



# Stories of Progress in West Africa

By A. F. TARR

ONE of the heartening experiences that some of our Division workers enjoy at the beginning of each year, is to sit around the committee tables of the various union fields and listen to the stories of progress told by union and institutional leaders. We never fail to be reminded there of the rich dividends resulting from the sacrificial gifts of the church membership in the home countries of our Division. The 1957 meetings have brought their full measure of good cheer. Here are some of the gleanings of statements made by mission field leaders as we sat in the West African Union Committee in Accra in January.

A. E. Farrow, reporting for the East Nigeria Mission, said: "The total activities of the Home Missionary and Dorcas Societies would run into astronomical figures. More than 500 laymen, including many women, have taken the course in Training Lightbearers. The limited work that Miss Nuka has been able to do in the Dorcas Society continues to multiply and bear fruit in practically all of the districts, resulting in many souls won to the truth."

Baptisms in this field (East Nigeria Mission) totalled 790 in 1956, representing an increase of 100 over the baptisms of the previous year. Tithe showed an increase of 32 per cent. The total enrolment in the field's 31 schools rose to 6,406.

From West Nigeria came the word

that in the last three years the school enrolment has increased from 1,852 to approximately 4,000. In this period 79 new classrooms have been added to the schools at a cost of £15,800. Brother H. J. Welch, the former educational secretary, told of one school in the Gold Coast (now Ghana) where the work of a school teacher resulted in the addition of 40 new members to the church. This teacher is teaching for another denomination, but in his spare time does the work of an evangelist. Another of our teachers who is teaching in a small school of our own, has in the past two years raised up two new companies of believers. The total number of pupils in our schools in West

Africa has risen from 9,207 in 1951 to 18,328 in 1956, an increase in five years of nearly 100 per cent.

Roger Coon, reporting for the Voice of Prophecy, told the committee that "Your Radio Doctor" programme tape recordings were presented to the Public Relations Officer of the Sierra Leone Government who controls all broadcasting throughout the Colony and Protectorate, with the result that they have promoted the gospel of good health, made the public aware of Seventh-day Adventists, and broken down considerable prejudice on the part of the public. The prospects are now excellent for adding the Voice of Prophecy programme to

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*Kumasi Hospital,  
Ghana. One of the  
finest Government  
hospitals in Africa.*

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that network's weekly schedule of regular broadcasts."

In North Nigeria the baptisms numbered 117, which is the highest figure for that field of any year to date. The tithe showed an increase of 40 per cent. From the Ile-Ife Hospital Dr. S. A. Nagel reported in-patients for the year numbering 3,880, and out-patients 75,968. A. M. Moyer, in his report for Sierra Leone, incorporated this interesting paragraph: "This year marked the introduction of the Mende and Temne New Testament Bibles. These languages represent the two major groups in Sierra Leone. Although we are one of the smaller missions, our sales of the vernacular Bible exceed the other missions, several of which are at least five times as large as our mission. With our members reading their Bibles in their native tongue, the churches will be greatly strengthened."

H. S. Pearce, reporting for the Advent Press, Accra, told of an increase of £3,458. 10s. 7d. or 28 per cent in sales. He also announced the installation of a large Wharfedale press, donated to them by the Stanborough Press Limited. This is now running well, and will assist materially in the production of small and large books.

Brother N. B. Nielsen, secretary-treasurer of the Union, told of eight new churches being organized and a present church membership in the Union of 17,490. Teachers and institutional workers now number approximately 500. Tithe for the Union for the first eleven months of 1956 amounted to £22,710, and mission offerings to £11,229, making a grand total of £33,939 or over £100 each day for the eleven months' period ending November 30th.

Inasmuch as this year's visit to West Africa was so near to the emergence of Ghana (the Gold Coast) as an independent nation, it was thought appropriate to present a memorial to some of the cabinet ministers assuring the new government of the loyalty of Seventh-day Adventists and their prayers that divine wisdom and guidance might be granted them as they entered upon their larger responsibilities. This memorial included reference to some of our beliefs, particularly the Sabbath, religious liberty and the bearing of arms. We requested

## A Memorial

*The Honourable Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, M.A., M.Sc., B.D., LL.D.  
Prime Minister,  
Ghana Government.*

14th January, 1957

Sir,

*On the eve of Ghana's independence we, the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, desire to place on record this expression of our loyal support to the Government and its leaders, and the assurance of our prayers that as you assume new powers of office you may be given divine wisdom and guidance commensurate with your task.*

*Seventh-day Adventists in every country comply whole heartedly with the Bible counsel: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. . . . The powers that be are ordained of God," and again, "Fear God, love the brotherhood, honour the king."*

*At the same time we seek very earnestly to follow the example of our Master and Leader who said: "Render therefore unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's." These latter words presuppose a realm into which state legislation does not enter, namely the religious life and convictions of its citizens, in other words, the individual's relationship to his God. This allegiance, if given first place in the Christian's life, will make him an exemplary citizen of his country. Great nations like the United States of America, Great Britain, India, and others have enshrined this protection of the individual conscience either in their constitutions or in special legislation. We respectfully appeal to you that favourable consideration be given to the incorporation of these principles of religious freedom in Ghana's Constitution.*

*In every country where they hold citizenship Seventh-day Adventists have humbly requested exemption from such army service as might involve the taking of human life in time of war. At the same time Seventh-day Adventists are well known as loyal co-operators in non-combatant service. We also observe as a day of worship the seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday), hallowed at Creation and enjoined in the ten commandments, and we would respectfully request that no requirements be made of us which would call for the violation of our conscientious convictions in this respect.*

*Once more we assure you of the loyalty and prayers of Seventh-day Adventists in Ghana as you enter upon the great task before you.*

*We beg to remain, dear sir,*

*Yours most respectfully,  
West African Union of Seventh-day Adventists.*

that in the Constitution then being prepared, provision for religious liberty for all citizens be incorporated. In our interview we called to their attention the expression in India's Constitution which reads: ". . . All persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise, and propagate religion."

All of the Ministers we interviewed

received us kindly, one telling us with apparent gratification that his grandfather had been a Seventh-day Adventist, and had been most zealous for our faith. All expressed deep appreciation of our assurance of loyalty, and particularly of our prayers.

It has since been with much joy that we have learned from Pastor Welch, the union president, that in the Constitution

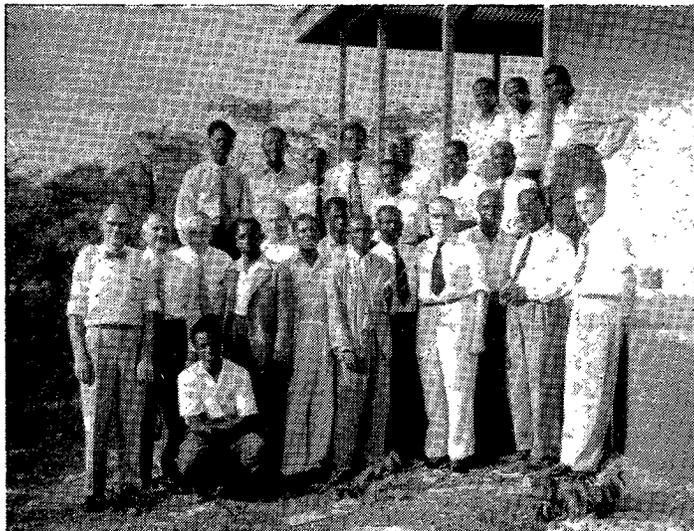
since adopted, the identical expression appearing in India's Constitution has been incorporated: "... All persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise, and propagate religion."

It was a pleasure while in West Africa to attend the annual meeting of the Gold Coast Committee, presided over by the president, Pastor W. J. Newman.

It is often on local committees like these and with strong lay representation that one's acquaintance with mission field conditions and problems becomes much more intimate. Each succeeding year the African members are entering with increased interest and understanding into the many phases of mission field administration. Even more marked was this interest as we met with the district superintendents, all African, following the committee meeting. Here they set their goals for the current year. Before doing so they made a careful study of the previous year's achievements in relationship to the goals that had been set a year before. A large blackboard placed the figures before them, and they began with the column "Souls Won." In almost every district the goal had been exceeded, and much gratitude was voiced over the combined fruitage that God had given.

The next column dealt with "Baptisms." In fields where converts are kept for two or more years in Bible and baptismal classes, the figures in this column do not have a direct relationship to the number of new decisions for Christ. Those baptized have accepted Christ in a previous year. In most instances the goals before us had been over-reached. In one case where the number fell short, the African superintendent made this simple explanation, "Dry season has prevented." In his district the rains had not fallen in time to fill the rivers and pools where the year-end baptisms would have been held. He had had to wait until the turn of the year before some of his candidates could be baptized.

The next columns, dealing with finances, were then considered. Goals for tithes and offerings had also been set for 1956, and now side by side with these were placed the actual receipts in all of the districts. It was remarkable how in almost every instance the goal had been exceeded.



*Ghana Mission Committee and District Superintendents attending the annual meeting of the Ghana Committee. In the front row are H. J. Welch, Union President; W. J. Newman, Ghana President; N. B. Nielsen, Union Secy. Treas.; E. W. Pedersen and A. F. Tarr, Division; J. Rigby, Secy. Treas., Ghana Mission.*

Following the study of the attainments for 1956 there began the setting of goals for 1957. With much care and deliberation the entire group helped each superintendent to set his goals, always encouraging him to go just a little farther than his first inclination. Finally when all of the goals had been set at what seemed to be the limit of each district's possibility, and the total figure arrived at for the field, it was voted that the figure for every district's tithe be increased by a further ten per cent! Thus were the goals set for 1957. And high though they all were, it is characteristic of these energetic, ambitious workers that having once set a figure as their goal, whether it be in souls

won, in baptisms, or in financial matters, they will work with might and main to see that that goal is reached.

We ended our meeting with the Ghana mission committee and the district superintendents with a deep appreciation of their untiring zeal in the cause of God, and a confidence that a zeal and devotion like theirs will be greatly blessed in the coming days.

H. J. Welch, the new union president, and N. B. Nielsen, the secretary-treasurer, are guiding carefully and understandingly each of the seven mission fields, together with the medical and educational institutions that comprise the growing work of the West African Union.

## *A Report From the President of the West African Union Mission*

By Howard J. Welch

THREE months have now passed since the brethren asked me to carry the responsibility of the West African field, and perhaps the end of the first quarter is a good time to pause and take stock.

Today I am writing from our Mission Headquarters at Abidjan in the Ivory Coast, and soon I shall be back in Accra thus completing a complete swing around this vast field. In every field we have had Committee and Board Meetings. Altogether we have attended seventeen of them. We were accompanied in the Gold

Coast Mission (now Ghana) by Pastors A. F. Tarr, E. W. Pedersen, and N. B. Nielsen and in the Nigerian fields by Pastors Pedersen and Nielsen. In Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Ivory Coast, we have travelled alone. I must say here that it was a source of comfort and encouragement to me to have the good counsel of these three seasoned veterans in mission work.

As we met with these many groups of leaders and workers around the field, I was pleased and happy to see the spirit of

loyal enthusiasm and fidelity to the work that seemed to be manifest. It was a joy also to participate in the making of forward looking plans in the fields and institutions and to see the spirit of evangelistic advance manifested by our field and institutional leaders. Much thought was given to finding ways to enter new areas and to making our schools and hospitals more definitely evangelizing agencies.

Already word is coming of successful efforts. The workers at Ife Hospital under the leadership of Dr. Sherman Nagel and in co-operation with the West Nigerian Mission have started a large evangelistic effort in Ife. A letter from Dr. Nagel tells us that they have an attendance of between 2,000 and 3,000. In Lagos, in spite of the sticky heat and a smallpox epidemic, Pastor Henri and Brother Hughes, with the help of their wives and a corps of African workers, are conducting a wonderful effort in two of the city's largest halls. On the night we visited there the hall was filled to the doors with a very attentive audience. Pastor Henri writes that on one night

over 200 covenanted to keep God's Sabbath. At Bekwai in Ghana the brethren in the Training and Secondary School have started a broadcast programme over the rediffusion system of the area. Space does not permit me to mention many other encouraging developments.

We thank God that while there are difficulties and hindrances His work goes forward and there is no cause for discouragement. We are happy too, that in nearly every field increased tithe income made it possible to give much needed increases in salaries to the African workers, many of whom were making exceedingly great sacrifices for the work.

As we have travelled, we have been deeply impressed and often sometimes we confess, depressed by the great unentered areas of our field. From Accra east to Lagos, a distance of over 300 miles, only one lone part-time colporteur is giving the message. As Pastors Pedersen, Nielsen and I drove from Ife east to Aba, a distance of about 400 miles across the great forest area of Nigeria, we found no work except a little spearhead at Warri south of Benin City. From

our College at Ihie we journeyed north to Jos, west through Kaduna and back south to Ilorin, over a thousand miles of hot, dusty, bumpy roads. We passed hundreds of towns and villages teeming with thousands of people who have no opportunity to hear the message. Only in the area around our mission and hospital at Jengrè have we preached the message.

What a mighty challenge these great unentered areas are. Whole countries including Gambia, French Togoland, Trans Volta, Dahomey and British Cameroons are yet almost untouched. With human resources the task seems impossible, but God has many ways we know not of, and we are confident will soon cause His message to be proclaimed with power even among the millions of Moslem tribesmen who inhabit the unentered northern territories of all our fields. We believe we speak for all our missionaries in West Africa as well as for our African workers when we say: "Pray for us and pray that means will soon be available to enter these lands and to finish the work in areas where we have made a beginning."

## Nothing But the Best For Africa

By G. D. King, Secretary

ON THURSDAY, March 14th, in the famous and historical church of St. Martin in the Fields, London, a special Ghana Independence Thanksgiving Service was conducted in the presence of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester and His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Bishop of Peterborough preached the thanksgiving sermon, taking as his text Hebrews 11:8-16. "It was by faith that Abraham . . . lived as a stranger in the promised land, for he was looking forward to the city which has firm foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

This service was of special interest to those of us who believe that God has a plan and purpose not only for Ghana but for the whole of the West African territory in which our mission work has for so many years been established. The Bishop mentioned that the first Christian missionary went out to the Gold Coast

205 years ago, and since that time missionaries of all denominations have made a great contribution to the upbuilding and development of this important territory, which became a Crown Colony only 83 years ago and has now entered into the full responsibility of governmental independence within the British Commonwealth.

It was our privilege at this service to speak personally with the High Commissioner for Ghana, who is now resident in London, and he expressed his own personal appreciation of the particular contribution which the Seventh-day Adventist Mission has made in educational and medical services for the community of Ghana.

We, along with the people of Ghana, do indeed rejoice at the consummation of their hopes and ambitions, believing that as we with them move forward into the plans and purposes that God has for us,

greater things will yet be accomplished within that territory. Dr. Aggrey's famous statement, "Nothing but the best is good enough for Africa," is surely doubly true today as we think of the great possibilities that God has for us in the development of our own denominational work throughout the territory of Ghana. More than ever a spirit of co-operation and sacrifice must be manifested by all those who are engaged in the service of the Lord and are endeavouring to finish the work throughout that territory.

Again, Dr. Aggrey's statement, which was quoted by the Bishop of Peterborough in his memorable address on the occasion of this thanksgiving service, is very applicable: "You can play a sort of tune on the black keys; you can play a sort of tune on the white keys. But you have to use them both if you want harmony. That is why God made some of us black and some of us white."

May our workers throughout Ghana and the whole of the West African Union move forward together in this spirit of co-operative and sacrificial service.

# Skodsborg Hydro in Thorshavn, Faroe Islands

By Thorvald Kristensen  
East Denmark Conference

A DANISH radio broadcast: "The first hydro in Thorshavn, Faroe Islands, was dedicated this afternoon in the presence of the Medical Officer of Health on the Islands, and the Director of Public Works. At a cost of 120,000 Dkr., the clinic has been built and established by the Seventh-day Adventists. This denomination is running more than 240 hospitals and clinics throughout the world."

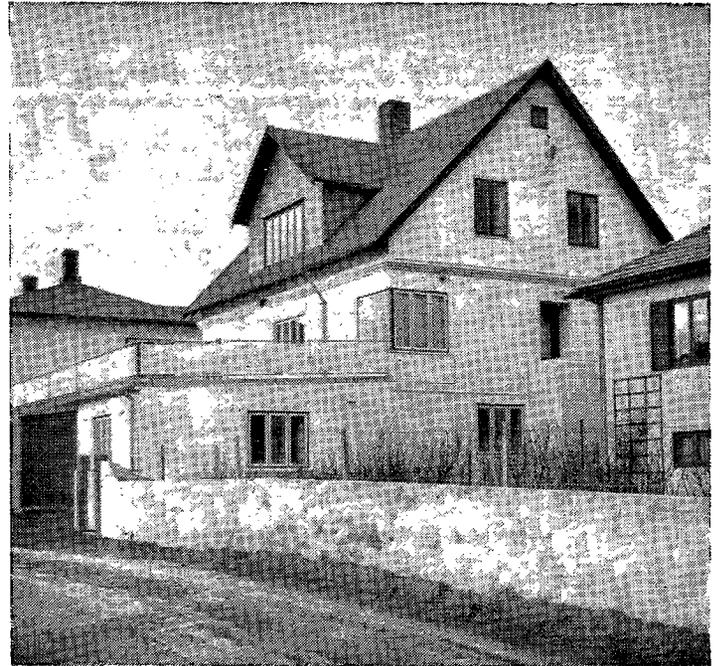
Behind this information, broadcast over the radio on Tuesday, December 18th, at 10 p.m., lies the fulfilment of a long-standing wish and hope of our believers on the Faroe Islands. A new and very important branch of our work has thus been added to our mission on these far-off islands in the Northern Atlantic, islands which, although six hundred miles away from Copenhagen, belong to the East Denmark Conference.

On Thursday, December 13th, Dr. Eskild Hansen of Skodsborg, and the writer boarded the steamer *Thaldur*, and after a very stormy voyage when the sea heaved high as if to play ball with boat and passengers, we reached Thorshavn on the Sunday morning. Very busy days followed with several meetings and gatherings. How pleasant it was to

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*The new Hydro in Thorshavn, Faroe Islands.*

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worship with our fellow believers on the islands and once more to receive their kind hospitality!

The Faroes are composed of numerous small islands, most of which are inaccessible because of their steep and mountainous coastlines which rise right out of the ocean. Eighteen of the islands are inhabited. The climate is temperate, with but little variation in temperature the year round. The waters are never frozen, and even the deep indentations of the fjords are seldom covered with ice. The days are very long in summer and short in winter because of the northern situa-

tion. In midsummer, as the light is so constant, all the lighthouses along the coasts are turned off!

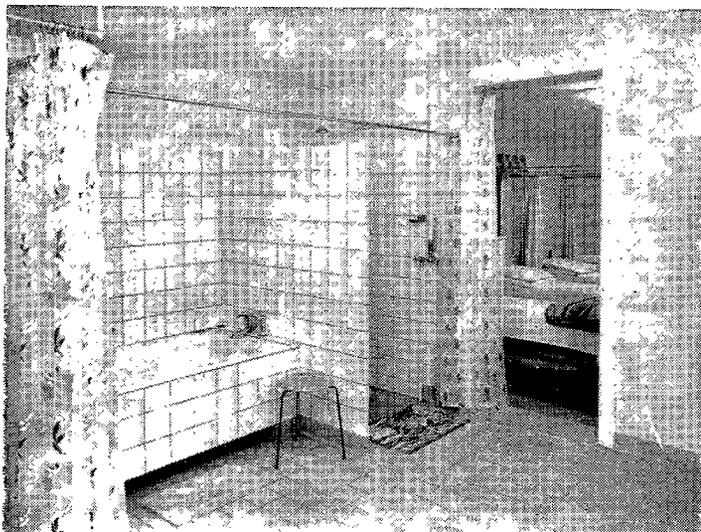
About a year ago we started to build an extension to the conference property at Dalavegur, Thorshavn. It is in this addition as well as in the first floor of the already existing building, that a complete modern hydro has been established.

As one enters the light and pleasant waiting-room, doors lead into two sections for ladies and gentlemen respectively. In each section is a treatment room containing four benches for massage, cubicles for dressing, and apparatus for lightbaths, diathermy, and Finsen light. Each section again leads into its own bathroom containing a Finnish bath, two bath tubs, and a shower. The walls in the bathrooms are lined with cream coloured tiles while the clinic itself is painted in light, warm colours.

On Tuesday, December 18th, at 2 p.m., we gathered around a gaily decorated table in one of the treatment rooms. The Health Food Factory in Copenhagen had kindly sent some of their refreshing non-alcoholic beverages, and cakes.

Among those present were the Director of Public Works, Elkjær Hansen, the highest Danish authority of the Islands; the legal adviser, Håkon Djurhus; the medical officer, D. Joensen; the Municipal

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*The bathroom, and treatment rooms of the Thorshavn Hydro. One of the most beautiful and up-to-date hydros of its size to be found anywhere.*

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*In the Sunday school at Utrecht Holland. The children enjoying the use of their modern equipment: a beautiful little stove and a sand tray.*

## *First Kindergarten in the Netherlands*

By A. C. Schmutzler  
*Education Secretary*

FEBRUARY 14th has become a landmark in the history of our work in the Netherlands. Our hope of organizing a Kindergarten has at last been realized.

When we first observed the great number of children in Huis ter Heide, the idea occurred to us then of starting a kindergarten, but at that time the way did not seem open. The plan was, however, resumed when we were able to get a qualified teacher for this work. We faced many problems and obstacles, and discussed the matter with experts. We visited the municipal authorities of Zeist, and we also had a conference with the Division brethren.

Establishing a school requires money, and though a Government grant has been promised us, we had to start the school on our own resources. Day by day some of the brethren visited families in Huis ter Heide. Everywhere our plan was welcomed with great enthusiasm. We obtained a large number of enrolments from parents who wanted to send their children to our school. They belong to several denominations. As we desire to have our school founded on Adventist principles, we were glad to note that Adventists enjoy a good reputation at Huis ter Heide. One lady immediately brought her little boy when she heard that it was an Adventist school. She had been in one of our hospitals in America.

## *Dutch Youth in Action*

By M. E. Lind

I AM writing this article in the basement of our church at Utrecht, Holland. Thirty children from the ages of seven to thirteen are happily "buzzing" around me. This is our Sunday school which began at 10 a.m. this morning with a Bible study carried out in three groups. Today the children accompanied the great Apostle Paul on one of his daring expeditions to bring the Gospel to Greece.

As the Bible study was over at 11 a.m., the children are now busily engaged in handicrafts of various kinds. Here in the basement of our church, three rooms have been gaily decorated and equipped with small tables and chairs to match. One little group, under the leadership of young Mr. Amstel, is engaged in basket-making; another group is cutting interesting objects from wood. Mr. Amstel in private life is a precision-instrument maker. Some children paint and others model in clay. A group of girls are engaged in intricate needlework, ably directed by young Miss E. Tilstra, who by profession is a teacher in Home Economics.

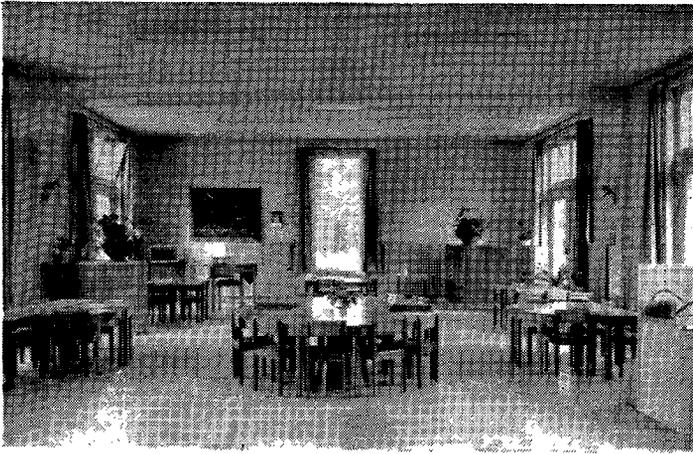
This Sunday school began some four years ago. Miss H. Tweinstra, an enthusiastic Master Guide, had a burden for children not of our faith. Together with a young couple she began in a small way what is today this very successful Sunday school. Those engaged in Sunday school work need, we believe, special

recognition. Not only do they give of their talents, but also of their time.

I asked how it was possible to obtain all the supplies and equipment which was so much in evidence, and was told that the children brought along a weekly fee of about five to ten cents each. Although this is not enough to cover all expenses, it does help substantially in the supplying of material. Every Christmas the children visit old people's homes where they sing and present each of the old folk with a little gift which they themselves have made. We can easily understand how much their little visits mean to the old and infirm. Indeed, we can be proud of this institution and we are grateful for what our youth do in shepherding the tiny lambs.



*Sunday school children at Utrecht, busy with their handicrafts.*



*The recreation room in the boys' dormitory at "Zandbergen" which has been fitted up into this ideal Kindergarten room.*

After the Division had promised to help us, we began to rebuild the recreation room of the boys' dormitory. When the Education authorities of Zeist visited the school, they were full of praise for the beautiful classroom.

On February 14th the school was opened. The chapel in the main building of the seminary could hardly accommodate all of the people. After the opening speech by the writer, Pastor D. Vink spoke about the importance of the

Kindergarten, and gave an explanation of its aims. He closed the ceremony with a dedicatory prayer.

The guests were then shown round the school. It was a great joy to hear their unanimous appreciation: "We never expected to see such a fine school!"

On Monday morning, February 18th, the children came. The first day there were twenty-six; the next day twenty-eight; and so it continued until now there are nearly forty children, the number we can accommodate.

This is a very fine type of missionary work, we believe, for through it we come into contact with the parents of the children, and we hope to be able to sow seed. This is only the beginning. It is the beginning of a new type of work for us, but it should not remain a beginning. We are very thankful for what the Division has done for us in enabling us to launch out in this new project.

## *Revival in Helsinki*

THE WINDS of revival are again blowing over Helsinki. The halls where we are holding our meetings are filled night after night. People come to realize their sins, and surrender their lives fully to God when the urgency of the Third Angel's Message is presented.

Evangelist Elsa Luukkanen commenced her effort a few days after New Year. So many people attended these first meetings that the same meeting was held three times. People were standing at the back and some children had to sit on the floor in front of the speaker. Sheer curiosity had drawn some to the meeting, for it was the first time in the history of the Advent movement in Finland that a woman evangelist was serving as a preacher in the capital of the country. She is a well known speaker. She has been successfully used by God as His witness for over twenty years.

The meetings are held in the new Advent church, and in a hall at a secondary school. Our new church was completed in good time, just before the evangelistic efforts began. The church is located in the building which also houses the Union office. Although the seating

capacity of the church is about 450, it has proved too small for the work. The beauty of this modern church has caused much admiration.

The interest in the meetings has not decreased during the spring. Three meetings have been held about many subjects, such as the State of the Dead. Four meetings were held on one subject, the number present being about 1,400 to 1,500. The music from the Hammond organ and our many choirs, ladies', men's, mixed, and guitar choirs, have added to the feeling

of sacredness at our meetings. Occasionally beautiful pictures have been used.

Different classes of people are represented at the meetings: workmen, students, intellectuals, poor and rich. They are attentive listeners. The Word may seem hard at times, but the gentle calling of Christ unto salvation is felt throughout. The presence of God and the spirit of revival are felt on these occasions. Many people have come to talk privately with our evangelist. Sister Luukkanen is assisted by two Bible workers and the writer. Please remember Finland in your prayers.

T. A. LUUKKANEN.



*The male choir under the leadership of Eero Orbinsky which has been assisting at the effort in Helsinki.*

## NEWS FLASH

A. F. TARR and G. A. Lindsay, accompanied by Axel Varmer of Denmark left on Thursday, March 28th, for the first official visit made from our Division office since about 1948 to make contact with the work and workers in Poland. Recent correspondence from Poland indicates that our workers there have been most anxious for this personal contact, and as these brethren visit in that country which has been cut off from organizational contact with us for so long, we sincerely pray that their visit will be greatly blessed of the Lord and will bring inspiration and strength to the leaders and membership in the Polish field.

At the present time, Prof. L. R. Rasmussen, associate secretary of the General Conference Educational Department, is visiting throughout our Division territory, and with J. A. Simonsen has completed educational surveys covering our training schools in the home unions. Brethren Rasmussen and Simonsen have now left for an extended visit throughout the West African Union. The statistical report for the year 1956 indicates that almost 100 students graduating from our training schools throughout the Division entered denominational employment last year.

Several missionaries have recently passed through our London office, some returning to their fields of service following well-earned furlough periods. Brother and Sister L. Acton-Hubbard, who are connected with the Kwahu Hospital, Ghana, West Africa, flew back to West

Africa on March 25th, it being essential for them to return at the earliest possible date in view of the staff shortage and the heavy programme being carried through at this busy mission hospital. Miss Else A. Scherney, a newly appointed nurse from Denmark, who is to connect with the mission hospital at Gimbie, Ethiopia, flew out to Addis Ababa from Denmark on March 26th. Miss Amy Horder from the Kwahu Hospital has just returned for her first furlough period in England. Miss Anna Jensen has also returned for furlough in her homeland, Denmark, following nursing service in Ethiopia. Miss Rosa Muderspach, who for many years has given valiant service in West Africa in connection with the Union office, has returned to her homeland, and will soon be proceeding to America, where she is under appointment to connect with the Theological Seminary, Washington. Miss Muderspach's much appreciated service in West Africa will be greatly missed, for she has made a great contribution to the mission programme in that field.

Plans are now being made in connection with the annual meetings to be held throughout the home unions during the early summer. Elder R. R. Figuhr, president of the General Conference, and Pastor A. F. Tarr, will be in attendance at most of the annual meetings in Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland. The meetings to be held in the British Union will be mainly during the month of July, and Pastor A. F. Tarr, along with other visitors from the Division office, will be in attendance at these meetings, which this year are biennial session appointments. G.D.K.



*A portion of the great congregation which has filled the halls in Helsinki during the recent effort.*

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### NEWBOLD MISSIONARY COLLEGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the biennial meeting of the constituents of Newbold Missionary College will be held June 4, 1957, at 10 a.m. in the college chapel at Bracknell, Berkshire, for the purpose of receiving reports on the operation of the College, electing a board of trustees, making necessary changes in the by-laws, and for such other business as may rightfully come before the constituency. The constituents are the members of the executive committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the members of the Northern European Division Executive Committee; the members of the British Union Conference Executive Committee, and the administrative officers of Newbold Missionary College.

A. F. TARR, *President*  
R. W. OLSON, *Secretary*

### Skodsborg Hydro in Thorshavn

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physicians, J. Højgård, A. Poulsen, and R. Rasmussen; Dr. Eskild Hansen of Skodsborg, and Editor L. Samuelsen.

With one accord the speakers gave a most hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. D. Illum, our two physiotherapists who had been trained at the Skodsborg Sanitarium.

The East Denmark Conference is indeed grateful to the Northern European Division, the West Nordic Union, and the Skodsborg Sanitarium, for their help which has enabled us to erect this fine hydro. We hope that this place will indeed prove a great blessing to the people on the Faroe Islands, and thus fulfil its mission.

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