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By J. Alfred Simonsen



ON AUGUST 7th, Vejlefjord Højskole campus was the scene of a grand reunion of friends and of the making of many new acquaintances as 130 educators gathered for the first session of the Northern European Division Educational Convention.

Teachers of church schools, secondary schools, and colleges from eight different countries assembled in the school auditorium for the first meeting at 7.30 p.m. Invited guests included Dr. and Mrs. Otto Schuberth from the Southern European Division; Principal Erwin Berner from the Marienhöhe Seminary in Germany; Dr. and Mrs. H. Werner from the Realgymnasium at Darmstadt, Germany; B. Gorm Rasmussen from Skodsborg, Denmark; and Eunice J. Rozema, registrar of Washington Missionary College, who arrived during the convention.

One striking feature of this international gathering of 130 people was that ninety per cent understood English. Interpreters were provided for a small group of teachers from Finland and another small group from Scandinavia.

From the opening of the convention on Wednesday until the last meeting on the following Tuesday, August 13th, the programme moved forward according to schedule. The rising bell sounded at six o'clock when the more hardy and health-conscious would be off to the fjord for an early morning dip. At seven o'clock the devotional hour began. Each morning a different speaker presented some important phase of Christian living and service. The speakers for the five morning devotionals were H. Muder-spach; E. Berner; R. Syme; A. C. Schmutzler; and V. N. Olsen. Breakfast

was served at eight o'clock and there were three general sessions during each day.

Dr. Frank Marsh from Emmanuel Missionary College presented seven lectures on Creationism. Periods were provided for questions and discussion. The deep interest of the teachers in the subject of Creationism as compared with the theory of Evolution was evidenced by the fact that there were far more questions asked than could be answered in the allotted time. Dr. Marsh gave valuable help both by his lectures and in his scientific approach while answering the many questions.

The Sabbath sermon was given by Pastor A. F. Tarr, President of the Northern European Division. In his talk he emphasized the fact that teachers fill one of the most important positions in

the denominational programme, and that their success will be in proportion to their consecration and devotion to God and to their chosen work.

Dr. H. Karstrom, principal of the Finland Mission School, presented a challenging lecture on "A Correct Nutrition as a Basis for all Temperance." In his discourse he said, "The best results in the fight against alcohol are no doubt obtained by attacking the fundamental motives for the use of alcoholic beverages, that is, the primary causes that create the craving for alcohol. He presented facts and statistics that showed there was a parallelism between the craving for alcohol among the civilized nations and their deficient nutrition which consists largely of animal products and refined foods.

Three inspiring, thought-provoking talks were presented on Friday evening and Sabbath afternoon and evening by R. W. Olson, principal of Newbold Missionary College; B. Gorm Rasmussen, from Denmark; and C. D. Watson, Educational secretary for the British Union. The discussion on Sabbath afternoon on "Sabbath Recreation in our Schools and Colleges," developed much interest and stimulated original thinking on this important subject.

An introductory talk by Ingrid Albiner from the Swedish Seminary on "School Atmosphere" was followed by a panel discussion under the direction of R. Syme, principal of Stanborough Park Secondary School. It was clearly revealed that among the various factors contributing toward good or bad atmosphere in a school, were the teacher's dress, her personality, habits, and the public relations of the school. The teacher interest ran high during the entire discussion and it is believed that much goodwill resulted.

The forceful and vivid presentation by Dr. Otto Schubert of, "The Objectives in Christian Education," was enthusiastically received. Surely it is high time for all to awake and recognize the importance and value of Christian education for all children and youth.

Three films on the topic of creation and science which had been produced by the Moody Institute of Science, were shown during the evening sessions. These

Dr. Frank Marsh investigates a ground swallow's nest at Vejlebjerg.



exceptional films were a climax to the scientific discussions by Dr. Marsh.

Group meetings were held during the afternoons when teachers whose interests and fields of endeavour were similar, gathered to discuss methods and problems and to present questions.

A number of helpful recommendations were drawn up by these groups which were in due course discussed by the session and voted for presentation to the Division Committee.

The convention closed with a very enjoyable buffet supper made colourful and delectable by the ingenious efforts of Rigmor Nielsen and her assistants. This was followed by a brief social. The happy, friendly groups then bade farewell to the entire gathering through selected representatives from each nation.

Handshakes and final good-byes among old and new friends brought to a close another Educational Convention which, it is hoped, will greatly influence the future growth of Christian education and cause it to reach new heights of achievement during the days and years to come.

BIOLOGY WORKSHOP

THE Biology Workshop group representing teachers from Denmark, England, Finland, Germany, Holland, Norway, Sweden, and Iceland met from July 24th to August 6th to discuss the special problems connected with the teaching of biology in Seventh-day Adventist Schools.

Dr. Frank L. Marsh of Emmanuel Mis-

sionary College, author of several books on Creation, and Dr. H. Karstrom, Principal of the Finland Mission School, biochemist and research worker in the field of human nutrition, were the two main contributors.

The inspiration brought by these distinguished personalities developed much individual thinking and exploration. It was a very happy occasion, and a time for much profitable discussion both inside and outside the lecture room.

One point which stands out above all others as a result of this workshop is that clear answers can be given to all the major issues which have been raised by the proponents of evolutionary theories. The weight of scientific evidence is overwhelmingly on the side of Seventh-day Adventist belief in every branch of study we may care to consider, whether it be geological, biological, or biochemical. It appears the true facts are not known to the majority of educators.

The group was greatly encouraged by the degree of unanimity which has been reached even while working independently in the several countries. It was particularly helpful to meet together, so that the overall picture could be broadened as each member of the team contributed a fresh facet which clarified previous problems. Plans were discussed whereby the biology teachers may exchange ideas and information.

The teachers were unanimous in expressing a need to bend every effort to direct our youth into our own school system, especially in their critical

adolescent years, so that they may come under the influence of teachers who know the reasons for their faith in the Word of God.

It was felt that a vote of thanks should be expressed to J. Alfred Simonsen, Educational Secretary for the Northern European Division, for bringing the workshop into being and acting as general chairman. Thanks are also due to

Gert Jensen, biology teacher at Vejle-fjord Hojskole, for arranging a number of very interesting exhibits and sponsoring the profitable and enjoyable field trips, one of which included a visit to a biological research station associated with the Aarhus University.

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School in England; Ekebyholmsskolan in Sweden; and the Toivonlinnan Secondary School in Finland. Three of the secondary schools offer Junior College work: Vejle-fjord, Ekebyholm, and the Netherlands Mission School. The Toivonlinnan School in Finland will also offer Junior College work in the future.

One disturbing feature in our educational programme is the fact that there are no elementary or primary church-operated schools in Finland or Sweden. The Netherlands opened their first school for children in February of this year: a kindergarten which it is hoped will grow into an elementary school as additional grades of work are added from year to year. This school is operated as a missionary venture for non-Adventist children, and is already an asset to the work in the Netherlands. The school is operated on the school campus at Zand-bergen and is a well equipped, one-room plant with approximately thirty-five children.

It is only as we develop a permanent educational system that will provide for the children and youth of the church from the first year through the gymnasium on the Continent, and the college in Britain, that our schools will meet the need of our youth. This will require far-sighted planning, continuous promotion, and personal sacrifice on the part of the church constituency. There must also be teachers who are prepared to teach, not only in the areas of elementary and secondary education, but also in the higher branches of learning as required for gymnasium and college. We should begin now to plan for this need.

We would call upon all teachers and educational administrators to take advantage of every opportunity to emphasize the importance of the church school before the people. Make the church conscious of the schools now in their midst. Help the churchmembers to realize the value of Christian education. Encourage the children in our schools to plan to attend the secondary schools and advanced schools operated by the church. Make Christian education contagious.

We must not fail to mention the fact that a new school is under construction in Norway. The new secondary school and junior college located at Røyse, Ves-

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Opening Address at the Convention

By J. Alfred Simonsen, *Division Educational Secretary*

ON behalf of the Northern European Division, welcome to the first general Teachers' Convention to which every teacher has been invited.

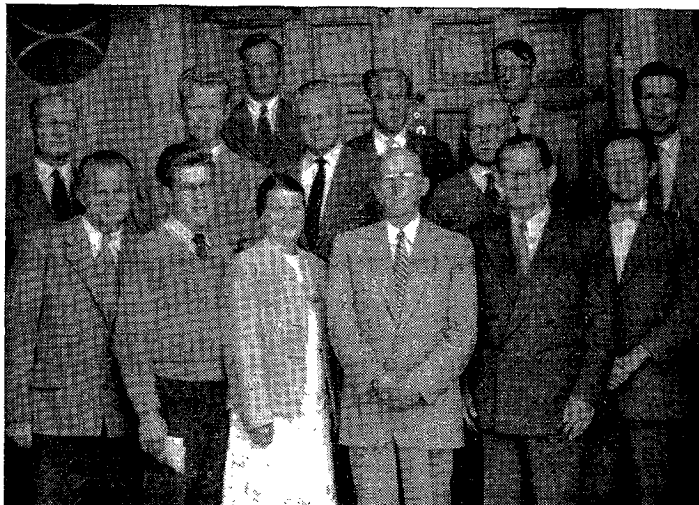
This is an unusual gathering of Seventh-day Adventist teachers. Here are eight language groups, not including American, which would make nine. An interesting fact, which is quite amazing, is that practically everyone in this audience can understand English.

The Northern European Division includes a territory that reaches from the arctic in the north to the tropics in the south. A large segment of the Division is in West Africa and Ethiopia. We have already met with the more than 800 teachers in West Africa, in teachers' conventions in 1956, and April and May of this year. More than 18,000 pupils, mostly non-Adventist, sit at the feet of these 800 teachers in schools that range from primitive bush schools, to modern,

concrete-block buildings. We wish it were possible for you to meet with our African teachers, and to observe their enthusiasm and interest in Christian education.

The union conferences in Northern Europe and Great Britain are known as the home fields, a distinct area from the mission fields. This is a gathering of teachers from the home fields. Our delegates and guests come from Iceland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Netherlands, Great Britain and Newbold Missionary College in Great Britain which enjoys the patronage of students from all of Europe, West Africa, Ethiopia, and America. We have guests from Germany and the Central European Division, and guests from Switzerland and the Southern European Division.

There are five secondary schools represented in this convention. They are Vejle-fjord Hojskole; the Netherlands Mission School; Stanborough Park Secondary



Science teachers from many countries meet at Vejle-fjord in a Biology Workshop. Dr. Frank Marsh, guest lecturer, stands in the centre front row.

Camping With Our Youth During 1957

By M. E. Lind, Division MV Secretary

ON September 3rd, 1957, the last tent was struck, the last peg pulled up and the last camper returned to his home.

Thus came to an end a wonderful camping season, perhaps unequalled in the history of our Division, in which 4,000 young people participated.

This heterogeneous group had its attention focused on the motto: "Sharing the Faith of Our Fathers," or as the Swedish version reads: "Carrying the Faith of Our Fathers to the Ends of the Earth." It was apparent to the writer that scores of young people accepted this motto as their life's challenge—one that would be for ever binding.

It is not possible to fully evaluate the importance of these camps to our young people. For many who live isolated lives the year round, it is the one and only time when they can associate with youth of like faith and purpose. To others it is an ever recurring event which brings to them another opportunity of meeting old friends. To all it is a time of wonderful reciprocity and friendship.

Months of preparation and careful planning are needed to ensure the success of a camp. Our union and conference M.V. leaders, upon whose shoulders the responsibility for the conducting of these camps lies, may now take a breather. They have truly deserved it.

It has been the privilege of the writer to visit eleven summer camps this year.

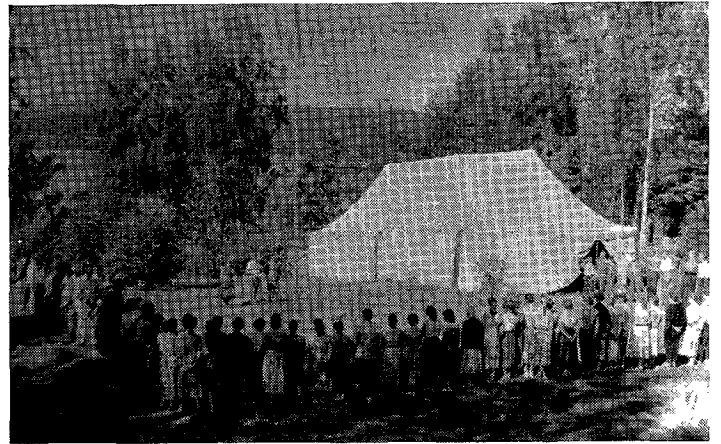
The first camp was held in Iceland and has been reported in the July issue of the NORTHERN LIGHT. The writer then joined the Finnish youth at their permanent camp site at Kallioniemi.

Early this year the Finland Union Committee had agreed to let J. Onjukka, M.V. secretary of East Finland, take a three months' government-sponsored

people in "the land of ten-thousand islands," one could not help but be impressed by their earnestness and deep sincerity.

Before leaving Finland I had the opportunity of visiting a large group of Swedish Juniors. They were camping in the southern part of the country. Their tents were pitched in gently sloping

At the Finnish Youth Camp all gather round the flag for the Morning Watch.



course in hobbies and crafts. At the summer camps our brother's newly acquired knowledge proved a great boon to campers of all ages. Some of the results of their work can be seen in the new, solidly-built assembly hall where Brother Onjukka and his hobby-making class have decorated the two large open fireplaces in a most beautiful and original way. While camping with these young

woods by a small lake. They scorned the soft life of permanent camps! The youngsters who were all in glowing health, preferred camping where everything had to be made from material available on the spot. Their "tables" were some recently felled trees, and their "kitchen" was a hole in the ground covered over by flat stones. The writer had to admit, however, that the baked potatoes and camp bread made on the spot were certainly of the highest order.

From Finland our journey next took us to Andalsnes in Western Norway. There, more than four hundred young people representing ten different nations, met amidst scenery of indescribable beauty. This part of Norway is probably among the most scenic spots to be seen anywhere on our earth. The high, seemingly insurmountable mountains, towering thousands of feet above the campers, acted upon many as a mighty challenge to their courage and endurance. There were many who wished to climb the for-



"We camp the tough way" say the Swedish Juniors in Finland! "No permanent camps for us!"



Our Dutch youth in Camp Vogelensang certainly challenge the birds as they strike up in song!

bidding peaks, but leaders insisted that anybody who wished to climb should be in perfect physical condition and should closely follow the experienced mountain guide whose services had been secured.

Every morning, therefore, a limited party of between nine and ten boys and girls set out for what usually turned out to be a thirteen hours' climb such as they had probably never experienced before. Walking in the footsteps of their guide and securely roped together, they ascended and conquered the mighty Venjetinden, king among the many challenging peaks surrounding the camp.

For those unable to take part in these expeditions there were the exciting canoe trips on swiftly flowing Hense river. Here, too, certain regulations were strictly adhered to. Only strong swimmers were permitted to make the trip. But what fun it was when, after an adventurous trip lasting several hours, they at last reached their destination thoroughly soaked, but so glowingly happy.

To this Norwegian and Danish camp there came a party of thirty-three young people from Great Britain. What was more, they came in their own chartered aeroplane under the capable leadership of Pastor C. D. Watson. From the day they set foot in the camp until they left, they proved to be true descendants of that great sporting nation, Great Britain.

Long will be remembered the outstanding song services lead by the inimitable Bjorn Keyn. His classes in Choir Conducting proved a great success. Pastor J. A. Simonsen from the Division was present for the first half of the camp, helping the youth to a fuller under-

standing of the value of Christian education. Alf Lohne, president of the West Nordic Union, gave invaluable assistance in guiding the discussions on youth problems. This was the last camp that Pastor Børge Olsen would arrange for the youth of Norway and Denmark. Already he had been elected as president of the West Danish Conference; but happily for all, he was still in charge of this most important camp. Pastor Odd Jordal with his intimate knowledge of mountains and rivers was a most efficient assistant.

The Dutch summer camp near Haarlem had attracted ninety senior youth. It was pitched among mighty elm trees and was under the experienced leadership of Pastors D. Vink and H. Eijkelenboom. The camp followed a well-tryed pattern. There were no rugged mountains to climb, but the surrounding sand-dunes provided ample opportunity for excursions and wonderful hikes. A large tent completely stacked with bicycles told their own story of how the campers had arrived at this idyllic spot. It is only when

associating with the youth of the Netherlands that one gets to know and admire the wonderful Dutch comradeship for which they are so renowned.

My last summer appointment on the Continent was the Swedish permanent camp at Västeräng. It is a remarkable fact and worthy of attention when the subject of permanent camp sites is discussed, that Västeräng which this year celebrates its thirteenth year of occupation, has had an attendance which has beaten all previous records. During most of the time, between three and four hundred Seniors were in attendance. During the last week-end a steady stream of visitors swelled the number to close on six hundred. A deep desire for a spiritual awakening was sensed throughout the entire camp session.

Pastor E. Sonestam had done a great work in preparing for the various summer camps. Västeräng is the most modern and best equipped camp in our Division. Its unique camp church provides ample facilities for religious gatherings. Lovely lake Vättern tempts all swimmers with its clear, calm waters.

In this Golden MV Jubilee year, seven nations were represented at this Swedish camp, the largest contingent from outside coming from Germany when forty-five young people arrived with their enthusiastic leader, MV Secretary K. Jungmann.

Returning again to Britain, I joined the Junior camp at Whitby. On the day I arrived the Senior camp had just finished and now more than seventy eager Juniors were checking in. Everybody was busy. There were beds to be made; water to be fetched, guy ropes to be tightened. There were a thousand and one things to be attended to. But, above



Some of the Icelandic youth in camp all ready for action!

all, there were old pals to meet and new faces to greet. Counsellors and camp assistants were moving in and out among these enthusiastic Juniors lending an experienced hand here, or giving a word of caution there. In sole command of this delightful camp, pitched on the high plateau overlooking the North Sea, was Pastor J. Mahon, MV secretary of the North England Conference. Under his wise leadership another character-building camp was well on its way to success.

The last but one camping appointment was at Oxwich in Wales. This place, renowned for its many-miles-long beach, has been the "permanent" camp site for our youth in South England for the past three years. This year more than seventy Seniors were in attendance, and what an interesting time they had! Camp life is never dull when enthusiastic leadership such as that of K. Gammon, MV secretary of the South England Conference, is exhibited. Plenty of time was allotted to games and relaxation. But from the beginning until the very end, emphasis was placed upon unselfish service for others. The "secret friend" item was an outstanding success in the promotion of true friendship among the many campers.

Our very last summer camp this year was conducted at St. Mary's Bay, Kent, close to the English Channel. Its surroundings could boast no rugged mountains. Its beach, although quite good, could not in any way be compared with that of Oxwich. The camp site was not

Believe it or not, Youth from Great Britain chartered their own plane and joined the youth camp in Norway—and did they enjoy themselves!



on an elevated plateau like that of Whitby. But eighty very young campers made full recompense for any lack in setting. On one day they travelled on what is known as "the smallest railway in the world," and think what that means to a Junior! On another day they all crossed the Channel to France. Indeed, Brethren K. Gammon and Ball certainly knew how to arrange things both interesting and profitable for the young ones under their care.

Viewing in retrospect my visit to the various MV camps, I find a few items that stand out prominently above all else. First and foremost there has been the thrill of attending the morning watch, followed by the prayer bands. As one looks at the groups of young people

standing there with bowed heads praying for each other and for their loved ones at home, one realizes that these young people are indeed different from other youth. The apostle Paul might well have called them hagiois or saints.

Then there is the tremendous impact of youthful faith and optimism which saturates these summer camps. There is the campfire, with its character-building programme which usually ends with a song of praise and an evening prayer. Last but not least, there is the special visitor. This year there were many and all gave excellent service. One we shall long remember was R. W. Olsen, president of Newbold Missionary College. He attended many of the continental camps. His congenial personality and wise counsel made us realize how fortunate we were in having secured his services.

And now the last peg has been pulled up, and the last camper is safely home. The Golden MV Jubilee camps are ended, but the motto will ever be remembered, and we are convinced that the faith of our fathers will live again in the lives of these our youth of the Northern European Division.

Opening Address at Teachers' Convention

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terrude, is to be ready for the school year of 1958-59. We are grateful to



The Norwegian youth think their camp among the snow-capped mountains and swiftly-flowing rivers is hard to beat. "Friends from afar, Come again!"

the Danish Conferences and Vejlefjord Højskole for the opportunity and privilege extended to the youth in Norway to attend this fine school, while waiting for their new school to become a reality. There were about sixty students from Norway at Vejlefjord during the past school year.

This night is the beginning of the realization of a long anticipated event. At the time of the School Administrator's Council in 1955, plans were laid for this convention. It was the unanimous desire of all Union Conference and Educational Administrators and Secretaries present, that a teachers' convention be held in the summer of 1956, and that Dr. Frank Marsh from Emmanuel Missionary College be invited to be the guest speaker. Unfortunately we were unable to complete negotiations for Dr. Marsh to be with us in 1956, therefore the convention was postponed until 1957. We are happy that the beautiful campus at Vejlefjord was selected for this meeting. It was the opinion of all at the council that some of the dangerous influences in the field of education are the various types of evolutionary concepts that undermine the confidence of the youth in the creation story as recorded in the book of Genesis.

We have assembled as a group of Christian teachers. We are the teachers to whom Seventh-day Adventist parents and all others who patronize our schools may confidently entrust their children and youth. They have a right to believe and expect that every teacher in the school will help, by precept and example, to develop in the minds and hearts of their children faith and confidence in the Holy Scriptures, and an unwavering belief in the creation story, that "in the beginning God created" and "by Him all things consist." This is basic to fundamental Christian thinking.

Faith in God as Creator and Sustainer of the universe is necessary in order to understand or accept the plan of salvation and the promise of habitation on a New Earth. From the pen of Ellen G. White we quote: "The science of salvation, the science of true godliness, the knowledge which has been revealed from eternity, which enters into the purpose of God, expresses His mind, and reveals His purpose—this Heaven deems all-

important. If our youth obtain this knowledge, they will be able to gain all else that is essential; but if not, all the knowledge they may acquire from the world will not place them in the ranks of the Lord." — *Counsels to Teachers*, page 14.

The teacher may be likened to a potter. Into his hands is placed the plastic clay, to be fashioned and moulded into a special pattern. Unless the potter has an experimental knowledge in his work, unless he has a true conception of what he shall make, his work is fruitless. The teacher must have an understanding as well as an experimental knowledge in Christian living in order to direct the youth. He, himself, becomes a pattern. He must be what he desires his students

"I'll Stay, Dear Lord"

I'll stay where You've put me; I will, dear Lord.

*Though I wanted so badly to go;
I was eager to march with the rank and file,
Yes, I wanted to lead them, You know.
I planned to keep step with the music loud,
To cheer when the banner unfurled,
To stand in the midst of the fight straight
and proud,*

*And to conquer God's foes in this world,
But I'll stay where You've put me, Lord.*

*I'll stay where You've put me; I'll work,
dear Lord,*

*Though the field be narrow and small,
And the ground be fallow, and the stones
lie thick,*

*And there seems to be no life at all.
The field is Thine own, only give me the seed,
I'll sow it with never a fear;
I'll till the dry soil while I wait for the rain,
And rejoice when the green blades appear;
I'll work where You've put me, Lord.*

I'll stay where You've put me; I will, dear Lord;

*I'll bear the day's burden and heat,
Always trusting Thee fully; when even has
come*

*I'll lay heavy sheaves at Thy feet.
And then, when my earth work is ended and
done,*

*In the light of eternity's glow,
Life's record all closed, I surely shall find
It was better to stay than to go;*

I'll stay where You've put me, Lord.
ANON.

to become. "Teachers are to do more for their students than to impart a knowledge of books. Their position as guide and instructor of the youth is most responsible, for to them is given the work of moulding mind and character."

It is well for us as teachers to pause for a moment in our busy programme, and give some thought to our mission in life. We give much attention to our mental preparation. Do we give sufficient thought and effort to a more complete, spiritual preparation? The Christian teacher in a Christian school must have different objectives for himself and for his students, than does the teacher in a secular school. Here is the difference in the two kinds of schools. The Christian teacher should have the whole pupil in mind. His physical, mental, spiritual, and social development is to be considered. In this development the spiritual is the most essential because it influences all other avenues of growth. Therefore, as Seventh-day Adventist school teachers, we must have a special, continuous, preparation for our specialized work of Christ-centred living and teaching. In the book *Education*, page 282, we are told: "As the highest preparation for your work, I point you to the words, the life, the methods, of the Prince of Teachers. I bid you consider Him. Here is your true ideal. Behold it, dwell upon it, until the Spirit of the divine Teacher shall take possession of your heart and life. 'Reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord,' you will be 'transformed into the same image.' 2 Cor. 3:18. R.V."

If we can here, at this convention, enlarge our vision of the importance of Christian education; if we can gain a fuller appreciation of our individual responsibility to the students in our school; if we can obtain a more complete understanding of how the enemy of truth is bringing deceptive theories and conclusions into books and classrooms; if we can each leave this convention with a renewed dedication of our talents to the cause of Christian education, and if we shall individually re-consecrate our life's best service to the training of our youth, then we shall consider that this gathering from the various schools in our union conferences will have achieved its purpose.—Abbreviated.

NEWS FLASH

A. F. TARR, G. D. King, and G. A. Lindsay returned home on September 18th after attending union and local conference sessions in Poland. They arrived back just in time for the opening of Newbold Missionary College in the new administrative building.

Elder E. R. Walde, Radio Secretary of the General Conference, is planning to make short visits to West Africa and Ethiopia at the time of his forthcoming visit to the Southern African Division. He will be arriving in Accra, Ghana, on September 16th, and plans to spend some time associating with R. W. Coon, West African Union Radio and Bible Correspondence School secretary, before leaving on September 25th. On his return from South Africa Elder Walde will spend a few days in Ethiopia in mid-October.

J. D. Johnson and family arrived in Liberia from the United States on September 15th, where Brother Johnson is to take up a teaching appointment at the Konola school.

Recent missionary departures from this Division include Pastor and Mrs. P. E. M. Beach and daughter, of Great Britain, who left on August 24th to take up evangelistic service in India. Pastor Beach had previously spent some years in Egypt. On August 28th Miss E. Valborg Larsson of Sweden returned to her nursing post at the Rwankeri Mission Dispensary, Belgian Congo.

Elder C. E. Guenther, Associate Home Missionary Secretary of the General Conference, arrived in London on September 3rd. He is making an extensive tour of the Division field visiting churches and holding laymen's conventions.

We welcome Eunice J. Rozema, Registrar, Washington Missionary College, to the Northern European Division. Miss Rozema arrived in time to attend the last two days of the Teachers' Convention at Vejlefjord Hojskole, and the Educational Council on August 14th, where she gave valuable counsel in the plan of bringing about a closer integration of curricula in the junior colleges and the senior college. She will spend two months at Newbold

Missionary College in helping to reorganize the office of the registrar at Newbold College, so as to follow the same procedures as the college in Washington, with which Newbold is affiliated.

The new training college for Norway is rapidly rising at Vesterude. It is hoped that the building will have the walls and roof completed before the cold winter begins. The workmen will then be able to continue their work on the interior during the winter. The new school plant makes a very imposing appearance on the beautiful building site, overlooking the fjord.

The Opening Report for the school year of 1957 and 1958 from the West African Union Mission states that five new primary schools were opened in Ghana. Two other schools were added, making a total of seven new schools in West Africa. The Mission now operates 159 schools, with 21,986 pupils and 824 teachers. The Awtun Training College will graduate its first class at the close of the present school year.

Sixteen mature young people have applied for admission to the Netherlands Training College, to study in preparation for the ministry and Bible work. The College is offering a special course for mature students who desire to become active workers. The acute need for workers in the Netherlands prompted the Union Committee and the College Board to take this action. It is hoped that a large percentage of the applicants will enter the College on the opening day.

Principal Erwin Berner from the Marienhöhe Missionary Seminary, and Dr. and Mrs. H. Werner from the Realgymnasium at Darmstadt, Germany, attended the Biology Workshop, and the Teachers' Convention at Vejlefjord, July 23rd to August 13th. It was a real pleasure to have these representatives from the Central European Division. Principal Berner is the Secretary of Education for the Division. Their participation and contributions were appreciated.

Dr. Otto Schuberth, Secretary of Education for the Southern European Division, with Mrs. Schuberth, attended the Teachers' Convention. Dr. Schuberth

spoke to the delegates on the importance of reaching our objectives in Christian education, by providing educational opportunity for every child and youth in our own school system. He emphasized the fact that we cannot hope to make much progress until all our people recognize the value of Christian education and become willing to make personal sacrifices to provide that training for their children.

The Secretary of Education for the Northern European Division, J. Alfred Simonsen, with Mrs. Simonsen, attended the Central European Division Teachers' Convention at Darmstadt, Germany, August 16th to 22nd. There were approximately 70 educational workers present. There are 320 students enrolled in the Marienhöhe Seminary, and it is reported that about 75 students are enrolled in the Friedensau Seminary. The work is onward in Germany. A large Colporteurs' Institute was closing when the Teachers' Convention opened. The colporteurs in Germany are experiencing a large measure of success. Let us remember Germany in our prayers, that the people who purchase the books may read and accept the message of salvation.

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