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New Gallery Fellowship Day

By J. M. Bucy

A HIGH DAY

SABBATH, November 9th, was Fellowship Day at the beautiful New Gallery Evangelistic Centre in the heart of London. The Northern European Division leaders and their guests paused in their Committee session to join the churchmembers of London and its environs in a high day of worship and fellowship. The attendance was excellent for all of the meetings. The spirit of advancing missions permeated the air everywhere.

How happy everyone was to hear again of the plans to erect a chapel for Greenland. Yes, Seventh-day Adventists everywhere can express the joy of their hearts as they sing with new fervour that beautiful old hymn written back in the eighteenth century: "From Greenland's icy mountains, from India's coral strand, . . . they call us to deliver their land from error's chain."

Our work began in Greenland in 1954 and today we rejoice as we witness the progress of the message in this far-away place. Surely, ere long, this work will have reached earth's remotest bounds and the last soul susceptible to the soul-saving advent message of truth will have been gathered in.

SABBATH CHALLENGE

During the model Sabbath school and mission service conducted by M. E. Lind, the Division Sabbath School secretary, everyone actively participated in the review and the lesson study. Then came the gripping story of deliverance from fetish worship. Miss Amy Horder, a nurse from our Kwahu Hospital in Ghana, told of a woman delivered from heathen worship and a serious physical condition through prayer and loving medical ministry. Truly a remarkable mission story with a happy ending!

All seemed to enjoy so much the vocal and instrumental numbers presented by the students of Newbold College. Another little touch of mission life was added when Newbold students clad in native dress representing the four missions to which the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow will go, appeared on the platform. As one by one they approached, Sister M. Brailsford enthusiastically recited a poem appropriately written by S. Combridge especially for the occasion, depicting the great need for a chapel in Greenland, a college dormitory for Norway, mission headquarters in Liberia, and a new mission station and clinic for Southern Ethiopia.

So impressed and inspired were the hearts of the people that a great, harmonious chorus of voices echoed overhead as all joined in singing the closing Sabbath school hymn: "O Master, let me walk with Thee."

THE GREAT INVITATION

H. L. Rudy, General Conference Vice-president, was the guest speaker at the morning worship hour. His topic was the great invitation which is to go to all men: "The Spirit and the bride say, Come." Rev. 22:17. He showed the large congregation that two earlier references in the same chapter remind saint and sinner that, "I come quickly." Rev. 22:7, 12. Pastor Rudy re-emphasized the fact that the utterance of the Spirit is the invitation to "come."

What is the Church? Who is the Bride? When is the Marriage Feast of the Lamb to take place? are some of the questions which were answered from the Holy Word. The audience listened intently as the Bible was used to make plain the fact that despite blemishes, faults, yes, and the sin now in human hearts, the day is near when the Church as the Bride will be prepared for the Bridegroom. Then the Church will appear clothed in white raiment "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing." "Oh," said Pastor Rudy, "I bring you one appeal today and that is to 'awake' and 'put on thy beautiful garments.' Isa.

52:1. 'The Lord is at hand,' 'the Judge standeth before the door,' 'the Spirit and the bride say, Come.' "

AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Again, as a large number of believers gathered for the first meeting of the afternoon, J. I. Robison, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, who along with H. L. Rudy had spent a number of years serving in different parts of Europe, led out in the study. For his text Pastor Robison used Luke 18:8: "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?"

The shocking, sinful condition of man, the ebbing faith of the masses and the great lawlessness prevalent everywhere were clearly portrayed by Pastor Robison. He said: "We as God's people must present the Three Angels' Messages in order that God might separate to Himself a faithful, happy people, who in the Bible are called a Remnant." In vision the Revelator saw the remnant at the close of the preaching of the messages of these three angels. It was said of the remnant: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12. "Yes," said Pastor Robison, "Jesus would find faith among the ransomed when He returns to earth the second time, because the Bible makes this so clear."

THE GRAND CLIMAX

The feast of good things on Fellow-

ship Day came to a close with an outstanding missions presentation. The Division president, A. F. Tarr, with mission union presidents, Axel Varmer from Ethiopia, and H. J. Welch from West Africa, presented interesting side-lights from the lands which will benefit by the overflow offering on the Thirteenth Sabbath. G. D. King, secretary of the Division, with J. A. Simonsen, E. W. Pedersen, and A. Karlman also took part in the programme.

Students from East and West Africa and Poland, who are studying at Newbold College, helped to dramatize a beautiful picture of the progress of missions in these lands. There were also Kodachrome slides indicating this progress and also revealing some of the sheer beauty of East and West Africa provided by nature for man's aesthetic sense.

The African students, dressed in their native costume, told how the call of God came to them over in Africa. Pastor Tarr emphasized again and again the opportunities before us and the need to advance. The importance of Christian education and the preparation needed to do the work before us in these lands were both stressed. Then Pastor Tarr and a Polish student told of the work in Poland. Although the brethren there must work under difficult circumstances, the Advent message is going forward. The church is growing and the brethren

are proving faithful to their challenging task.

Last on the programme was the account of Pastor Tarr's trip to Greenland and the story of the chapel which is about to be built. The audience sat spell-bound as they heard of the great icy mountains of Greenland and the treacherous icebergs one encounters on a trip to this remote place. Strangely enough, we learned that the sea delivers many of these icebergs to the villages along the coast and they to a large degree constitute the fresh water supply of these villages. We heard of the ferocious sledge dogs capable of attacking and killing human beings. But the best part was the heart-warming news of the new chapel soon to be erected on the west coast of Greenland as a great Adventist beacon light on that far-away island.

As the last meeting drew to its close, it was very apparent that the hearts of our people had been reached and deeply impressed. Surely our faithful believers will demonstrate their confidence in Adventist missions anew as they prepare to give to advance the work in these distant places on this coming Thirteenth Sabbath. Just so surely will the work be finished in the earth and soon the glad cry of a completed task reach our ears from the East and West, from the North and the South, and then Jesus will come to take His faithful children home.

A Board Member's Impressions of Newbold Missionary College

ON SEVERAL occasions in past years it has been my privilege to visit Newbold Missionary College. Always I have been impressed with the good Christian spirit of the College, and even a bit intrigued by the old-world cultural atmosphere of the former classroom building known as Moor Close. Unfortunately, while artistic and cultural in its architecture, this building left much to be desired as regards its fitness for modern educational procedures. Knowing that a new modern classroom and office block had been completed, I was particularly

anxious to visit the College again. So when Dr. Robert Olson, the principal, invited me to come to talk on missions on Friday night, November 8th, I was pleased to accept the invitation.

As in the past, the missionary spirit of the College was very much manifest. An active Foreign Mission Band led by Dan Dare, a student from Nigeria, was in charge of the Friday night programme. Great interest was shown in the mission programme, and many students approached me afterward inquiring about the possibilities of mission service. At

the time of the Board meeting, the following week, a call was made for those who were interested in the ministry or in Bible work to stand. It seemed that the greater part of the student body expect to enter some kind of direct soul-winning service in the Seventh-day Adventist organization. What a wonderful blessing these earnest young people, trained by a capable and consecrated staff of teachers, will be to the work of God in the Northern European Division.

The new building is an educator's dream. It is well planned for its purpose, modern in design and yet not over modernistic in architecture so as to seem out of place in its surroundings. Its decoration and furnishings are attractive and conducive to high standards academically. The library and classrooms are



Newbold Missionary College Board members with General Conference guests, H. L. Rudy and J. I. Robison, in session in November, 1957.

well lighted and pleasant. The blackboards and furniture are adequate and well arranged. Offices are conveniently located. In the library I saw one of the most attractive large world globes I have ever seen. It is electrically lit so that all geographical features stand out in bold relief as it slowly turns on its axis. A member of the staff said: "We like to think of it as our missionary globe, for it constantly reminds us of the great missionary task of evangelizing the world."

The large assembly room or chapel is a lovely room for worship and other school functions. The beautiful electric organ adds a touch of dignity and worship to the services held there. We are told that already some of the good people in the community outside the school are finding the new assembly hall a desirable place to come for concerts and other services, and some thus attracted have come in for Sabbath services also. We trust that it may thus be the means of bringing some to a knowledge of God's truth as well as deepening the spiritual life of our own Adventist young men and women.

Attendance at Newbold should be a very broadening experience, for the one hundred and forty students represent over twenty-five different countries and, like

the Northern European Division, are actually "from the Arctic to the Equator." There are students from Iceland, Finland, and West Africa. One young lady told me that her home was in the United States. Others again come from such widely separated lands as Poland, Lebanon, New Zealand, Jamaica, and Yugoslavia. Certainly under the guidance of wise and deeply spiritual teachers, and in fellowship with Advent youth from so many lands, the students have a wonderful opportunity to develop a broad and sympathetic cultural background, as well as an intellectual and spiritual fitness for the world-wide task of Seventh-day Adventists.

We saw much evidence, both in our visits with students and teachers, and in the counsels of the College Board, that Principal Olson and his staff are greatly strengthening the academic standards of the school. One student said: "In this new building we feel like studying." The affiliation with Washington Missionary College has no doubt been of great value in this respect.

We came away from Newbold Missionary College most grateful that our youth have such a good school in which they can train for service. Certainly we

in the field must give every support we can to the work there. We pray that God will continue to bless this good school and its Christian teachers and students.

H. J. WELCH,

President, West African Union Mission.

Netherland Union News

By F. J. Voorthuis, *President*

THE membership of the Netherland Union now stands at 2,496. During the past four quarters 258 members have been added to the church and the tithe shows an increase of fourteen per cent over 1956.

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The Ingathering for 1957 is the highest ever. A grand total of f55,000 is anticipated. This has involved the selling of 100,000 Ingathering magazines by our faithful brethren and sisters.

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In November a Laymen's Convention was held in Utrecht with about 100 delegates in attendance. The guest speakers were C. E. Guenther of the General Conference and E. W. Pedersen of the Division. Great inspiration was received and much progress is expected to be made during 1958 as a result of the Convention.

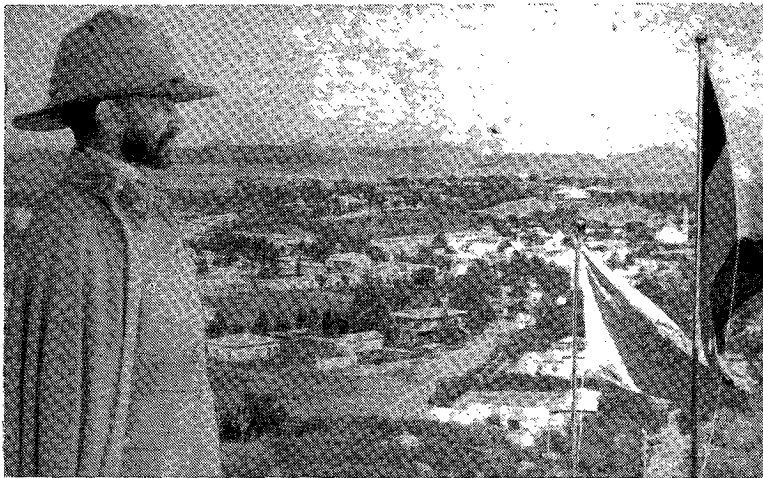
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The Voice of Prophecy Department is making good progress. During 1957 there have been 3,182 new applications, and gifts have realized f5,018.05. At present there are 1,367 active students and 162 finished the course during 1957; 237 names have been passed on to the field for visiting, and 1957 saw the baptism of thirty-one students.

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For eight years now the Voice of Hope, the Dutch radio programme, has been broadcast each week by Radio Luxembourg on Sunday mornings at 8 a.m. The radio listeners are the best students of our Bible Correspondence Course.

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His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie, looks toward the south of his great country, where he hopes we will soon establish a hospital with his help.

Our Mission Work in Ethiopia

By Axel Varmer, President

OUR members in the Northern European Division are comparatively well acquainted with our mission work in the Ethiopian Union. The home field is well represented among our workers inasmuch as we have workers from England and the four Scandinavian countries besides a number from America. We have at present, 36 workers and 18 wives from overseas, spread over Ethiopia, and about 150 national workers. We are operating four hospitals, three clinics, and eleven schools. About 1,000 children and young people attend our schools, and our hospitals and clinics treat many, many thousands of sick people every year. We have a very self-sacrificing group of doctors and nurses. In spite of the fact that they often overwork in taking care of the sick, they take time to help and guide the patients in their spiritual need, and take part in evangelism, and in conducting branch Sabbath schools.

There is a fine little printing press at our headquarters in Addis Ababa. About nine men work in the shop under the

leadership of W. S. Jensen. A few weeks ago 10,000 *Steps to Christ* were made ready for sale and distribution, and at present we are printing 20,000 of a tract series each consisting of twenty-two tracts. We are really happy that in the near future we can distribute these half million tracts in the vicinity of our mission stations. Many people are literate and eager to get hold of reading material. At present we have only three colporteurs working around Debre Tabor, but we sincerely hope that in the near future we can train more literature evangelists in spite of all the obstacles we must overcome.

The Bible Correspondence School has been in operation for five or six years and has brought a number of souls to accept the message. Let me record a few of God's wonderful leadings.

In the province of Harar where we do not have a single worker, clinic, or school, two men working on the railway listened to a religious broadcast, but instead of writing to the address advertised over the radio, they wrote to our

Bible Correspondence School. They studied some lessons, and our Bible School leader visited them and gave them twenty-five lessons to distribute among others. In the beginning they thought the lessons came from the other denomination, but our brother explained to them their mistake and now they praise God for the truth that came to them through a mistake.

In the city of Harar, in the Harar province, the Government has two night schools; a Teacher Training College and an Agricultural College. In these two schools we have about twenty-five young Adventists studying, and a number of other students have taken our Bible Correspondence Course and are interested in our message. Each Sabbath they come together to study the Sabbath school lesson, but sometimes they have to go out into the woods. They need a little place where they can have regular Sabbath meetings, when a number of their fellow students would gladly join them.

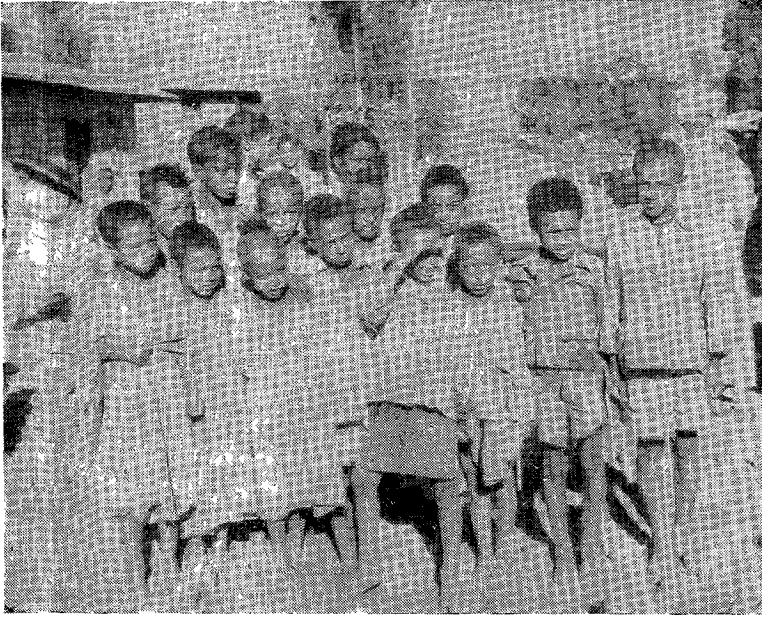
Carsten Johnston, a teacher from Norway, has been teaching psychology from the writings of Mrs. E. G. White. Two weeks ago Ato Alula had Sabbath school with more than twenty present and the Sabbath school offering amounted to \$20.

There are also two Coptic priests in the Agricultural College and in the Teacher Training College who are teaching religion. They have both studied our message, and are teaching Adventist doctrines in their classes. They are very friendly to our young men.

One Sunday morning there was a knock at my office door and a man of about forty greeted me very respectfully as is the Ethiopian custom. This man is the only baptized member from a district far north. He also found the truth in a remarkable way. A man in his village had a copy of *Christ Our Saviour*. Our brother, whose name is Alaka, visited this man, and they talked together about religion. The man said, "If you want to join the true church you must join the



A few of the fine Ethiopian women who have become interested and are attending our meetings.



Ethiopian children from the village of Debre Tabor who clamour for education.

Adventist church. They keep the true Sabbath." Then both enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course and Alaka accepted the message. He is a teacher in the Government school and has worked for others, so that there are now about twenty families who keep the Sabbath and meet together. This district is strictly Coptic, and our people meet much opposition and are often threatened by the villagers.

The leper colony outside Addis Ababa has 1,200 lepers in it. It made a deep impression on my mind when I went through the poor shacks and huts and saw the many sick people whose bodies were terribly disfigured by leprosy. About 100 of these sick people have studied our Bible lessons and some are preparing for baptism. We have distributed a number of Bibles and *Steps to Christ* among them, and are planning to find a place where we can conduct regular meetings for them.

And then we have Yegzaw Meshesha. I met him up at Debre Tabor. He is also an example of how the Spirit of the Lord works on the hearts of men all over the world and should cause us to "cast our bread upon the water" wherever we have an opportunity—yes, in season and out of season. Yegzaw heard about the truth more than ten years before the Italian war. Five months ago he came to Debre Tabor and was baptized, and went back to witness for his people and sell *Steps*

to Christ as one of our first colporteurs. On his way back he met twenty-two shifters who asked him where he came from. He told them that he belonged to the mission. "Oh," they said, "the mission has good people and you look like a mission man."

SOUTH ETHIOPIA

You have heard about the extensive awakening in South Ethiopia in the Arussie and Sidamo provinces. Follow me down to Abunsa. It is a beautiful, mountainous country which reminds one of Switzerland. The straw-thatched huts are usually beautifully located among banana groves and cornfields. The people are quite primitive, but very kind and polite. If you greet the children, they will throw themselves on the ground and kiss your shoes.

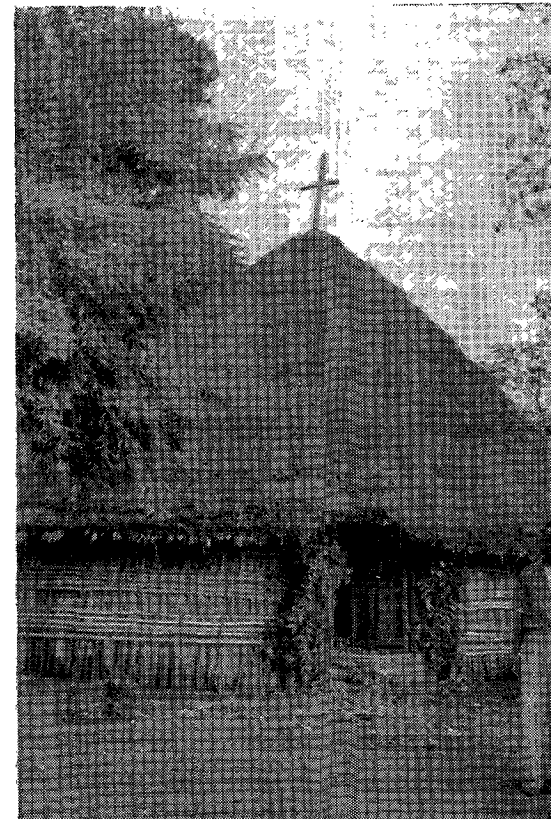
In one place in a very attractive enclosure, our members have built a church and a school hut, and we are planning to build a little headquarters here for a European family. A boy only seventeen years old was teaching 100 children all by himself. He receives no salary, but gets his food in the homes of our members. Now Tadeke is at our Training School in Kuyera, and as yet we have not been able to find another teacher to replace him.

One of the beautiful little churches in South Ethiopia which can seat over 100 believers.

From Abunsa we went to Sacki, where we have another school, and where one of our ordained Ethiopian ministers lives. The mission has built a fine house for him and his family. About ninety children attend the four grade school with three teachers. In the coming months a church building will be erected with a seating capacity (on the floor, of course), for 400 people.

It was a thrilling and heartfelt experience for me as a newcomer, to preach to about 350 men, women, and children at the Sabbath service, and after the service to walk down the mountain-side along winding narrow lanes to the river and hot springs. Three of us stood in the river for more than an hour, and baptized 144 new members. Coming up out of the water many of the people looked so happy and joyful. Then we all climbed the mountains again and continued our meetings. First we organized a new church, the first one in this province, and then we celebrated the Lord's Supper. When the sun set behind the mountains we could all praise the Lord for a most wonderful and perfect Sabbath.

We now have around 370 baptized members in this area and about 500 more are keeping the Sabbath. Brother Negarie, our ordained minister, cannot in any way keep up with all the calls that come



to him from far and near, and cannot find time to answer all their many questions regarding our message. He therefore wrote a little tract about law and grace, the first piece of literature among us, as far as I know, written by an Ethiopian. We have printed 2,000 of them for distribution in his field of labour.

When we consider that we have worked in Eritrea and Ethiopia for more than forty years and only have a membership of about 1,800 in the whole Union, you will understand that it looks to us as if a new day has dawned for our work in Ethiopia.

From July 15th to September, we gathered twenty-seven of our native evangelists from Wolamo and Cambate to a Bible and Evangelistic course at Kuyera. I had the privilege of teaching this group for four weeks on the Spirit of prophecy and *Daniel and the Revelation*. You should have heard their many questions, their prayers and their testimonies. At the close of the course, we set a goal of reaching a membership of 2,000 before the end of 1958.

In my experience as an evangelist for more than thirty-five years, I have never felt so strongly the truthfulness of Christ's words, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few," and I want to add: "The appropriations for missions are grossly inadequate." But we want to thank you for your excellent achievement in the Ingathering campaign and your personal contribution to the Lord's work in the mission fields.

For several years we have looked forward to building a church in Addis Ababa which could be a credit to the capital of Ethiopia. Designs and drawings are ready, and we hope to begin the erection before the end of this year and for the first time in the history of Ethiopia to begin public evangelism in Addis Ababa on a larger scale.

Yes, there is so much to do, and we need your prayers and support for the mission work in Ethiopia.

Netherland Union News

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An inspiring Youth Congress was held this year at Zeist near our College. About 600 boys and girls attended. Week-end camps were also held for Seniors and

one for Juniors. These were attended by 152 youth. M. E. Lind and R. W. Olson gave splendid help and set a high spiritual tone. Several of our boys and girls were baptized.

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A Colporteurs' Convention was held this year when J. M. Bucy from the Division met with us. This was his first visit to our field and his sympathy, fellowship, and good counsel were deeply appreciated by the canvassers. During the past ten months there has been an appreciable increase in the sale of books and magazines over 1956. Many Bible studies have been given and prayers offered in the homes of the people. Seven souls have been baptized.

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Our Junior College, "Oud Zandbergen," at Huis ter Heide, closed its school year with twenty-three students in the theological and secondary classes. The new year opened in September with twenty-five students, nine of whom are in the secondary classes.

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The temperance work makes steady progress. We now have nearly 1,000 members in thirty places as compared with 300 members in eight places last year. The film, "One in 20,000" is still being shown although allowed by Government only in private circles. Our Publishing House has given good support to the temperance programme by publishing two extra papers on the temperance work. Our *Temperance News* is published quarterly. Thousands of pamphlets have also been distributed. Visits of interest to public bodies have been made. One was made to the Education Centre for theological candidates of the State Church at Driebergen where we had good discussions with the professor and students. There was also another visit to an important meeting held with 150 medical doctors at Zeist.

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"Vredenoord," is still a safe and quiet home for our old people. The new wing which is in process of construction will be ready by the beginning of the new year. The capacity of this self-supporting home will then be eighty beds.

"Zonhevel," the children's home, has proved a real blessing to feeble and sick children as well as those who are victims of the marital problems of their parents. Children difficult to educate have become quiet and obedient under the social and spiritual atmosphere of the home.

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This is but a short review of our work in the Netherland Union. How conscious we still are of the tremendous task that lies ahead of us! Yet as we realize the rapid progress made during the past few years, we believe that in the power of the Lord we can accomplish still more in a very short time. We pray that our heavenly Father will give us all the full measure of His Holy Spirit in order that the work here in the Netherlands as well as in the whole field may be finished soon, and our blessed Saviour may appear in the clouds of heaven.

West Nordic Union News

By Alf Lohne, President

THE WORK at the Norwegian Junior College is proceeding according to plan. Three buildings are under construction. One is a dormitory containing living quarters for seventy-five students and three families. The other building contains offices, training kitchen, living quarters for six students, and a heating plant. The third building, which is the largest, contains kitchen, dining room, temporary chapel and classrooms. In the basement are the bakery, storage rooms, and laundry.

The roof is now on all the buildings, the windows have been put in, and the heating system switched on. Work can now continue inside during winter, so everything should be ready for the grand opening next autumn.

A strong campaign to raise money to benefit the building fund is being carried on all over Norway. We have also been thrilled by noting the interest friends in far-off lands have in this project. It will mean so much for our youth and all phases of our work to have the college finished. Several of our workers are setting the example by having part of their wages deducted every month to go toward the building fund for this new Junior College in Norway.

The membership in the West Nordic Union is now 8,900. 310 were added during the first three quarters of 1957.

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Three conference presidents in the West Nordic Union have now joined their evangelists in conducting public campaigns. The prospects for the soul-winning efforts this winter look very promising.

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In the new church recently dedicated at Skodsborg Badesanatorium in Denmark, the chaplain is conducting a public campaign. Many of the guests at the Sanitarium and neighbouring folk attend the meetings.

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Vejle fjord Højskole, the Danish Junior College, has 124 students—73 from Denmark and 51 from Norway. The last Ingathering Campaign broke all previous records. Dkr. 20,450 was collected. This is a little over £1,000.

During the last school year 28 students were baptized at the college. The principal, H. Muderspach, and the Bible teacher, D. Guldhammer, have good hopes of baptizing an equal number this year.

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About 350 young people from Denmark and Norway camped among the glacier-laden mountains of West Norway last summer. Special guests were 35 British young people who had hired their own aeroplane for the trip to the camp.

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For several years Skogli Badesanatorium had had long waiting lists of patients wanting to come to the Sanitarium for treatments. For those who managed to get in, there was not even an elevator in the three-storey building. What this has meant can be imagined when you realize that the treatment rooms are in the basement. Many patients had to be carried up and down in the strong arms of the physiotherapists.

When the extension is completed which is now under way, much of this will be remedied. Twenty new beds will be added and the much needed elevator will be installed. The financial problem

in completing this project has not yet been completely overcome, but the future is bright.

Among the patients of this institution which at present has 65 beds, are people from all walks of life. Among its patrons have been members of parliament, bishops of the State church, and several Lutheran clergymen. Together with people from the working classes, they become one happy family at the sanitarium. The happy gatherings around the tables in the dining-room and the daily worships where practically all patients who can walk attend, are important highlights of the day.

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Three new beautiful church buildings will be dedicated in the near future. One is at Nærum, East Denmark, the other one at Drammen, East Norway, and the third is in the town of Harstad, North Norway.

In West Denmark the Conference has bought a very fine church building from the State, in the city of Silkeborg.

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The permanent camp site in the arctic conference of North Norway had its camp-chapel finished last summer. The unique building has no glass windows. Instead, transparent plastic plates have been used in the roof. The fifteen small but attractive cabins were overfilled at the camp held there last summer. The camp site is situated on an idyllic peninsula jutting out into a lake. Mighty mountains surround the lake.

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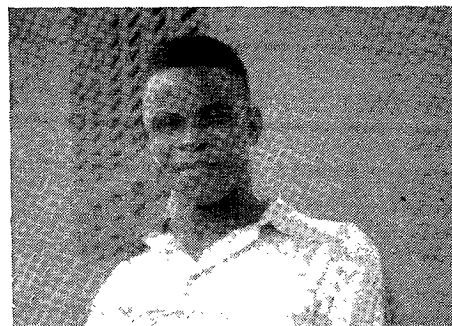
The West Nordic Union has appointed Karl Abrahamsen and Ingemann Olsen as special reporters to NORTHERN LIGHT. Karl Abrahamsen is editor in Norway and Ingemann Olsen is editor in Denmark.

THEY WON EACH OTHER!

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her full stand with God's people. We pray God that she too, may soon take her full stand, and be baptized.

Pray with us for the blessing of God in this new territory on the Cross and Calabar rivers in East Nigeria.



Paul Ekpendu who has started the work in Oron, E. Nigeria.

They Won Each Other!

By Edgar E. Hulbert
Evangelist, East Nigeria

PAUL arrived in Oron intent on making money. His parents were Adventists, but Paul felt he could not afford to keep Sabbath. Money was what he was after, and for a full year he was busy seeking it. But then he changed his living quarters, and obtained a room from an old lady. He soon noticed that she was always studying her Bible. She used to talk to him about the Bible. One day she asked Paul about the Sabbath, and wanted to know why people keep Sunday, the first day of the week, when the Bible says the seventh day is the Sabbath.

It was not long before Paul was keeping Sabbath again, and the old lady with him. Once back in the right path, he longed to share his faith with others. Outside his house he put a signboard with the fourth commandment in full. Soon he had begun giving Bible studies to a labourer, and another man and his wife. The latter have returned to their home, and the former has recently been baptized. All are keeping the Sabbath. Others are also attending the Sabbath school which was established as soon as an evangelist was sent to help foster the interest. Recently the writer held a spearhead campaign in Oron, and a number of people took their stand for the Sabbath, and others are still showing a deep interest.

We wish we could write that the old lady also has been baptized, but though she is keeping the Sabbath, and in most points obeying the truth, there is just one point that is keeping her from taking

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NEWS FLASH

THE year-end meeting of the Division Committee convened at Stanborough Park, Watford, November 6th to 13th. This year the attendance was somewhat limited, inasmuch as it had been decided not to convene this meeting as a Winter Council in view of the proximity of the General Conference session. However, the full Committee was in attendance, with General Conference representation in the persons of Elders H. L. Rudy and J. I. Robison. Their counsel and ministry were much appreciated, and brought great blessing to the brethren during the days of sojourn together. It was also good to have with us our mission field leaders, H. J. Welch from the West African Union, and Axel Varmer from the Ethiopian Union. The reports which came to us of mission field advances were indeed encouraging, and forward-looking plans were made for the extension of the work in both these fields.

As is usual at the year-end Committee meeting, one of the major items for discussion and decision was the budget for the coming year. The treasurer was able to present the report from the Budget Committee, which indicated that the largest budget in our experience was to be voted, with increased appropriations for almost all the fields throughout the Division territory. After the acceptance of the Budget Committee's report, the following action was taken:

VOTED: That we express our gratitude to God for His manifold blessing upon the cause, that we record our appreciation to the General Conference for the generous provision of funds which has made such a budget possible, and that we also express our thankfulness and appreciation to the membership throughout the Northern European Division for their faithfulness and loyalty in the matter of tithes and mission offerings.

Almost immediately following the Division Committee meetings A. F. Tarr and G. A. Lindsay left for committee meetings in Sweden and Denmark. The Nordic Philanthropic Society legal meeting was held at Skodsborg, December 2nd and 3rd.

Skodsborg Sanitarium not only continues to fulfil an evangelistic witness

which is effective throughout the whole of Scandinavia, but is making a great contribution to our mission programme throughout the world field. During 1957 Skodsborg Sanitarium has answered twelve overseas calls for personnel to serve in various places of responsibility in medical mission work. Markur Henriksen, director of the men's treatment rooms, was able to spend several months in West Africa establishing a physiotherapy department at the Kwahu Hospital, Ghana. The establishment of this department will greatly strengthen our mission service in that field. Our mission service in Greenland will also be greatly helped by the sending of a nurse from Skodsborg. It is contributions like these which clearly indicate that Skodsborg is fulfilling a real evangelistic purpose not only in this Division but in fields afar.

M. E. Lind also left for Sweden immediately following the Division Committee meetings, to conduct the Week of Prayer services at Ekebyholm school, following which he has conducted a series of Sabbath school and Sunday school conventions in Denmark. We know that Pastor Lind's ministry in this respect will be a source of strength and blessing to these fields.

A. Karlman, assistant treasurer and auditor, has been visiting Iceland, and we know that his visit there will be greatly appreciated.

Forthcoming visits to our mission fields include A. F. Tarr and G. A. Lindsay to West Africa for the year-end meeting of the union committee and camp meeting appointments. Brother Tarr will proceed to Ethiopia following the West African itinerary, to be joined there by M. E. Lind and A. V. Olson, Vice-president of

the General Conference. In both Ethiopia and West Africa forward plans are contemplated in connection with the educational programme. In West Africa property has been secured in the Lagos area, where it is proposed that new administration buildings will be erected for the Bible Correspondence School and radio work. In Ethiopia plans have been approved for the erection of a splendid new church building in Addis Ababa. This building also envisages the housing of the Ethiopian Union administrative offices. Both these building projects will undoubtedly add strength to our witness in these important overseas cities.

Brother and Sister Norman Tew recently returned for furlough in Britain from Ethiopia, where Brother Tew has been giving good service in connection with the training school at Kuyera.

Year-end reports from the various departments indicate that 1957 will be an outstanding year in mission enterprise. The Home Missionary Department for the third quarter of 1957 reported that over 58,000 missionary visits have been made and over 520,000 pieces of missionary literature have been distributed by church-members. Such activity will surely bring a great harvest of souls when the final reports are completed. G.D.K.

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The Blessings of Work

If you wake in the morning
With your hardest job to do,
Don't start the day by grumbling—
That won't help you see it through.
Be glad for work that's difficult,
For tasks that challenge you.
Workers find a thousand blessings
The idle never knew.

—Adlai Albert Esteb.