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"Be Still, and Know that I Am God"

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By A. F. Tarr

"BEING confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6.

How reassuring it is as we approach another Week of Prayer, to be reminded of the work of grace that God desires so much to do for His children, and for which He has made such abundant provision. It is not in the divine purpose that stagnation or retrogression or discouragement should mark the pathway of any one of us, but rather a constant, consistent advancement along the road that leads to perfection and to His kingdom. It was the consciousness of divine provision for this advancement that buoyed up the spirits of godly men in every age. The great apostle Paul, so intrepid in his service for the Master, and yet so deeply conscious of his own human frailty, gave exuberant utterance to this confidence when he declared: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." 2 Tim. 1:12.

To us who are, in point of time, so much nearer "that day," God desires and has provided an equally abounding measure of confidence; and of the many ways by which that confidence is poured into

the soul, we know of none more precious or more effective than the annual Week of Prayer. From November 7th to 14th next, over one million churchmembers scattered all over the world are going to share in the blessings that this wonderful occasion will bring. Messages have been prepared which will strike deeply into our own hearts' needs, calling us individually and as a church to examine anew our own personal relationship to God and His requirements of those who live in earth's closing days. We who present God's saving message to others must never lose sight of our own personal standing in the sight of heaven; and we know of no better time or occasion to examine this standing than during the annual Week of Prayer.

We shall also be called by these readings to contemplate the unique fellowship which binds together in one grand, united family, these more than a million people who are now to be found in almost every part of the inhabited world. Emphasis will likewise be placed on the responsibility to bear unremitting testimony to the world concerning our faith. Perhaps we have been diffident in bearing this testimony in days gone by. This season of prayer and heart-searching must bring greater

diligence and courage and enthusiasm into every branch of our missionary activity both at home and abroad.

It was concerning this universal witness that the last recorded words of our Saviour were spoken: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8. For this power we should plead with all our hearts during this coming Week of Prayer: power in our own individual lives, and untiring power in our loving service for others.

And let us not forget that it is a week of sacrifice as well as of prayer. Funds are as much needed today to advance our work as ever they were, and our giving, like our living, should be constantly on the up-grade. Nor has God's love for the "cheerful giver" waned one bit with the passing of the centuries. We need that love as much today as ever men needed it, for is it not in our generation that the final command goes forth: "Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice"? Psalms 50:5.

We earnestly invite the 57,000 members of the Northern European Division to share to the full the blessings of the coming Week of Prayer.



Welcome to Pastor Odd Jordal and family, Home Missionary Department and Ministerial Association.

LEFT.—Welcome to Brother and Sister R. Unnersten, Assistant Treasurer and Auditor.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME!

ON MONDAY evening, August 24th, the Division office staff with their families gathered together in the Division office to bid farewell to Pastor and Sister M. E. Lind and their little son, Leif. For five years Pastor Lind has served as Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School Secretary of the Northern European Division, and throughout that time he and his family have greatly endeared themselves to their associates in the field and in the office. Recently, however, a call came to them from the Southern African Division to return to the former post he held as president of the Uganda Mission, and with his response to this call the Northern European Division have with great reluctance released him to Southern Africa. At the little farewell gathering, a most sincere tribute was paid to Pastor Lind's enthusiastic and energetic service for the youth and for the Sabbath school, and for the counsel and leadership he has given along so many other lines while associated with the Northern European Division. We bid farewell to this dear family with deep



Farewell to Pastor M. E. Lind and family.



Welcome to Pastor C. D. Watson, MV and Temperance Department.

regret, and yet with very grateful memory of our five years of very happy association together.

Combined with this farewell gathering for Pastor and Sister Lind was a welcome to those newly arrived at the Division office: Pastor and Sister Odd Jordal and their three children who have come to us from the West Nordic Union, Brother Jordal to take the Home Missionary Department and the Ministerial Association; Pastor and Sister C. D. Watson of the British Union, who will take the Missionary Volunteer and

Temperance Departments; and Brother and Sister R. Unnersten and their son Lars, who have come from the Swedish Union. Brother Unnersten has been with us some months already, and has taken a strong hold of his duties as Assistant Treasurer and Auditor of the Division. A most hearty welcome was extended to all these families who from their many years of experience will bring much strength and blessing and happy fellowship to the office staff at Edgware and to the entire working force and membership of the Northern European Division.

A. F. TARR.

West Nordic Union Activities

Excerpts from the President's Report, Quadrennial Session,
May, 1959

WE open this session of the West Nordic Union of Seventh-day Adventists joyfully and with faith in God. When we look back we can truly say: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12.

When we look forward it encourages us to think of the words of Sister White: "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."—*Life Sketches*, page 196.

To us gathered here today the Lord says: "Ye are My witnesses." Isaiah 43: 10. We have not all received the same gifts of grace. We have not all the same work. But God's call to each one of us is that we shall be His witnesses. We shall testify of the hope that is within us, of the salvation we have experienced, of the truth we know, and of the message we have learned to love, that which shall go as a testimony to all people before the Lord comes.

I am sure that all of us have felt our inadequacy when it comes to performing our duties and to solving the problems which appear in all branches of the work. There is, however, one thing we all can do very effectively in the Lord's work: We can testify. We can testify about what we have seen and what we have experienced.

If we who are present here can lead our almost 9,000 fellow-believers in the West Nordic Union to be living witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ, then shall the message very soon brighten every corner of our great field, and the honest in heart will see the light and follow it.

As the work has grown in our union it has become very extensive and diversified. It is, therefore, impossible in a few words to give a complete picture of all of our activities, so I shall mention only certain outstanding facts from the last four-year period.

Since the last session 1,385 new members have been won in the union. When

we deduct those who are deceased, we have a gain of 379. Of these, 146 chose to emigrate to America, Australia, and other countries. The union now has 8,869 members. In Denmark we have almost 4,000 members and in Norway a little under 5,000.

A NEW COLLEGE

The new college which is in one of East Norway's most beautiful districts, is filled by more than 100 students, teachers, and other members of the staff. Tyrifjord Høyere Skole was dedicated on November 3, 1958. The Norwegian Press and State Radio gave this event greater coverage than any other Adventist undertaking in the country has ever received.

It would have been impossible to build a new school without financial help from the Division and the General Conference. We are deeply thankful for the great sums of money which have been given this project. Our members also sacrificed much in order to build the new school. So far there has come in more than 200,000 Norwegian kroner (over 30,000 dollars) from our believers.

We have, in a wonderful way, experienced the guidance of God through-

out the building of the school and many of our problems have been solved in unexpected ways. For instance, when we had borrowed all the money the Division could allow us, we had the school running but no money to complete the outside work. All doors seemed closed when unexpectedly a gift arrived from a good Norwegian sister in the United States. She sent a cheque for \$15,000. This surely was an answer to prayer, for the money came exactly when we needed it and when we saw no way of getting it.

The college has won the confidence of the authorities in a remarkable way. Already during the first year of operation the college is officially recognized. That means that the students can take their examinations by being examined by our own teachers. Formerly they had to go to a State college and outside teachers did the examining. This first year the students have also been able to receive a scholarship from the State that pays part of their school fees. Such things we have never experienced before.

The school cost well over 3,500,000 kroner (\$500,000). The debt is Nkr. 350,000 (\$50,000).

Much more could be told about God's goodness toward us as we built. We can only say that "by the Lord it is done, and it is wonderful in our eyes." Our future workers will be trained in this institution and souls will be won there for the kingdom. The first-fruits have already been gathered. Two weeks ago,



Delegates attending the West Nordic Union Session, May 19 to 23, 1959, held at Vejlefjord, Denmark.

twenty-five young students were baptized and received into church fellowship.

VEJLEFJORD HOJSKOLE

Our Danish Junior College which is so graciously entertaining us during this session, served for six years as college for both Denmark and Norway. It was crowded at times, but the feeling of fellowship and the hospitality of the Danes conquered the difficulties and made the co-operation benefit both countries.

During this period of school fellowship, the new, fine dormitory for the girls was built. This extension has given us the necessary buildings for a complete Danish college. It now has two dormitories, gymnasium, administration building, and teachers' homes.

Last year the school family assisted by workers in West Denmark collected Dkr. 21,000 (\$3,000) in Ingathering. When the number of students and their youthfulness is taken into consideration, I believe this to be a feat that would be difficult to emulate.

During the past four years 104 students have been baptized.

September 19, 1955, Vejlefjord Højskole celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary.

THE FINANCES OF THE UNION

I shall mention just a few financial facts which I am sure will interest you.

The soul-winning work of today costs much money. The conferences who conduct the public efforts feel the steadily increasing expenses for advertising, renting of halls, travel, etc. We have, therefore, from the Union tried to release as much money as possible for the evangelistic efforts of the conferences. Eight years ago the conferences paid an extra six per cent of their tithe to the union for its operation. During the past four years the union budget has been made without this six per cent. In this way the conferences have had over half a million Norwegian kroner more for evangelistic work. This and other changes in the budget of the union have only been possible because of the increased appropriations from the Northern European Division and the General Conference, and by limiting the union administration expenses drastically. We did this because we desired to put as much money as

possible at the disposal of the conferences for evangelistic work.

I am also happy to report that in spite of the great building programme both in Denmark and Norway, the capital of the union has steadily increased every one of the last eight years and is now well above the minimum sum that the General Conference counsels us to have.

NEW CHURCHES

During the four-year period a series of beautiful churches and valuable church halls have been erected.

In Denmark we have dedicated churches at Skodsborg, Nærum, Tejn, and Silkeborg.

In Norway we have dedicated two new churches at Drammen and Harstad. Besides these, many other churches have been rebuilt and modernized.

HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

The Skodsborg Clinic in Thorshavn, Faroe Islands, was dedicated in December, 1956. The East Danish Conference rents this clinic to a young Adventist couple. This is the same principle the West Norway Conference follows in Molde. The Skodsborg clinic in the Faroe Islands is very attractive and the work is of great value to the cause.

Four years ago there were only plans for the extension of Skogli Sanitarium at Lillehammer, Norway. Today the plans have been realized. A new building costing Kr. 800,000 has been completed. It adds twenty new beds to the sanitarium, new offices, new sitting-room, and a much-needed lift.

The great and positive influence of Skodsborg Badesanatorium, the North Norway Clinic in Tromsø, Kurbadet in Oslo, and many other private institutions is very valuable indeed.

PROPERTIES IN THE UNION

Four years ago our properties were valued at 5.4 million kroner in Norway, and 6 million in Denmark, making a total of 11.4 million for the union.

During the past four years many new buildings have been erected. By the end of 1958 the properties in Norway were valued at 11.2 million kroner, and in Denmark at 8.6 million kroner, making a total of 19.8 million for the Union, an increase of 8.4 million kroner in four

years. These are the figures in the books. The actual value is much higher.

In harmony with the principles of the denomination we have made great efforts to reduce our debt. In spite of the big building programme our debt in 1958 is only 19 per cent as compared with 28 per cent in 1954.

The capital in our properties today is 16.1 million kroner, while our debt is 3.7 million kroner.

PRESS RELATIONS

The Press work in the union is making good progress due to the able and efficient workers in all conferences. An impressive stream of positive press reports has come to my desk from all parts of Denmark and Norway.

Something new and encouraging is the news about our work which has been repeatedly broadcast over the Danish, Faroic, and Norwegian radio stations. It is not long ago that such a procedure would have been unthinkable in a State monopolized broadcasting system in our countries.

A short while ago Pastor Johannes Jensen spoke of our faith over the Danish radio. Pastor Thorvald Kristensen was interviewed on the radio about our Nærum church, and I have had the joy of speaking over the Norwegian radio three times, and once over the Faroic radio.

Because of our increasing contact with the public, many are now asking the question as to who the Seventh-day Adventists are. Sometimes our enemies have tried to answer these questions and more often than not, they have given incorrect information.

To fill this need, the Norwegian Publishing House and the conferences in Norway requested that I write a booklet about our denomination. Thanks to the able craftsmen in the Norwegian Publishing House this has become a very attractive booklet in four colours, and is for sale at a fraction of its cost. Already 30,000 copies have been printed.

As I look back on the eight years I have had the privilege of serving this union as president, I have enjoyed the fellowship and the co-operation of the brethren in our countries. That which has kept us together has been our united efforts to carry on the work of the Lord

as a whole and complete the task in that part of the vineyard given to us.

I thank you all for the fellowship and good co-operation. Especially I thank my fellow workers in the union and the Northern European Division under the leadership of Pastor A. F. Tarr. The

help we have received from the Division both in word and deed, we have appreciated very much.

May God's continued blessings rest upon our fields for the salvation of many souls.

ALF LOHNE,
President.

West Africa —

Changing But Challenging

By G. D. King

ANY VISITOR to West Africa who knew "the Coast" thirty or more years ago must be impressed with the changing scene. Indeed, even during the last few years tremendous advances have been made in transport, education, medicine, and community welfare services. In the cities such as Accra, Ibadan, Lagos, Monrovia, and Freetown, new modern buildings appear to be springing up almost overnight, and in some places it is difficult to find the Africa one knew years ago. Naturally, as in other countries, some things in Africa do not change too rapidly. National customs and traditions are not easily relinquished, and these have their influence upon the psychological and cultural atmosphere of the countries to which they belong. Possibly it is a good thing that some things die hard, for they serve a purpose in building the characteristics and background of a nation.

This changing scene in Africa is certainly having its influence upon our own mission programme and church life. No longer can we be content with the standards and methods which were perhaps adequate for pioneering work. A new generation of Africans is arising, whose needs, legitimate desires, and natural aspirations concerning the progress of the work of God, must be met if we are to fulfil God's purposes and finish His work in Africa.

My recent visit to Africa impressed me with the fact that the leadership in Africa is endeavouring to meet the challenge of this changing situation. The evangelistic, educational, and medical programme is being promoted with intelligent enthusiasm, and encouraging results are being

achieved. City evangelism has received a new impetus through the enlightened and spiritual ministry of Elder E. E. Cleveland in Monrovia and Accra, the results of which have already been reported in NORTHERN LIGHT. Pastor C. D. Henri, the Union evangelist and Ministerial Association secretary, is successfully following up this work, and he and his associates are promoting a progressive programme of evangelism wherever possible.

Our medical work is not only caring for the pressing and constant needs of the sick and suffering, but is preparing an increasing number of African nurses to meet the needs of their own people. The hospitals at Ile-Ife in West Nigeria and at Kwahu in Ghana are graduating qualified African nurses who will, we believe, not only be efficient in medical techniques but will also be true representatives of the Master Physician as they go on to serve God and humanity.

While I was in Africa this time it was my privilege to address the first graduating class at Kwahu, where six nurses received the Q.R.N. diploma, two of them with distinction. This is indeed a most encouraging beginning to the training programme of this Government-sponsored and Adventist-manned institution. I was greatly impressed with the sincerity of the class and the dedication of the tutors, all of whom have earned our congratulations and should find a constant interest in our prayers.

In East Nigeria a further hospital under Government sponsorship is being pressed upon us, and agreements are being entered into whereby this institution will

be manned by Adventist personnel, and will thus constitute our fifth hospital in West Africa. Our medical programme is growing and advancing to meet the challenge of the changing scene. Incidentally, no fewer than five new doctors have been dispatched to West Africa this year, and we greatly appreciate the sacrificial service of these consecrated physicians. More doctors and nurses are needed, and every endeavour is being made to meet the need.

In the field of education great demands are being made upon us, and our programme is being expanded as rapidly as possible. One only needs to visit the University of Ghana and the University of Ibadan to be impressed with the fact that educationally a new day has dawned in Africa. These centres of education are equipped most impressively both with plant and personnel, and it is impossible for us to propagate our own programme of Christian education with equipment that is mediocre and inadequate. At the present time Elder G. C. Winslow, the principal of the Adventist College of West Africa, is pressing forward energetically with strong plans for the establishment of the new college near Lagos, Nigeria. This college will go a long way toward meeting the need of an educated African ministry. Our Training Schools at Bekwai, Ghana, and at Ihie, East Nigeria, and at Awtun, West Nigeria, are constantly advancing their standards, and a fine group of students is being prepared to meet rising standards in education.

The Lord is indeed fulfilling His promise and His prophecy given in Isaiah 43:19: "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

As the church endeavours to meet the challenge of this changing scene in Africa, we must be prepared to accept the fact stated years ago by that great West African, Dr. Aggrey: "Nothing but the best is good enough for Africa." Our brethren in Africa today are pressing forward, realizing the heavy demands of the present situation, but also realizing that God "is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think," and in the assurance of His promise they are giving themselves in dedicated service.



British Union workers who attended the July meetings, assembled in front of the Stanborough Park School.

Ambassadors for Christ

Report of British Union Workers' Meetings, July 12-15, 1959

By R. D. Vine

A HEARTWARMING feature common to all Workers' Conventions is the invariable verdict: "This was the finest ever." The Watford meetings for the British Union's workers were no exception. Held in the Stanborough Park church from July 12th to 15th, they included features that were both unique and stimulating. From first to last, the presence of God was evident; and the ministry of those who actively participated was both powerful and inspiring. The entire programme was successfully designed to analyse and set forth the duties, obligations, procedures, principles, and sacredness of the great ministry of reconciliation. Hence the Convention theme: "Ambassadors for Christ."

Veteran minister and hymn-writer, J. Harker, had been invited to prepare both theme song and the song of dedication. The former reminded us that we are:

"Ambassadors of Jesus in earth's grand,
final hour;
And He Himself is with us in all His
might and power;
He longs to bless us freely with showers
of latter rain,
And send the angel reapers to garner in
the grain."

The main contributors to a most helpful series of meetings were: Pastors R.

A. Anderson, F. D. Nichol, A. L. White, Drs. W. G. C. Murdoch and W. J. Cannon, of the General Conference; and President A. F. Tarr, of the Northern European Division. Convention organizer was Pastor J. A. McMillan, British Union Conference President.

It was indeed a happy thought to begin our programme with a communion service. This confirmed and strengthened the already existing sense of brotherhood, and we believe, wholesomely influenced all that followed. Pastor Tarr, in a brief but moving address, told anew of the "fountain opened to the house of David . . . for sin and uncleanness." Zech. 13:1. He appealed for continued and greater devotion to our beneficent Saviour, whose saving ministry is nowhere better described than in Job 33:27-29: "He looked upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited not; He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with men."

All united in singing the song of dedication. They sang it, too, as they quietly separated for the ordinance of humility:

*"To Christ my King my life I bring;
He claims my all His own;*

*His life He gives, in me He lives
And makes my heart His throne."*

We will not forget Pastor White's devotional hours each morning. As King Jehoshaphat of old prepared his people to meet a terrible national crisis by urging total loyalty to God and His prophets (2 Chron. 20:20), so Pastor White, like a modern Jehoshaphat, pointed us to the prophetic ministry of Sister E. G. White. He urged that we, who face crises more critical than ever threatened ancient Judah, should acquaint ourselves more fully with the inspired guidance God gave through His servant. He furthermore emphasized the growing importance of encouraging our members to study for themselves the revelations of the Spirit of prophecy which are designed uniquely for God's remnant church in these last days.

A daily session on Pastoral Evangelism was conducted by Dr. Cannon, who rightly declared that mere academic standing was no guarantee that God's appointed shepherds will succeed in their calling. Out of the wealth of long years of successful service for the Lord's flock, he set before us the ideals of shepherd-evangelism, showing the need for Christian love, resolution, initiative, industry, and the skill to deal with the varied and peculiar problems our people constantly face.

Contributing daily, Pastor Anderson powerfully ministered to us as he set forth the principles of public evangelism, and the service of Bible instructors. Among the vast range of questions considered, were the problems: why are so few born into the kingdom; and why do so many die before reaching spiritual maturity? The church, he said, is not a society of integrated personalities, but a school for the education of imperfect souls. It is the only society based on the single qualification that the candidates shall be unworthy of fellowship. Ours is the task, he said, of enabling broken personalities to be made whole, and to find peace, joy, and genuine fellowship.

Dr. Murdoch's afternoon studies set in clearer relief the great message of salvation which it is our privilege to bear to the world. Perhaps as moving as any session of the Convention was his study on Hosea, where is recorded "The

Story of the Prodigal Wife." Here in this uplifting book is a marvellous portrayal of God's mercy and reconciling grace. That which normally would have been a miserable and wretched scandal, is transformed into a most glorious triumph for pardoning grace and yearning love. Resulting from Brother Murdoch's studies we sensed anew our need, as ordained under-shepherds, to manifest greater compassion and love in our task of winning and shepherding souls.

All enjoyed Pastor Nichol's forthright ministry. His consummate skill as a theological explicateur might justify the average listener in concluding that here, indeed, is a modern Ezekiel. The ancient prophet's words were delivered "as a very lovely song," and he was as one that could "play well on an instrument." We are sure, however, that Brother Nichol's practical advice on administration, lay service, and spiritual guidance, did not fall on the kind of deaf ears which the ancient prophet vainly sought to penetrate. (Ezek. 33:32.)

Even when laid low by a motor accident near Oxford, Brother Nichol kept his appointment by means of a tape recorder. He urged that we allow God to clarify our vision. "Vision is more infectious than smallpox," he said. Budgets, we were assured, are not a *sine qua non*. Mighty things were done by stalwarts who had no budgets. Peter and John had neither silver nor gold. Nor did Wesley, nor Miller, nor our early pioneers. But such as they had, they gave. They had a large and inspired vision, plus a resolute determination to labour for souls.

Particularly stimulating and instructive were the evening discussion panels, each under the chairmanship of Pastor McMillan. A wide range of questions was dealt with, including such matters as the "colour line;" the literality of the Spirit of prophecy; rebaptism; immorality among churchmembers; original sin; etc.

Winding up the programme on Wednesday evening, Pastor McMillan presented anew the mighty challenge of the unfinished task. All our interests must be subservient to that which must ever be the primary concern of every minister—that of proclaiming the message with undivided and selfless loyalty. We were

counselled to avoid pursuing private campaigns or implementing ideas which had no sure basis of a "thus saith the Lord."

In connection with this, Josiah's tragic example of meddling unworthily—and fatally—in the affairs of Egypt's Pharaoh Necho, were cited. (2 Chron. 35:20, 21.)

One of the concluding thoughts was couched in the inspired words of God's servant: "We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now. We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare. . . . We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus our Leader, and patiently, perseveringly, press on to gain the victory."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 22.

An evening banquet was the gratifying occasion for our final gathering. The amply laden tables seemed but a foretaste of the heavenly feast to come. Speeches of appreciation, the presentation of certificates to extension school students, and a little wholesome entertainment concluded yet another memorable convention.

Having renewed their dedication to the mighty challenge of Britain's spiritual needs, the worker family scattered to their fields of labour with a new appreciation of their holy calling as "ambassadors for Christ."

News Flash

(Continued from back page.)

So many young people have been desirous of enrolling in the new Norwegian college, Tyrifjord Høyere Skole, that a third of them are having to be refused admittance because of lack of accommodation. The college at present has only one dormitory which was planned for

about seventy students. After having arranged for 110 boys and girls to crowd into the available space, the staff can do no more. A travelling group from La Sierra College, California, led by Dr. W. J. Airey, recently visited the Scandinavian countries. When they visited Tyrifjord Høyere Skole, two of the young ladies wanted to enrol as students for the next school year. The college, however, could not admit them because of lack of space for it has already refused admittance to fifty Norwegian students. This tragic situation for the many Adventist youth will be remedied as soon as the plans for the new dormitory are realized. The drawings have been made and the building will be started as soon as the necessary means are available.

W. L. Emmerson's book, *Footprints of Jesus*, Volume I, is now printed in Danish and ready for sale by the literature evangelists in Denmark. The coloured illustrations are the same as in the English edition. The book contains 188 large pages and sells for Dkr. 30 (30s.).

ICELAND

BROTHER J. Gudmundsson, writing from Iceland, sends this encouraging word: "You will be glad to hear that we have had more baptisms this year than ever before. Earlier in the year we baptized twenty young people. Nineteen of them were this year's students from Hlidardalsskoli and one from the Reykjavik church. Later we held another baptism when twelve were added to the church. Nine of these were directly brought in by O. J. Olsen's effort, two were students from Hlidardalsskoli, one from the Reykjavik church, and another was baptized from Brother Hallgrímsson's effort on the east coast. We are surely thankful for these new members. Nine of those brought in by Brother Olsen's effort are men, either young or in their best years. Ten of the school's converts are students whose parents do not belong to our church. They are from sixteen to twenty years old. Most of them are very promising young people who are likely to develop into good workers in the Lord's work."

NEWS FLASH

GREENLAND

(Excerpts from a letter written to A. F. Tarr from Andreas Nielsen on August 4, 1959.)

OUR Division has been greatly privileged in a visit from Elder R. R. Figuhr, president of the General Conference. Brother Figuhr is on his way for a brief itinerary in Poland, and has been able to visit churches in Ireland, Scotland, and North and South England. Those who have been privileged to hear him have been greatly blessed by his ministry. He and Pastor A. F. Tarr left for Poland on September 9th.

Elder E. L. Minchin, who is greatly beloved by our membership both young and old throughout the Division, was able to make a brief stop-over visit in London and Stanborough Park on his way to appointments in Southern and Central Europe. It was good to see Elder Minchin again and to know that the Lord is greatly blessing him in his ministry to the youth of the world field.

Brother U. Rouhe, formerly secretary-treasurer of the Finland Union, has now taken up his duties as business manager of Newbold Missionary College. We wish Brother and Sister Rouhe and their family much of the Lord's blessing as they face the tasks and privileges that will be theirs at the Division school. Brother A. W. Lethbridge, who has served the school for many years as business manager, is filling the post as head of the Commercial Department.

Word has been received that Pastor and Mrs. J. P. Sundquist and family will be arriving in this Division from their service in Africa about mid-October, when Brother Sundquist will be taking up his work as president of the Swedish Union.

Recently the General Conference, Northern European Division, and West Nordic Union were represented in Denmark by their respective publishing men. W. H. Higgins, J. M. Bucy and Olav Labianca spent some time with the Danish Publishing leaders studying problems together. In July this year the sales had increased by thirty-seven per cent above the previous year.

WE WERE very glad to have M. E. Lind with us during the dedication of our new church and clinic, and we have much reason to be thankful for the good impression which was made on the people on this occasion. It seems that Godthaab with its 3,000 inhabitants, will be the city where the greatest growth in population will be made in Greenland. I am convinced that we have made the right choice in selecting Godthaab as our mission centre in Greenland.

Our financial reports from the clinic are very encouraging. In four months we have received from the Medical Department Dkr. 9,881.85 (£494) for treatments given. We are glad to be conscious of the good impression which our medical work is making on the people, and this will surely raise our evangelistic work onto a higher plane in the minds of the people.

Through the radio the people have been informed of our medical work and also of our church, and this, of course is making it easier for us not only in Godthaab but also in other parts of Greenland.

I visited some smaller places in the district of Godthaab. I took several sacks of clothing to these places for the poor people, and have had good experiences while working with our Greenlandic edition of *Steps to Christ*.

In Frederikshaab, a place not so far from here and which I first visited in 1954, I found the people interested and very friendly. Now I am going again to that place to conduct meetings, and to visit all the homes with our truth-filled literature. A young interested Greenland has invited me to stay in his home when, he says, we shall have more time to talk together.

Last Sunday evening there were twenty-one present in the church for a public meeting, but in the winter time it will be easier to gather the people. We have already had some visitors to our Sabbath services.

Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Barham who have been appointed for service at the Kwahu Hospital, Ghana, sailed for Africa on September 12th. Readers will be interested to know that Dr. Barham is the grandson of Elder W. E. Read, who served this Division as both secretary and president for a number of years.

Pastor and Mrs. A. J. Anderson of the Welsh Mission have recently been appointed for pastoral evangelistic service in Freetown, Sierra Leone, and it is expected that they will be sailing for Africa early in October.

Brother and Sister F. C. Barfoot and family returned to service in West Africa on September 3rd, where Brother Barfoot will resume his service as Union Publishing and Sabbath school secretary.

Brother and Sister H. I. Dunton returned to West Africa on August 20th, where Brother Dunton resumes his service as headmaster of the Bekwai Secondary School, Ghana.

A new booklet in Norwegian about the Seventh-day Adventists, their history and main teachings, is having a wide circulation. During the first two months after publication 25,000 copies were bought by our members to give away or sell. The booklet was written by Alf Lohne, the Union president. The front page is printed in four colours and the contents are richly illustrated.

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