

# The Advent Survey

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## “NOT IN VAIN”

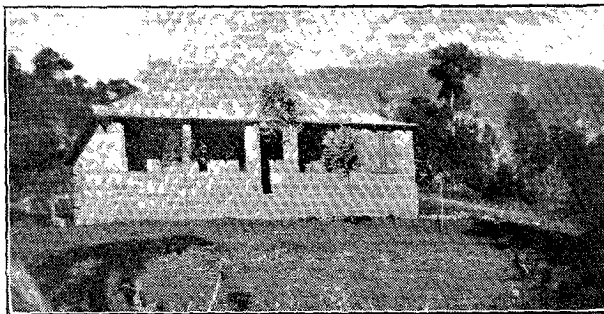
By L. H. CHRISTIAN

THESE words have brought joy and courage to many hearts. God saw that we needed them. He feels with us the burdens or sorrows that press. Out of His deep love He cheers us on. He has committed to us a task that often is not easy. True spiritual success in mission work does not come by chance. It means painstaking effort. It means earnest study and hard thinking, often with prayer and fasting. It means wearing, taxing toil. No careless, slipshod methods will do. The most tactful plans must be chosen. All that love and heavenly wisdom can invent is to be used.

Life is a serious thing. Every person has his own heartaches and trials. Indeed, to the children of God come anxieties which others do not have. Many sisters are burdened for their unbelieving husbands. Parents are concerned about the spiritual experience of their children. In this Advent movement, too, the loads which must be carried are not light. Our evangelists try to do their best. The colporteurs exert themselves to their utmost. Our people bring their tithes and offerings, and distribute literature. Many work in every way they know how to advance the cause. In spite of rebuffs they bravely struggle on.

Often feelings of discouragement will come. The evil one tempts us

to believe that our efforts are in vain, and that we might better cease. At such times we need to remember that the cause is not ours, but God's. He loves our children more than we do. He delights to save those that are gone



*New bungalow at Suji, East Tanganyika.*

astray and to make our efforts for them fruitful. We are to trust our burdens in His hands. We wish to say to all our dear fellow-believers and workers—Be of good cheer. Even if the work is difficult, even if there are hidden sorrows in the heart, the Lord brings everything out for the very best. Life is the sowing time. We prepare the soil. We root out the weeds. And God will give the increase. He hears every sobbing prayer. He marks every effort of love for Him, no matter how feeble. And not even one little deed or word is without result. The harvest will be sure, the reward glorious. Let us find joy and comfort in the firm assurance that our labours are not in vain in the Lord.

## We Must Not Fail Them

By L. H. Christian

A GREAT cause and the suffering millions in benighted Africa come to us for help, for just now the Harvest Ingathering is beginning. To do little or nothing would be the easiest, but the love of Christ urges us to service. For this reason we are all thinking of what we can do. We have a beautiful paper. Our missionaries are earnestly asking for help. The natives in Africa plead for teachers to be sent with the light of life. There isn't a week in which we do not receive letters

urging us to do more. And we must not disappoint them. In the very heart of Abyssinia a great revival has begun. Many have already been baptized. Our faithful native missionary there, an ordained minister, has been in prison two months, but the work goes on. Dr. Bergman, whose hospital work in north-eastern Abyssinia is so successful, has just sent in a pleading request for another missionary. In Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and, indeed, in every field, doors are opening much faster than we can enter. We are having many more baptisms this year than ever before. We wish that all our readers could see these letters and cheering reports from Africa.

To help in this work God has

given us the Harvest Ingathering. By this means we scatter papers containing precious truth and secure money for missions. Last year our people did well, but we are hoping that this year every member, from the oldest to the youngest, will have some part in actual work. As children of the Lord we should give Him the very best service we have. We do well to begin the Harvest Ingathering early. Let us talk about it in the

churches and each one do his very best for Jesus.

We appeal to all our presidents, ministers, and other leaders and workers to make the Harvest Ingathering this year by far the strongest we have ever had. We of the Division group here at Edgware have all set ourselves a high goal. The cause is an urgent one. We feel certain of success and we must not fail.

## Who is a Successful Minister?

By J. H. SCHILLING

A SUCCESSFUL minister is one who longs for more knowledge and therefore studies diligently. Solomon wrote, "Because the preacher is wise he still taught the people knowledge. . . . The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth." Such a preacher has to study. Again, the apostle Paul says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." In another place he admonishes, "Give attention to reading." From all this it is evident that the minister of God must be a reader and a student. He constantly studies to ascertain whether what has been written is "upright, even words of truth." No minister is satisfied with what his brother has dug out for him. He will dig himself. I always like to meet a young preacher coming from the town or city library with either a large pack of collected notes in his hand, or a number of standard works on history and science under his arm to study at home. Such a young preacher has the right material in himself and may be regarded as being filled with an indomitable perseverance to acquire more knowledge for God. How imperative it is that the cause of God should have only such men as evangelists and pastors.

"The cause of God needs efficient men," men who have acquired a "knowledge of human nature," who "know how to approach men on the great subject that con-

cerns their eternal welfare." Therefore should a "young man never rest satisfied with a superficial knowledge of the truth, for he knows not where he may be required to bear witness for God."

No professional man should ever surpass the preacher in his study and research work. The minister of God should stand at the summit in all this; and does, if he feels the magnitude of his calling and the supreme responsibility that rests upon him. Yet we read, "It is a lamentable fact that the advancement of the cause is hindered by a dearth of educated labourers." (*Gospel Workers*, page 93.) Every man should work hard in his studies and exert his utmost effort to increase his knowledge, and become more spiritual and efficient day by day.

Of some ministers it is said, "They do not tax the mind," "they do not dig for hidden treasures. A minister should never think that he has learned enough and may relax his efforts. His education should continue through his lifetime; every day he should be learning and seeking to use the knowledge gained." "My message to ministers, young and old, is this: Guard jealously your hours of prayer, Bible study, and self-examination." (*Gospel Workers*, pages 93-100.) Brethren, let us do this.

Allow me to quote in this connection what Dr. Jowett writes in one of our Reading Course books on the ministry: "If the study is a lounge, the pulpit will be an impertinence."

"It is therefore imperative that the preacher go into his study to do hard work."

"There is no man so speedily discovered as an idle minister, and there is no man who is visited by swifter contempt."

"We may hide some things, but our idleness is as obtrusive as though the name of sluggard were printed on our foreheads."

"We may come to assume that we are really working when we are only loafing through our day."

"If we have no system we shall come to think that we were working when we were only thinking about it, and that we were busy when we were only engaged."

"Be as systematic as a business man."

"Enter your study at an appointed hour and let that hour be as early as the earliest of your business men goes to his warehouse or his office."

These are excellent utterances, and let us take them to heart. Our cause needs the strongest men thinkable—men of intelligence and intellectuality. The cause of the Gospel ministry is fully worthy of men of strong faculties. Let us come up to the standard of the Lord.

We are glad to report to you ministers that the interest taken in our Reading Course this year is fully indicative of a greater and more growing desire on the part of you all to accumulate for yourselves individually a greater store of knowledge. I want to thank you for your hearty co-operation. The number of our readers in the various Reading Courses is as follows:

98 are taking the English Reading Course.

28 are taking the Lettish Reading Course.

18 are taking the German Reading Course.

12 are taking the Estonian Reading Course.

5 are taking the Swedish Reading Course.

And 10 are taking miscellaneous courses. By this we mean that we do not yet know which course they are taking. In all, then, there are 171, 95 more than last year. Last year 30 took the English Course, and this year there are 98.

# WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

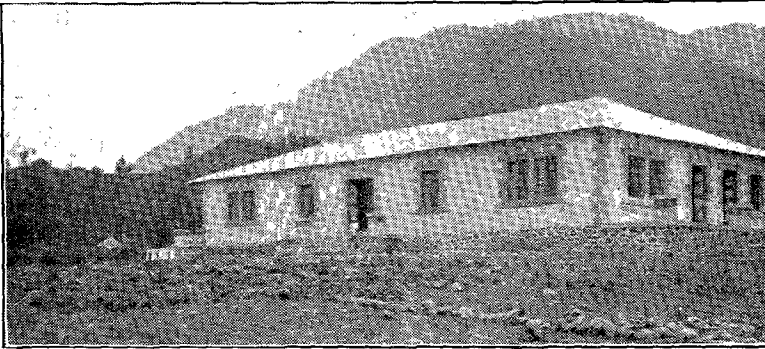
## Some Needed Buildings in the Mission Field

By W. E. READ

If there is one part of the world where substantial, roomy buildings are necessary it is certainly in tropical countries. It has not been possible always to get such buildings, however, owing to the lack of funds. It means much to the health of our faithful missionaries in these fields if they can have the comforts that well-ventilated, roomy dwellings afford. During the past year or so we have been putting up in various fields more substantial structures, built of stone, brick, or cement blocks.

In this issue of the SURVEY will be seen one or two of the new buildings which have been erected. There is the little bungalow that has been built at our Suji mission away up in the Pare hills. It provides nice accommodation for one of our families. Another building is that of the new hospital, the main building of which has just been completed. This is in Dessie, some days' journey to the north of Addis Abeba in Abyssinia. The funds for this hospital were provided almost wholly by His Royal Highness Ras Tafari, the ruler of Abyssinia. Another picture shows quite a group of natives who have come to the dispensary for treatment. There is a large work to be done in old Ethiopia, and there is no doubt but that our medical work, under the blessing of God, will mean much in gaining an entrance to the hearts of the people. We need to remember Dr. Bergman and his associates in our prayers.

Another picture shows the begin-



*Hospital at Dessie, Abyssinia.*

missionaries certainly appreciate all that is being done to provide them with homes and facilities for their work as they make their appeal to heathen hearts.

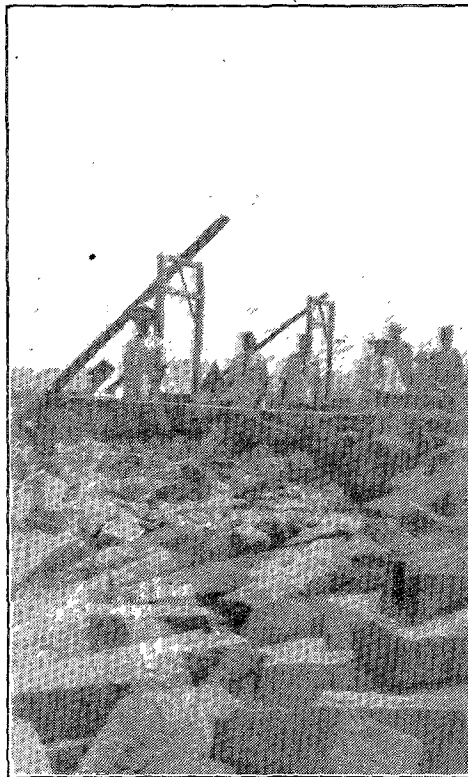


### Missionary Sailings

It has been truthfully said that there is not a day but what the messengers of the Advent cause are travelling on the high seas. There are either missionaries journeying to and from the homeland on furlough or new recruits making the ocean journey for the first time to the mission fields.

During the month of August, some who have been enjoying a little rest and change in the homeland will make their way back to the African continent. Brother John Hyde will return to the Gold Coast in West Africa. Brother and Sister Gudmundsen will go to Abyssinia and Miss M. Morgan goes back to her work in the West Tanganyika Mission in the East African Union.

Early in October quite a party of missionaries will set sail for the East Coast of the African continent. Brother and Sister Armstrong, also Brother and Sister Thomas and their little one, will return to continue their work in the East African Union. Three new families will join them on the voyage. Brother and Sister Frede Nielsen from Denmark will take up their new duties in the Abyssinian mission field. Brother and Sister W. Raitt and Brother and Sister G. Lewis will join hands with our missionary forces in East Africa.



*Commencement of the new headquarters of the East African Union at Nakuru.*

ning of the new building for the children's home, which is being erected near Nakuru in Kenya Colony. This will accommodate the children of our missionaries while they attend school. We are glad for these facilities which are made possible by the loyalty of our believers in the home fields. Our

Let us remember these fellow-workers in our prayers. Bear them up before the throne of grace as they pull out from the home shores bidding good-bye to friends and loved ones and go out to these heathen fields to carry the message of the Saviour's love to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

W. E. READ.



## Abyssinia

THE following is taken from correspondence from our two pioneers at the new medical station at Dessie, Abyssinia:

Dr. Bergman writes: "We are beginning to see the end of this strenuous building programme. The accompanying picture will give some idea of the buildings that have been put up. Our house and kitchen are finished; a small house with kitchen for the nurse has been ready for some time. The barn is also completed and we have a nice workshop. The hospital is practically finished but, of course, the furniture has yet to be made. We have had to build a small house for the interpreter, for it is very necessary that we have him near by. The school building is nearing completion and we believe that the Dessie medical station will soon be ready for definite missionary activities.

"There is a small epidemic of smallpox now so we have been vaccinating the people. The picture shows about 150 people waiting for vaccination. I believe we shall be quite busy when we really open the hospital, although much will have to be done in the way of educating the people, for the majority would rather have a bad sore than part with their money for treatment. This makes all the more remarkable the gift of \$400 from Ras Cabada to whom I gave treatment at the request of the king. He is now in Italy and has promised a further gift on his return."

Nurse Haseneder describes her journey from headquarters at Addis Abeba to the medical station as follows:

"It was an interesting caravan trip of fifteen days. One learns a land much better by travelling through it in this fashion than by

going through in an express train. This part of Abyssinia is very desert-like; one scarcely sees a tree or shrub, let alone villages and inhabitants. But we met many herds of monkeys which gave us great fun.

"When one is thrown amongst the natives one must exercise patience. Their motto is 'Tsche nagga' (Good morning, I will do it). So we wait for months for the wood for the floors, which has to be brought two days' journey after first being felled.

"There are frequent tribal wars in Abyssinia. Recently there was a skirmish in this vicinity and over two hundred wounded came to us for treatment. Most of the patients who come for attention have terrible wounds; many wait for an operation. Yes, it surely is very necessary to have a hospital here.

"On account of the altitude the climate is very trying. Thieves are plentiful and conscientious labourers are not in the majority. But we are all of good courage, knowing that the Lord has His hand on the work and will gather a harvest of souls for His kingdom."



## News Items from Nigeria

By W. McClements

OUR work in Nigeria is being conducted at present in two sections of this large field, among the Yorubas in Western Nigeria and the Ibos in the south-eastern provinces. The latter district is adjacent to the scenes of the labours of that indefatigable pioneer missionary, Mary Slessor.

Recently it was the writer's privilege to accompany Brethren Clif-

ford and Edmonds on a trip around our churches and companies in the Ibo country. It was a most encouraging experience to us all to witness the growth of the message in these parts. Passing through a number of towns and villages where the message had recently been planted, we were led to thank the Lord for what He is doing for these people.

It gave us fresh courage as we met with groups of strong young men and women who have determined to throw off the shackles of heathenism, and who are now turning their energies into the work of clearing the bush and erecting neat little "Adventist churches" in which to worship from Sabbath to Sabbath.

At one village our motor drew up alongside a neat building in process of erection, which proved to be one more church that is going to bear witness to the Advent message. Here is the story of the beginning of the Word in this village, as far as I remember. Some little time ago an interest was planted in the hearts of one or two young men who were nominal members of another church. The seed of truth sown by some of our missionaries or native teachers had fallen into good ground and soon these young men were preaching the message as best they knew. The members of the other church did all they could to stop their work and prevent their getting a plot of land on which to erect a place of worship. It was evident that there would be much difficulty in securing a small plot as a site for a church. At this juncture the medical side of our work helped them out. Our evangelist, Josiah, visited this village from time to



Waiting for vaccination outside the Dessie Hospital, Abyssinia.



## Statistical Report of the Northern European

	Tithe	Tithe (weekly per capita)	Total Offerings (Columns 26-35)	Sabbath-School Offerings 12 Sabbaths	13th Sabbath Offerings	Weekly Offerings	Harvest Inauguration Offering
	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
<b>Baltic Union</b>							
Estonian Conference .....	E. Kr. 7271 81	0 89	2080 92	1466 60	353 72	111 15	64 35
Riga " .....	Lats 10198 91	0 90	1332 29	1017 13	305 96	.....	.....
Courland " .....	Lats 6512 73	0 73	779 36	619 88	164 08	2 40	.....
Livonia " .....	Lats 5473 13	0 67	900 06	671 81	228 15	0 60	.....
Lithuania " .....	Lats 3808 22	1 70	1025 63	624 67	327 67	73 00	.....
Total	Lats 34167 06 \$ 6600 70	0 69 0 13	6406 44 1237 51	4644 25 897 16	1360 33 262 88	194 17 37 50	88 80 17 04
<b>British Union</b>							
South England Conference .....	£ 3265 11 8	2 5	638 4 7	447 18 5	200 3 7	.....	.....
North England " .....	£ 1756 15 9	1 9½	411 9 6	281 14 8	105 8 9	.....	3 0 0
Welsh Mission .....	£ 964 7 8	3 6½	125 2 6	93 19 2	24 9 7	.....	.....
Scottish " .....	£ 278 2 7	1 5	80 17 11	61 6 3	18 4 8	.....	.....
Irish " .....	£ 165 18 11	1 10½	55 13 2	35 16 10	18 2 0	.....	.....
Total	£ 6430 16 7 \$ 31304 20	2 2½ 0 54	1361 7 8 6627 99	920 15 4 4482 40	366 3 7 1783 16	.....	3 0 0 14 61
<b>Polish Union</b>							
Posanian Conference .....	Zl. 1556 53	1 60	787 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silesian " .....	Zl. 6860 84	1 50	4423 31	1491 02	704 37	235 95	.....
Central Polish Conference .....	Zl. 15211 04	1 55	5529 43	2586 89	544 00	677 35	.....
East Polish " .....	Zl. 5197 07	0 62	2446 17	1223 71	304 66	211 08	.....
North Polish Mission .....	Zl. 5010 23	0 63	2070 78	1032 16	268 62	21 91	.....
Total	Zl. 35950 15 \$ 4028 90	1 23 0 13	16128 07 1823 73	6795 81 767 40	1899 86 214 99	1178 46 133 15	4 20 0 49
<b>Scandinavian Union</b>							
Danish Conference .....	D. Kr. 49748 73	1 45	18723 33	7475 16	3205 57	259 51	241 50
Norwegian " .....	N. Kr. 38831 08	1 27	14228 44	6631 96	1986 40	71 01	122 40
North Swedish Conference .....	S. Kr. 15381 17	1 08	6996 03	2777 61	1252 23	23 00	53 75
South " .....	S. Kr. 13102 42	1 33	5833 25	2525 21	900 17	14 50	15 00
Swedish in Finland Conference .....	F. Mk. 49066 25	12 03	20754 80	4641 70	4552 15	.....	.....
Finnish Conference .....	F. Mk. 108881 80	7 41	44732 05	16018 65	8824 95	.....	.....
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Totals for Unions 2nd Quarter, 1929	\$ 77183 60	0 31	23578 93	11854 80	4562 45	269 85	147 65
Totals for Unions 1st " 1929	\$ 69711 60	0 28	17487 06	10084 42	4284 51	370 72	1081 35
<b>East African Union Mission</b>							
Kenya .....	£ 69 17 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 0
West Tanganyika .....	£ 170 3 4	2	70 0 0	11 3 0	1 14 0	.....	.....
East Tanganyika .....	£ 80 8 4	4½	37 11 11	23 12 10	12 9 8	.....	.....
Uganda .....	£ 45 2 6	2½	30 12 9	23 13 5	6 19 4	.....	.....
Total	£ 113 3 4	8	8 5 10	6 14 2	1 11 8	.....	.....
Total	£ 376 15 0 \$ 1831 70	3 0 06	146 10 6 713 56	65 3 5 317 37	22 14 8 110 71	.....	18 0 4 38
<b>Ethiopian Union Mission</b>							
Central Abyssinia .....	£ 23 19 2	8½	8 3 6	7 4 6	19 0	.....	.....
Eastern " .....	£ 8 17 6	1 9	3 10 11	2 2 4	4 7	1 4 0	.....
* Western " .....	£ 25 17 6	11	5 11 0	1 19 2	2 9 7	.....	.....
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Total	£ 58 14 2 \$ 235 90	9½ 0 19	17 5 5 84 11	11 6 0 55 03	3 13 2 17 82	1 4 0 5 84	.....
<b>West African Missions</b>							
Sierra Leone .....	£ 41 0 10	3½	54 18 3	11 1 7	6 8 10	.....	.....
Gold Coast .....	£ 66 13 4	2½	21 12 1	17 11 1	3 1 0	.....	33 12 8
Nigeria .....	£ 103 8 4	3½	38 15 1	30 10 10	5 6 0	.....	1 0 0
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<b>Iceland-Faroes Missions</b>							
Iceland .....	Ice. Kr. 3300 40	0 82	2443 79	1748 14	200 00	.....	220 35
Faroes .....	D. Kr. 549 93	14 47	178 87	82 40	31 50	47 00	14 97
Total	\$ 872 80	0 19	589 62	406 45	56 77	12 58	52 52
Totals for Missions 2nd Quarter, 1929	\$ 4021 60	0 08	1948 65	1067 04	257 33	18 42	225 56
Totals for Missions 1st " 1929	\$ 4829 80	0 10	7718 33	1415 95	427 60	42 40	3106 61
<b>Grand Totals 2nd Quarter, 1929</b>	\$ 8120 20	0 27	25527 58	12921 84	4819 78	288 27	373 21
1st " 1929	\$ 74541 40	0 25	23206 39	11500 37	4692 17	413 12	4187 96

\*No report.

Division for the Quarter Ended June 30, 1929

Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous Offerings	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week Missions Extension Fund	Total Offerings (Columns 29-36 and Big Week)	Total Offerings Weekly per capita	Percentage of Offerings to Tithe	Special Offerings for Foreign Fields	Total Contributions for Home Missionary Work	Total Contributions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Sales	
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## Home Missionary Report for Second Quarter, 1929

	Baltic Union	British Union	Polish Union	Scandinavian Union	Missions	Totals 2nd Quarter, 1929	Totals 2nd Quarter, 1928	Gain	Loss
Church Membership.....	3948	4469	2380	8522	.....	19814	18782	829	.....
No. Reporting .....	1892	1323	1065	951	.....	5281	4201	1080	.....
Per Cent of Members Reporting .....	48%	30%	45%	11%	.....	27%	22%	5%	.....
<b>Report of Missionary Work</b>									
Missionary Visits .....	12318	6354	5985	3376	.....	27958	17085	10898	.....
Bible Readings .....	6186	1809	10115	2765	.....	20825	17449	3213	.....
Hours of Christian Help Work .....	6736	19719	758	3225	.....	3048	18191	2247	.....
Treatments Given .....	1567	750	496	1316	.....	4129	3532	597	.....
Periodicals Distributed .....	20978	55980	5765	31632	.....	114305	10603	8242	.....
Tracts Distributed .....	3550	32886	221	6022	3740	46519	45967	552	.....
New Subscriptions to Periodicals .....	313	690	3	326	.....	1832	743	1089	.....
Books Distributed .....	3899	3868	126	1499	.....	9892	10514	.....	1122
Missionary Letters Written .....	1069	2161	208	1067	.....	4505	3692	813	.....
Missionary Letters Received .....	607	1163	109	595	.....	2474	1990	484	.....
SOULS WON .....	45	7	86	4	.....	142	81	61	.....

## God Prepares the Way

By C. E. Weeks

TRULY God has set His hand to the finishing of the work, and He is preparing the way marvellously for the coming of the messengers bearing the truth for this hour. Our colporteurs are having many marked evidences of God's leadership in their work. In the little book *Colporteur Evangelist* we read that Christian colporteurs "will be accompanied and instructed by holy angels, who will go before them to the dwellings of the people, preparing the way for them." How often our colporteur evangelists are seeing this promise in fulfillment! A colporteur writes, "At the first home I called at on Monday morning, the lady came to the door and looked at me closely. She then asked me to step in as I was the very one she was expecting. I told her that she must be mistaken as I was a Gospel worker, and did not think she had ever seen me before. I thought she had mistaken me for someone else. But she assured me that I was the one that she had seen in a dream the night before who would call at her home. She listened very attentively while I gave my canvass, and then ordered a half-leather book, paying a good advance deposit."

Another colporteur called at a home to deliver, but the man who had ordered was away, and he had failed to tell his wife that he had ordered, so that she would be prepared to take it. At first the wife objected and was not going

to take the book. But when the colporteur unwrapped the book and began to show the woman the pictures, she exclaimed, "I know you are telling me the truth. You are a man of God I saw in a dream last night. I saw some one coming to our house with a book that had a message for us." The book was taken, many questions were asked the colporteur regarding the message he carried, and to-day that woman is a Sabbath-keeper.

God is wonderfully fulfilling His promises to-day, helping the colporteur to secure his orders, and

later helping him to deliver his books. Such experiences as the above give the colporteur courage as he goes from door to door with his message-filled books.

## The Harvest is Ripe

By L. F. Oswald

FROM the many reports which I have received during the past few weeks from the mission field is one which I would like to pass on. It is as follows:

"While itinerating in Central Af-

## Our Native Work in Heathen

NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	Teachers	Colporteurs	Other Workers	Total	Number in Baptismal Class	Train. Sch.	
									Number of	Enrollment
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>East African Union Mission</b>										
Kenya .....	...	5	...	284	...	29	318	708	2	46
West Tanganyika .....	...	...	...	58	...	...	58	323	...	...
East Tanganyika .....	...	1	...	28	1	10	40	298	1	81
Uganda .....	...	2	9	3	1	1	10	18	...	...
<b>Totals</b>	...	8	9	373	2	40	425	1342	3	77
<b>Ethiopian Union Mission</b>										
Central Abyssinia .....	1	...	...	9	...	...	10	3	...	...
Eastern Abyssinia .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Western Abyssinia .....	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	8
Eritrea .....	...	...	...	2	...	3	5	2	1	...
<b>Totals</b>	1	...	...	14	...	3	18	5	1	8
<b>West African Missions</b>										
Sierra Leone .....	1	5	10	...	...	7	23	125	1	20
Gold Coast .....	1	...	12	...	...	...	13	...	1	70
Nigeria .....	...	4	4	...	...	23	31	175	1	25
<b>Totals</b>	2	9	26	...	...	30	67	300	3	115
<b>Totals for 1st Quarter, 1929</b>	8	17	29	887	2	73	511	1647	7	300
<b>Totals for 4th " " 1928</b>	8	9	58	410	2	19	501	1477	8	232

†No report



Missionary Volunteer Report for Second Quarter, 1929

	Baltic Union	British Union	Polish Union	Scandinavian Union	Totals 2nd Quarter, 1929	Totals 2nd Quarter, 1928	Gain	Loss
No. of Societies .....	48	66	32	69	215	197	18	.....
Total Membership .....	886	1451	463	1372	4122	4310	.....	188
Number reporting .....	557	562	247	137	1503	1816	.....	313
Per Cent of Members Reporting .....	65%	38%	53%	10%	36%	42%	.....	6%
<b>Financial</b>								
Offerings for Local Society Work .....	\$ 49 53	\$ 71 83		\$ 21 25	\$142 91	.....	.....	.....
Offerings for Foreign Missions .....	18 42	224 99	\$ 31 14	569 76	844 31	.....	.....	.....
<b>Missionary Work</b>								
Missionary Visits .....	4948	1304	1631	322	8205	5868	2337	.....
Bible Readings .....	2200	496	1685	252	4693	4693	.....	.....
Hours of Christian Help Work .....	3515	10082	41	293	13931	10937	2994	.....
No. of Treatments Given .....	502	266	68	11	847	1186	.....	339
Periodicals Distributed .....	7618	17899	1568	1943	29028	24890	4138	.....
Tracts Distributed .....	1437	6648	10	384	8479	6033	2446	.....
Subscriptions to Periodicals .....	136	318	.....	720	1174	343	831	.....
Books Distributed .....	1653	1154	36	54	2908	2271	632	.....
Missionary Letters Written .....	671	811	65	342	1889	1464	425	.....
Missionary Letters Received .....	377	559	44	140	1120	840	280	.....
<b>SOULS WON</b> .....	45	8	13	4	70	88	32	.....

rica, we passed through a number of new and strange tribes. Some of the people were strong and well-built, living in clean, well-kept villages, while others were dirty, emaciated, dwarfed, sick, and altogether miserable. In the villages of some of the latter tribes one or two sick people could be seen lying in front of every other hut, using grass mats for beds and sticks for pillows. We learned that many of them were suffering from sleeping sickness, others from smallpox, syphilis, dysentery, etc., with no one to help them or to take an interest

in their comfort. There most of them would remain until death came as a welcome deliverer from their sufferings. They are dying without hope in God, going down into Christless graves.

"I would to God that all our people in the homeland could witness what we have seen during the past few days, and thus have rolled upon them some of the burden we feel for these poor, helpless creatures. I wish they might have been awakened as we were in camp by the death wail of mothers, who had gathered to join a bereaved neigh-

bour in mourning through the night for her lost child. So plaintive and hopeless was this wail that it almost struck terror to our own hearts, and made us realize as never before what a terrible thing it is to go into the grave without the Christian's hope. But 'how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?' We do, therefore, earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into the field, where so much of the fruit is perishing that might be garnered in."

Dear brethren and sisters, from the above we see how great is the need for sending workers into the mission field. I have received similar reports from China, Japan, South America, and India. Everywhere we see this need. The harvest truly is great. To-day are being fulfilled before our eyes the words of Jesus, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Of course, every churchmember will want to participate in this closing work. The coming Harvest Ingathering campaign calls every churchmember to take part in circulating literature and gathering funds in order that new workers may be sent into the mission field. May God give us all strength to do our utmost and help us to reach our goal.

Africa, First Quarter, 1929

Station Sch.		Out-School		Girls' Sch.		Med. Miss W		European Tithe	Native Tithe	Per cent of Native to European Tithe
Number of	Enrolment	Number of	Enrolment	Number of	Enrolment	No. Per. giving Treas. ments	No. Treatments given			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
3	259	267	8927	2	78	5	1410	£ 69 17 6	116 19 2	209 8%
5	254	38	895	...	...	8	6333	53 4 2	27 3 4	51 0%
1	161	16	1888	1	38	3	3083	53 5 0	28 10 10	175 5%
1	32	2	27	...	...	2	3520	16 11 8	3 14 2	49 6%
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								\$ 974 80	859 90	
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...	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	12	...	...	25 17 6	...	...
3	42	2	10	2	19	3	1156	£ 54 0 0	4 14 2	8 7%
								\$ 262 96	22 94	
18	584	...	...	1	6	24	1120	£ 9 13 1	31 7 9	324 1%
1	20	...	...	...	...	2	904	17 1 8	49 11 8	290 0%
2	128	1	45	...	...	...	1902	41 16 8	61 11 8	147 2%
21	732	1	45	1	6	26	3926	£ 68 11 5	142 11 1	207 7%
								\$ 334 07	694 13	
34	1470	326	11792	6	141	47	19433	£322 18 11	323 12 9	100 3%
								\$ 1571 83	1576 97	
33	1448	296	12236	6	131	48	18700	\$ 1472 80	1980 40	134 5%

# OUR DEPARTMENTS

## Sabbath-school Conventions in Scandinavia

By G. A. Lindsay

THE Northern European Division has indeed been very fortunate this summer in having Mrs. Flora Plummer, secretary of the General Conference Sabbath-school Department, spend some time in our field in the interest of the Sabbath-school work. It was my privilege during the month of July to associate with her in three Sabbath-school conventions in the Scandinavian Union.

The first of these conventions was held in our own church in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 5th to 7th. A number of near-by Sabbath-schools and churches also attended, some even coming from the south of Sweden, across the channel. The Copenhagen church-members were very faithful in attending all the meetings. Pastor L. Muderspach, the president of the Danish Conference, who for years was the departmental secretary for the Scandinavian Union, rendered excellent help in the meetings.

The second convention met in Norrköping, Sweden, July 12th to 14th, and was held in connection with the summer meeting of churches in that district. A large number of believers came together. Several of the leading brethren in Scandinavia were also present and assisted in the meetings: Pastor G. E. Nord, Union president, Pastor E. Bjaanas, departmental secretary for the Union, C. V. Anderson, president of the South Swedish Conference, G. Gidlund, the newly elected president for the North Swedish Conference, and K. Sandström, departmental secretary for Sweden.

From July 19th to 21st the third meeting convened in Haugesund, a city on the west coast of Norway. This, too, was held in connection with a summer meeting of the churches on the west coast. Among the large number of members pres-

ent, we were very glad to have with us more than sixty new Sabbath-school members. Pastor Tillgren, who began an effort in that city last fall, has had the joy of seeing the membership of the Haugesund Church doubled during the year. He had already baptized sixty-three, and will have another baptism during the month of August. Pastor T. Tobiassen and several of his workers were present and helped in the meetings.

Between these week-end conventions we visited several of our large Scandinavian churches, and Skodsborg, Stockholm, and Oslo appreciated greatly the message that Sister Plummer brought.

In all these conventions and special meetings, Sister Plummer gave most instructive and timely addresses on "The Sabbath-school—Its object and aim, and its relation to foreign missions." Having spent twenty-eight years as secretary of the General Conference Sabbath-school Department, and having through the wisdom and strength of God really made the Sabbath-schools what they are today, Sister Plummer spoke with certainty and convincing power, outlining the possibilities that there are for service for God and soul-winning in the Sabbath-schools, when they are rightly conducted.

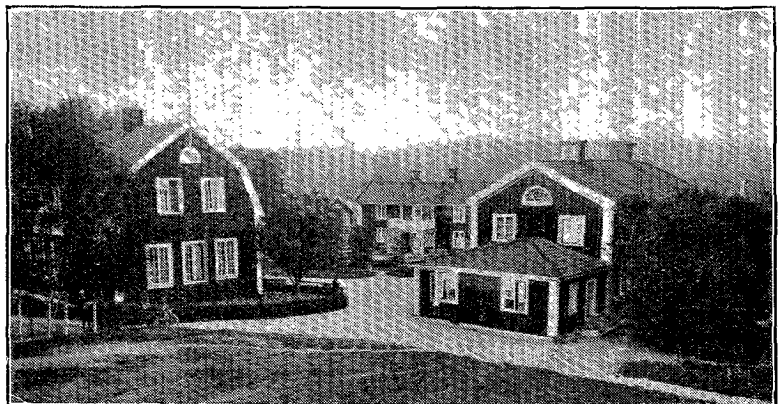
The result of these meetings will be seen in the near future. We

have confidence in our loyal members and believe that they will put into practice the good and helpful instruction they received.



## Nyhyttan Training School

NYHYTTAN MISSION SCHOOL is over thirty years old. It was first opened in the fall of 1898 with a six-months' term only, giving some courses in practical lines. After a short time, its name was changed to "Nyhyttan Practical School." Under this name it was conducted for seven years, with a six-months' term during the winter and sometimes a four-months' term during the summer. Although the school had been a great blessing to our people, it was decided that we needed a fully equipped mission school. Before this time, the institution had been open not only to students of our denomination, but also to those not of our faith; it was now decided that the courses given should be exclusively for those who were planning to enter some phase of our work. Then great difficulty arose in getting a sufficient number of students, and the school was shut down on this account for the year 1905-06. The following year, the Scandinavian Union decided to open it as a Union school for the three Scandinavian countries, but in 1908 it was discontinued as such when a Danish school was started



*The Nyhyttan School.*

# Closing Report of the Mission Schools in the Northern European Division, 1928-9

Name of School	Address	Opening Date	Closing Date	No. of Teachers	Enrolment			Attendance at Close of School	No. Grads.	No. Entering Work this Summer	No. Baptized	No. Dismissed	Full Scholarship	Half Scholarship	Earning all Expenses	Earning part Expenses	Length Class Periods	No Volumes in Library
					Men	Women	Total											
Baltic Un'n School	Brivibas iela 11 Riga, Latvia.	Sept. 25, 1928	May 7, 1929	8	47	39	86	80	21	67	4	1	...	...	11	45	45 m.	1500
British " "	Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts, Eng.	Aug. 28 " "	May 12 " "	12	55	39	94	83	7	28	3	1	5	10	9	36	" "	1300
Polish " "	Bielsko-Kamienica 230, Slask, Poland.	Sept. 12 " "	May 21 " "	3	20	12	32	25	...	8	...	3	...	...	13	5	" "	400
Danish School	Naerum Højskole, Naerum, Denmark.	Oct. 1 " "	May 28 " "	4	38	15	53	51	10	28	9	...	5	3	...	...	" "	500
Norwegian School	Algarheim, Jessheim, Norway.	Sept. 17 " "	May 17 " "	4	30	19	49	40	6	15	10	3	3	...	4	2	" "	325
Swedish " "	Nyhyttan, Jarnboas, Sweden.	Sept. 28 " "	May 11 " "	5	35	26	61	58	8	24	7	...	12	...	1	7	" "	800
Finnish " "	Lahetyskoulu, Tavastehus, st. Finland.	Oct. 15 " "	May 15 " "	3	10	7	17	16	3	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	" "	250
<b>Totals</b>				<b>39</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>96</b>		<b>5075</b>

in Skodsborg, Denmark. From 1914 to 1917 there was a Finnish department at Nyhyttan, and in 1921, a fourth year was added to the course and the term extended to seven and a half months.

During the years the school has been in operation, many students have gone out into the work, both here in Sweden and in other countries. This summer, over two-thirds of the students have entered some line of our work. Twenty-five are in the canvassing field, and more than fifteen are working in our institutions. Our aim is to develop strong workers for the cause of God.

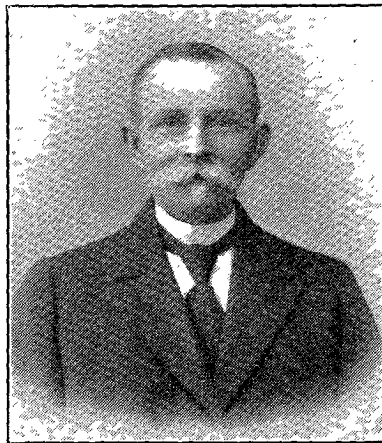
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## Faithfulness

By C. E. Weeks

"MOREOVER it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4:2, R.V. God places a very high value upon the quality of faithfulness. In the day of final awards it is to the "good and faithful" servants that He extends the invitation, "Enter in." Among God's stewards to whom He has intrusted His goods—His work—are the colporteurs, and among them to-day we see many manifestations of this precious quality, faithfulness. We see many men and women who are devoting their lives to faithful house-to-house ministry with our message-filled literature. Quietly they work, often scarcely known or heard from, but a record is being kept above of their faithfulness.

Recently, while studying the reports of our colporteurs in the Danish field, I was impressed by the large number of colporteurs who have been faithful through the years. We have in that field seventeen colporteurs who have been in this work for over five years, and of this number six have been in the work for more than



Brother P. Pedersen.

twenty years, and three of these six for more than twenty-five years. The work of one dear brother, P. Pedersen, is an outstanding example of faithfulness. Brother Pedersen has been a colporteur for more than twenty-five years, he has raised a family of five children, three of whom are now in God's work, and to-day, at the age of sixty-three, he is one of our most faithful men, scarcely missing a day when he is not in the field putting in long hours of faithful work. During the year

1928 he sent in fifty-one weekly reports totalling 2,142 hours, or an average of just over forty-two hours per week. Even during the cold, short days of January, February, and March he put in from forty to forty-five hours per week. The brethren who know Brother Pedersen so well, assured me that this excellent record of 1928 is only one of twenty-five such yearly records of the work of this brother during his years of service.

Before the close of this message a far greater work must be done with our literature than we have yet seen. We need an army of consecrated, faithful men and women who will answer the call of God to this work, and we solicit the co-operation of each labourer in our Northern European Division in encouraging suitable persons to enter the colporteur field.

"THOSE who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their case before Him, just what course to pursue."—"Desire of Ages," page 668.

## The Advent Survey

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# FROM THE OFFICE WINDOW

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PASTOR L. F. OSWALD, who has been travelling in the northern part of our Division territory sends the following news items:

"Our first Home Missionary Convention in the Northern European Division was held in the Baltic Union from July 18th to the 21st. We were glad to have with us the Union and local conference presidents, Brother Sproge, the Union home missionary secretary, the five local secretaries, and a number of other workers.

"It was my privilege to attend church conventions in the South Swedish Conference in July and August. These were well attended and our people received much blessing. We were very much impressed with the willingness and courage manifested in the Ingathering Campaign.

"Brother E. F. Hackman has been holding a number of meetings in Norway in connection with this campaign. He is now in the British Union where he will remain until the time of his return to the States in September.

"At the recent workers' meeting in the British Union the workers pledged themselves to raise about \$7,000. One worker alone set a goal of almost \$500; four others are aiming at a goal of \$250 each, four at \$150 each, six at \$125 each, and others at a little lower mark.

"The Scandinavian Union has voted that each worker be responsible for raising \$160. No doubt the Polish and Baltic Unions will take similar action during their workers' meetings."

"A young couple were led into this message through the labours of one of our evangelists. A few weeks before the baptism the mother said to her son, 'When you are baptized I will tell everyone that you are insane. I will cause you much difficulty.' A week before the baptism took place she said, 'I



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wish you would lose your speech.' A few days later this terrible wish was fulfilled, but it was upon the mother herself that the curse fell and not upon the young man. All that she can now say is Yes and No. This experience has made a great impression upon the people in the neighbourhood."

PASTOR G. W. SCHUBERT, field secretary of the General Conference, has been invited to attend the workers' meetings in the Baltic and Polish Unions. Pastor J. H. Schilling will also be present. Brother Schubert has secured permission to visit Russia this autumn. He left Riga for Moscow, August 18th. We wish him God's blessing and care on this important journey.

A VERY helpful workers' institute for the British Union was held at Watford, England, July 22nd to 31st. Elder F. M. Wilcox rendered excellent help during these meetings. Sister L. F. Plummer and Sister K. Jensen also gave a new vision and a new impetus to the Sabbath-school and medical departments. Similar Union workers' meetings will be conducted during August and early September in the Baltic and Polish fields. At these gatherings larger plans will be laid for a strong advance work.

DR. ANDERSEN of Skodsborg writes: "The Sanitarium to-day has 310 patients, which is 65 more than on this date a year ago."

"DABARTIES KLAUSIMAI" (Present Day Questions) is the name of a sixteen-page quarterly magazine published recently in the Lithuanian language. The first two numbers have had a ready sale and there is every prospect that the third issue, which is the Harvest Ingathering number, will have an excellent reception.

OUR native training school at Kamagambo, East Africa, has begun to provide literature for the young people in the Luo language. We have just received a copy of *Washeche Yesu* which, being interpreted, is "Soldiers of Jesus." This is at present typewritten and duplicated and doesn't have very many pages yet, but it is another step forward in the East African Union.

PASTOR W. McCLEMENTS of Nigeria writes: "The boys in our boarding school here at Ibadan entered into the spirit of the Week of Sacrifice. They are not numerically strong, about twenty-three in all, and none of them blessed with this world's goods, but still they endeavoured to identify themselves with the Advent people in the Week of Sacrifice plan. Accordingly they deducted a little from their daily food allowance, and at the end of the week they brought the sum of nine shillings and five pence as their gift. This is not a large sum when contrasted with the gifts of our people in the homeland, but it represented real sacrifice on the part of these boys who range in years from ten to eighteen. Given, as it was, of their own free will it indicated to some extent the spirit that prevails in the school."

At the recent Yoruba institute the workers set a goal of five hundred new Sabbath-school members for 1929. They have also raised their Harvest Ingathering goal to £100.