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# Poland Revisited

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BACK ROW: *Polish Union Officers.*

LEFT TO RIGHT: *J. Borody, Secretary. G. Baron, Vice-President, J. Zielinski, President, S. Dobrowski, Treasurer.*

FRONT ROW: *G. D. King, A. F. Tarr, G. A. Lindsay.*

WITH "Dzienkuje, Dzienkuje" (Thank you, Thank you), "Do widzenia, Do widzenia" (Good-bye, Good-bye) still ringing in our ears, we look through our plane window over the city of Warsaw and then down on the airport buildings immediately below us where an ardent group of workers and churchmembers are again warmly waving us their good-bye. We have spent the past four weeks in very close association with these people, and have been even more closely drawn together now than on our first visit nearly five months ago.

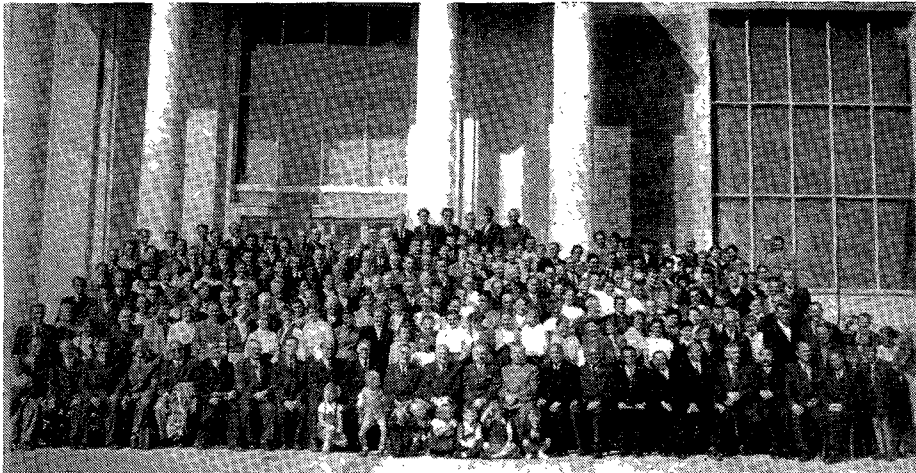
This second visit has come in fulfillment of a promise which the Government then made to us, that we might attend the union and local conference sessions which the brethren planned to hold during the months of August and September. These sessions have now all

been held. The last one—that of the East Polish Conference—ended in Warsaw last night. It was here, too, that our first gathering convened four weeks earlier, the quadrennial session of the Polish Union Conference. Well over 1,500 members attended that meeting over the week-end. The business portion of this meeting, on Thursday and Friday, was held in our own mission building which seats about 500. Here in this building sleeping accommodation (crowded it is true) was also found for 300 of our members. The Friday evening to Sunday meetings were held in the Calvinist Reform church which was filled to capacity with hundreds of additional chairs brought in, and still many members having to stand.

At the opening business session, fraternal greetings were read from Czecho-

slovakia, Rumania, and Russia, all evoking much enthusiasm and many amens from the congregation. Over the week-end we were happy to find that Brother T. Zigmund, the president of the Czechoslovakian Union was able to be with us. His message at the Saturday evening service on thankfulness was much appreciated by all.

Introducing his message, Pastor Zigmund repeated a question once asked him in the Prague University: "What contribution have Seventh-day Adventists made to the world?" To this he had replied, "They have raised the Bible from the dust and held it aloft before the world." It was good to be reminded again of the dominating place the Bible holds in the programme of Seventh-day Adventists in every land alike. It was good also to note the many Bible texts that Brother



Some of the delegates and members attending the West Polish Conference at Poznan.

Zigmund used in emphasizing the joy that marks the Christian's pathway even amid the apparently adverse circumstances of life.

Of the 126 delegates appointed to the union session, 122 responded to their names at the first meeting. Much of the business revolved around the election of the new officers, and probably no such meeting in the writer's recollection ever demonstrated such keen interest in the outcome. Nominations had had to be in the Government's hands some time prior to the date of the meeting.

The following were among the men elected to office:

- J. Zielinski ..... President.
- G. Baron ..... Vice-President.
- J. Borody ..... Secretary.
- S. Dabrowski ..... Treasurer.

Here at the Union Session, as at all of the gatherings in Poland, music was a most thrilling feature. Aside from the unforgettable congregational singing, choirs from many churches, orchestral music, a brass band, quartets, duets, and occasional solos, all had their share, and we were all inspired and blessed by every item.

On the first day of our stay in Warsaw, and again just before leaving, we were most courteously received by the Office of Religious Affairs. Much regarding our work was discussed, and a very understanding attitude was taken. Appreciation was expressed for what had been written on Poland after our last visit (*Review*

and *Herald*, May 30, 1957) which had come to the Department's attention. Our literature was read, the Vice-Director stated, not only because it was their official duty to read it, but also because of a personal interest.

The Vice-Director at our first visit hoped our coming union session would not meet like a parliament with two groups to argue, but rather as it was with the apostles at Pentecost, moved by the Holy Spirit. The Polish Union has many possibilities, he continued, much more than before the war. The Government, he assured us, was not against our having many baptisms and an enlarged membership. He hoped that we would improve the great possibilities for development. He assured us of his help in regard to securing Sabbath exemption from school for Seventh-day Adventist children. He had inquired into some of the cases where exemption had been sought, and had found that our children were most diligent in their work and he had been most happy to help them secure their exemption. He spoke of the great need to rebuild Poland after the hardships and ravages of war. He felt that our church also had a work to do in rebuilding its work. "We have our objectives," he said, "and you have yours." He hoped that our conference would be an epochal one, a conference marked by prayer, study, sermons, and oil that will heal all wounds. "We look to you [speaking now to those of us who were visitors] as the representatives of a great church."

An eight-hour journey took us from

Warsaw to Bielsko where the South Polish session convened. Strikingly decorating the walls of the hall rented for the gathering were large hand-painted charts vividly and colourfully depicting the seven trumpets, the seven churches, the 2,300 days and other important features of our teaching. For the Sabbath and Sunday services a group of fifty members crossed from Czechoslovakia to join us in our worship. It was a great inspiration to talk with them and to listen to their singing. Many were the questions they put to us regarding the denomination's attitude toward recent developments, and the progress our message is making in other lands. Christian education under present conditions was heavily on the hearts of many of the members.

As the Sabbath closed we heard from many lips, "This has been a wonderful day, the best Sabbath we have known in Poland for many years." Over 1,200 had attended that day, and the attendance on Sunday was scarcely less.

During one of the intermissions a conference worker brought several children to meet me. "These are my children from Krakow," he announced. "Your own children?" I asked. "My children in the church," he replied, as he proudly enfolded them all in his arms.

Elected to lead the South Polish Conference, where our work is strongest in Poland, were J. Lipski, president, and E. Niedoba, secretary.

A most profitable and enjoyable two days' workers' meeting at Kamienica followed the Bielsko conference. At the closing service, earnest, heart-moving testimonies of trust in God and in one another were rendered by every one of the workers, and an increased emphasis was placed on aggressive soul-winning activities.

The city of Poznan was the venue of the West Polish Conference session. Here we first met in the upstairs local church which accommodates probably 250 members. Over the week-end one of the Exhibition halls was used for the approximately 650 members then present. Here the same earnest, ardent devotion was manifest as at the former meetings.

Present at some of our meetings was Stefan Smyk, a district pastor from the USSR. "I bring you greetings from

Russia," he said. "Our spirit is with you. We also wait every day and every night for Christ to come. With John on Patmos we say, 'Come, Lord Jesus.' His coming is at the door." Many were the thrilling incidents Brother Smyk related of the progress the message is making in Russia today.

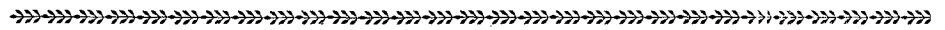
A Sabbath was spent by the writer in the manufacturing centre of Lodz. Here with eager anticipation the entire church gathered together in their upper room meeting place for morning and afternoon services. The lunch period was spent in the home of the local worker. His apartment (for himself and wife and child) was one of the six rooms at one time comprising the apartment of a single family. Now six families occupied these six rooms, and all shared the same bathroom, toilet, and kitchen. It was remarkable what a delightful dinner the worker's wife could cook in this kitchen which she shared with five other families, and how happily they—like so many others in Poland—could confine their needs in respect of dining room, bedroom, pantry, study, sitting room, work room, store room, all into one room.

While waiting for lunch I observed on the top of the wardrobe a model cross section of an attractive home, with bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, and dining room, all furnished and so very inviting. Was this placed there in the hope of its some day being realized, or was it a mere decoration? I did not dare ask. Housing is one of Poland's acutest problems, and it is remarkable how painstakingly the Government has gone about trying to solve it, and be fair to all.

Perhaps one of the most unforgettable experiences of all was the testimony service that marked the closing of the East Polish session in Warsaw last night. Workers and members united in recounting the providential deliverances that had been theirs through dark and difficult days. Some had been freed from internment camps when all hope seemed to have gone. One man's hair had already been shaved when he was suddenly told he could go. One ordained minister was three times in the line where every tenth man was to be shot. On the first occasion he was No. 3, and the second No. 7, and then No. 9. Miraculous answers

to prayer were rehearsed by all, and a new love for God and for the brethren was the expression of every heart in that service.

And now as we make our westward flight, we review in our minds the joys of the month spent in Poland. We think of the enthusiasm and love and gratitude of the probably over 3,000 members whom we met and talked with personally. We can still see their earnest faces and can hear the longings they expressed for the coming Kingdom. We again see some who, not having words to speak that we could understand, signified their good-bye by raising their hands upward, pointing to the heaven where we hoped some day to meet again.



## Your Help Is Requested

ANOTHER important book project, vital to our cause, is under way—the gathering of the testimony of religious leaders not only through the centuries past, but in our own day as well—who hold to the principle of the unconscious sleep of the dead, with immortality bestowed through Christ as a gift at the resurrection, and/or the ultimate destruction of the finally impenitent wicked.

As will readily be seen, this assemblage, when brought together in completed, logical, and winsome form, will prove to be of greatest value to us as a denomination, because of our own positions thereon. This fact is becoming conspicuously evident: We are not alone in this view. We have already found the writings of hundreds of others—many of them conspicuous, honoured, scholarly leaders—who have preceded us, or who so hold today. And they are scattered through all leading faiths, and over many lands. The significance and helpfulness of this testimony can readily be seen.

Unquestionably some of our workers, not only of North America, but in our overseas divisions, have or know of certain books, pamphlets, or periodical articles in our own day (or of the past) that might be secured, which set forth such positions—such as that of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. William

Only a few minutes ago the sixty to seventy who came to the airport to bid us a final farewell showered us again with the most exquisite flowers: roses, carnations, gladioli. They gave us parcels of fruit, sweets, biscuits, gifts we felt they could ill afford, but they wanted so much to express a surging gratitude for the contact again made with brothers from other lands—a contact that has been denied them and us for so many years. We thank our brethren and sisters of Poland for their love and their fellowship which as long as we live we shall never forget. We wish them one and all the continued providential blessings of God in their churches and homes and individual lives in the days that lie ahead.

Temple, Eric Lewis of Canada, the late Dr. Emmanuel Pétavel of Geneva, Prof. Gerardus van der Leeuw of the University of Gröningen, Dr. A. R. Vine, editor of the London *Congregational Quarterly*, Dr. Martin J. Heinecken, of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, and Daniel R. Davis, Anglican rector of St. Mary's in Britain.

We urgently need the names and writings of any well-known non-Adventist theologians, and Greek and Hebrew scholars, of the past or present, who have reached their conclusions on the basis of wide research and biblical evidence.

I am also very anxious to locate and secure Dr. Emmanuel Pétavel's *The Problem of Immortality*, English translation by F. A. Freer, 1892. This is particularly valuable to us. If you know of or find such materials, please do not send them on without first communicating with L. E. Froom, c/o General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington 12, D.C., U.S.A. In this way we will avoid duplication.

Your co-operation on this important project is earnestly solicited, and will be deeply appreciated.

LEROY EDWIN FROMM.

# The Call of the Niger

By G. M. Ellstrom, *President, West Nigeria*

**B**ETWEEN our East Nigerian and West Nigerian Missions lies a very large area that has still not been entered with the third angel's message. We have had many calls from different villages, but we are unable to help them. A few weeks ago we sent Pastor J. O. Olomjobi to visit some of these villages and the following is a partial report of his visit:

In the village of Aobai, eighty-one miles from Benin City, lives Joseph Idegbeso who was baptized in 1955 at our Ile-Ife Hospital. Since then he has returned to his home town, Aobai, with his family and the Gospel message. He is a young member and still needs much help, but he has six Sabbath school members now worshipping with him on the Sabbath day.

From the town of Ohanmi, also in the above section of our field, we have Mr. Idehai who is very interested in the faith. He first came in contact with the message in 1936, through Pastor Balogun, who has now been laid to rest from his labours. Mr. Idehai was then with the Nigerian police. A land dispute brought the pastor to Mr. Idehai. Through this contact Bible studies were held. He then went to the army and while there he got Miss Rosa Muder-spach's address through the newspaper and wrote for the book, *The Bible Made Plain*. Miss Muder-spach who was then a mission treasurer in Nigeria, sent him a good Christian letter and the book he requested, but he would not yet accept the Sabbath.

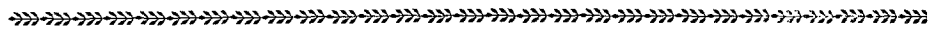
After being discharged from the army he worked for a while as a baker, then joined another Mission as a teacher and later as a travelling agent for their medical unit. During those years he met Evangelist Bolarin who gave him Bible studies. In asking his superintendent about the Sabbath question he was told that Saturday is the Bible Sabbath, but that men changed the rest day to Sunday.

He resigned then and went to Ondo where he was picked up again by the Government in 1952. Here he met Evan-

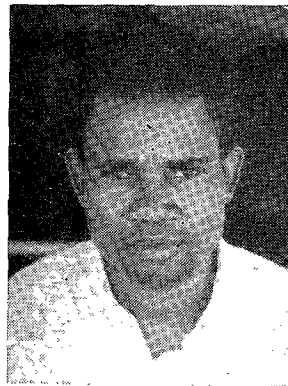
gelists Omoleye and Majolagbe. It seemed that he couldn't get away from this Sabbath truth. It always confronted him and he finally resolved to keep it according to the commandment of God. He resigned from Government work and returned to his home town of Ohanmi. He has now been keeping the Sabbath about a year, and has also accepted the truth concerning the tithe. He has organized a Sabbath school and ten villagers come to worship with him. Mr. Idehai is a linguist, speaking at least six African languages as well as English. This man can be of great help in preaching the message to his own people over near the

Niger. What shall we do for this town of Ohanmi, where there are 1,000 people, none of whom are either Moslems or Christians? Who will take the message to the 1,000 pagans of this village, plus the thousands of pagans in the surrounding villages?

From Usonigbe town comes the word from one who is interested: "The church-members we have are up to fifty in number. We want to affiliate this church to your own." This is another town in the Benin Province. From Benin City itself come also requests to establish a church and send an evangelist. This large area on the west side of the Niger river is open to the third angel's message, and now is the time to enter. Let's strike it hard with all the forces we can muster, expecting great things, and God will help us to reap a large harvest.



## Literature Evangelists in West Nigeria



*Hope I. C. Oriaku, Publishing Secretary, West Nigerian Mission.*

Now our sons are realizing that it is really God's special means of service to prepare His remnant flock to meet Jesus. This ministry will continue even when the spoken ministry ceases. Therefore we are sure that the literature programme will continue to go forward with increasing success until the end of time.

Recently we were glad to see one of our prospects, Mr. Lewis, baptized by our union evangelist, Pastor C. D. Henri, in Lagos.

One of our literature evangelists, Brother Oshundale, writes: "I was canvassing a group of marine employees at the beach in Lagos. Two men were very interested and one ordered a health book. However, when the religious message was introduced, one refused to listen, for he regarded himself as a 'freeman.' Later I met this man again, and discovered he was attending Pastor Henri's Bible lectures, and that his wife was a good Adventist. The man was a Catholic but was very interested in his wife's religion. He was not then aware that I was an Adventist, but remarked that if he should be interested in any religious book, it would be a Seventh-day Adventist's book."

**T**HE SUCCESS of the literature ministry in West Nigeria is established beyond doubt. The number of our literature workers has increased by over fifty per cent this year, and we are happy to relate that by God's grace we have accomplished in sales the first half of this year, what has taken us a whole year to do in the past.

In our field the brethren are now realizing the true importance of literature evangelism, whereas in the past it has been regarded as a "hard trade."

There was rejoicing as Mr. Vincent Anazonwu purchased *God's Answers*, and discovered that I was an Adventist colporteur. Today this good man is faithfully attending Sabbath school with his family, and we are looking forward to his baptism.

However, there are some who, though convinced, are not yet ready to step out. One Anglican pastor at Abeokuta purchased *These Day of Destiny*, and *God's Answers*, and remarked later to our colporteur, "Your teachings are true, but

as a minister of another denomination, I cannot leave my ministry and join your church."

From our understanding of the Spirit of prophecy, many at the time of the end, will step out of their churches after reading our message, and join the remnant people. Let us, dear readers, join with the army of bookmen, and hasten to warn the waiting millions that probation is fast closing, and that it is now time to be ready to meet Jesus. Pray for us here in West Nigeria.

<i>Worth Literature Delivered</i>	
1951 .....	£1,117. 16s. 5d.
1952 .....	£2,627. 0s. 11d.
1953 .....	£2,472. 5s. 0d.
	(This fall was due to fewer colporteurs.)
1954 .....	£3,411. 1s. 1d.
1955 .....	£5,296. 6s. 2d.
1956 .....	£6,327. 12s. 6d.
First 8 months of	
1957 .....	£4,104. 17s. 6d.
	(On the march to £7,000.)

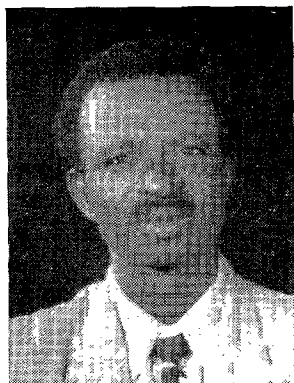
The good work of Pastor Chappell and Mr. Brown, my two trainers, remains indelibly in the hearts of the members of our constituency. During the early stages of this work it was difficult to get men who could canvass successfully, but now we have young men volunteering to go out canvassing, with the limited education they have received—none of them has been to a college or a high school, yet they have laboured valiantly and the Lord is using them as a medium for converting souls. And still, almost every day, we receive applications in the office from young men, many of them teenagers, who wish to enlist in the colporteur ministry. But, sad to say, in many cases we have had to refuse their applications because our territory though so large, has already been manned by more than enough colporteurs.

I do not rejoice because of the books we have so far sold, but I rejoice because of the books that we have been able to place in hundreds of homes in East Nigeria. Many have been converted through this medium. Most of the denominations other than ours now read our books here, and they read them because they have learned to love them.

Let me tell you a short story about a minister of another denomination who bought books valued at £14. 10s. This is just one instance. He paid cash up to about £10 and remitted the balance later on. This man is not a man of substance, but he just loved our books. Even Catholics here now buy and read our books.

Brethren, due to these wonderful incidents taking place in these days, I am convinced that it is through the colporteurs that God will finish His work, for we know not how far-reaching their ministry is.

## East Nigerian Bookmen March On!



S. A. IHEMEJE, Publishing Secretary, East Nigerian Mission.

WHEN a railway train leaves the station, it does not speed up immediately, but little by little it begins to gain impetus until it passes the station. So is the beginning of the colporteur work in East Nigeria. Colporteur work started here over thirty years ago. It was started by our devout evangelists and school teachers—this was the time of Pastor J. Clifford, the pioneer of the Advent message in East Nigeria. At this time the writer had not become an adherent to the message, but I saw those good colporteur evangelists visiting people in their homes, selling shilling books, such as *Steps to Christ* and *The Bible Made Plain* which was later translated into the Ibo Language as *Ibe Si N'ak-wukwo Nso*.

After some time when many began to

respond to the call of the colporteur ministry, a separate department was organized. This was about the time when the late Pastor A. W. Cook was commissioned to direct the colporteur work throughout West Africa. He visited Aba and recruited some young men who enlisted in the canvassing work.

Within a short time of Pastor Cook's work in West Africa he was called back to England. This left the work to dwindle under the leadership of some African worker at the time. Almost all the colporteurs left the field of work, and yet some remained steadfast, and the work moved on slowly.

In 1951 Brother Edson L. Brown of Jamaica was sent from the West African Union in order to stir up the work in our field. This man gathered a handful of young men, trained them, and sent them forth into the field to labour. The work now began to progress by leaps and bounds with the aid of our friend and comrade, Pastor Derwood L. Chappell. He has made the colporteur work what it is today in West Africa. It was just about that time that I was called away from evangelistic work in my district to join the publishing work of our field. No sooner did I join the publishing work than Brother Brown was taken away from me, leaving me with little experience to lead our colporteurs. However, the Lord continued to guide, and I wish to give a little picture of the growth of our work since then:



*The Hon. J. H. Allassani, Minister of Health for Ghana, cutting the tape at the official opening of the Kwahu Hospital on July 28th at which Government and Mission representatives were present.*

## *Kwahu Hospital Officially Opened*

*By L. Acton-Hubbard, Director of Nursing Services*

THE OLD, old man stirred uneasily in his bed as the ward lights were switched on. In his day he had witnessed many things, for was he not indeed full of years?

Over fifty years ago he was a full-blooded young warrior when Queen Asantewa laid siege to Kumasi. He had with his own hands helped to lay the first railway from Accra to Kumasi. He had felt the earth shake and heave in the great earthquake almost twenty years ago.

Oh, yes, he had seen many things, strange things, wonderful things, some things that could never be told!

Here was another wonderful thing. He wakes and immediately it is light. Light has appeared in the darkness. No gradual change from black to grey, then grey to the white light of dawning. Why should anyone wish to hasten the dawning of this day, this Sunday, the 28th of July, 1957? This was a special day, the day when

the hospital in which he was lying, although fully operative for two years, was to be officially opened.

The hospital was not to be opened by a white-uniformed, plumed, and be-medalled pale-skinned man from beyond the seas, but by one of his own countrymen, the Hon. J. H. Allassani, Minister of Health for Ghana. In his extreme years this old man was to see a son of his own country taking his place as one of the leaders of this new, young nation, making history by opening the Kwahu Hospital in Atibie.

Electricity was essential as preparations were early afoot for the great occasion. The final touches are always needful, especially in a busy hospital. There were beds to be made, dressings to be completed on time, medicines and injections to be administered, and then the dusting and tidying in preparation for the reception of the guests.

At 7 a.m. sharp we all ceased a

moment from our busy preparations and gathered in the out-patients' department for a special morning worship. We met to ask God that He would work a miracle on our behalf. In the time of the heaviest rains, would He send the sun to bless this special day? Having prayed thus we completed the out-of-doors arrangements in faith. Chairs were arranged and areas marked off for the reception of the dignitaries and chiefs.

Pastor E. Keslake, up from Accra, went to work with tape desk, much wire and loud speakers to complete the arrangements of the public address system. At last everything was in readiness. The medical director could be seen casting a critical eye over the accommodation prepared for the guests and the hospital at large.

The old man turned his lined and weathered face toward the window. Could this be so? But a moment ago it seemed the sound of rain upon the pan roofing beat into his ears. Now the clouds parted, a streak of blue sky, and then at last the sun for the first time in almost two months! Our prayers were heard, the miracle wrought, the sun shone in all its brilliance upon Kwahu Hospital.

At 11.30 a.m. a group of male nurses, neatly dressed in khaki trousers and white shirts could be seen with programmes and place reservations, conducting the arriving guests to their seats. Church dignitaries from other missions, representatives from local Government business concerns and development projects all came to grace the occasion. Shall we ever forget the arrival of the various chiefs with their retinues and their colourful umbrellas?

Representatives from the Ghana radio, the information services and the press were already upon the scene arranging interviews, sound casts, and photographs when the gates swung open as the Minister of Health and his party arrived in their cars. The cars came to a halt in the flag and bunting bedecked area before the steps of the administration building. The platform party led by the chairman of the hospital board, Pastor H. J. Welch, president of the West African Union, descended the steps to meet the Minister and his associates. There was much cordiality as the intro-

ductions were made. The group moved across the area to salute the visiting chiefs who, resplendent in ceremonial dress, carrying their various badges of office, and complete with retinue and drummers, had come to witness and to wish us well on this historic occasion.

Dr. J. Ashford Hyde, the medical director, made the opening speech of welcome. The old, old man did not need to cup his ears to hear as the public address system carried his message loud and clear to the group of over one thousand who had gathered before the administration building.

The chairman of the board, Pastor Welch, president of the West African Union, addressed the assembly outlining the history of the hospital, its progress, development, and plans for the future. Mention was made of the newest department, the department of physical medicine, which for a three month period is to be staffed by the much experienced Mr. Markur Henriksen from Skodsborg Sanitarium, Denmark. It was made clear that in this field Adventist medicine leads the world, and that this unit is the only one of its kind in Ghana, possibly in the whole of West Africa.

Pastor G. D. King then reminded all present that the work of healing as carried out by Seventh-day Adventists is not alone interested in the body of man but also in his soul and that in doing our work at Kwahu a complete ministry of healing would be conducted. In closing, he addressed the Minister of Health with these words: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

The Minister was then invited to open the hospital by cutting the white tape. To this end he was presented with a pair of Mayo's surgical scissors, in a gleaming stainless steel receiver, by Nurse Dora Aparenteng. The short ceremony over, the Minister received at the hands of Pastor King a copy of the book, *The Ministry of Healing*, which he said he would be happy to read.

Speaking for the Government, the Hon. Allassani praised the work of the hospital, its medical director, and staff. He spoke of the wholesome impression

made on the people of this area by this institution and hoped it would long continue as a hospital and a training school for nurses. He also praised the excellent co-operation which existed between the Government, the hospital board, and the mission. After signing the visitors' book, the Minister in company with Dr. Ashford Hyde and the hospital board moved off on a tour of inspection.

At this stage in the proceedings, the old, old man was seen to slip back into his corner bed. A nurse arranged his pillows neatly and comfortably as he prepared to greet the distinguished visitors, for you see, his bed was number one just inside the door.

Visitors filled the classroom, attending impromptu anatomy lessons given by two students who demonstrated the skeleton models and charts. Visitors thronged the operating theatre gazing with awe on the shining armamentarium of the surgeons. They thronged the X-ray Department, many desiring to be photographed. They moved in long columns through the wards saluting the patients and passing out words of cheer.

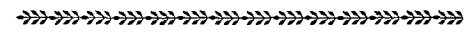
The tour of the hospital complete, the distinguished visitors proceeded to an excellent buffet luncheon, beautifully laid out by Mrs. J. Ashford Hyde. At the luncheon, the Minister was introduced to the various members of the staff and seemed much at home as he moved from one group to another expressing his satisfaction with all that he found in his tour of the institution. As parting gestures were made, he seemed almost reluctant to leave, but go he must, for, as he said to one staff member, "There is a great deal of work in running the Ministry of Health."

Final photographs, a last word to the hospital board and staff, a word to the press, leave taking of the chiefs and to the sound of drumming, his car sped through the gates toward Accra.

The guests and visitors had all left, the common round again began, the evening shadows lengthened and a steady light rain fell once more upon the pan roofs. The old man settled lower in his corner bed. A last look around the now quiet ward, a closing of the eyes, the chin drooped a little lower and a deep sleep came upon the old, old man. In

his great age he had witnessed yet another wonderful day.

Yes, on that 28th day of July, Kwahu Hospital was officially announced "open." God in His goodness gave us a day blessed with warm sunshine. How our hearts responded to His wonderful care, pen can never express. As you read this account of our "special day," will you not breathe a prayer that the sunlight of God's love will never be lifted from Kwahu Hospital, its staff, and its patients?



## *To Our Friends in the Northern European Division*

THE season's greetings to our friends and fellow believers in the Northern European Division. We wish for all, the rich blessing of God in the coming Christmas season and prosperity and happiness in all the activities of the new year.

We are now happily settled in a comfortable and modern home close to the Warburton Sanitarium and Hospital where I am serving as chaplain. Warburton is a delightful place in which to live surrounded as it is by lovely hills and mountains between which runs a sparkling river wending its way to the sea via the city of Melbourne. Among our patients are many who formerly lived in Europe. Some of these know of our medical work in Skodsborg, Berlin, and other places. Only yesterday a lady told me of a visit she and her family had recently made to Norway. The husband met with an accident while on an outing. On returning to the hotel the manager advised the injured man to seek the help of "the Seventh-day Adventist doctor who is the best in this town."

In addition to the Sanitarium we have in Warburton a large publishing house and health food factory. The church membership is approximately five hundred. In these happy and pleasant surroundings we are privileged to share with fellow workers around the world the task of striving to hasten the coming of the Master.

E. B. and S. E. RUDGE.

# NEWS FLASH

NEWBOLD MISSIONARY COLLEGE, our Division senior college, made an auspicious beginning to the 1957/58 school year. The splendid new administration building has been completed, and in the opinion of many who have seen this addition to the College campus and have travelled in distant countries, it is one of the finest administration blocks in the service of our denominational educational programme. Elder R. W. Olson, president of the College, reports that for the present school year twenty-five countries, speaking sixteen languages, are represented in the school enrolment. Many of the students taking advantage of the fine opportunities presented by Newbold College come to school from territory stretching far beyond the confines of the Northern European Division. Students from North America are represented in the enrolment this year. Very early in the school year the College was greatly blessed through the ministry of Elder Leslie Hardinge, a graduate of Newbold College and evangelistic worker in the British Union. Being a professor from Washington Missionary College, with which Newbold is now affiliated, his contact with the school was particularly helpful.

The Division Committee is convening for its year-end meeting in England November 6th-13th. Representatives will be in attendance from all parts of the Division, including our two mission unions, Ethiopia and West Africa. In these fields great developments are taking place, and during this past year Ethiopia has experienced the largest number of baptisms ever reported. The Division is greatly looking forward to the ministry of Elders H. L. Rudy and J. I. Robison of the General Conference, who are voted to be with us for this important committee session. Both these brethren have formerly served within the Division territory, and their counsel and ministry, we know, will be a source of great strength and blessing to the field.

Elder C. E. Guenther, associate secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, has been a welcome visitor in the Northern European Division territory during recent weeks,

and most inspiring laymen's congresses have been conducted in each of the home unions of the Division, in association with Pastor E. W. Pedersen, Home Missionary Secretary of the Division. The reports coming from these congresses indicate that the laymen's evangelistic movement has received great impetus.

During the month of November the West African Union will be blessed by a visit from Dr. T. R. Flaiz of the General Conference Medical Department. Our medical ministry throughout the West African Union has during recent years leapt forward with most encouraging impetus. The governments in West Africa today are deeply conscious of the need for community education in sound health principles, and there is a deep desire to meet the needs of the people with modern methods of medicine. Consequently, our health work stands in great favour with the government officials, and in spite of the difficulty in securing trained personnel from the home fields, these are days when great expansion in our medical witness should be realized.

Elder J. M. Bucy, who has enthusiastically taken hold of the Publishing Department here in the Division, has recently conducted a quarterly training class in the British Union, and a colporteur institute in the Netherland Union. His forward-looking programme will undoubtedly bring great impetus to this important phase of our evangelistic witness throughout the Division territory.

A letter from Pastor J. Borody, newly appointed secretary of the Polish Union, indicates that since the recent visit of the Division officers the work in Poland is being stabilized and a spirit of fellowship and confidence is being maintained. In spite of the perplexities which always face the leaders of God's cause, our brethren in Poland are moving forward with their planning for winter evangelistic campaigns, and while the method of public presentation, the door-to-door visitation in harmony with the apostolic pattern is full of great possibilities in souls won to the message. There is every indication that the Advent church in Poland is moving forward under the leading and blessing of God.

Recent missionary arrivals in the homeland are as follows: Pastor and Mrs. H. S. Pearce and family, returning from Ghana to England; Mr. and Mrs. J. Wolfe and son, returning from East Nigeria to Scotland; Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Hyde, returning from North Nigeria to England; and Miss Dorothy Rudisaile returning from Ethiopia to the United States.

Recent missionary appointments include Miss Mirette Kammerer of Switzerland, now resident in London, appointed to nursing service in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Mr. and Mrs. Leif S. Jensen of Skodsborg, under call from the General Conference appointed to hospital service in Baghdad, Iraq; and Mr. and Mrs. T. S. F. Edwards of England, under call from the General Conference appointed to service in the dental clinic at Trinidad, West Indies.

Evangelistic reports from the British Union indicate that an excellent beginning was made in the pioneer campaign in the university city of Oxford, the evangelistic team being led by Pastor S. G. Hyde, an evangelist of long experience in pioneer campaigns. The evangelistic campaign in the city of Manchester, led by Pastor Kenneth Lacey, reported a most encouraging beginning on October 19th, a deeply interested audience of about 800 being in attendance, and 330 names being received for literature. At the New Gallery, Pastor E. J. Folkenberg continues to hold a most interested audience week by week, and the number of baptisms reported from the New Gallery during this present year indicates that 1957 will be a most encouraging and profitable year in evangelistic witness at the New Gallery Centre.

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