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## *Greetings to Our Believers in the Northern European Division*

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ON BEHALF of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, I wish to extend cordial Christian greetings to our believers throughout the Northern European Division.

The purpose of my recent visit was to attend the Winter Council and the Division-wide departmental councils which were held in Stockholm, Sweden. The meetings and Councils were deeply spiritual and highly inspirational. We believe that much was accomplished. As for the

Sabbath School Department we believe that a new wave of Sabbath school evangelism will follow. The department pledged to throw the full weight of its organization into our all-out effort to co-operate in the "Win One" programme that the Division is sponsoring, for "the object of the Sabbath school work should be the ingathering of souls."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 61.

The leaders of the Division and all their co-workers are on fire for evangelism and are looking forward to finishing their task. We appreciated the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the brethren who are leading out in the Sabbath school work of this great Division. Truly, they are men of vision and are dedicated to the task that lies before them.

In connection with my attendance at the Councils held in Stockholm the brethren made it possible for me to visit certain conferences *en route* to and from Stockholm.

It was my privilege to include some of the strategic centres in the British Union, the Netherland Union, the West Nordic Union, and the Finland Union. All the meetings in the Swedish Union were held in connection with the Winter Council and departmental meetings except two which were conducted at the Swedish College. In our meetings emphasis was placed on the great objectives of the Sabbath School Department, as follows:

1. *Soul-winning*: "The object of Sabbath School work should be the ingathering of souls." (*Ibid.*, page 61.) It should be a soul-training institution for its members and a soul-winning organization for non-members. It must serve a community as well as a constituency. "The Lord desires that those who are engaged in Sabbath school work should be missionaries, able to go forth to the towns and villages that surround the church." (*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, page 74.) "The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 10.

2. *The Study of God's Word*: The study of the lesson is considered to be so important that the whole Sabbath school programme is arranged with the lesson period in mind. Thus it is that the Bible is the one great text-book of the Sabbath school, and its daily study one of its most important objectives.

"Let the Sabbath school lesson be learned, not by a hasty glance at the lesson scripture on Sabbath morning, but by careful study for the next week on Sabbath afternoon, with daily review or illustration during the week. Thus the lesson will become fixed in the memory, a treasure never to be wholly lost."—*Ibid.*, page 43.

3. *Loyalty to Missions*: Another major objective of our Sabbath schools is the raising of mission funds. The Sabbath school mission funds flowing in from Sabbath to Sabbath through the established channels approximate half of all offerings given by our people for the ever-expanding mission programme around the world. The total Sabbath school offering is made up of four principal offerings: the class offering for the twelve Sabbaths, the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, the Investment Offering, and the Birthday-Thank Offering. The offering for 1959 amounted to \$7,413,172.14.

"From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality. My brethren and sisters, do not plead for retrenchment in evangelical work. So long as there are souls to save, our interest in the work of soul-saving is to know no abating."—*Ibid.*, pages 133, 134.

4. *Membership*: Another objective of the Sabbath school is membership. All members of the church and all the

children of the members of the church should be members of the Sabbath school.

5. *Attendance*: Last, but in no wise least, of the Sabbath school quintet of objectives is: "Every Sabbath school member present and on time at every Sabbath school service." One of the church-member's vows, confirmed by baptism, is faithfulness in attendance at all the services of the church. Certainly this includes Sabbath school membership and attendance. Thus it is God's plan to have all the members of the church in the Sabbath school, and all the members of the Sabbath school in the church. And all are to plan to attend the Sabbath school "on time." Everything with which God has to do runs on time.

Dr. B. B. Beach, the new Sabbath School Secretary for the Northern European Division accompanied me on the entire itinerary. His vision and enthusiasm was much appreciated. We are confident that the Sabbath school work will go forward from strength to strength during 1961.

Placing the words in the context in which Christ spoke them (Mark 11:20, 21) it was noted that in situations for which there is no human provision we must have faith in God. The Bible and religion do not pretend to give an answer to every question, but "through faith we understand." Heb. 11:3. "The programme of coming events is in the hands of our Maker. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations as well as His own church in His own hands." God has not abandoned His control. But where are our hands? There are dark moments even in our service, but faith puts a lantern in our hands. God has made provision for every need: "We are labourers together with God." Not only does the Remnant Church keep the commandments of God, but it has the faith of Jesus. Christ prayed for Peter that his faith would not fail. (Luke 22:31, 32.) The greatest danger is fear and the lack of faith. Let us reclaim the promise: "I the Lord will hold thy right hand." Isa. 41:13. Hand in hand with God—that is faith.

## Ministering the Word

*Thoughts from Some of the Sermons  
(Concluded from the January Issue)*

**Reporters: K. Elias and E. H. Foster**

**Thursday Morning  
November 24th**

**Speaker: W. R. Beach**

In this first morning devotional of the Council, Elder Beach presented what he described as the very crux of discipleship—having the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:16, last part.) Our mental ability, attitude, and philosophy of life are all involved in this. In the beginning man had the mind of God, but with the fall, man took the mind of Satan which is diametrically opposed to the Divine. The work of redemption is the restoration of the original communion.

Paul in Philippians two, describes the mind of Christ which is exemplified in the divesting of self and the investiture of others. The mentality of Christ takes the blinds from off our minds so that we

can see not only ourselves, but others. We become the biggest, broadest people in the world—universal in our service. In order for our ministry to be effective we must have communion with God, with God's Book, with the world, and with God's people. We must cease to be amateurs in our understanding of others and become thorough professionals. The church faces a mighty challenge, and the only successful way in which it can be met is by the minister who is able to think the thoughts of God, and to speak through the eyes and lips of men.

**Friday Evening  
November 25th**  
**Speaker: G. D. King**

"Have faith in God" was the challenging keynote of Pastor King's address.

**Sabbath Afternoon  
November 26th**  
**Speaker: R. H. Adair**

It was appropriate that as a treasurer of the General Conference, Elder Adair should choose to speak on the subject of security. He introduced his theme by referring to the present unusual times, when we have prosperity with a world faltering on the brink of destruction. As a church we have increased funds and facilities, but prosperity brings its problems. Illustrations taken from the Apostolic Church showed that they had little physical security, but they possessed the power of the Spirit. They were not dependent on economic security. Similarly, the pioneers of the Adventist Church had the spirit of sacrifice. Our emphasis should be on the love of God, and His ability to meet our needs, rather than endeavouring to make our financial security paramount. There is no absolute security in this world, even for the richest. We can easily lose the spirit of trusting God, and think that our prosperity will save us, but many have discovered that their wealth has been the root of a disturbed conscience.

Heavenly mindedness, heavenly interest is the secret of real security. In conclusion, Brother Adair referred to the soul-stirring confession of the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:35-37. "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

Wednesday Morning  
November 30th

Speaker: G. R. Nash

The final devotional message of the 1960 Division Winter Council was an appeal for greater enthusiasm in the service of God. Zeal and enthusiasm made

Jesus a success, as it is recorded of Him in John 2:17: "The zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up." Ellen G. White has stated that success will be in proportion to the enthusiasm and energy we put into our work. "God forbid that Seventh-day Adventists should lose their vision," Elder Nash declared. All great causes have been led by men whose hearts have been stirred by strong convictions. Nothing could stop Paul. He faced all kinds of hardships. His soul was on fire. The reformers, too, suffered persecution and imprisonment in order to promote their cause. They put all they had into it as did also the pioneers of the Advent movement who thought nothing of money, ease, or self, but only of the work of God.

The policy reads as follows:

"In order that the available resources for the extension of our world-wide evangelistic programme may be administered by a systematic and uniform plan in all conferences and missions receiving appropriations from the General Conference and Divisions, the following provisions are outlined:

"1. a. All Divisions, conferences, and missions are authorized to maintain an Operating Capital, to be computed and readjusted annually, on the basis of 20 per cent of the annual administrative expense.

"b. In each Division treasury there should be provided an *additional* Operating Capital consisting of 15 per cent of the amount voted by the Division to its respective organizations for Class I appropriations. It is recognized, however, that the European Divisions may require a larger Operating Capital.

"c. In order to protect their sustentation beneficiaries, each Division should maintain a minimum sustentation reserve fund equal to two years' estimated disbursements.

"d. These funds shall not be drawn on for regular or special appropriations, except in times of special financial depression, but shall be held as a reserve with which to carry on the business of the organization."

The budget requests from the various fields amounted to \$2,588,638.10. We wish we could have met all of these requests for increased cost of present work, new workers, new equipment and new projects, but that would be impossible although the General Conference has been as generous as usual in dividing the funds among the different world fields. We greatly appreciate their generosity and as we seek wisdom in the distribution of the available funds, we hope and pray that they may be a great blessing to the various fields, and should the funds fall short of the requests made, we trust that according to God's promise, He shall supply all our needs "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

In closing, Brother Karlman exhorted all to remember that, while evaluating whatever work has been done, our one and only goal should always be the saving of souls for the Kingdom of God.



A. Karlman.

rivers in the desert." He stated that we have come to the time when new things are happening around us constantly, and it does not need the faith of our forefathers to convince us that time is running out. We see signs with our own eyes. Nations are angry. But in these new conditions, God has promised that He too will make new ways in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Right before our eyes in Ethiopia this has happened where, within a few years, the membership has been multiplied many times.

Brother Karlman said it was a pleasure for him to report the faithfulness of members in tithe paying and offerings for missions.

The total tithe for the Division for the year 1959 amounted to \$1,629,589.95, which is a gain of \$143,497.40, or nearly

ten per cent compared with 1958, and during the past ten years the tithe has nearly doubled.

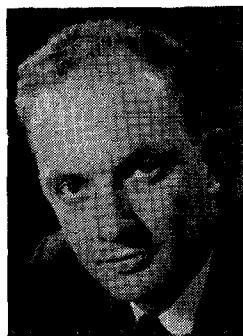
The mission offerings have also shown a good increase of \$299,778.34 during the past ten years. The offerings, however, have not kept pace with the increase in tithe. The percentage of offerings to tithe in 1950 was 48.2 but it dropped to 44.2 in 1959.

Our Sabbath school members, and those who promote their offerings, deserve a special word of thanks for their faithfulness for, during the past ten years, the Sabbath school offerings have shown an increase of 81.25 per cent.

The Ingathering for 1959 constitutes nearly 60 per cent of all mission offerings, having reached an all time high of \$428,105.31 in 1959 or an increase of 80 per cent over a ten year period. From reports coming in, the year 1960 promises to be another successful year. The British Union shows an increase of \$7,939.08, and the latest available figure for Finland, an increase of \$3,167.04 over 1959. Sweden seems to have broken all records with an increase of \$31,500.52 to date.

Every organization must, according to policy, maintain an adequate working capital reserve to protect our work and our workers against unforeseen contingencies which might arise.

## FURTHER REPORTS FROM THE DIVISION

*The Temperance Department*(Reports condensed.—*Ed.*)

C. D. Watson.

ONE of the most valuable contributions that we have been able to make in the field of Temperance is the annual summer Institute of Scientific Studies. These began in 1955 at the Geneva University. Since then the growing influence of these meetings has attracted the attention of various governments and so a series of invitations have been received for us to hold them in various European capitals. In 1959 we held the Institute in Vienna, in 1960 in Paris, and for 1961 we have accepted an invitation to Amsterdam, and in 1962 to Warszawa. These gatherings are proving a valuable opportunity for the fostering of research and education on all phases of alcoholism, and a medium of exchange of ideas and findings by all interested parties.

## UNION PROJECTS

In West Africa, Pastor M. T. Battle has been instrumental in launching a Temperance Society which has rapidly become the largest in the Division. Visits to various ministers and presidents indicate that very soon we will be invited to establish at least one Institute in West Africa. The British Temperance Society has experienced some very favourable contacts in many centres which have resulted in a series of meetings which have been held in the Houses of Parliament and various Universities and Colleges throughout the land. Pastor B. F. Kinman has plans in hand which will greatly expand the scope of effectiveness of the British Society.

In the Netherlands, Pastor D. Vink has been able to establish a virile society with its own Journal which is increasing in its circulation. Leading politicians and physicians have lent their support to the work and with the prospects of holding the Institute in their union this year the future is bright.

Pastor P. Peltonen ably assisted by Brother S. Helppi and Drs. Karstrom and Hirvonen, have been able to conduct a series of "Health and Temperance" Rallies in various centres. Large halls have been hired and attendance has been good.

Pastor J. Wollan is most enthusiastic about the results of Temperance work in the West Nordic Union and reports:

"We are all very happy to learn that our believers in Denmark and Norway are following the instruction from God regarding our Temperance work.

"The anti-tobacco film has been shown in 160 places during the past two years. Last year 19,500 people saw the film in Denmark and Norway. Because of the many requests for the use of the film, we have bought three new copies. Many, including young people, have stopped smoking after having seen the film.

"Last year local option was held in eighteen towns in Norway. This is an occasion when the local population is given opportunity of voting for or against the sale of alcohol in the district. Pastor A. Lohne prepared a small tract for the occasion which was distributed to the homes by our members.

"When the Norwegian State Anti-Alcoholic Committee saw this very attractive publication, they asked permission to buy 60,000 copies for distribution.

"Another successful venture was the Temperance Institute in connection with the Seminary Extension School in Norway. Brother Scharffenberg gave two inspiring talks on the development and possibilities of organized Temperance

work. On the following day the opening address was delivered by a member of the Norwegian Parliament, the Rt. Hon. Mr. Ytre-Arne, who in a very striking way touched the highlights of current temperance politics. He pointed out the great responsibility that rests upon parents. Among the prominent guest speakers at the Institute, was the Director of the Norwegian State Anti-Alcoholic Committee; the State Instructor Professor Fosgard, the leader of the largest and most influential Temperance League in Norway; Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch; Professor A. L. White, and Professor Roy A. Andersen and the Union President, Pastor Lohne.

"During 1959 we sold 34,300 copies of our 24-page Temperance magazine, and in 1960, 36,000 copies. In Denmark 11,500 were sold besides a special issue of "Signs of the Times" (*Tidernes Tegn*).

"It is also most encouraging to notice the good reports which are given by other Temperance societies in their papers about our work. In each of the two years we have been subsidized by Nkr. 2,000.00 from the Norwegian Government, and our churches in Norway have responded in their offerings by giving Nkr. 4,200.00 for the temperance work."

Pastor Heinz Mandell has been recently elected to the responsibility of caring for the Temperance Department in the Swedish Union. He reports:

"During 1959 and 1960 we have found a growing interest in our film 'One in 20,000.' Four new copies of the film have been purchased. We are now making arrangements to have a Swedish sound track added, and know that this will create a wider interest and provide greater opportunities for this work which is providing favourable contacts with all classes of people and giving us opportunity to talk to them about our message.

"Enthusiastic support has been given by our members and institutions. For example, Algot Ericsson, the Young People's leader at Nyhyttan, arranged a temperance oratory, essay, slogan, and poster contest, which proved a great success."

## MISSION DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES

*The Ministerial Association*

O. P. Jordal.

During 1959, 5,100 new members were added to our churches.

## MINISTERIAL TRAINING INSTITUTES

Outstanding among a number of ministerial institutes conducted during 1959 and 1960 were the two Seminary Extension Schools held at Newbold College and Tyrifjord Høyere Skole with attendances of 60 and 80 respectively. The former school was for workers in Britain and the Netherlands, and the latter for our Scandinavian workers.

The first ministerial workshop to be held in Poland since before the war convened in Warsaw in February, 1960, with an attendance of 60 workers, and for a part of the time, the wives of all workers. The meetings met a great need in the Polish field.

Through the co-operation of the General Conference Ministerial Association, a number of Schools of Evangelism have been conducted in several of our unions. E. E. Cleveland's work in Monrovia, Liberia, and Accra, Ghana, has been a great help to our programme of city evangelism in West Africa. Besides the training given to our workers in those fields, more than 200 baptisms resulted from the two campaigns. Elder Cleveland also conducted shorter campaigns and ministerial training institutes in Warsaw, and in a number of places in Finland during the winter of 1960.

At the present time, Elder W. Schubert

THE NUMBER of ministerial workers in the field on June 30, 1960, were as follows: 311 ordained ministers; 168 licensed ministers; 80 Bible instructors, and 60 honorary ministers.

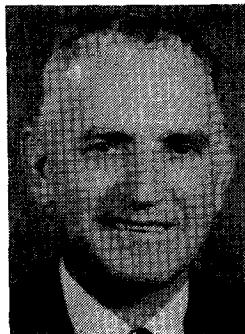
of the General Conference is holding public campaigns in Dublin and Belfast, Ireland.

## EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS OF OUR MINISTRY

There is no uniformity in the educational standards set for our ministry in the different fields of the Division. A minimum standard of a B.A. degree or its equivalent has been adopted by some unions, while in others little emphasis has been laid on this matter. In the fields where educational minimum standards have been introduced, great efforts are being made to make it possible for older workers to catch up with the new

requirements, through the granting of study leaves and financial support.

As we look back upon the work in the Ministerial Association during the past two years, we realize that we have been very privileged in receiving special help through the services of a number of men from the General Conference. Men like Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch, Dr. W. J. Cannon, Pastors R. A. Anderson, A. L. White, E. E. Cleveland, W. E. Read, H. M. S. Richards, and W. Schubert have all been sent to our Division in the interest of the ministerial work. Some of them have spent considerable time in our field. Their contributions have been of great value to our workers, and through these lines, we express our appreciation for them, and also to the General Conference for making it possible for these brethren to visit our field.

*Radio and Bible Schools*

J. W. Nixon.

THERE is a close tie between the publishing work and the Radio and Bible schools, Pastor J. W. Nixon remarked, as he pointed out that during the last two and a half years the colporteurs had enrolled

19,921 people. This is 40 per cent of the total enrolment for the period. He said he hoped the colporteurs would soon be enrolling ten people per week.

This report was alive with vital, interesting experiences of grateful students and showed good progress being made everywhere. Of special interest was the total reported baptisms of 1,420 for the years 1958 and 1959 and six months of 1960. The baptisms for 1958/59 were 240 ahead of the previous two years.

In Finland, Bible correspondence students had been invited to gather at

our permanent youth camp to become better acquainted and to study the Bible together. Fifty students attended the first camp and six were baptized. This year four more were baptized.

Unfortunately our English broadcast from Radio Luxembourg has had to be discontinued. We deeply regret this. We now have only three broadcast programmes: One in the Dutch language from Radio Luxembourg every Friday at 5.45 p.m. Another in English from Radio ELBC, Monrovia, Liberia, every Sunday at 9.30 a.m. The third one is in French from Radio Abidjan, Ivory Coast, every Sunday at 7.45 a.m.

A most interesting story of how Nigeria put the Faith for Today TV programme on the air was then related, and how the necessary \$4,000 was raised by W. A. Fagel in the United States.

Pastor Nixon concluded his interesting report with these words: "May God bless our faithful Radio and Bible correspondence school secretaries around the Division. Their earnest efforts have made possible this encouraging report."

# Sabbath School Department



Dr. B. B. Beach.

DURING the past few years there has been a steady growth of Sabbath school membership. From 1955 to 1959 church membership grew by 20 per cent, Sabbath school membership by 21.13 per cent. In 1955 Sabbath school membership was 157 per cent of the church membership. At the end of 1959 it was 161 per cent. Despite incomplete reports from West Africa and Poland, at the end of the first six months of 1960 there were 1,440 Sabbath schools with a membership for the Division of 98,297. There is no doubt that, at the time of this Winter Council, there are, for the first time, over 100,000 Sabbath school members in the Northern European Division! This is an important milestone for your Sabbath School Department. What a force for good this God-blessed army, 100,000 strong represents!

#### RALLIES AND CONVENTIONS

It is only during the weeks immediately prior to this Winter Council that your Division Sabbath School Department was able to hold Sabbath school rallies and conventions. Sixteen were held in Great Britain, the Netherlands, and Denmark. The appropriate talks and counsel of the General Conference Sabbath School Department Secretary, Elder G. R. Nash, contributed to the success of these meetings. Further meetings will take place in Finland immediately after the Departmental Council.

#### BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOLS

Certainly one of the most effective means for evangelism outside the church is the Branch Sabbath school, Sunday school, or Community Bible school plan. Though much more needs to be done in this field of activity, especially in some unions where the plan has not really been

launched yet, we are happy to report that at the close of the second quarter of 1960, 450 such schools were in operation with a total enrolment, very conservatively reported as 2,131.

#### LOYALTY TO MISSIONS

The total Sabbath school offerings during 1959 amounted to almost \$225,000.00. This was an increase of 10.38 per cent over 1958. During the first six months of 1960, total Sabbath school offerings reached \$121,329.73. This is a wonderful increase of 13.58 per cent over the identical period in 1959. During the first three quarters of 1960, Sabbath school offerings in the Netherland Union increased by 31 per cent. This is really an outstanding record. We are truly grateful for the loyalty to missions shown by the liberality of our members. There has, however, during the past few years, been a slight but constant drop of Sabbath school offerings in relation to the tithe. All the more we are happy to report that during 1959 this trend was arrested: Sabbath school offerings amounted to 13.78 per cent of the tithe, compared to 13.69 per cent in 1958. We must, however, double our efforts in order not only to arrest, but to reverse this meaningful trend. Should we really and literally "double" our efforts and offerings, then we would be giving as Sabbath school offerings approximately 3 per cent of our income, and this is the goal the Sabbath School Department is trying to reach around the world.

#### THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

The Thirteenth Sabbath overflow at the end of the first quarter of 1960 went to our own Northern European Division. It amounted to \$62,527.83 and was the largest first quarter overflow in the history of the church. We thank God for the wonderful response of our people around the circle of the globe. The next Thirteenth Sabbath offering to go to the Northern European Division will be the second quarter of 1962.

#### CONCLUSION

We wish to thank all our co-workers

and earnest Sabbath school members who have made these results possible. The influence growing from this department will improve, and will enlarge the Advent movement in Northern Europe and Africa. Indeed, there is "a most precious missionary field in the Sabbath school, and if there are now omens of good, they are only indications and beginnings of what may be done."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 9.

## Interesting Facts

#### DID YOU KNOW?

FORTY per cent of the total enrolments in the different Bible correspondence courses during the past two and a half years is the work of the colporteurs.

Public relations is the necessary, sane, logical pre-approach to successful evangelism.

The greatest resource which we have today is not in the Winter Council Budget, but in the youth of the church.

During the 1960 Ingathering campaign Ekebyholm collected \$62 per student, and The Stanborough Press \$70 per employee. These are world records.

During the past two years the total value of welfare services and materials employed is approximately \$350,000.00.

There are approximately as many students enrolled in Ethiopia as in the European schools of the Division.

In West Norway, Sunday is the best day for Ingathering.

Skodsborg has a waiting list of several months.

The boat is the highway number 1 in Norway.

Our secondary school in Iceland has had to turn down two applications for every one accepted.

The Seventh-day Adventist church as a whole, spends almost \$100 million in one year.

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## Heard and Overheard at the Council

"THE enthusiasm evoked at this Congress must inevitably tell for greater things in days to come. Every talk given has come from the heart of experienced workers, and has brought inspiration to a task that is demanding more and more of ourselves and our membership in a rapidly changing world.

"Our gathering together has been an unforgettable one, and we look forward to new and unprecedented experiences in 1961."—A. F. TARR, *President, N.E.D.*

"We visualize 1961 as a soul-winning year in Britain. Many evangelistic campaigns are now under way which will bring much fruit in baptisms. The laymen's Win One campaign will also yield a rich harvest in 1961. Our Ingathering will reach up toward £75,000. We also trust that our people will reach higher ground in spiritual achievement. We go forward believing that God will lead and bless."—J. A. McMILLAN, *President, British Union.*

"In 1961 we plan to build a number of new clinics and schools in Ethiopia in order to expand our medical and educational endeavours. Last, but not least, we will continue our evangelistic work all over the country. Our new church and evangelistic centre in Addis Ababa is now finished, and soon we will inaugurate an evangelistic campaign in the capital with its more than 400,000 inhabitants. The doors are wide open in Ethiopia, and we trust that the Lord will give us a still greater harvest of souls."—A. VARMER, *President, Ethiopian Union Mission.*

"In the Finland Union we are planning and preparing for about forty evangelistic efforts in 1961. We pray and believe that hundreds of souls will be won as a result of this big campaign. Another big campaign which will continue with increasing efficiency is the Win One campaign. Pray for us and for the finishing of the work of God in Finland before our dear Redeemer will return."—O. PELTONEN, *President, Finland Union.*

"The Win One campaign will be the

highlight of all our activities in 1961. In our evangelistic campaigns we will try to secure the wholehearted co-operation of the churchmembers and the young people. In the summer we plan to cover the country with *Footprints of Jesus*. Our aim is to make the Harvest Ingathering results bigger than ever before. We face the future with confidence, feeling sure that God is waiting to bestow upon us greater blessings and more success in soul-winning than ever before."—J. GUDMUNDSSON, *President, Iceland Conference.*

"As delegates from the Netherland Union we have had the opportunity to attend this inspiring Division Council in Stockholm. We leave this city with a burning desire to bring the message of God to the Netherlands in a stronger way than ever before. The Netherland Union has taken the resolution to bring the Harvest Ingathering up to Hfl. 105,000, and with the help of God to win 250 new souls in 1961."—F. J. VOORTHUIS, *President, Netherland Union.*

"All our workers are at present leading evangelistic efforts not only in our own churches, but also in churches of other denominations which have put their chapels at our disposal for evangelistic work. We believe that the year 1961 will be the best year in soul-winning. Over 1,000 churchmembers are already taking part in the laymen's Win One campaign. The churchmembers are very faithful to the Advent message and are bringing more offerings every year to the cause of God. We believe that God will do great things in Poland during 1961."—G. BARON, *President, Polish Union.*

"The West African Union Mission will move into 1961 with enthusiasm for an even greater programme of evangelism. The Adventist laymen will be challenged by the slogan, 'By all Means Win Some.' Sixty thousand Sabbath school members, led and taught by consecrated ministers, represent a powerful and effective force in bringing Christ to the 56,000,000 souls of West Africa. Watch for thrilling soul-winning reports from

our field. Many will win more than one in 1961."—H. J. WELCH, *President, West African Union Mission.*

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## Greenland News

ENCOURAGING letters have recently been received from our two intrepid nurses, Sisters Anna Hogganvik and Ella Prastiin, in Godthaab, Greenland.

They return to Denmark in early spring after their two year term of service. The Government pays the fares of the nurses.

Sister Anna writes that the clinic is doing very well, and they enjoy the full co-operation of the doctors. They have enjoyed their stay there very much, and believe there will be quite a few who would like to spend a term in Greenland. They have a good flat, more modern and comfortable than many at home. She feels there is little sacrifice involved, apart from the absence of relatives and friends. It is difficult to win souls up there, and the language is a great problem. She hopes and prays that the Lord will give them a church of faithful, earnest people who will be able to teach others.

Sister Anna says there are some very nice Danish families in Godthaab so they are not entirely alone. They go for walks in the fields, and in September gather berries which supply them with vitamins for the winter. In summer they grow lettuce, parsley, curly kale, and spinach in hot beds and tomatoes in the greenhouse. They have flowers on the verandah and the window sills. The soil is good.

Sister Ella in her letter tells how much the patients appreciate Sister Anna's help and her understanding ways. The clinic is really a great blessing. She continues: "My work is of a different nature, but I am happy to help the sick and feeble. There is so much misery everywhere. Many poor homes with their flock of children need the help of our Dorcas societies. Through the new arrangement of visiting and nursing the sick in their homes, we can help to break down prejudice. We are very grateful for the shipments from the Dorcas societies and we hope that there will be a harvest of souls one day in Greenland."

# Pastor W. McClements Revisits Nigeria

LAST year the Western Region Government of Nigeria, with headquarters at Ibadan, approached the General Conference with a request that we send a pioneer missionary of that country over there as their guest to attend the Government Independence Celebrations. Because of the long years of service of Pastor and Mrs. W. McClements in West Africa where he was the former president of the Union, and especially as a worker in Nigeria, they were invited to go. We share with our readers Pastor McClements' appreciation and impressions as he revisited Nigeria.

"It is just over two weeks since I returned from Nigeria where I enjoyed a most interesting and, to me, a very thrilling experience, revisiting the scenes of our former labours, and meeting with our missionaries and African workers and members out there. This generous gesture on the part of the Regional Government was greatly appreciated by our believers in Western Nigeria. To me it was like returning home again! I was met and entertained by our old friends Pastor and Mrs. Ellstrom in the bungalow built in 1927. [Pastor McClements first went out to West Africa in 1918/19.]

"It was indeed a great joy to meet so many of our former workers in that field, like Pastors J. Oriola, S. Dare, J. Adeogun, J. A. Adeoye, J. Olomojobi, Samson Majolagbe and others still labouring faithfully and courageously and bearing important responsibilities in the mission work. I could not refrain from being thankful to the Lord that the work of the early missionaries continues to bear fruit through the labours of these faithful African brethren and their families.

"Another encouraging aspect of the work was in seeing so many younger missionaries and African workers facing up enthusiastically to the new conditions now developing so rapidly in these days of change in Africa. The pioneering spirit is still alive. I could see this in the way our missionaries are addressing themselves to meeting the needs of the near future—and indeed of the present time—in opening and developing such institutions as the secondary school at Ede on a

hundred acre site, and the college at Ilisan on a three hundred acre site. Such institutions are needed for the training of our African young people who must bear the burdens of evangelism and leadership in the days that lie ahead.

"I was happy to see the cordial relationship between our African and overseas workers. Truly the Advent message makes us all members of one great family around the globe.

"As I visited around the Western Nigerian Mission in the short time at my disposal, I was deeply impressed with the good schools we have, and the great army of boys and girls in those schools. I couldn't refrain from reflecting on the middle twenties when we opened small schools in Erunmu and Ipoti and could only keep them going with great difficulty because of the lack of pupils. Now, the Ipoti primary school has about 500 pupils, and in addition a good secondary modern school. Erunmu, Awtun, and Ile-Ife likewise have secondary modern schools in addition to their primary schools. Western Nigeria has had free primary education for several years, and it is thrilling to see how young Africans are grasping their opportunities. During the Independence Celebrations Premier Akintola, himself a product of early Baptist mission training, expressed the great gratitude that Nigeria owed to the various Christian missions for what they have done in educating their people as well as in preaching the Gospel.

"Dr. Nagel and his colleagues have been doing a great work at Ile-Ife hospital. The growth of the hospital and school work is impressive. And that lovely church by the side of the main road is an inspiring sight. When I met the Oni of Ile-Ife, now Sir Adesoji Aderemi, Governor of the Western Region, I asked him if he had any regrets since giving us the land for the hospital, and he replied: 'Oh no! The hospital has been doing a very great work there.'

"The Government Independence Celebrations were most enjoyable and among other things I had the privilege of being greeted personally by Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra of Kent. Then, too, Brethren Hughes and Adeoye of the VOP

got busy after my arrival and this resulted in my being interviewed on Television for five or six minutes.

"Now, once more, my wife and I wish to express our appreciation to you and the General Conference for extending the invitation to us to visit Nigeria. Though my wife did not feel well enough to go, she has enjoyed hearing all the news about the work and workers and developments in Western Nigeria."

## Heard and Overheard

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"In the West Nordic Union we look with courage and confidence toward greater results during the year 1961. We do so because definite plans have been laid to activate our lay members and to tie their strength and talents together with those of the ministry into a combined effort to win more souls."—A. LOHNE, President, West Nordic Union.

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Forward into a deeper devotion to our Lord;  
Forward into a greater effort for our Lord;  
Forward—soon—into the Kingdom of our Lord."

—P. SUNDQUIST, President, Swedish Union. B.B.B.

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