

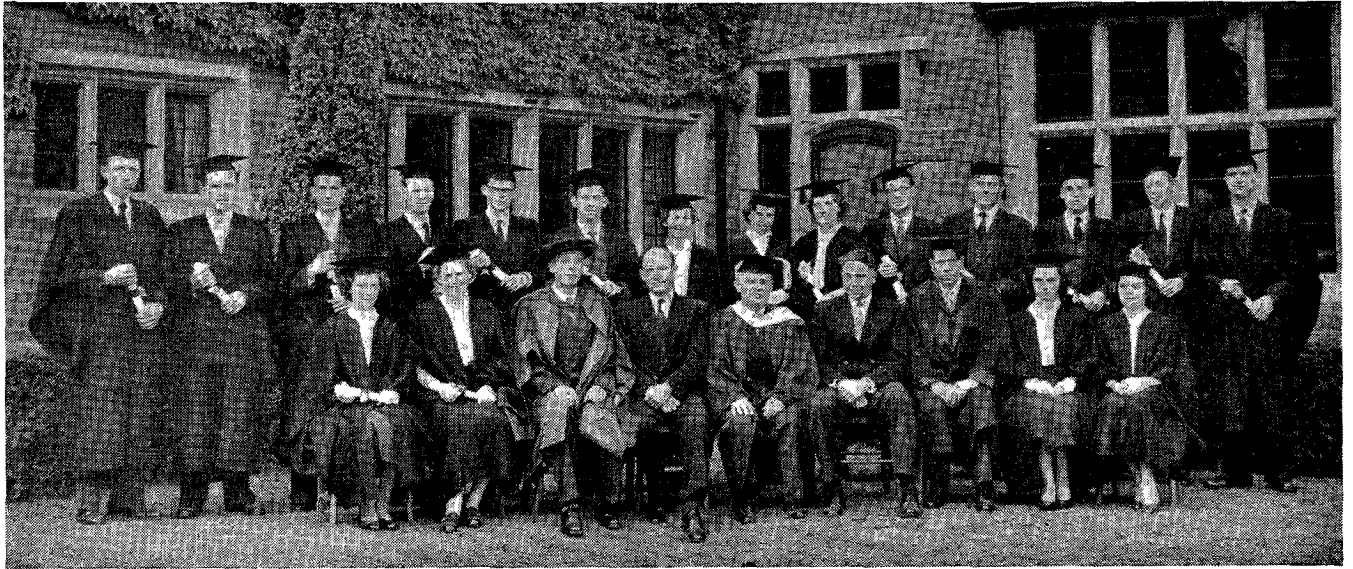


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## Newbold Missionary College



## GRADUATION, 1956

By A. J. WOODFIELD

THERE is a deserted and forlorn atmosphere about Moor Close at the present. The crowds are vanished, the students gone, the marquee is down and the refreshment tent is lurching at a crazy angle where the guy ropes have been slackened to dismantle it. All that remains is the recollection of a swiftly passing week-end of good things, coming to a climax in the whirl of "Hallo" and "Good-bye" as the enormous influx of happy visitors poured in on the College

to do honour to this year's graduates.

And what a league of nations the graduates were. Lydia Trifunac and Ivana Binder from Yugoslavia; Martha Olsson and Sinnika Rouhe from Finland, the opposite end of Europe; Arne Ljung from Sweden and Desmond Murtagh from Ireland; Irmgard Kūchau from Germany and Georges Augsburg from Switzerland; Ronald Logan from Scotland, and Betty Campion, James Collins, and Bryan Ball from Devon; with Amott

Milward, Dorothy Hayhurst, Donald Crocker, Ronald Wood, Marilyne Price, and Dennis Uffindell from other parts of England. From all parts of Europe they came, but all were one in their determination with simplicity, sincerity, and sacrifice to follow in the steps of their Master.

Tradition dictates that the graduation ceremonies shall follow a set pattern, but the formality of the occasion was forgotten in the excellence of the messages that came from the graduates and

preachers alike. Class Night on Friday evening was the time when the graduates introduced themselves and their dedication to the Lord's work. Their abilities were soon made apparent: Bryan Ball's class song, with its judicious blend of simplicity and style, balance of thought and feeling of devotion, married to a tune of typically English dignity and restraint by Donald Crocker; James Collins' sincere rendition of "Nearer, my God, to Thee" in his mellow bass voice; Dennis Uffindell's recitation of another equally fine poem by Dorothy Hayhurst, inspired by the motto and aim of the class; Donald Crocker's original and imaginative reconstruction of a journey in the steps of the carpenter of Nazareth's Son which did not stop at the cross, nor at the tomb, but led onward into the mists of future service; Georges Augsburg's presentation of simplicity, sincerity, and sacrifice; and Irmgard Kuchau's clever adaptation of *Pilgrim's Progress* into a novel farewell, were only the high points in a gripping evening.

Nor did the preachers fail to maintain the tone set by Class Night in their originality and sincerity. We shall not soon forget Pastor V. H. Cooper's moving presentation on Sabbath morning of unvarnished facts of what THE work is. It threw down a challenging contrast to the glamour of graduation, with its choirs and gowns, its congratulations and glory, to see what lay beyond. Nor will Pastor W. W. Armstrong's sermon in the evening on simplicity soon be forgotten, with its fatherly friendliness and his appeal not for the wisdom of words but for the simplicity of the Word. Well did he exemplify his subject, both in his own method and in telling of that of Jesus, who illustrated eternal truths with such homely allusions as that of patching old clothes. Simplicity and sincerity characterized Pastor E. W. Pedersen's forthright preaching in the Graduation service, and certainly the story of Pastor Bartlett's boots and of Pastor Pedersen's own light shoes (which he in the simplicity of his ignorance thought would be far more suitable than the veteran's seemingly ridiculous foot-gear for tramping round Mombasa on a boiling afternoon) and of his lame burned feet after that tramp round those scorching streets, will not let

us forget the truth that after all the preparation of college days there is still much to be learned from those who have been in the way for some time longer than ourselves.

This was indeed a fitting prelude to the presentation of diplomas by the Principal, Dr. W. I. Smith. Diplomas were given to ten ministers—G. Augsburg, B. Ball, J. Collins, D. Crocker, A. Ljung, R. Logan, A. Milward, D. Murtagh, D. Uffindell, and R. Wood, and of these G. Augsburg, B. Ball, A. Ljung, A. Milward, D. Uffindell, and the college preceptor, F. Wood, will qualify for the B.A. degree of Washington Missionary College later in the summer; four Bible instructors—B. Campion, D. Hayhurst, I. Kuchau, L. Trifunac; two teachers—Ivana Binder and Martha Olsson; and the secretarial graduates will receive theirs later in the summer.

The service closed with responses from the representatives of the graduates, all stressing the fact that they were devoted to God's work and were planning to put their training to use in His service.

Pastor A. F. Tarr bade farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Smith, who have spent two years with the College, and wished them a safe journey and a happy future as they returned to Walla Walla College, with which Dr. Smith has for so long been associated.

## NEWBOLD AFFILIATION WITH WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE

W. I. Smith, *Principal*

GRADUATES and undergraduates of Newbold are keenly interested in the affiliation status of this institution with Washington Missionary College. Eighteen months ago it was a relationship that might be made possible. A year ago it had the sanction of the General Conference Committee. Today it is a working reality with one school year of successful experience completed and with most of the initial problems well smoothed out.

The process of evaluating students' credits has clearly shown that Newbold should adopt the same pattern of

organization and the same units of credit as the American college. This was necessary because in the final evaluation process of checking a student all fractional credits were discarded. Our students could ill afford to forfeit any credits needed for graduation and for this reason the Newbold faculty and Board have approved a curriculum and a unit of credit to harmonize with Washington Missionary College.

Since the latter institution confers the degrees upon our students, a mere statement concerning the candidates constituted the formalities at the Newbold graduation occasion. Six persons have received notification that they will be graduated from Washington Missionary College at the close of the summer session in August, 1956, as follows:

Georges Augsburg, Vice-president of the Class, goes to the Theological Seminary.

Bryan Ball, Class treasurer, is to become a ministerial intern in the South England Conference.

Arne Ljung, minister, teacher, preceptor, returns to Sweden to work in a similar capacity.

Amott Milward, missionary teacher, will go to Montreal, Canada, as a church school teacher.

Dennis Uffindell, assistant preceptor, will become a ministerial intern in the South England Conference

Frank Wood, minister, teacher, preceptor, will attend the Theological Seminary, and teach freshman English at Washington Missionary College.

Congratulations to this first group of six young men who are soon to receive their degrees from the American college.

## ANNOUNCEMENT AND FAREWELL

IT IS commonly understood that when a position is about to be vacated a worthy successor should appear to carry on the work. On this basis I am happy to introduce Pastor Robert W. Olson of Washington Missionary College, the second member of that staff to be

appointed in the affiliation relationship, as the new principal of Newbold Missionary College, to arrive in Britain on August 22nd.

Pastor Olson is a Canadian by birth, the son of a missionary who spent many years in India and a member of a family of school and conference administrators that is not only well known but has been most successful in denominational leadership. Perhaps our readers will feel better acquainted if I mention that his uncle is Pastor A. V. Olson, who was for many years the president of the Southern European Division, and is now one of the vice-presidents of the General Conference.

Pastor Robert Olson was graduated from Pacific Union College in 1943; for the next three years he was engaged in pastoral evangelistic work in the Northern California Conference; then he was called to the College of Medical Evangelists as associate professor of Religion, where he spent the next eight years. In 1954 he was called to the Religion Department of Washington Missionary College where he has taught for the past two years. By dint of diligence through the years of his service he has managed to find time for

graduate work at the Seminary. He received the degree of M.A. in 1949 and is a candidate for the B.D. degree at the close of the present summer session.

We trust that there may be a feeling of confidence and security that the work of the College is in the Lord's hands, and that the principal elect and his family will quickly find an affectionate place in all of your hearts.

It is not without feelings of sadness that Mrs. Smith and I are leaving the College. We have had most pleasant associations with the Division field, with the college staff, and the student group. We have learned to know many workers in Britain and the more extended portions of the Northern European Division conference. Ties have been formed that will cause pain in breaking. On the other hand we shall carry with us lasting and happy memories of experiences and associations that to us will be a continuing source of inspiration and encouragement. We shall earnestly pray for the blessing of the Lord upon you all as you press forward in His work. Farewell!

W. I. SMITH, *Principal,*  
*Newbold Missionary College.*

think. It takes four days to travel by car from the Arctic Circle, its border in the south, to the "iron curtain," the name given to the northern border.

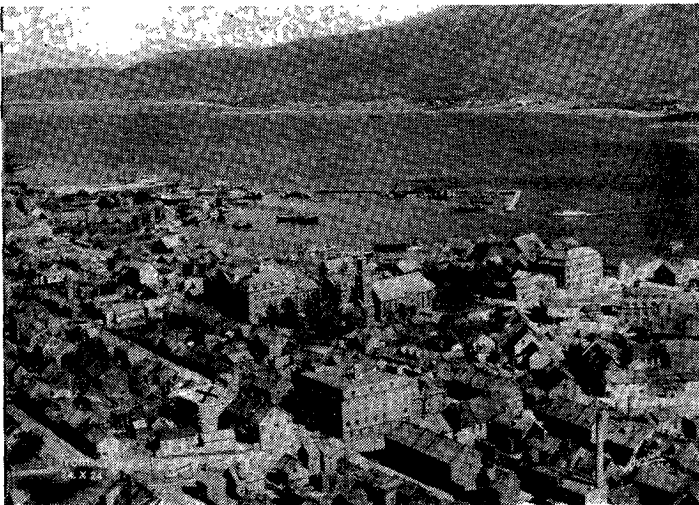
As one looks at the map, the country might be compared to an old, crumpled tie, badly frayed along the one side. The tie is nearly severed in several places because of the deep indentations of the fjords, and the frayed edge of the tie consists of innumerable islands along the coast, most of which are inhabited.

The entire conference has a little less than 300,000 inhabitants. It is one of the most sparsely populated sections of Scandinavia.

It is not always easy to work in such territory. It requires long and often strenuous tours. Most of the journeys are by boat and in the dark months, and with the many storms, travel is not always pleasant. And what storms they are! Last winter they destroyed many homes in different parts of the country. One house was carried eighty metres through the air and landed on its roof. An elderly couple who were in the house during its "flight," fortunately escaped with their lives. The young preacher and his family who lived near-by thanked God that they had survived after such an ordeal. The winter before, storms raged continuously for a whole month.

Avalanches cause the people great hardship. Last winter many lost their homes and their lives under the snow. Several houses were swept right into the sea by the masses of snow from the mountains. Our members in Hammerfest, the world's northernmost Adventist church, were not allowed to hold meetings in the church building because of the dangerous snow slides. But God held His protecting hand over it and when the Division Home Missionary secretary came to hold meetings here, we were again allowed to meet in the church. The danger was over for the time.

The conference president and the MV secretary were out visiting isolated members when the storms and avalanches were at their peak. We still thank God for the care of His guardian angels. Several snow-slides enveloped us and barred the way. Often we had to drive through floods and the little Volkswagen was amazingly good at "swimming." But at



The city of Tromsø, headquarters of the North Norway Conference.

## Greetings From North Norway

By T. Torkelsen, *President*

THE North Norway Conference is the northernmost conference in the world. It is the conference of the midnight sun and the dark season. It is one of the

smallest conferences in the Division and it often considers itself as a "little brother."

However it is not so small as some may

last we were forced to take refuge in a private home. Our only possible escape from the snow was to transport the car by boat to a safer area.

But even though the winter is long and dark, we have the midnight sun to look forward to, and then it is day all the time. Then the North Norway Conference is one of the best places in the world. The only regret is that this period of light is so short. Usually there are nine months of winter when fires must burn continuously in the houses and only three months of summer which unfortunately is usually quite cool also. If only the temperature were in proportion to the light—but that is not the case. There is often a long period between really warm summers.

Some people claim that one's mind is greatly influenced by one's environment. According to this theory people living in the north should be cold and indifferent. But this is not the case, and particularly is this so with our brethren and sisters. They are unusually warm and burning for God's cause. For instance, this conference is the best in our union in Ingathering. No conference collects as much per capita as we do in spite of the enormous distances, the unfavourable climate, and the sparsely populated areas. All up here have long been known for their hospitality which does not seem at all to be influenced by their environment. It is also well known that the people here are more willing to accept the Advent message than in other parts of the country. We have one Adventist for every 365 inhabitants. Hardly any conference in the Division has so high a percentage to report.

We have only two church schools, but our members appreciate them very much and sacrifice much of their means and still more of their time to keep them going. Much free work is done every year to help the schools. Fuel is given, and washing, painting, and mending are engaged in. Not only the schools but also the churches are taken care of in this way by our members. Most of them are poor. This conference is much poorer than any other part of the country and this is reflected in the amount of tithe per capita. But they make up for it by working hard for their Lord.

For many years we have also had the

largest group of students at our missionary college, even though our conference is the smallest in the union. Unfortunately we have not profited by this in the churches for most of our students are absorbed by other conferences, in their offices, clinics, and sanitariums. It is therefore almost impossible to increase our membership. Every year many leave the conference and few come in. We benefit neither from their work nor from their means. The North Norway Conference seems to be doomed for life to remain the "little brother."

During only one year has the influx

of members been equal to those leaving, and that was four years ago when the Tromso Clinic was opened. Many young people came to work in the clinic and these have stayed with us. The clinic does very effective missionary work. Prejudice is being broken down and people are very much more willing to listen to us. Every Sabbath and Sunday some of the patients attend our services. We praise God that up here we, too, can make use of the "right arm" of the message to spread the truth.

The North Norway Conference sends to the editor and the readers of the NORTHERN LIGHT its very best wishes.

## Annual Meetings at Copenhagen and Iceland

By G. A. Lindsay

THE East Danish Conference biennial session was held in Copenhagen in the Ebenezer church, May 29th to June 3rd. Pastor Th. Kristensen and his fellow workers had planned well for the meetings and there was an unusually large attendance at each.

The following brethren took part in the various activities of the session: From the West Nordic Union, Pastor A. Lohne, president; Pastor P. Frivold, Home Missionary and Publishing Department secretary; Pastor B. Olsen, Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School Department secretary; Pastor H. Muderspach, president of the West Danish Conference, and Brother P. A. Jorgensen, a missionary from Ethiopia. From the Northern European Division: Pastor G. D. King, Publishing, Radio, and Public Relations Department secretary, and the writer.

In his report, the president, Pastor Th. Kristensen, said that "the East Danish Conference was a conference of many islands that stretch from Bornholm in the east in the Baltic Sea to the Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic Ocean in the west, a distance of about 1,000 miles." There are in all 28 churches with a membership of 2,059 in the East Danish Conference, and in addition to this there are about 1,000 children connected with our

churches through the Sabbath schools, Junior societies, and many Sunday schools. During the period under review 156 new members had been received into church fellowship, but due to death and other reasons the net gain was only 78. One new church was received into the sisterhood of churches at the session.

The president further reported that the tithe for the biennial period amounted to Dkr.1,154,360., which showed a fair increase over the previous period. Total mission offerings including Ingathering receipts amounted to Dkr.416,560. This also showed a healthy increase over the previous period.

Pastor Th. Kristensen and Brother B. Albertsen were re-elected as president and secretary-treasurer respectively. Pastor Hans J. Christensen, of the West Danish Conference, was called to serve as secretary to the Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer, and Sabbath School Department. The leadership of the field enjoys the full confidence of the entire constituency.

Well laid plans for the extension of the work throughout the various regular departments were presented and adopted. Interesting discussions took place, giving evidence that there is a mind to work, and work harder than ever before to carry

the Advent message to all the world.

The East Danish Conference employs twelve ministers, three Bible instructors, a treasurer, two office secretaries, and five church school teachers and receives no appropriations from outside the conference for the support of this staff.

Two new churches were built and dedicated during the two-year period under review. Skodsborg Sanitarium and the local church is at present erecting a church that will be the largest Adventist church in the West Nordic Union, and it is hoped that it will be ready for service early in 1957.

The East Danish Conference is part of the former Danish Conference which was the first conference to be organized anywhere in the world outside North America. This organization took place in 1880, seventy-six years ago.

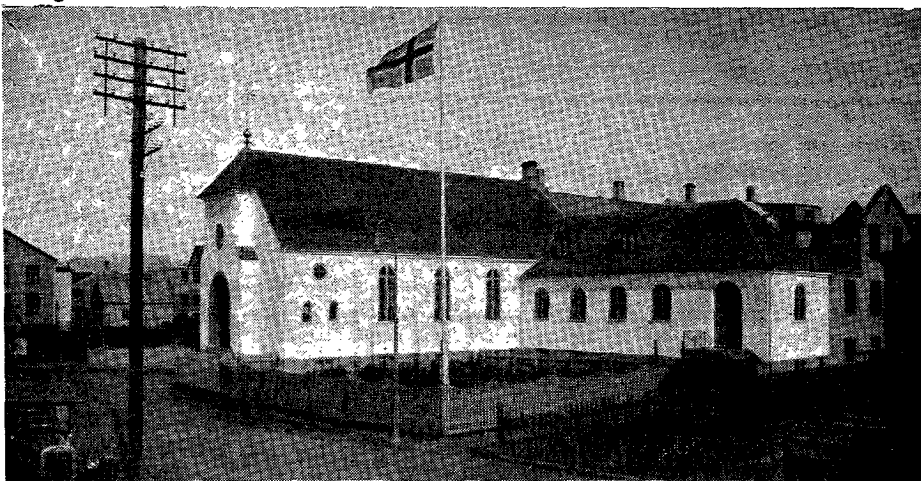
The devotional meetings, in which a number of ministers shared, were inspiring and uplifting. They were blessed meetings and the Advent hope is very dear to the members. It was a pleasure to associate with a number who have been ministers or colporteurs for fifty years or more. Their love for the truth is ardent still. Their only regret is that they are not able to take such an active part in the cause as they formerly did.

The Sabbath meetings of the session were held in the commodious Oddfellows' Hall, when 1,200 to 1,400 were in attendance. Very liberal offerings for foreign missions and evangelism were given in the Sabbath school and other services in gratitude to God for all His benefits.

## FROM ICELAND

THE BIENNIAL session of the Iceland Conference convened June 6th to 10th in the beautifully redecorated church in Reykjavik. The attendance was good throughout all the meetings and during the evening services a large number of friends and interested persons attended. The Adventists are highly regarded in Iceland and not least in the capital, the city of Reykjavik, where they are best known.

Pastor E. B. Rudge, the secretary of the Northern European Division, and the writer shared with the few conference



*The Seventh-Day Adventist church in Reykjavik, Iceland.*

workers the various responsibilities connected with the session. The devotional meetings and the evening services in particular fell to our lot. The presence of the Spirit of God was felt in all the gatherings. We have indeed in Iceland a faithful, God-fearing, and truth-loving membership. With all the Adventists around the world they long and pray for an early realization of the "blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

All the reports rendered were very encouraging. The president, Pastor J. Gudmundsson, reported a small gain in the membership, which at the beginning of the year stood at 376. There is a great need of more workers in the Iceland Conference. The president is the only ordained minister. He has as his ministerial associates two licensed ministers, one of whom serves as secretary of all the departments. From time to time workers have been called from other countries, but language problems and interpretation difficulties are severe handicaps that greatly lessen the results of the work of the best of ministers. However, now that the conference has its own secondary school for its young people, hopes are good for a number of young ministers and evangelists and Bible instructors in the very near future. Graduates from the school at Hlidardal are now taking advanced training in Denmark and in the U.S.A.

The treasurer, Brother M. Helgasson, said there was a steady increase in both tithe and offerings. The finances in

general in the conference are also satisfactory. The Ingathering for missions is registering larger results year by year. A substantial increase was shown over the previous two-year period and, judging from the enthusiasm that was shown when the Ingathering plans for this autumn were discussed, a still larger increase will be registered this year.

While the Bible Correspondence School in Iceland—a country with only about 150,000 inhabitants—naturally would be small, it does an excellent piece of work. Many have accepted the truth who first learned of it through this means. The truth is sent by mail from the Bible Correspondence School into the homes in the thinly populated districts in distant fjords and coastal valleys, where a visitor is seldom seen, not even a colporteur.

The Dorcas Society in Reykjavik, named Systrafelagid Alfa, deserves special mention. This society has been in existence well over thirty years and it was the first Dorcas Society in the Northern European Division to work on a wide scale, collecting funds, articles of clothing, and food from the public for general welfare work among the destitute and helpless. Banks, business houses, and firms appreciated so much the welfare work of this society that they gave most generously, and they continue to help year after year. When the founder and leader of the society passed away at a good ripe age a few years ago, she was mourned and missed both by the church and the public, as was Dorcas in the book of Acts. The welfare society in Reykjavik



continues to live up to its traditions.

The school at Hlidardal, situated about forty miles south-east of Reykjavik, near the coast, is a real credit to the Advent cause. When it was built about seven years ago, the state offered to buy it from us if it should prove to be too much of a burden to us. They did not understand how a small church could operate such a school, but now they know it can be done. The good reputation of this school and the healthy Christian atmosphere prevailing has spread all over the island.

A young Lutheran minister serving three parishes in eastern Iceland chanced to be in Reykjavik during the conference. He is very much interested in the Advent message and he attended most of the meetings. One evening we had a very friendly talk together and quite spontaneously he spoke up about our school and its favourable reputation in the Department of Education and among some of his colleagues in the Lutheran ministry. Then he added: "If at any time you should need a teacher at Hlidardal, I would be glad to resign from my present work and teach for you."

A number of students from non-Adventist homes are also enrolled in our school and many more would like to go there if accommodation could be offered. Some of these have accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.

One mother told Pastor Gudmundsson, who also serves as principal of the school, that when her fourteen-year-old son came home to Reykjavik for his Easter vacation, she asked him to go and do some shopping for her on Saturday; he kindly but resolutely told her that he could not do such errands for her on Saturday any more. Instead he went to the Advent church and joined in the Sabbath school.

During the summer months the school is turned into a sanitarium and rest home. It has already become a very popular place with the people in Reykjavik.

The officers and departmental secretary were re-elected and have the joyful confidence of the constituency.

It is really very heartening to see how the work is advancing in Iceland. We hope that a new day will soon dawn also for the preaching of the message in every town and village. May God bless to the full His few labourers in Iceland.

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Delegates attending the Sabbath-school Convention in Norway.

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## Sabbath School Activities

By M. E. Lind, *Sabbath-School Secretary*

THE MEMBERSHIP in the 1,211 organized Sabbath schools and 321 branch Sabbath schools belonging to the Northern European Division, has now passed the 80,000 mark. While this manifests an outward sign of progress, we are conscious of the tremendous task of shepherding this large flock. Without proper care and constant attention, many of this number may fall by the wayside. Every Sabbath-school teacher should be alive to the fact that here is a challenge which must be faced with faith and with courage.

During the months of January to April, eight Sabbath-school conventions and twelve instructional meetings were conducted. These took place in Finland, Great Britain, Norway, and the Netherlands, and were attended by about 500 Sabbath-school teachers and officers. At these gatherings attention was focused on evangelism in the Sabbath schools. Better Teaching—Better Sabbath Schools, was the keynote of the conventions.

The person who stands before his class each Sabbath should be more than just a teacher who endeavours to impart some knowledge to his pupils. In order to assist in keeping and in caring for the flock of God, the teacher should aspire to become a shepherd-teacher. The shepherd instinct should prayerfully be developed.

There may still be a few people who are under the impression that the Sabbath school can *ad infinitum* run on by its own momentum. This, however, is a delusion. Prayerful planning of the Sabbath-school programme is essential in order to ensure the kind of progress that counts.

At our recent conventions it was unanimously felt that the most valuable item on the Sabbath-school programme was the study of the lesson. Nothing must be allowed to obstruct this. Occasionally preliminary remarks become small sermons. Beware of them, for they may steal precious minutes of the lesson study. At other times the review tends to drag out, and the time for the lesson has again to be curtailed. It was the opinion of all Sabbath-school leaders at the recent conventions that the review of the previous lesson could be both fascinating and helpful if well prepared and well timed. Recommendation was made that the time limit for this item be from four to six minutes. In order to accomplish this, the person taking the review needs to be well prepared. C. H. Spurgeon when lecturing to his students on the art of "holding the interest" said something regarding brevity, which we believe will be of interest to all Sabbath-school teachers:

"Brevity is a virtue within the reach

of all of us; do not let us lose the opportunity of gaining the credit which it brings. If you ask me how you may shorten your sermons, I should say, Study them better. Spend more time in the study that you may need less in the pulpit. We are generally longest when we have least to say. A man with a great deal of well-prepared matter will probably not exceed forty minutes. When he has less to say, he will go on for fifty minutes, and when he has absolutely nothing to say he will need an hour to say it in. Attend to these minor things and they will help to retain attention."

#### BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOLS

An interesting experience came to us while attending the North England Sabbath school convention. Sister Hossak of Newark gave a testimony on how she started a branch Sabbath school.

It was in May, 1954, that she spoke to the district pastor, telling him that she hoped the conference would open a church at Newark. To this she was informed that the conference would not consider any such thing before there was a group of at least twenty-five. Sister Hossak had a real burden. She somehow managed to rent a hall and then she started to instruct her two children, aged seven and eight, on how to visit people, and particularly how to speak to other children. This done, she sent them along to speak to their friends. She herself invited her friends from the place where she was working. It was not very long before she had a branch Sabbath school functioning. Now, two years later, she has fourteen children and ten adults in her branch Sabbath school, in which she acts for the present as superintendent, secretary, and teacher.

Here is a good formula for starting a branch Sabbath school: 1. Have a burden. 2. Plan well. 3. Get co-operation from the minister. 4. Commence.

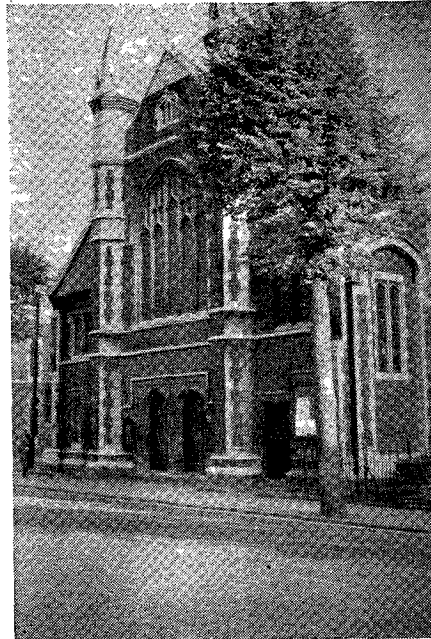
#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We feel it ought to be known throughout our Division, that we now have more than 3,000 children in our Sunday schools. Those who lead out in this highly recommended endeavour are indeed doing a service of the highest

order. Sunday-school work is another channel whereby souls may be led into the church. Non-Adventist children can be guided to take part in various junior activities and then later be invited to

Sabbath school. It must be remembered that whenever such a programme is being carried out, careful fostering and full co-operation will be needed from those chosen to be leaders.

## Evangelism in Wales



The Seventh-day Adventist church in Cardiff, Wales.

*Aberdare.*—We are happy to report that a new church has been organized recently at Aberdare. Nineteen were accepted into the fellowship of the new church as charter members, and four others, who were not present, were subsequently voted in. W. W. Armstrong, Union president, was with us for this special occasion, and brought much inspiration and counsel.

*Cardiff.*—This city has now become the recognized capital of Wales. Here we have one of the finest church buildings in the British Union. However, our church membership is small and there needs to be a programme of continuous evangelism. A few weeks ago W. M. Lennox launched a campaign, using St. Paul's church as an evangelistic centre. Associated with him were D. R. Lowe and Dr. T. Gallivan, who has given some excellent health talks in the series.

*Llandudno.*—At the time of our biennial session, H. L. Rudy, Vice-President of the General Conference, recommended that we endeavour to open up work in one or two new counties each year. So Amos Cooper, A. J. Anderson, and Sister N. Abujauda commenced a campaign in Llandudno in the county of Caernarvonshire. The meetings have been running for twenty-eight weeks, which means over fifty services, and there are still over seventy interested persons attending regularly. This is a wonderful victory for the truth in conservative North Wales. The Lord has overruled miraculously in spite of hall problems and opposition from other churches, and we now have the sole use of a hall, seating nearly one hundred, on a year's lease.

*Llanelly.*—This is the largest town in another new county, Carmarthenshire. L. Shaw and G. E. Marshall have been holding aloft the torch of truth in this place. A number of former members have returned to the fold and some new interests have been created.

*Shrewsbury.*—On a recent Sabbath afternoon I found the hall well filled with members and interested friends. C. L. W. Cooke is energetically "pressing the battle to the gates" and three new members have just been added to the church there. M. C. MURDOCH, *President*.

### News Flash

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Sweden. In England they visited Newbold, where the construction work on the new college administration building is in progress.

In Finland and the Netherlands, special consideration was given to the possibility of establishing church schools in these two countries. E. B. RUDGE, *Secretary*.

# NEWS FLASH

THE interests of our youth work around the Division are receiving special attention during the current month through special camps and conventions convening under the leadership of L. A. Skinner of the General Conference Young People's Department and M. E. Lind, the Division youth leader. It is also planned to hold a special youth convention in Iceland in 1957, at which M. E. Lind will probably be present.

Encouraging reports are reaching us of the success of our student colporteurs, now engaged in the important task of earning scholarships for the 1956/57 college year. Some 38 young people are engaged in this work in the British Union, including a number of our continental students. One young man in ten days succeeded in selling £210 worth of literature. Other students are having outstanding success with the sale of magazines.

The long-expected visit of E. R. Walde of the General Conference Radio and Voice of Prophecy Department, is now being enjoyed by our workers around the field. Successful meetings were held in North and South England and are now being convened in various parts of the Scandinavian countries. Pastor G. D. King is associated with Elder Walde in the holding of these various special gatherings.

We are happy to report that the Ingathering Campaign of the British Union has resulted in the largest ingathering of funds yet accomplished by the enthusiastic collectors of this Union. The total is almost £60,000.

We are happy to welcome G. A. Huse of the General Conference Publishing Department to this Division. He plans to spend several days in London and will pass on to other sections of the field, including Norway, Sweden, and Finland.

F. C. Barfoot, in recent months associated with the leadership of the colporteur work in the city of London, has accepted a call to connect with the West African

Union Mission, there to serve as Publishing Department secretary and also secretary of the Sabbath School Department. He and his family hope to sail for their new field early in September next.

E. W. Pedersen, the Home Missionary secretary of the Division, is at present carrying on his activities in the northern section of this Division. Throughout the Scandinavian countries and Holland the Ingathering Campaign will be in full swing as from August 18th, extending to September 22nd.

We announce with pleasure the commencement of the new International Temperance Association (Northern European Region) paper, *Alert*. This is to be a quarterly magazine and it is expected that Number One of this new paper will be reaching the field during the month of July. Two thousand copies are being printed of this first issue. The editor is E. W. Pedersen of the Division, and associated with him are C. D. Watson and Mrs. M. J. Vine of the British Union.

It is our privilege to extend a welcome in this issue of the NORTHERN LIGHT to quite a large number of missionaries on furlough from various sections of the world field. The names are as follows:

*Mr. and Mrs. S. Gustavsson and son* from West Nigeria, furloughing in Sweden.

*Pastor and Mrs. S. G. Maxwell* of the Southern African Division, together with their son, furloughing in England.

*Miss A. Nuka*, headmistress of the Girls' School, Ihie, Nigeria, furloughing in England and Scandinavia.

*The Drs. Bull* and two daughters are visiting relatives and friends in England while on furlough from the Port-of-Spain Clinic, Trinidad.

*Miss L. J. Rasmussen*, a nurse on furlough in Denmark from the Heri Hospital, Tanganyika, East Africa.

T. L. Oswald, H. M. Secretary of the General Conference, who recently paid a brief visit to West Africa, writes the Division president as follows: "I want to tell you a little about my impressions of the work here. I accompanied Elder Keslake into the interior and we held three Home Missionary Institutes in three

different places. There were representatives of eighty-seven groups and churches in the institutions and I thought that was remarkable. They were eager to learn, anxious to become more efficient in their soul-winning work, and really these African people are soul-winners. It was most encouraging to listen to their stories. Out of these eighty-seven groups and churches seventy-nine reported baptisms for the past two years. That to me was outstanding. There are still 775 in the baptismal classes in these different groups, and during the past two years 614 were baptized. Their goal for souls for the next two years totalled 1,637.

Professor E. E. Cossentine arrived in the Netherlands May 18th, where he joined J. A. Simonsen on an itinerary which took them to many of the countries of the Northern European Division.

In addition to visiting our schools and sanitariums, they attended the biennial conference sessions in West Denmark, East and West Finland, as well as the Swedish-Finnish Conference. They also visited the site of the new Norwegian Training College, as well as meeting with the Ekebyholm School Board in

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