



## *Refreshed Beyond Measure*

By A. F. TARR

IT HAS been a heart-warming privilege, in company with the brethren and sisters of Northern Europe, to share in the blessings of the 1958 annual meetings and biennial conference sessions. Some of these meetings came later than usual this year on account of the General Conference Session in Cleveland, but without exception all brought their full measure of spiritual refreshment and hearty good cheer as brethren and sisters from isolated homes and widely-separated churches united again in their conference families in thankful worship and happy fellowship.

Said Union Home Missionary Secretary, Odd Jordal, at the Conference session, beyond the Arctic Circle: "Great distances often separate one member from the other, but it is only a short way between each and God." It was thrilling in the roll call of delegates to hear the responses of members from Hammerfest, from the North Cape, and other places, which to many of us seem so far removed from the rest of the world as we have learned to know it. Many had been engaged in dangerous occupations. Their testimonies rang with gratitude, with appeals for prayer for all of God's family, and with a renewed determination to remain steadfast to the end. Pastor Roald Guleng, himself a son of the Arctic Circle, delivered a most impressive message on the closing day from John 16:32, adapted to the conditions he knew so

well. "Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me." At some of the testimony services not a soul present failed to voice a fervent, rugged confidence in the abiding presence of God and in the rapidly approaching fruition of the Advent hope.

It seems strange when visiting some of our northern lands, to look out from one's bedroom window at midnight or more particularly between one and three o'clock, usually the night's quietest hours, and see the sun shining brightly over a silent, sleeping city.

The baptismal services at Finland's annual meetings are always inspiring occasions. This year the service at the East Finland meeting was held beside a picturesque little stream on the outskirts of Joensuu, a town not far from the Russian border. The time was in the early morning before most of us had had our breakfast. Among the hundreds gathered at the water's edge were a number of strangers who followed the service with very deep interest. It was a beautiful picture to see the candidates, all with little bunches of tiny red roses pinned to their white baptismal gowns, waiting their turn to enter the stream. With marked solicitude the lady Bible workers helped each candidate to and from the officiating minister. Where there was husband and wife both would enter together, the husband being baptized first. Then on the wife being baptized the husband would

take her from the minister's hands, embracing her affectionately, and she placing her arm in his would walk beside him up from the water. It was a moving sight to see the family bond made stronger and more loving by a new partnership of each with God.

Present at one of the ordination services in Finland was a former policeman, now a Seventh-day Adventist. Years ago he had repeatedly arrested for drunkenness the father of one of the present candidates for ordination. The mother, a faithful Seventh-day Adventist and the bread-winner of the home, was likewise arrested for not sending her children to school on Sabbaths. There were their five children at home, all dependent on her. She was sentenced to one month's imprisonment but on account of her home situation, the court, at her earnest request, gave her the alternative of a shorter, harsher sentence—one week in prison on a diet of bread and water. So impressed was the policeman with her life and witness, that he decided to join her church. Now an ardent member himself, he was present at the ordination of one of those children for whom the sister had suffered in prison. One little lady in Finland told with radiant joy of this being the thirty-fifth annual meeting she had attended without a single break.

In connection with the conference session in Harstad, there was dedicated the newly erected and what the conference

and union officers considered to be the most beautiful church we have in all Norway. Many messages of goodwill were received from far and near, including a telegram from the priest in charge of the local Roman Catholic community.

An excellent press and radio coverage attended all our gatherings. At one place the newspaper representative met our flying boat at the wharf, and after taking a picture on landing, motored us, bag and baggage, to the hotel where we had been booked to stay and where he then remained for the desired interview.

So many times during our various gatherings there came to our minds the words of the apostle Paul to one of the early Christian churches: "For I long to see you . . . that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." Rom. 1:11, 12. At the conclusion of one session the conference president inquired of the congregation,

how many had been spiritually refreshed by the messages and associations of that gathering. As every hand went up it was intriguing to witness the unconcealed delight with which the members watched the visiting ministers raise their hands also in hearty response. Again our minds turn to the appeal of Paul to the church in Rome: "I beseech you, brethren . . . strive together with me in your prayers; . . . that I may come unto you and with you be refreshed." Rom. 15:30, 32. Surely we who ministered were refreshed beyond measure by the consecrated lives and witness of our stalwart, faithful members.

And now there remains alone Poland's meetings to be held, and it is from Warsaw on the eve of these meetings that this report has been written. We anticipate blessing for us here as rich as any we have ever yet received, and we know we shall not be disappointed.

possibilities which stretch before the church in Northern Europe as we address ourselves to our appointed duty of bearing the Advent message to our neighbours and friends and to the unentered territories of our Division.

One was also impressed by the earnestness with which the membership attended the Bible studies and devotional meetings. While great interest was undoubtedly taken in the business sessions, the spiritual aspect of the gatherings was the feature in which the people were most keenly interested. The spontaneous prayers and testimonies indicated that the Lord, by His Spirit, was drawing very near to His people, and it was this aspect of the gatherings that brought the most encouragement to my own heart.

Mention has been made elsewhere of the various changes which have been made in several of the fields, and consequently we shall make no reference to them here. However, it is true to say that a spirit of confidence in the leadership prevails throughout these fields, and it is an assurance to us that the programme of the church will be carried forward unitedly in every part of the territory visited.

Many of the conference meetings were, of course, held in public halls, although in some instances our own church buildings provided adequate accommodation for the assembled congregations. This was particularly true in Vaasa, Finland, where a beautiful church building has recently been erected, and is a fine witness to the Advent message. The West Danish conference was held in the beautiful surroundings of the Vejle fjord High School, and one of the largest congregations on record was in attendance at that meeting. At the South Swedish meeting the Sabbath services were held in the Caroli Kyrka, which is an outstanding edifice in the city of Malmo. It was a great privilege to see this church filled with worshipful Adventists on the Sabbath day. In Iceland also we were privileged to have the use of a fine church building for the Sabbath services, and in the South Netherlands conference our people enjoyed a full Sabbath day in one of the oldest and most renowned Lutheran churches of Rotterdam.

Another outstanding feature of these gatherings was that in almost every in-

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## *Fellowship and Service*

### *Reminiscences on the Annual Meetings*

By G. D. King, *Secretary*

COMMENCING at the end of July with the West Denmark conference, it has been my privilege to be in attendance at eight annual meetings during the past two months, and in all of these gatherings we have been deeply conscious of the presence and blessing of the Lord. In almost every country, record attendances were registered, and a spirit of progressive evangelism prevailed at every conference. The meetings attended encompassed West Denmark, West Finland, Finland Swedish, North Sweden, South Sweden, British Union, Iceland, and South Netherlands. It will consequently be apparent that a great deal of our Division home territory was covered, and it certainly was inspiring to note that the constituencies in every country are fired with the Advent hope and are deeply desirous of seeing the work of God finished and our blessed Lord return in glory.

An outstanding feature of all the meet-

ings was the emphasis placed upon lay evangelism, and when resolutions concerning this aspect of the church's activity were discussed, great enthusiasm was evinced, and one was impressed that this was not merely denominational routine but that it was the conviction of every heart that the time had come for the church to rise and finish the task committed to it.

Many of the conference leaders had been in attendance at the General Conference session, and in almost every instance reference was made to the inspiring service held at Cleveland on the last Sabbath of the session. This service, which it will be remembered depicted so graphically the various agencies being used by the church in the programme of lay evangelism, undoubtedly made an indelible impression upon our leaders from this Division, and they consequently were enabled to bring to their constituencies a picture of the

# Steady Advance in Britain

ACCELERATION in membership growth was one of the most encouraging features of the reports given at the British Union Conference Session, held in Watford Town Hall from August 26 to 31, 1958.

Our retiring president, Pastor W. W. Armstrong, reported:

☆ From 1924 it took Britain ten years to achieve a net increase of 1,000 members.

☆ From 1934 it took nine years to add the next 1,000.

☆ From 1943 it took eleven years to add a further 1,000.

☆ But the last 1,000 have been added in only four years.

Of course, many more than this have been baptized, but death and transfers have taken a substantial toll.

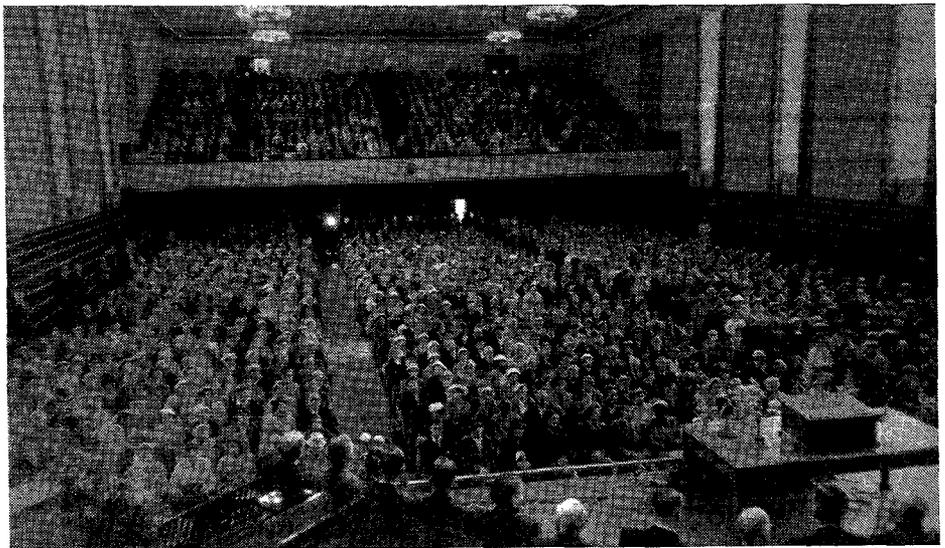
By 1957 Britain's membership was 8,252—a small number for so vast a population. In these small, historic islands are packed over fifty million souls, masses of whom are in the many hundreds of large towns and cities that have never heard the Adventist preacher.

The conference report revealed that Britain's ministerial force has diminished over the past quadrennium. Manpower needed at home has gone overseas. We rejoice that so many of our sons and daughters are faithfully serving around the world, but home needs are urgent and great.

Conference reports presented us with many encouraging features:

☆ Our Voice of Prophecy programme which is beamed weekly from Radio Luxembourg, is regularly enjoyed by nearly a million listeners (Gallup Poll estimate). Radio evangelism in Britain is accomplishing great things, and is clearly an effective means of reaching unentered towns and villages with our message.

☆ Our hundred or so colporteurs, many of them veterans of years of continuous service, have had unparalleled success. Sales of Gospel literature exceeded the previous quadrennium (which was itself



At the British 1958 Quadrennial Conference Session, 2,000 attended the Sabbath morning service conducted by Elder M. N. Campbell. There was an overflow of nearly 1,500.

a record) by over one-third. Yet in 1958, sales momentum has leaped upward with new impetus with the introduction of a new style of literature. We know that in even the remotest places our publications are sowing seeds that will bear rich fruitage.

☆ Typical of Britain's "bright spots" is Belfast. Few places have proved more difficult for Adventists than Ireland. The south is 98% Roman Catholic. "Loyal Ulster" to the north is 70% hotly Protestant, and 30% hotly Catholic. So the truth has made but slow progress, the present membership being 226. Trophies in twos and threes have hitherto been won only with great labour. But an unheard of thing has happened. One Belfast campaign this year has already yielded 58 souls.

Ireland's membership, however, is no index of worker efficiency over the years, for a large proportion of converts come to England after accepting the truth. Some of our finest workers are from the "Emerald Isle." Our newly elected Union President, Pastor J. A. McMillan, is an Ulsterman.

Conference reports of good progress in Scotland and Wales were cheering. While in England the evangelistic record gives ground for real gratification. Our newest believer group is in the university city of Oxford, which had never heard an Adventist preacher until last year.

The conference session made us all deeply aware of the vast challenge Britain offers. We were cheered, however, by the many reminders we had that the limitless power of God's Spirit is as freely available today as ever it was.

The ministry of our special visitors, Pastor M. N. Campbell, General Conference Vice President, and Pastor F. G. Clifford, Australasian Division President, was particularly refreshing and helpful.

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## Fellowship and Service

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stance the Saturday evening service was taken over by the young people, and it was a joy not only to hear and see the youthful talent displayed, but to note the earnestness and zeal possessed by the Advent youth in these many lands.

Altogether, one was impressed by the fact that our people are marching on to victory in the assurance that soon the task will be finished and Jesus Christ will come. Thinking back on this itinerary, the following words taken from the close of the gospel of Luke seem aptly to summarize the experience enjoyed: "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them . . . they went forth . . . the Lord working with them."

# Reports from The Ethiopian Mission Conferences

## ERITREA-TIGRE MISSION

### *The Holy Spirit at Work*

By R. M. A. Smart, *President*

THE ETHIOPIANS of old heard the message of salvation through two recorded extraordinary ways. First, the famous Queen of Sheba was led to visit the court of Solomon, and later the Ethiopian eunuch went to Jerusalem to worship, seeking truth, but came away without finding it, until Heaven intervened and sent Philip to intercept him on the homeward journey. In both cases the people themselves went seeking the truth. The Spirit of God had gone to the people before the workers of God and, I may say, is still going before the missionaries today, prompting the people in miraculous ways to seek and find the glorious truth.

Makalle, a town of about 20,000 inhabitants in Tigre province of Northern Ethiopia, dates back to the famous Prester John or King Johannes of Ethiopian fame. Here he established the Coptic Christian faith in ancient times. Today there are fifteen Coptic churches and about 150 priests keeping the people true to this ancient traditional Coptic faith, and frowning upon the entrance of modern Christianity. But the Spirit of God is still going before the workers of God, and the people are still seeking for further truth and finding it.

To go where the Spirit has gone before you is like treading upon holy ground, and such was the feeling that Andy Manna, the evangelist, and I felt as we went into Makalle, this Coptic stronghold. Yet here we found the fruits of God's Holy Spirit like beautiful flowers thriving on a hot and barren sandy desert. It is the story of a few earnest souls who for many years have been longing for the religion of Jesus, the True Faith, as they call it, true to the Bible that they have read. The faith that keeps the seventh-day Sabbath. As the

eunuch came to Jerusalem seeking for truth, so did Haileka Hailu come to Asmara in Eritrea also seeking truth. He visited the many churches in the town but went away disappointed like the eunuch but still absorbed in his study of the Scriptures. A long time later a book came into the hands of one of his fellow-seekers after truth and in it was an advertisement for the Voice of Prophecy lessons.

Later, just as Philip was sent to instruct the eunuch in the Scriptures, the call came to our workers in Addis Ababa to go and instruct these good souls who had taken such an interest in these Bible lessons. Haileka Hailu was first to say: "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" Last year I had the privilege of baptizing five more of these precious souls, all five of whom and including Haileka Hailu,

are teachers in the 1,600 pupil secondary and primary school run by the Government in Makalle. Haileka is still vigorously sharing the faith he so long sought for, and now has so wonderfully found.

I have just returned to Asmara from the long trip to visit Makalle and these earnest souls there, and I feel very tired after four days of concentrated Bible study in their various homes, but what a satisfaction this tiredness brings. How good it is to expend one's energies for the Lord and to see the miraculous workings of the Holy Spirit. What fervour and interest attended each meeting! Six more souls are pleading with me to come back very soon and baptize them in spite of much opposition around them. What a privilege it is to be where the Holy Spirit is working! What a glorious thing it is to be able to follow up what the Holy Spirit has begun and to know, that in spite of persecution and many barriers in the way, nothing, no, nothing can stop what God Himself has begun. Truly the Spirit of God is going before us to finish the work, for I have seen the miracle of this today in Makalle.

## WEST ETHIOPIA MISSION

### *Witchcraft and the Power of God*

By Erling Bjaanes, *President*

IN a certain village nestling at the foot of densely wooded hills lives a man, his sister, and his son. The man was very much opposed to the Advent message, his son was very ill and his sister was a witch doctor. The man and his sister were enemies. One day the boy became very ill and it was thought he would die. The neighbours believed that his aunt, the witch doctor, had cast a spell over him. They urged the father to make peace with his sister and give her a special offering. For a while he did not listen to their pleadings, but seeing the boy so ill, he finally agreed to buy a sheep, but he

refused to take it to his sister personally. The sister had promised to heal the boy if only the father would visit her and worship her. This he firmly refused to do.

About this time the father became acquainted with some of our faithful members in Anfillo. He listened eagerly as they told the Gospel story, and of the many answers to prayer they had experienced. Being an influential man in the district, he called some of his neighbours together and told them what he had learned of the power of prayer. He told them that he had called for the deacons of our church. Furthermore he informed

them that he had decided to follow the light he had received.

Here are the man's own words: "I have called for the deacons of the Adventist church. I want them to pray for my son. I would be happy if you would stay and join us. You must feel free to do just as you please." All who were invited stayed. The deacons arrived, and were surprised to see so many gathered in the house. Before the prayer meeting began the father gave his reason for calling the deacons. He said: "I know you have the truth, and I believe your prayers on my son's behalf will be heard. Please read and pray for him and my family."

The deacons—humble Christians—did as they were requested. They claimed the promises of God and the Holy Spirit was felt in their midst. God answered their prayers. The boy was healed. From that day on this home has had its daily prayer circle and it has been a place where believers and friends have gathered for the study of the Word of God.

The witch doctor knew what had happened in that home, but she continued her threatenings and vowed to visit the family again. One night the house was set on fire, but an unseen hand put it out again before any damage was done. Each time the mother was pregnant she was very ill, the people even thought she was possessed by evil spirits. After she decided to follow the "true light" she again became pregnant. The witch doctor threatened that the mother would be possessed by the devil and that the baby would die. Nothing of the kind happened. Both mother and child were well. This made an impression on the witch doctor, even though she would not admit it.

Little by little the power the witch doctor once possessed left her, she became lonely. Her friends and neighbours had seen the answer to the prayers of the deacons. Her brother pleaded with her to stop her evil ways and make peace with God. She finally agreed. Our native evangelist was called and he had regular Bible studies with her. Today she is a member of our church rejoicing in her new-found faith.

May God grant that we may see the same thing happening in many other places out west, the farthest corner of our mission.



## NORTH-EAST ETHIOPIA MISSION

### Dessie, 1958

By Dr. A. Bokovoy, Medical Director

DESSIE, Ethiopia, is a name well known among our mission medical institutions, for it was here that Dr. Bergmann began our work in 1928. The Italian occupation disrupted our work here completely during which time our former compound and all its buildings were taken from us.

However, the work was begun again at a new site which is larger than the former one and is just on the outskirts of the city, giving adequate room for expansion as the need arises.

Pastor and Mrs. Eric Palm, Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Johnson, and Miss Broberg have all been associated in building up our hospital facilities and the medical work in this new location. His Imperial Majesty provided funds for the construction of two dwelling houses. We began our mis-

sion service in the autumn of 1956. A generous gift of \$30,000 (US) was given by our brethren in the home fields to complete our building programme here. At this time Pastor and Mrs. Hugo Palm came to Dessie. Pastor Palm directed in the completion of the building programme. Now our hospital is almost completely remodelled, adequate kitchen, dining room and laundry facilities have been provided, a nice new chapel and a small classroom have been constructed, and a new clinic building has been completed.

A doctor friend who is not a Seventh-day Adventist from America wrote to us last autumn and asked if there was anything that we needed for our hospital. Our foremost need was for a new X-ray and electricity generator and he was so in-



The modern city of Asmara in the Eritrea-Tigre Mission looking down Avenue Haile Selassie.

formed. Next came a letter from him asking us as to the amount we would need to get this equipment. It was felt that \$12,000 (US) would be adequate, and he was again informed. We must say that our faith was not strong as we just could not see this man sending us that large amount. We knew, however, that the Bible says that nothing is impossible for God to do. Two weeks later a letter arrived with bank drafts totalling \$15,000 (US). This was three thousand more than we had asked for. Does God open ways for furthering His cause? Our hearts were saddened when two weeks later we received a letter that our good doctor

friend had passed away from a heart attack.

Now Brother R. Newberg and his wife are with us. Brother Newberg is in charge of our X-ray and laboratory departments. Also under his direction, the new X-ray and generator have been installed. Mrs. Newberg replaced Miss Broberg as nursing director as Miss Broberg had completed her time of service.

The future of Dessie is bright. We know the Lord is definitely guiding in the rebuilding of His mission. Our hope is that the medical work here can be instrumental in the spreading of the Gospel in this whole area.

to the right use of the Creator's plan. As a result of five years' domination by the Fascist regime the young people were more or less Fascists. The schools gave them secular education only; there was no thought given to spiritual training. It was with much hard work and fervent prayers on the part of our pioneers, Brother and Sister Hanson, and Brother and Sister N. B. Neilsen, that we succeeded in opening a Christian school in Akaki.

For the first few years following the Italian occupation religion did not mean much to the youth. They had been starved for such a long time they did not know how to choose between right and wrong. Many times they were puzzled by the spiritual lessons taught them day by day, but with the guidance and example of Brother Hanson many students became good Christians. Today some of those first students are teachers and workers among their own people. In those days teachers were very scarce, especially Christian teachers who could lead the youth to Christ. The situation is somewhat better now, but even so we still need consecrated teachers.

At present we have 140 students including the day students. Each year ten to fifteen join our church. Ours is only an eight grade school and some of the students go to public schools to further their education. Unfortunately there are those who, when away from our guidance, are led away from the truth. Those who remain at Akaki are enthusiastic and zealous in doing home missionary work, and in distributing Voice of Prophecy lessons in the school's vicinity.

One of our big difficulties is in bringing interested ones to Sabbath school. We are sandwiched in between two very strong Coptic churches, and in general our normal contact with the local community is eyed with suspicion. Then too, the school is situated in what is known as a "forbidden area." This means we are not allowed to conduct open air religious services, or even to distribute tracts; but these handicaps do not discourage us. We are determined to carry forward the third angel's message.

We request our fellow believers to join us in prayer that the day may soon come when we can bring to all our neighbours and friends the message of a loving Saviour and Redeemer.

## CENTRAL ETHIOPIA MISSION

### *Akaki Mission School*

By Negassa Aga, *Principal*

AKAKI MISSION school is located twenty kilometres south-east of Addis Ababa. During the occupation by the Italians, this compound served as a hand grenade and dynamite manufacturing centre. For security all the buildings on the compound had been surrounded by dirt piled three and four metres high. Before the buildings could be converted in-

to classrooms again all the dirt had to be removed. Brother H. Hanson who was the principal at that time, led out in this work, the students, teachers, and day labourers, all working together in order to open Akaki Mission school.

At this time schools were very scarce in Ethiopia, particularly schools that trained the head, the hand, and the heart,

## NORTH-WEST ETHIOPIA MISSION

*The School at Debre Tabor*By E. E. Saarinen, *Secretary-Treasurer*

DEBRE TABOR has an eight-grade school on the mountain tops of Northwest Ethiopia. There are 125 enrolled including forty-five boarders. Most of the students come from two Adventist villages some distance away. Each village has its own school, the one has about seventy students in two grade levels directed by one teacher, an invalid, who in spite of his handicap, does good work. The other school has eighty students in three different grades under the careful guidance of two teachers. In addition to these two out-schools, the Debre Tabor school gets its students in some exceptional ways. Let me briefly relate one experience.

Some time ago a priest appeared at our station asking for permission to stay with us and study the Bible. Of course, we asked why he had come and he told us how he first heard of our message. He said that one of our teachers in Debre Tabor and some of his relatives went to visit a relative who was a priest in the Coptic Church. When they came to the place they met another priest unknown to them, but he kindly took them to the relatives for whom they were searching. He listened carefully to the conversation

which took place between our teacher and his relatives, and his interest was awakened for the Bible truth they spoke about, and he had several talks with our teacher about Christ and the Bible.

In all Coptic churches a little ark is treasured as a sacred relic. Thinking seriously about the truth he had heard, the priest prayed sincerely that God would show him a miracle in connection with the ark in order to guide him in the right way. He went into his church, took the ark out in the sun, opened it and sat upon it, but nothing happened either to him or the ark. He put the ark back again in its place, closed the door and went to our mission to learn more about the truth.

We have many promising students in our school in Debre Tabor, who some day will go to their own countrymen to help them mentally and spiritually.

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### News Flash

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church on September 4th, the graduating class of the Potomac University made a special gift of \$200 for the library of the proposed West African Junior College. Pastor Adeoye in accepting this gracious gift gave the following response as a vote of thanks to the president and graduating class:

"On behalf of the president of the West African Union Mission of the Northern European Division, members of the Committee, and the churches in West Africa, I do sincerely thank you all for your kind and generous donation toward the building programme of our Junior College for West Africa. I do pray for God's richest blessings on the graduating candidates in their future labour for the Lord."

We know that it will bring great en-

couragement to all interested in the educational programme in West Africa to know that our senior educational institution of the denomination has such a generous interest in the upbuilding of our educational work in West Africa.

Pastor A. G. Ratcliffe has now commenced a vigorous evangelistic programme at the New Gallery Centre, London, and we hear that the attendance at the opening meetings has been most encouraging. For the first three Sundays overflow meetings were necessary, and a large list of names of interested persons has already been received. Both Pastors Ratcliffe and R. M. Kranz speak most encouragingly of the possibilities of a fruitful harvest if these names can be adequately followed up.

Following Pastor Ratcliffe's ministry at the New Gallery, which will probably terminate in January, 1959, inasmuch as he is here in London under a special arrangement entered into with the Australasian Division, Pastor H. M. S. Richards, so well beloved throughout the world field as a result of his Voice of Prophecy ministry, is to be at the New Gallery for a special campaign of about three months' duration. We know that the ministry of these outstanding visiting brethren will add strength to the witness of the New Gallery Evangelistic Centre.

Several missionaries from both Ethiopia and West Africa are at the present time enjoying a furlough period from their field of service. Miss Irene Eide of the Ethiopian Union is now furloughing in Norway and is giving temporary service as the preceptress at the new Norwegian school. Miss Sylvia Turtill is now furloughing in Britain and will be returning to West Africa at the close of the year, foregoing a special leave of absence granted to her for further study owing to the urgent need prevailing at the Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria. Brother and Sister Alfred Berger and family will soon be leaving for West Africa, Brother Berger having been appointed to the Advent Press, Accra, as factory superintendent. Pastor and Mrs. C. R. Bonney, with their two children, Maria and Stephen, sailed for India on October 4th, where Brother Bonney is taking up his appointment as Radio secretary of the Southern Asia Division.

G. D. KING.



Baptism in the West at Enfilo by Elder E. Bjaanes.

# NEWS FLASH

VARIOUS changes have taken place affecting the leadership in several conferences throughout our Division territory. The annual meeting periods throughout the Division were undoubtedly a source of great inspiration and blessing to those who were privileged to be in attendance, and as we list the changes that have taken place in leadership we invite the prayers of God's people throughout the Division for those who are now called upon to carry the responsibility of leadership in these fields.

## British Union

For some time Pastor W. W. Armstrong has been indisposed through failing health, and at the time of the British Union session he indicated that by reason of this fact he could not continue in his responsibility as British Union Conference president. Pastor J. A. McMillan, formerly president of the South England Conference, was unanimously elected president of the British Union. Pastor J. H. Bayliss, formerly president of the North England Conference, was called to the presidency of the South England Conference; Pastor E. H. Foster, formerly Home Missionary and Sabbath School secretary of the North England Conference, was by the unanimous vote of the North England Executive Committee appointed president of the Conference. Also at the British Union session Brother Colin Wilson was unanimously elected Union secretary-treasurer, retaining also his office as secretary-treasurer of British Advent Missions Limited, which is the legal holding corporation for the Union. Brother N. H. Knight, formerly the secretary-treasurer was appointed auditor for the Union.

## Swedish Union

Changes were effected in two of the local conferences of the Swedish Union. In the Finland-Swedish Conference where, owing to the death of Pastor Eric Roslin some months ago, Pastor C. Gidlund, the Union president, had been acting as local Conference president, Pastor Oscar Spanghagen was unanimously elected president of the Conference. Brother Spanghagen had formerly been serving as the Publishing secretary of the Swedish Union. Pastor

Gosta Berglund, formerly Public Relations secretary of the Swedish Union, and editor of *Tidens Teken*, was unanimously elected president of the North Swedish Conference. Pastor Alfred Anderson, who has served so faithfully as the leader of the Conference, is relinquishing his office and taking up the pastorate of the large Stockholm church.

## West Nordic Union

Pastor T. G. Paulsen was elected president of the North Norway Conference, where Pastor T. Torkelsen has served so faithfully for many years. Brother Torkelsen has been called to pastoral duty in the East Norway Conference.

We take this opportunity of wishing these brethren much of the Lord's blessing as they enter upon their new responsibilities, and would assure those who are relinquishing their offices of our appreciation of the service they have rendered through the years.

Pastor A. F. Tarr is at the present time visiting Poland, and from what he writes we gather that he is meeting large groups of our believers in various parts of the Polish Union, where his ministry will undoubtedly be a source of great inspiration and blessing to our membership.

It was a great privilege to have with us at the General Conference session Pastors J. Zielinski and G. Baron, and we are hopeful that at the time of our Winter Council to be held at Skodsborg, November 5th to 12th, some of the brethren from Poland will be with us. We are certainly glad for this renewal of contact with our work in the Polish Union.

As already mentioned, plans are now being made for the forthcoming Winter Council, and we are happy the General Conference has voted that Elder C. L. Torrey, treasurer of the General Conference, and Elder V. G. Anderson, vice-president of the General Conference, will be with us for this important gathering.

Elder R. R. Figuhr is planning to make a visit to the Ethiopian Union in the month of December, and it is expected that Pastor Tarr will be with Brother Figuhr in Ethiopia at that time. We are confident that this visit of the General Conference president to the Ethiopian Union will mean much to the upbuilding and strengthening of our work in that field.

We are also happy that Elder V. G.

Anderson will be visiting West African Union territory in the latter part of December and through January, 1959. Elder E. B. Hare of the General Conference Sabbath School Department will also be itinerating in West Africa, along with Pastor M. E. Lind, for the conducting of Sabbath school rallies and conventions during the months of January and February, and during March in some of the home unions of our Division.

Recent letters from Pastor A. Lohne, President of the West Nordic Union, and Pastor T. Aasheim, principal of the Norwegian school, Tyrifjord Hyere Skole, indicate that this new school has opened strongly with an enrolment of over one hundred students. There is every indication that this school will fill a long-felt need in Norway since the closing of Onsrud. The Norwegian constituency is to be congratulated upon the fruition that has come to their sacrificial efforts in securing this excellent witness for Christian education.

Pastor J. M. A. Adeoye of West Nigeria was privileged to spend three months following the General Conference session in attendance at the Theological Seminary, Washington. During his stay there he undoubtedly was blessed of the Lord not only in his personal studies, but in the interests he was able to create on behalf of our mission programme in West Africa. At the graduation service held in the Sligo

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