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An Emperor's Throne in an Adventist Church

By A. F. TARR

FLYING high over the Red Sea in a DC-6B of the Ethiopian Air Lines, we are on our homeward journey to the headquarters of the Northern European Division. We carry with us some very vivid memories of a most happy and eventful visit to our work in Ethiopia, this visit climaxing in the dedication of our beautiful, newly-completed church building in the capital city of Addis Ababa. Here it was that three days ago, on Sabbath afternoon, February 4th, we had the extraordinary privilege of seeing His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie, seated on his throne especially brought from the palace for the occasion, and following with rapt attention every item of the hour-and-twenty-minute service. This, we were informed, was the Emperor's first public appointment since the recent disturbances in Ethiopia. Seated nearest to the throne were the Crown Prince, the two princesses, and other members of the Royal Family, and then in the body of the church the Chiefs of the Army and of the Police, high government officials, with leading citizens and ambassadors of

other nations including the United States of America.

It was a great moment in the history of our work in Ethiopia to see these distinguished persons, including the Emperor, stand together with our own church membership for the Act of Dedication which declared: "We, the people of this church and congregation, now consecrating ourselves anew, dedicate this entire building to the cause and service of God."

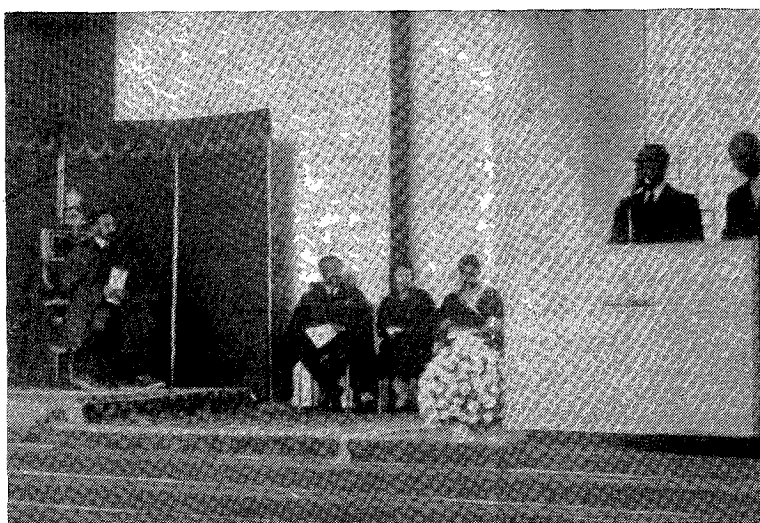
The service had been followed intently by a packed church, and at its close the

Emperor and all the members of his family were among those who expressed their keen appreciation.

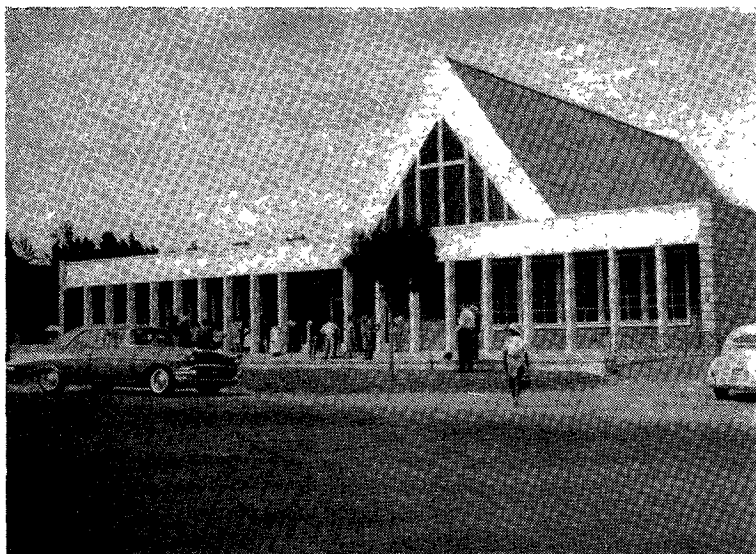
Our own members and workers, too, were deeply stirred for, as A. C. Varmer, their union president, reminded them in his historical sketch, their first place of worship in Addis Ababa had been a converted stable. This had served them for many years. Later, it was replaced by a small chapel on the hospital campus. Now, they were seated in a beautiful, well-appointed church building of their own, one which abundantly fulfils the

hopes of many years. This new church stands on a large main street in full view of some of the city's finest buildings, including the Emperor's palace, and the United Nations of Africa headquarters, both scarcely a quarter of a mile away. It is also in close proximity to our own Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital. We could think of no better location, and we were told by many of the visitors that it would be their pleasure to join us often in our worship, which we sincerely hope they will do.

Lester Rasmussen, the



His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie, with the Crown Prince and two Princesses, seated on the rostrum of the new church in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, while A. F. Tarr preaches the dedicatory sermon. Translator, Alula Wassie.



The new Seventh-day Adventist church in Addis Ababa was dedicated on February 4, 1961.



The interior of the church showing the theme of the cross in the beautiful stained glass window.

church pastor, led in reading the Act of Dedication; F. H. Opsahl, the union secretary-treasurer, offered the dedicatory prayer; and the sermon was delivered by the writer. Special music was beautifully rendered by Dr. A. P. Bokovoy, the local church choir, and the students from our Kuyera training school.

To Elder Axel Varmer and his associates, and perhaps particularly to Elder Lester Rasmussen, much credit is due for the very careful planning that made this occasion such a happy and impressive one.

But the dedication of the Addis Ababa church is only one of so many happy developments in this advancing mission field of Ethiopia. The membership of the Union has more than doubled in the past four years, and new interests are springing up unceasingly. Our hospitals and schools are caring for all they can accommodate. Day and night our doctors and nurses are kept busy attending their patients. One of our nurses, Sister Shake, last year treated five thousand different persons in her little clinic in a newly entered area

in the south of this interesting field.

Our latest project is a little clinic established across the desert in Aisaita, close to French Somaliland. This territory is the home of the Danakil people, an almost 100 per cent Moslem community. Here we have purchased a home and out-building from a former trading company and Evangelist Solomon Woldeandreas and his wife have now moved in. Sister Woldeandreas, a trained nurse, is devoting herself whole-heartedly to caring for the sick who are desperately in need of medical help. We do not have any

other worker or churchmember within two hundred miles of this new outpost. In company with Dr. Bokovoy, superintendent of the Dessie Hospital, Odd Jordal, our Home Missionary and Ministerial Association secretary, and I visited this lonely station, and were greatly impressed with its unique possibilities. During our stay we paid two visits to Ali Mira, Sultan of Aussa, whom we found most friendly and appreciative of the medical work we are doing.

In the capital city of one of the provinces ten secondary school teachers in a government school accepted our message. The school principal was determined to scatter the group, and had five transferred to other schools. The missionary zeal of the scattered ones, far from being diminished, now burns even more brightly in five new places.

Advancement like this inevitably draws fire from the enemy, and during our visit word came of the arrest in southern Ethiopia of three of our members and their being sentenced to one year's imprisonment each, for no other offence than teaching our message.



The Emperor of Ethiopia is welcomed at the church door by L. R. Rasmussen, the pastor, A. F. Tarr, and A. Varmer, President of the Ethiopian Union Mission.

Earnest and hopeful endeavours are being made to secure their release.

But back to our homeward journey once again. Since leaving Addis Ababa a few hours ago we have travelled over mountains, deserts, and sea. Only occasional shrubs break the monotony of long stretches of desert sands, while hundreds of square miles of jagged mountain peaks cause us many times to shudder at the thought of a forced landing.

Port Sudan is to be our next stop, and already we see it looming ahead. As we begin to descend we observe a great concourse of people in the city square, and in these uncertain days we involuntarily wonder what it might mean. Almost opposite us now and on the far shore of the Red Sea lies Jeddah, the port of disembarkation for thousands of pilgrims from all over the world converging on the sacred city of Mecca, a few short miles farther to the east. This whole journey is filled with interest even to one who has travelled it so many times before.

Earlier in the afternoon we passed close to another city, the ancient city of Axum. It was from here, according to Ethiopian chronicles, that the Queen of Sheba set out on her memorable visit to King Solomon nearly three thousand years ago. Tradition has it that the Queen bore Solomon a son, Menelik the first, who founded the Solomonic Line. It is to this early king that the present Emperor of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie, traces



The Sultan of Aussa in whose capital city of Aisaita, our dispensary has been established.

his ancestry. And during the dedication service three days ago we could not but express the confidence that the same God who chose Mt. Moriah for the site of Solomon's early temple had moved upon Haile Selassie's heart to grant us the beautiful site on which our own church has now been erected. What a wonderful Providence our God has over His people and cause! With fresh and multiplied evidences of His continued and unceasing care we press on with the stewardship so graciously entrusted to us in the Northern European Division.

QUOTABLE QUOTES From the Division Council

"LET us think victory, plan victory, work for victory, and think victoriously." (W. R. Beach)

"Let us be religiously straight, not religiously inclined." (A. F. Tarr)

"Many ministers believe God said: 'Go feed My giraffes,' but God said: 'Go feed My sheep.'" (W. R. Beach)

"The grass-roots of our work is the membership." (G. D. King)

"A stroke of omnipotence must be invited to transform our lives." (R. H. Adair)

"Some reason with their glands rather than with their brains." (W. R. Beach)

"The fundamental quality of discipleship is the knowledge that God's kingdom has been established in our hearts." (A. F. Tarr)

"Sometimes we are problem children, but we are growing children." (P. Sundquist)

"The alarm clock of history is being once again wound up in a period of world crisis." (B. B. Beach)

"We can't keep evil thoughts from coming, but we can close our eyes and flee from them." (R. H. Adair)

"The Christian who goes to Sabbath school and receives and receives without giving and giving, is a dead, dead Christian." (G. R. Nash)

B.B.B.



The new dispensary at Aisaita. The water supply, the worker's home, and the clinic.



Brother and Sister Solomon Woldeandreas and their family, who are leading out in the work of Aisaita.

UNION PRESIDENTS REPORT!

Evangelism in the West Nordic Union

By Alf Lohne, President

THIS year, we are happy to report the largest net gain in soul-winning the West Nordic Union has enjoyed for a long time, that of 175 new members. The gross gain is 316. The union membership has increased to 9,043.

Many factors have played an important part in making these results possible. Let me mention some of them:

There have been forty-one evangelists and eight Bible workers employed in public evangelism. With the departmental secretaries they have also organized the churchmembers for work. All five conference presidents, besides their administrative duties, have themselves been active soul-winners through public evangelism.

A beautiful new church has been dedicated this year in Svendborg, West Denmark. Brønderslev and Ribe churches in the same conference and Mosjøen in the East Norway conference, have also happily moved into new church homes.

LITERATURE WORK

We had experienced a large increase in sales during 1959, and wondered if it were possible to do better this year. The results so far are very encouraging. This year we have already sold literature for about 1,400,000 kroner (£70,000), which was the total record for 1959. Much of the literature has consisted of important spiritual and message-filled books. The printing of *The Desire of Ages* in Norwegian in a large de luxe edition which sells for Nkr. 100 (£5) has had outstanding success. The first edition of 10,000 copies was sold in eighteen months, and a new edition of 12,000 is just off the press. One of our teachers at Tyrifjord Høyere Skole sold copies to the value of kr. 7,000 (£350) in one week. A young

English girl not able to speak Norwegian, in ten weeks delivered books to the value of kr. 13,500 (£675). Two other English students made their scholarships during the summer selling the same book.

In 1959, sixty-five tons of Adventist literature entered the homes of this small country of Norway. Denmark is also making good progress, showing a weekly increase in sales of more than 100%.

JUNIORS AND YOUTH

About 4,000 young people and juniors are enrolled in our societies. Of these 200 attend summer camps each year.

EDUCATIONAL

Our two Junior colleges, Vejle fjord Højskole in Denmark and Tyrifjord Høyere Skole in Norway have together well over 200 students enrolled. Last year thirty-four students were baptized.

In the Ingathering campaign both schools broke all previous records, together collecting Kr. 53,700 (£2,685).

The college in Denmark will be a State recognized "realskole" from next school year. The Norwegian college was a State recognized "realskole" this year. This will mean a great deal for the students in their examinations.

The Norwegian school has, however, 110 students crowded into quarters made for sixty-six, with boys and girls in the same dormitory. Many more students have been refused admittance owing to lack of space. Another dormitory is badly needed.

In the union we have sixteen church schools with 325 students and twenty-seven teachers.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

The Ingathering campaign has broken all previous records, having already gone over last year's amount at this time, by kr. 75,000.

A large tract campaign is in full swing all over the field. More than half a million attractive pieces of literature have been given out or sold in the homes during the past few months. We are looking forward to some good results.

There are ninety Dorcas groups which keep many hands busy and make many hearts thankful. A series of welfare centres have been set up and we are better organized for effective work than ever before.

A ten-day summer vacation school for lay people has also been successfully operated this year. It was held at Tyrifjord Høyere Skole and eighty-five persons took part. One of them is already baptized as a direct result of the vacation school.

HEALTH WORK

Nearly 500 workers are employed in the four sanitariums and clinics operated by the denomination in our union. They treat up to 7,000 patients each year. In wages they receive approximately 6,500,000 kroner (£325,000).

Much of the health work is carried on by the 300 employees in Skodsborg Badesanatorium in Denmark. For the twelfth year in succession Skodsborg breaks all previous records in work done. More patients than ever want to come for treatment.

Last year eighteen persons were won to the truth directly by the sanitarium staff. At present a baptismal class of six is receiving instruction from the chaplain. The good influence on thousands of patients is felt all round the field.

Skogli Badesanatorium in Norway can now take about ninety patients and is over-crowded most of the year. Daily fifty to sixty patients take part in the worship, and on Sabbath the small chapel is crowded.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Kurbadet, a clinic in Oslo, is also enjoying splendid patronage. The greatest difficulty is getting enough qualified workers. Patients have to wait several weeks before being admitted.

Nord-Norges Kurbad, Tromsø, is a centre for Adventist work beyond the arctic circle. Its good influence is felt in the most remote corners of that wide field. In the Ingathering campaign it is usually sufficient to refer to "Kurbadet," and doors and purses open wide. Both directly and indirectly this fine institution plays its important part in our soul-winning work.

Two Old People's Homes, "Aftenhvile" in Denmark and "Sakshus" in Norway care for about seventy elderly Adventists. Both are a great blessing to our people.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS

More than 100,000 people have been influenced by the good work of our two Bible schools since they were started. The combined efforts of the School and the personal work of the evangelists visiting the students, is proving an effective soul-winning combination.

The Health Course operated by the Danish school is very popular. A single advertisement in a newspaper will bring hundreds of students. About fifty per cent of those taking the Health Course continue with the Bible course.

Recently the Correspondence School began offering literature for sale to students. In twelve months the students bought about 1,000 books and took fifty subscriptions to our health magazine.

In Norway more than 50,000 truth-filled lessons have been sent out this year. East Norway employs a minister who works full time visiting interested students and this year fifteen have been baptized.

An elderly gentleman who for many years was a Norwegian Consul in Canada, asked for the lessons. He received them week by week. He must have been greatly impressed for when he recently died he willed kr. 7,000 (£350) to the Bible School.

The school has a list of 200 names of persons who have stated their agreement with our doctrines. Several have expressed their desire to join the church.

The well illustrated booklet *Hvem er Syvendedsdags Adventistene? (Who are the Seventh-day Adventists?)* has been printed in Norwegian and Danish. So far 175,000 copies have been distributed.

A steady stream of news reports of SDA activities is appearing in the press every week. Large national picture magazines have recently carried stories of Adventist mission work, and the State radio in Denmark and Norway have through the last year brought several news reports about Adventists. When the Svendborg church in West Denmark was dedicated, the Danish TV presented pictures of it in the newscast the same day.

Three times the union president has been invited to speak over the State radio on his trip to West Africa, the last time

being on the day of Nigeria's independence, October 1, 1960. Besides this he has accepted numerous invitations to speak and show pictures of West Africa in different organizations.

TOWARD GREATER RESULTS

Much more could be said about the many sided and intense soul-winning programme carried on by faithful fellow-workers in the union. The above are just a few glimpses of what is being done. We do not, however, want to take too much time looking back. Our eyes are turned toward the future for larger work, more souls. Above all we long to see the task finished so we can go home. For that purpose we have dedicated our lives and efforts in the time the Lord still gives us.

Forward in Finland

By Onni Peltonen, President

"I AM encouraged and blessed as I realize that the God of Israel is still guiding His people, and that He will continue to be with them, even to the end. . . . Their experience will be one of constant growth, until the Lord shall descend from heaven with power and great glory to set His seal of final triumph upon His faithful ones."—*Life Sketches*, pages 437-439.

The God of Israel is guiding His people and blessing His work even in Finland. How much greater would this blessing be, if we were all and always burning and zealous in the work of God. We are grateful to God that He has advanced His work in spite of all our defects.

The year 1959 was one of the best in soul-winning. There were 388 new members won in the union, with a net increase of 201. So far this year, 259 have joined the church. The union membership now stands at 5,378.

Tithes show an increase of twelve per cent. Mission offerings have also in-

creased. The Ingathering campaign, or as it is in Finland, the selling of the Ingathering magazine, exceeded for the first time seven million Finnish marks (£8,000). Our greatest problem now is a lack of territory, but in spite of this the zeal of our faithful Ingatherers and the blessing of God have helped us attain this result.

LITERATURE WORK

The literature evangelists are yearly selling literature to the value of about £60,000 in our little country. This year will be even better for up to the present we have already made a gain of £5,000.

Our printing plant near Tampere in Aitolahiti is progressing. Already the stores of books and paper are being transferred there. Next spring the mailing department will move in and in the autumn the whole publishing house. In 1962 the printing plant will come into full use after we have acquired and installed the machinery, and the men are

fully trained. We are indeed thankful to the Division and the General Conference for their aid. It is a challenge to us to spread our books and magazines and other literature like the leaves of autumn.

FINLAND MISSION SCHOOL

Our Toivonlinna school is facing a new era. The Finnish Government has granted us a licence to start three upper classes so that Toivonlinna now leads directly to the university. Various schools apply for this right every year, but it is granted only to a few. Toivonlinna was granted this right to the great surprise of many. This means that we may now take the matriculation examinations in our own school. The first of these upper classes was started last autumn. There are about 130 students at the school, the majority being Adventist youth. Many young people are eager for higher education. Several physicians and teachers have completed their studies in universities and still more are nearing this goal so that we shall now have competent Adventist teachers, and, which is a special joy to us, teachers who have studied many years in our own schools. While this means the increasing of expenses and greater sacrifices, yet it also means the strengthening of the work, and more workers with better qualifications for the home field as well as the mission field.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

We find it does not pay to have more students than we can care for in follow-up work. We are therefore assigning more workers to this work, and thereby enabling us to increase our enrolments. We intend introducing the Health Course as well. The School has yielded a good harvest, and souls are being saved more and more. The Bible camp which is run by the School and the union in the summer has proved very helpful for interested students. Many are baptized every year during this camp which the churchmembers, incidentally, have learned to love and enjoy.

THE YOUTH CENTRE

The Youth Camp is actually an evangelistic and educational centre and does

magnificent work throughout the summer. Part of the time it is a Mother's camp, when 150 mothers find rest, instruction, and refreshment. The Skiing, Youth, Junior, and Children's camps are also held here. In addition to the Bible camp, there are Hobby camps and Workers' camps, and next summer a special Bible school will be held for churchmembers. We really need to enlarge the camp.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

The churches are being organized and encouraged for the "Win One" campaign. Their work is already yielding

fruit and is bringing much joy to the members. Home Educational Days are also being held and are bringing special blessings to the churches. Counsel on the education of children and home affairs by a special group prepared for the task, is strengthening those new in the faith and inspiring members to work for others. The work of God will not be finished before our members have joined their efforts with those of the ministers. God by His Spirit will first awaken His people to work, and then will bless them and their work with the power of the Holy Spirit and the Latter Rain.

Division Literature Evangelism

By J. W. Nixon, Division Publishing Department Secretary

THE final figures for the activities of the Northern European Division Publishing Department for 1960 are unprecedented. For convenience we divide the work of our literature evangelists into two sections: Sales and Missionary Activities—but actually, they constitute one operation.

In both features, last year was the best we have ever had. This was especially so in the number of baptisms from literature contacts. When all the reports were in, the total reached 320. This is so far beyond anything previously reported that it bears no comparable comparison. Three unions reported outstanding results. West Africa 197, Great Britain sixty-five, Norway fifty. It is a great delight to the literature ministry to be able to co-operate with the other departments of the church in winning this large number of souls for the Kingdom. We are happy to be "labourers together" with our fellow-workers and with God.

Deliveries of literature also show a healthy increase over 1959 of almost \$50,000 (£17,857), giving us a total of \$871,815 (£311,362) for 1960.

In Norway our literature evangelists had great success in selling a very beautiful copy of *The Desire of Ages*. Illustrated with beautiful coloured plates and

bound in leather, this wonderful volume sells for approximately £5. 5s. There is a cheaper edition, but most customers prefer the more expensive copy. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever," is the deciding factor in many cases. Plans are well under way for publishing in the Norwegian language *Your Bible and You*, by A. S. Maxwell.

The leaders of the publishing work around the Division are of good courage, and a good start has been made in 1961. We are working and praying for a bigger and better year than 1960.

Did You Know?

40 to 70 per cent of our churchmembers in Poland are young people.

Stanborough School is the first denominationally owned and operated institution in the British Isles to be recognized by the British Government.

There are now over 100,000 Sabbath school members in the Northern European Division.

Sabbath school membership is growing faster than church membership.

B.B.B.



At the entrance to the Copenhagen Welfare Centre, Helge Andersen, Home Missionary secretary, Thorvald Kristensen, Conference president, and B. Albertsen, Conference treasurer, stand beside Skodsborg's lorry bearing gifts for Greenland.

Copenhagen Welfare Centre

By Thorvald Kristensen, Conference President

THE Welfare Centre has now been functioning for one year, and the following interesting items will give you some ideas of what has been done.

The centre is located in the same building as the conference office. It consists of a waiting room, a reception room, a working room with fifteen sewing machines, a room for storing clothing, and a toilet and washing room.

Two days a week, between fifteen and twenty welfare workers are busily engaged in the centre. These sisters have worked in the centre without pay for 10,382 hours. To needy people in the conference, mostly in Copenhagen, they have given away 9,932 pieces of clothing and 400 meals. In this way 1,800 persons have received help from the centre.

It is a fact that the really needy people are often those who do not talk about it. In finding these people we have excellent help from two registered nurses who are members of our church in Copenhagen. They work as home visitors, and are paid by the city.

Besides this local work, the centre has sent clothing to other fields. They sent to Greenland, 1,470 kgs.; to Poland forty boxes; Ethiopia, twenty-five boxes; Yugoslavia, fourteen boxes, and some to India.

Two sisters, together with the conference Home Missionary secretary, are responsible for the centre.

They receive very fine co-operation from the local welfare societies in our churches. From time to time they visit the local societies and tell the sisters of their problems, and how to make the welfare work more effective.

Let me give you one example:

In November last, we received word from our workers in Greenland that they were in desperate need of clothing for children. The last boat leaving for Greenland before the winter stopped all sailing, was due to depart from Copenhagen within two weeks.

The welfare centre sent an appeal for baby clothing to all the local welfare societies. Furthermore we asked our

neighbour conference if they could also help. Our accompanying photograph shows the results. We were able to pass on to Greenland forty boxes of clothing.

Every person who visits the centre and applies for clothing or a meal ticket has his name and address written on a card. This card is then sent to a welfare office operated by the city, and the next day we receive the card back again, and on the reverse side it tells if this person has already received help from other welfare societies.

But there are problems too, some not so easy to solve, in running a welfare centre. Some alcoholics visit our centre, and we have given these men clothing and food, but that is not enough to make it possible for them to live a better life. Recently we contacted one of the hospitals where they operate a clinic for alcoholics. Two of the men agreed to take treatment. Another, a young man, is receiving treatment in a private clinic. For this kind of work the welfare sisters need the help of the men, and this gives the men an opportunity of taking part in welfare work.

In closing, I want to pay tribute to our sisters for their self-sacrificing work.

Welfare Worker Honoured

EXCERPTS from one of Britain's local newspapers received at the Division office tell of the granting in the New Year Honours list, of the M.B.E. to one of our Adventist sisters. The recipient, the paper announced, is "Miss Ada Marson a ward Sister at Langthorne Hospital, Leytonstone, who lives in Walthamstow. She had been awarded the M.B.E. in token of her voluntary and social work over the past few years. As leader of the Dorcas Society at Walthamstow's Seventh-day Adventist Church she has been instrumental in clothing and equipping many under-privileged families in the district. In 1960 alone, more than 2,300 articles of clothing passed through her hands on the way to local people who had fallen on hard times. Everyone is delighted with the news. When I made inquiries at the hospital last week, I was told that she was engaged in her normal welfare work.

"And it was her day off.

NEWS FLASH

THE President of the General Conference, Elder R. R. Figuhr, was a recent visitor to our Division headquarters. Elder Figuhr was on his way back to the United States after a brief visit to Hungary in company with Dr. Jean Nussbaum, and had also arranged to spend a few days in the Northern European Division.

H. J. Welch, President of the West African Union Mission, and Sister Welch who left Accra on furlough on February 9th, have safely arrived in the United States.

On February 10th, Brother and Sister Mervyn E. Barham and their baby daughter, new mission appointees from Britain, sailed on the *Aerndskerke* from Rotterdam, Netherlands, to take up an appointment at the Kuyera Training School, Ethiopia. Brother Barham is joining the staff as science master, and we wish this family every blessing in their new sphere of service.

Missionaries who will shortly be arriving in this field on furlough include Miss Else Scherney, who is returning to Denmark after spending four years in nursing in Addis Ababa and Gimbie, Ethiopia; and Miss Miriam A. Spinks, who is returning to Britain after four years in the Southern African Division, where she serves in a secretarial capacity in the Division office.

Dr. B. B. Beach visited the Fletewood church school and church at Plymouth, England, over the week-end of Sabbath, February 25th. He met with the teachers and fifty-three students of the school on the Friday morning. After inspecting the school, Dr. Beach was chairman of a helpful meeting with the church and school boards. The previous week-end Dr. Beach attended a Sabbath school Convention of the South England Conference, held at Milford-on-Sea when fifty-two Sabbath school officers met in consultation. Others present were Pastors E. R. Warland, and H. S. Pearce, Union and Conference Sabbath school secre-

taries; Pastor J. H. Bayliss, Conference president; and Pastor and Mrs. L. Hardinge of Newbold College.

"OTHERS MAY, You Cannot"

MANY years ago, a little tract with the above title, appeared in print. The original tract has been lost, but below is a copy which may interest you:

"If God has called you to be really like Jesus, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other people do things which He will not let you do. Other churches and ministers who seem very religious and useful may push themselves, pull wires and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely repentant.

"Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their success, or their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

"Others may be allowed to succeed in making money or may have a legacy left them, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold, name'y, a helpless dependence on Him that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

"The Lord may let others be honoured and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others do a work for Him and get the credit for it, but He may make you work and toil without knowing how much you are

doing; and then, to make your work still more precious, He may let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

"The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for the little words and feelings or for wasting your time, which other Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an Infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealings with you, but if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love slave, He will wrap you up in jealous love and bestow upon you many blessings which are only for those who are in the inner circle.

"Settle it for ever, then, you ought to deal directly with the Holy Spirit and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes in ways that He does not seem to use with others. Now when you are so possessed with the Living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of Heaven."

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