Scandinavia. It may be fitting at the anniversary year of this memorable event, to pause for a while and look back over the three-quarters of a century which are now gone. Considering the gracious and wonderful leading of the Lord in the development and the growth of this church in days gone by, gives courage and inspiration for the days which still lie ahead.

The work in the Northern European Division began when Elder John Gottlieb Matteson was sent as a missionary from America to Scandinavia in 1877, only three years after Elder John An-

draws, as our first foreign missionary, had taken up his work in Switzerland. On May 24, 1877, Elder Matteson with his wife and two children sailed on the ship, *Pomerania*, from New York, bound for Europe. After a short stay in Hamburg, the family went north to Denmark, where Elder Matteson began his work in the city of Vejle. A few precious souls were led to Christ in Denmark, and a church was organized, but Elder Matteson was not satisfied. Some time before he went to Europe, Mrs. White had seen in a vision many souls in the northern countries eagerly praying and searching for truth. As far as the work he had accomplished in Scandinavia was concerned, Elder Matteson said himself: "My heart was not satisfied. The interest seemed insufficient, and I had not yet found the places and the people that Mrs. White had been shown in her vision."

The headquarters building in Oslo, Norway.



While he was meditating and earnestly praying to God for guidance, he received a letter from Oslo, which greatly impressed him. He made a two-months' trip to Norway and found everywhere a deeper religious life. At this time he met a wealthy steamship employer, Mr. Svenson, who strongly urged him to come to Oslo. He assured him that he would gather a large audience and offered him his own home for the first meeting.

In the autumn of the year 1878, Elder Matteson with his family moved to Oslo, and shortly afterward he announced his first meeting. To the astonishment of all, great crowds found their way to Mr. Svenson's home on Sunday evening. The larger room was soon filled, and several other rooms too. Nevertheless the people still kept on coming until the crowd was standing on the steps, on the side-walk, and in the street. That was the first time an Adventist minister had succeeded in gathering a big crowd to a public meeting after the 1844 disappointment. But more than that, everyone seemed to be listening intently. Among those present were a number of clergymen from the State church and leading citizens, including several lawyers and doctors. The house of Mr. Svenson was altogether too small. It was therefore soon necessary to rent a theatre seating 1,200 persons. From there he moved to a gymnasium where the meetings were continued for three months. Hundreds of people came out to hear him night after night. The whole city seemed stirred, and Elder Matteson said that he had never seen such a mighty response to the preaching of the Advent message as he did in Oslo that winter. In this city was laid the foundation for a work which was predestined to be a blessing to the whole of Scandinavia. The following year a property was purchased in Akersgaten 74, which has since been our national headquarters. During the years the property has been rebuilt and enlarged. At the present time it is used to the utmost of its capacity. It is, however, far too small to give sufficient accommodation for our capital health clinic (Kurbadet), the Norwegian Publishing House (Norsk Bokforlag) and the offices of the East Norwegian Conference which are all in the same building. In addition to that, Akersgaten

74 is the well-known meeting-place for our church services

After a successful public effort, a church of thirty-eight members was organized on June 7, 1879. Brother Matteson was elected the first elder of the Oslo church. Before that could be done, however, the legal authorities required under oath that Elder Matteson give an account of the doctrines and the faith of this new church. This he did and was thus officially authorized to baptize, perform the service of the Lord's Supper, and take over his duties as the elder of the church.

The membership of our church in Oslo at the time of its fiftieth anniversary in 1929 was about 400. Today there are 763 baptized members in the church, and in addition to that, a fine group of children and young people. The children are cared for in the church school and in the Sabbath school. Our youth represent an excellent group of faithful and active young people. The Oslo young people's society might rightly serve as an example to the youth of Norway because of its members' spiritual strength and efficient labour in different lines of work. We appreciate very much their contribution in the Ingathering campaigns and their great help in so many ways in the public efforts. They conduct their own open-air meetings and visit hospitals and prisons. The young people have their own choir and are to a great extent responsible for the singing and musical activities of the church. The greatest asset of our church in Oslo is our children and youth. We feel confident that they will be faithful banner-bearers when, by and by, they are called upon to carry the burdens of the day and take over the responsibilities of future church leadership.

As already mentioned, the date of the organizing of the church was June 7th. For the sake of convenience, however, the time for celebrating the anniversary was postponed to September 25 and 26, 1954. In June some of the brethren were also away attending the General Conference session in San Francisco. About 500 persons were present at the anniversary social gathering, held in Samfunnshuset, Oslo. This happy and inspiring gathering of old and young, was greatly appreciated by all present. Among the speakers were

the union and the local conference presidents. The editor of *Tidens Tale*, Elder O. Wiik, read his own excellent poem, picturing the work started by Elder Matteson and carried on in Betel up to this day. A few of the senior members of the church expressed their joy at being present, their happiness in the message, and their hope of triumphing soon with the church of God. A cable message from the Division president, Elder A. E. Tarr, was greatly appreciated.

In his talk, the union president, Elder Alf Lohne, mentioned some very interesting items concerning the early years. He showed how the brethren and sisters cared for one another in those days. From one of the old reports he read, for instance, this statement: "This quarter two of our members have been out travelling." And on another occasion one person had again been absent during the quarter.

He read further: "The first Sabbath of October the church celebrated the Lord's Supper and the service of humility. Seventy-two persons took part." Concerning the first church school in Kristiania (Oslo) the old reports reveal that it was decided that the school year should begin on September 1, 1891, and the following amounts of money would be charged:

1st grade	35 öre (4d.)	per week per pupil
2nd grade	50 öre (6d.)	" " " "
3rd grade	85 öre (10d.)	" " " "

The tithe has increased from Nkr. 5,000 in 1894 to Nkr. 11,500 in 1914, Nkr. 44,500 in 1934, and Nkr. 230,000 last year, 1953.

Much might be told of the signal blessings of God through the seventy-five years which have now passed. Many souls have been won, and many of them are now "resting from their labours." They closed their eyes in the blessed hope of seeing their Lord face to face on the great day of His coming.

Still much is to be done. Where tens have been added to the church, hundreds ought to have been won. Our earnest desire and prayer in this anniversary year is for the outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord upon all flesh and an increasing harvest of souls for His kingdom.

Church Dedication at Aba, East Nigeria

By E. W. Pedersen



The newly dedicated church at Aba, East Nigeria.

A CHURCH dedication preceded by a whole night's singing through the streets of the town would doubtless be a little out of the ordinary for us who live in this prosaic northern hemisphere. In East Nigeria it is just the appropriate prelude to a great occasion, a great day. From midnight till the dawn of October 31st of last autumn, enthusiastic Missionary Volunteers had walked up and down the streets of Aba treating the inhabitants of this large town to their limited variety of the songs of Zion. We did not hear one word of complaint even from such as would otherwise normally refrain from rejoicing when the Seventh-day Adventists are able to dedicate a new house of worship.

Though we were early, the roads leading to the church were thronged with people, and for several minutes we had difficulty passing a long procession headed by an MV brass band. And when we arrived at the church, the compound seemed already crowded. The ushers at the entrance of the new building had a busy time keeping people out of the church; it was reserved for the selected company. For the rank and file an open-air "auditorium," served by a public address system, had been put up along one side of the church. Present on the occasion were dignitaries of the town and also representatives from other mission societies and churches, among them a Methodist bishop.

The solemn and impressive service was led by Pastor W. J. Newman, president of the East Nigerian Mission. Pastor R. Coon, director of the Voice of Prophecy and Bible Correspondence School of West Africa, read the Scripture reading, the writer preached the sermon, and Pastor D. V. Cowin, Home Missionary and Educational secretary of the West African Union, offered the dedicatory prayer. In the act of dedication, vice-president of the field, Pastor A. J. Dickay led out, and an interesting history of the Aba church was related by the local pastor.

Our believers of Aba, Pastor Newman, and his African associates are to be congratulated on this very attractive house of worship. The main hall has a seating capacity of 250. Behind the rostrum are two large rooms partitioned by folding doors. Located at the end of a quiet street, God's people will here be able to worship their Maker, away from the noise and tumult of a busy township.

A block away on the same street we drove by a house on which was painted these words, "May my enemies live long to see my betterment!" As we passed the house again on our way home from the service, my eyes looked for the inscription once more. I could not but muse over it: Was the owner a kind-hearted man or was he a mischievous fellow? No way of telling. But—my mind still on the service we had just concluded—I snatched those words from their setting, and I



Interior of the new Aba church.

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saw them as a prayer engraved over the entrance to our new church, "May this house ever stand for the betterment of all who enter to worship Almighty God!"

ADVENTISM IN WESTMANN ISLAND

By L. Murdoch

IT IS nearing Christmas, but we seem as though we hardly know the day or the date. A dreadful storm has been raging all night and the wireless report this morning is that a boat has been sighted somewhere which will pick us up, but no-one knows whether it will come today or tomorrow, or just when. Visitors to this island in the olden days have been known to be stranded for six weeks and not able to communicate in any way with their families. But do not shed any tears; we are not in distress—far from it. We are doing evangelistic work on the lovely Westmann Island, about nine hours by boat, in ordinary weather, from Reykjavik the capital of Iceland.

This island, just a dot on the map, is only three and a half miles long and one and a half miles wide, with a population of three and a half thousand. The Advent church and school were established about twenty-seven years ago by Pastor O. J. Olsen, and the influence of the Advent message on the inhabitants through the years can be seen and felt everywhere.

We appreciated this most of all when we had our first evangelistic meeting in the only cinema on the island which has a seating capacity of 500. The hall was crowded and a large number disappointed. The public urged us to have another meeting which we were able to arrange, and again there was a splendid response. The charge for the use of the cinema was £12 a night, but our offerings amounted to £60 for the two meetings. All the advertising we did was to deliver a handbill to every house, 500 in all, which the church school children did for us, together with a short announcement over the wireless.

On this small island there is a lovely

The South Netherland Conference

By J. Brinkman, *President*

Adventist church and church school with an adult membership of between sixty and seventy and thirty-five children in the school. The church school teacher accepted the Advent message when a student in the Teachers' Seminary in Reykjavik, through the Voice of Prophecy, three years ago. He is the only Adventist worker on the island and is doing a good work. He is loyally supported by some of the finest Christian elders and church officers and members one could wish to meet.

Those who have lived in large cities all their lives continually under the strain and stress of modern life, have never had the privilege of witnessing fully what the Advent message can do in the hearts of men and women in isolated communities. The member of parliament for the island told Pastor J. Gudmundsson recently that through the years he had seen the uplifting influence of Adventist teaching in the lives of many of the families. A large number of the young married couples have been through our church school, and many were educated by Pastor Gudmundsson, president of the Iceland Mission, who taught in this church school for six years during the war.

The standard of living is high, work is plentiful, wages are good. The homes are centrally heated and they have every modern convenience: electric cookers, washing machines, refrigerators are the order of almost every home. The largest fishing net establishment belongs to a Seventh-day Adventist, as does also the largest shoe shop. With their staffs of workers they have been a wonderful witness for the Sabbath. The oldest member, father of the chief elder, is ninety-two years of age, and although now confined to his room he has a wonderful testimony to give and he can range back a long way in his thinking.

As we said good-bye at our last meeting in the church after studying the signs of the times with them, we made an arrangement that should we not have the privilege of meeting again, we were all certain we had an appointment to keep with one another very soon. May God bless the influence of the Advent message on this island and cause it to widen until the work is finished.

IN the South Netherland Conference we have reason to thank the Lord for His blessings bestowed on us in times past. While we have faced many difficulties and have had to strive hard for the truth, we can report progress in every phase of the work.

There has been improvement in the tithes, and we believe that the Lord has heard our prayers on behalf of the people and made them more willing to return to the Lord His own. One sister wrote, "Brother, I feel I must pay my debts to the Lord," and she sent in f.1,765. Another man brought 2,500 guilders into the treasury of the Lord.

We have now organized three new groups. Some of our workers have started preaching in places where there were no churches.

Last year I started working in Amersfoort, where no-one had ever been baptized before. Now, by the grace of our Lord, we have baptized five, and in February we hope to baptize another four. This young group gave an offering of f.200 during the Week of Prayer.

There are some very fine young workers in our field. One of these young men has baptized about nine people in a very difficult place.

We have some new plans for moving some of our workers during 1955 and we feel sure this will result in many more taking their stand for the truth.

The Roman Catholic areas in our field have not been forgotten. We have an ordained minister and a very active licensed minister working in these parts. They have already started evangelistic meetings and while it is very daring for Catholic people to attend these meetings, yet by the help of the Lord I believe we will succeed.

There was a Roman Catholic gentleman who wanted to accept the truth and be baptized. His wife told him that she would leave him if he was baptized, and the director of the factory where he worked told him he would be put out of work. The man was very discouraged, but he told his minister, "I must be obedient to the will of the Lord." When he decided to tell his director that he would keep the Sabbath whatever might happen to him and to face the difficulties at home, the young minister gathered the church together to pray on his behalf.

The man went to his director and said briefly that he could not change his mind and would do what the Lord had asked him to do. The director answered: "I see you are serious and I will keep you on." And to add to his joy his wife also stayed with him.

We solicit the prayers of God's people that the hearts of the people in the South Netherland Conference may be made tender and receptive to the voice of the Spirit and that they may receive the world's last warning message.

The North Netherland Conference

By P. van Oossanen, *President*

SINCE our last Division session in Amsterdam, seventy souls have been added by baptism to our churches. For this result we thank God who continues to bless His work even though it is so difficult to contact the people today. Our workers are doing their utmost to win souls for Christ. Before we began with the public work this year, our ministers gathered in three groups in the North

Netherland Conference. Here plans for our future work were talked over. All these gatherings closed with a prayer-meeting. It was a wonderful experience to hear each worker entreating God in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We all would very much like to see the work of God in the Netherlands go forward much faster than it has done in the past, and as we are convinced that

the work can only be finished by God's Spirit, we have started again with new courage. Again the message is being proclaimed in many of the cities and villages.

There may exist a certain indifference among the Dutch people to the religious problems of life, yet the Lord will bless. In Amsterdam our public lectures are being attended by more than 200 people and from these we have some eighty addresses. In Groningen about 160 are attending with thirty addresses handed in, and in Apeldoorn more than a hundred people are coming, of which forty-three wrote down their names.

In the smaller towns God's message for this time is also being proclaimed and people come in to listen. We are thankful for the financial aid the brethren of the Division have given us again this year. By this means we were able to preach in some new places.

A young sister of our church had an unusual experience some time ago. A young woman, the daughter of a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, the State church, was attending our lectures. Our young sister faithfully delivered each week a synopsis of the lecture to this lady. However, she seemed very cool and reluctant to invite our sister in. Later we learned the reason. The father of this lady had warned his daughter about Adventists, telling her that they were people who lived according to the Old Testament and did not know the cross of Christ. But God intervened. The weather turned very cold with severe frost so that our young sister stood shivering with cold in the porch of the house. There she prayed earnestly to the Lord: "Wilt Thou so lead the way that this woman may also see the light." The door opened and the minister's daughter invited her in out of the cold. Then she told her why she had acted so indifferently. "But now I know," she said, "that Seventh-day Adventists also want to be saved by the grace of Christ, and that they keep the commandments in thankfulness to God. What people have told me is not true, and now I would like to investigate what the Seventh-day Adventist Church teaches."

We believe that this lady, with God's help, will find the way to God's church.

In the Netherlands we want to go forward, believing, praying, and trusting in God so that the church may extend her

frontiers in the coming years. That is our conviction and desire. May God bless us all in the coming year.

Consecration of New Rotterdam Church

By A. Schmutzler

TUESDAY, January 18, 1955, was an important day for the congregation of Rotterdam-South.

How many years the members have been looking forward to this great event! The old building, in which our Sabbath services were held, was no longer presentable and again and again we comforted ourselves in the hope of having one day a church of our own.

A year ago, when the foundation stone was laid, this hope had become a certainty, and Tuesday, January 18th, was a day of rejoicing for the congregation, the day on which their church was consecrated.

What an immense gain to our denomination! What a fine stately building we have in Rotterdam, a building which can accommodate over 400 persons.

In its modern form it is a symbol of

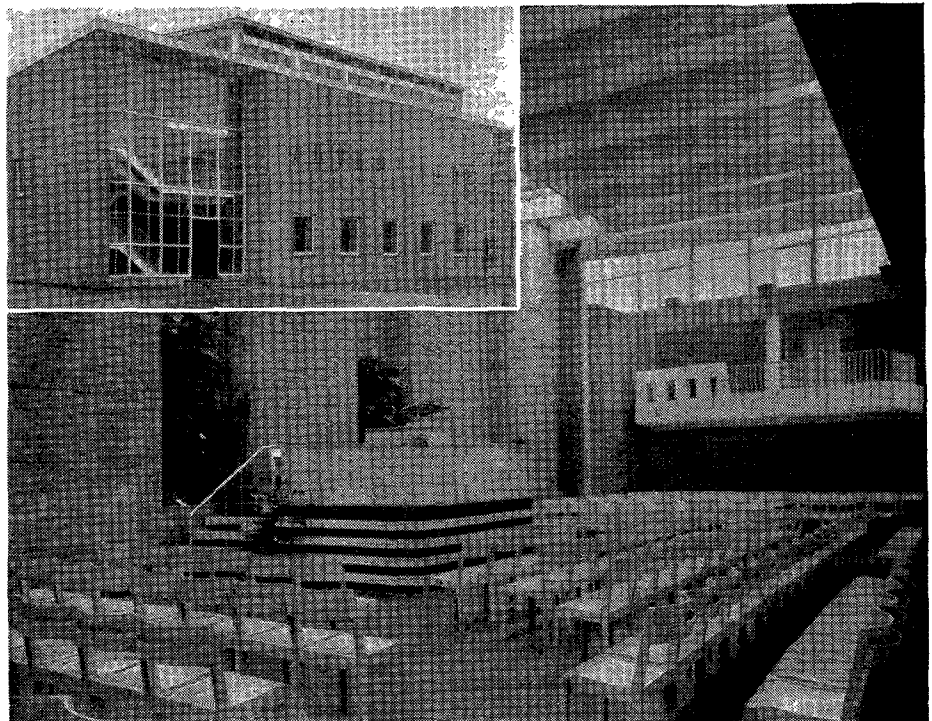
our message, a rock amid the waves. In this spirit the architect has designed the building.

The name "Advent Kerk" is an invitation to everybody to enter.

A great number of our members in Rotterdam and the neighbouring towns had come to attend the consecration ceremony. The members of the union board, the conference board, and Pastor G. D. King, representing the Northern European Division, were present.

After the opening hymn and prayer the secretary of the conference, Pastor J. A. de Ruiter, handed an enormous Bible to Pastor N. Heykoop of Rotterdam. This Bible, lying on the pulpit, will be a symbol of the Word of God which will ever remain among us. Pastor Heykoop accepted this present, expressing his grati-

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Our fine new church in Rotterdam, South Netherlands. Inset: Exterior of the church.

NEWS FLASH

PASTOR E. B. Rudge has recently concluded a most interesting visit to West Africa, where he attended the annual meeting of the West African Union Mission. He also attended several camp meetings while visiting around the field.

Mrs. E. B. Rudge arrived back in England on March 6th, after spending several months' furlough in Australia. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. E. K. Tucker, the wife of one of our ministers in South Australia, and a niece. We welcome them and trust that their stay in this country will be very pleasant.

Mr. A. Karlman is auditing in the Scandinavian institutions, and is at present spending a few days in Stockholm.

Pastor M. E. Lind has recently returned from a visit to Stockholm and reports that plans are well in hand for the organization of the Youth Congress convening there from August 2nd to 7th. It is anticipated that somewhere between 1,600 and 1,800 young people will be present at this special gathering of youth of the Northern European Division.

Pastor E. W. Pedersen is spending six weeks visiting the churches in Great Britain in the interests of the Home Missionary Department. He is being accompanied by Pastor E. R. Warland and the Home Missionary secretaries of the South England and North England Conferences respectively. Two conventions have thus far been held in Bristol and Cardiff. These were well attended and also much appreciated.

Pastor J. A. Simonsen is at present visiting West Africa, where together with Pastor D. V. Cowin he is assisting in teachers' institutes and with the promotion of the educational work in that field. He will be returning to London some time in May.

Pastor and Mrs. S. W. Beardsell and family recently arrived in London on furlough from South Africa. We are glad to welcome these friends and to have

them with us during their furlough period.

Encouraging reports continue to reach us from Reykjavik, Iceland, regarding the work being done there by Pastor L. Murdoch. It is expected that in a few weeks' time a good harvest of souls will enter the church through the ordinance of baptism.

Our readers will be interested to learn that on Sabbath, February 26th, Brother David Clarke of Sierra Leone was ordained to the Gospel ministry. The officiating ministers were Pastors J. O. Gibson, E. Keslake, and a number of African ordained brethren.

Pastor Clarke has been working in the West African Union Mission for a period of some twelve years. Recently he has been located at Freetown, Sierra Leone, where he has had exceptional success in the use of the public press as a medium of presenting the Gospel message.

Consecration of Rotterdam Church

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tude, and then the church was officially handed over to the union board by the architect. He remarked that "it was with joy but at the same time with sadness, that he parted now with his creation, to which he felt attached as to a child."

Pastor J. Brinkman, president of the conference, expressed his gratitude to the Lord and to those by whose co-operation we were enabled to erect this church. They are our sister-churches in America and England. He expressed the wish that the church may be a blessing to our members in Rotterdam and many inhabitants of that town.

Pastor King showed a great interest in this church and told us that England had always been interested in Rotterdam, especially during the war. Though Pastor King was not able to express himself in our language, he was convinced that the language of the heart is just the same. Referring to Exodus 25:1, 8 he showed to us the purpose of the church in inspiring words: "How wonderful that the consecration of this church is just at the beginning of the year; a whole

year lies before us and what is it going to bring for our church? Though the future may be without a light in the darkness, we may lay our hands in the hands of the Lord, who will lead us in all."

Pastor F. J. Voorthuis, president of the union board, referring to John 17:1-8, pointed to the purpose of the house of God. "As the architect has expressed it in his design, God's church will be a rock amid the waves. God wishes to live in His temple, but first of all in the hearts of men. We shall meet the Lord in church if He lives in our hearts! The Lord has a people in the midst of whom He lives, His world-wide congregation, great in the spirit of sacrifice and devotion, of which this building also bears witness. May the spirit of sacrifice also be found in this town."

After this, Pastor Heykoop led us in consecration prayer.

The choirs of the MV organization and the choirs of several other of our churches, as well as the choir of the ministers, took part in the ceremony. After the service all present were invited to inspect the building.

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