

The Advent Survey

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The Message of the Conference

By L. H. CHRISTIAN

THE recent General Conference in San Francisco has a message and a meaning which we must not fail to understand. This conference was not only larger and better. It was different. We have never before enjoyed such a gathering. By far the greatest mission congress of the Advent movement, it stands out like one of the "holy convocations" of old. Those attending could not but sense that the presence of the God of Israel was there—that this Advent people is His people and that His hand is at the helm. The spiritual fervour, the cheering mission reports, the helpful Bible studies, the unity, the well-planned order, and many other features were most gratifying.

The supreme meaning of this conference—a lesson taught us every day—is the solemn fact that the end is right at hand. The rapid world-wide progress of the work makes this plain. To-day the third angel's message is really sounding in nearly all the earth. World conditions, too, emphasize that we are in the judgment hour as set forth by Professor Lacey at the Conference in a powerful evening sermon on that topic. Our men from China, India, and other world sections not only brought most inspiring accounts of mission success, but they laid bare the revolutionary ferment and upheaval which is bound in the very near future

to bring on the final crisis. At this gathering, for the first time in our history, a whole General Conference division with more than 150,000,000 people and 14,000 believers was unable, because of cruel intolerance and active persecution, to send a delegate or even a written report. How forcibly it reminded us that soon "the night cometh when no man can work." Brother Loeb sack did wire a message of confidence out of the midst of tribulation. The General Conference sounded an emphatic message



A group in East Africa ready to start in the Ingathering work.

of our needs in the Advent church. These may be stated in very definite terms:

1. *An efficient ministry.* We place this first for it is of primary and sovereign importance. We do not under-rate our workers. They are zealous and consecrated. They love the cause. Yet we are deeply and painfully convinced that the supreme need of the Advent movement at this point is a far more fruitful ministry. By this we mean a ministry that is more spiritual, more godly, strong in faith, zealous in prayer, and with a deep passion to save the lost. With such a well-trained ministry, we should see much larger success. We really must have more men who can preach so "that a great multitude" will believe. (Acts 14:1.) We should be much in prayer for the ministry. Workers who do not succeed should choose some other occupation.

2. *A consecrated missionary laity.* Though mentioned second, this is not a secondary matter. Our members love the cause. They are active to a degree. We thank God for every home missionary and other report we receive. But in the Advent church every adult and even every child should be a living witness for Jesus. We could double the membership of every conference in this Division within a year if our churches really en-



Our exhibit at the General Conference.

tered into this spirit of saving the lost.

3. *Prayer and self-denial.* The progress of the cause is measured by the prayer and sacrifice of its members. We do deny ourselves many pleasures and joys of the world. We pay tithes. We bring our offerings. Some have perhaps given all they should and a few even more. Still we are certain that as we enter upon another four-year period we need to pray God to give all of us a new spirit of sacrifice for Jesus such as was not seen for several years. With sacrifice comes economy—in mission, conference, and institutional administration, as well as in our private life. Simplicity would enable many to put aside a little here and there with which to help on our work.

The General Conference was really a mighty mission challenge. Nothing like it has been known since the Advent movement in 1844. There are open doors everywhere. People in Asia, South America, Africa—especially in that large part belonging to the Northern European Division—are coming in by the thousands. The deep in-

fluence of the General Conference will go like a spiritual wave over the whole earth. God intends it to bring in an atmosphere of grace, full of love and zeal and service. He wants us to enter into a new experience as a church and as individuals. Thinking of these things, our hearts are full of courage. We know many are eager to do all to support the cause. Just now our minds turn to the Harvest Ingathering. This is our first great activity after the late conference. Last year the results were large. What of this year? That depends on organization and faithful work. But of this others are writing. We pray that a new spirit of power and victory may descend from heaven upon the members and ministers of the Northern European Division.



The Call to Service

BY L. F. OSWALD

THE life of the Master was one of sacrificial service. If we possess His Spirit, His character will express itself in us in a life of service and sacrifice. There is a law in the spiritual life from which we cannot escape—nothing can be taken in unless it can be given out. Study is the road to learning, but long-continued study without expression is the surest way to paralyse the mind. He who would be a scholar must not only study but also apply his knowledge to practical use.

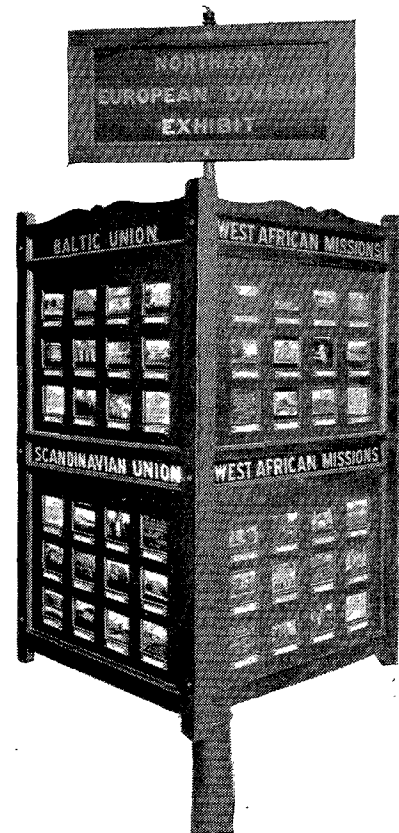
So a man who seeks to grow in spiritual strength merely by listening to sermons and studying the Word of God, without at the same time giving out in service, cannot receive the real spirit of our Master. If one stands perfectly insulated on a glass foundation he may take hold of live wires without getting hurt. Electricity never comes in when it cannot flow out. So the Spirit of Christ demands in us an outlet in order to have power in our lives. God's children are His chosen vessels through which He is accomplishing His work upon this earth. We read in Acts 9:15 what Paul was to the Lord. "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel."

God has chosen us also for this last work to be vessels of service for Him.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is God's work. In a short time from now every one in this Advent movement will be called upon to take part in this great work for the Lord. During these campaigns God is using us as His vessels to bear His name to our friends and neighbours and gather means to send His message to the ends of the earth. Surely this is an opportunity for every one to be used by God. The results will be at least threefold:

1. As we take part we shall experience joy and strength in our own spiritual lives.
2. We shall bear the name of Jesus to thousands of homes again in our Northern European Division through the printed page.
3. Through the means gathered our missionaries will be able again, during the year 1931, to bear the name of Jesus to thousands of heathen in all parts of the earth.

Let us unitedly work and pray that we may reach our goal in the Northern European Division of \$100,000.



Count Upon the Young People

BY G. A. LINDSAY

ANOTHER Harvest Ingathering Campaign is before us. The goal this year for the Division is \$100,000. This is the largest that has ever been suggested to the churches in the territory of the Northern European Division. It is a gigantic goal, when we consider the apparently unfavourable external conditions that prevail in certain parts of our field. We are confident, however, that all of God's people will rally to the call and endeavour to do a mighty work for Him Who has called them to be labourers together with Him.

In order that the churches may accomplish this task together with every other work God has given them to do, they need the *full* strength of *all* the young people. Our Missionary Volunteers are very willing to work, very eager to have a part in the progress of the Advent movement. They are all desirous of serving their Lord and Master. There are many who want to do something that challenges them to give their best service. Sometimes it has been said that the young people of to-day are lazy, seeking nothing but pleasure, and refusing to shoulder the burdens and responsibilities. This may be true of the young people in the world, but it is most assuredly untrue of the Seventh-Day Adventist youth.

As plans are laid for this year's campaign, let no one forget to count heavily on the youth in our churches. Tell them that the church not only *invites* them to help, but that it cannot do *without* them. Show them what they can do for Christ. "Let not the youth be ignored: let them share in the labour and responsibility . . . Let ministers put to use all their ingenuity in devising plans whereby the younger members of the church may be allowed to co-operate with them in missionary work."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, pages 435, 436.

Twenty thousand dollars of the Harvest Ingathering goal belongs to the young people. In recent years we have ascribed twenty per

cent of the Big Week and Harvest Ingathering goals to the young people. From several fields, encouraging reports have come through, showing that our Missionary Volunteers not only reached the twenty per cent mark, but went far beyond. This year we think that the young people ought to set out to reach at least thirty per cent.

Brother Mednis, departmental secretary for the Livonia Conference in the Baltic Union, told us recently that in last year's campaign, with a church membership of 688, they raised Lats 5,915 (\$1,142) and of this sum the young people, numbering 156, collected about Lats 3,500 (\$675) alone. In that field the individual goal for the senior members was Lats 8

(\$1.54) but the goal for the young people was Lats 15 (\$2.90). From other conferences word has come saying that some young people first got their own goal, and then went out to help invalid members of the church who were unable to go out. Then some juniors have done most excellently. To our knowledge some have collected over \$30 during last year's campaign. We surely *cannot do without* the help of our young people and juniors.

Young people's workers, ministers, and church leaders, take the young people into partnership as you launch this year's Harvest Ingathering Campaign. If they feel that you believe in them and count on them, they will not disappoint you.



The Purpose of a Goal

By J. M. HOWARD

GOAL! There is the lure of an oasis in that small but power-charged word, an energizing impetus in its tone. In the realm of the world's ambition it has made weak men fight as the strong: in the realm of the world's Redeemer it has made heroes of sacrifice out of humble men and women. There is little that can compare with the urge of a goal in sight. It is the lever which releases the power of a life's endeavour.

And that is the purpose of any goal—to inspire endeavour, to give birth to endurance, to turn the stream of energy toward the ocean of victory and keep its flow strong. The nature of the goal may vary, but its purpose is always the same. Paul gave unsparingly of his ardent energies with his eye ever on "the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus." Abraham was content to become a wanderer on the earth with the goal of another country, a God-planned city, upon the horizon. Job "ran with patience" the race of his much tried life while his heart shined the golden goal supreme—"Yet . . . shall I see God."

And so as we launch out once more into this world-embracing campaign we set before ourselves a goal. It may be a Division, Union,

conference, church, or self-set individual goal, but a goal there must be. No race has ever yet been won that had no winning post.

I am reminded of a church in North England which every year sets its goal 150 per cent above the conference standard—and reaches it. In nine years this church of less than thirty stalwarts has raised £1,472 (\$7,168). Is goal-setting worth while?

There comes to my mind the instance of a member who, though suffering intense physical pain over a number of years, has collected during the past decade almost £400 (\$1,948). The yearly amounts which are before me as I write convince me that this worker has a goal. Truly the words of Solomon are applicable in this case, "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong." The victory is given to the persevering child of God who tenaciously works toward the goal.

So set a goal and keep it ever in view. Difficulties may threaten to obscure your vision. Strikes, lock-outs, political uncertainties, unparalleled unemployment may loom as a mountain in the way, but never lose sight of the goal. There is a story told of Napoleon which pictures him, with his eyes

on the emperorship of Italy, conversing with his chiefs of staff. He outlines his plan of attack and from the assembled veterans there comes the protesting cry, "But sire, the Alps!" Calmly, with his

gaze upon the horizon, the great general thunders, "I see no Alps." Let us, with a purpose set, and a heart of faith, scale our Alps and gain our Italy.

member to enter His service and every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the great plan of redemption."—*Vol. 8, page 48.*

When such plans have been carefully laid and under the guidance of the Spirit of God we have met to pass on such plans to the church, then we may go forward in confidence knowing that the Lord of the Harvest will crown our efforts with success and the year 1930 will go down in history as a year of achievement. Here are a few slogans for leaders:

"Plan your work and work your plan";

"Start right and start right away";

"Plan ahead, then go ahead";

"Opposing circumstances should be our helpers and should create a firm determination to overcome them."

"It takes a lot of courage,
And a deal of self-control,
And some grim determination,
If you want to reach your goal."

Now for a successful campaign and every goal reached.

How to Reach the Harvest Ingathering Goal

By F. W. GOODALL

No greater joy can be ours than that which comes as the result of faithful service. While it is true that we may not always reach the goal for which we start out, yet to have set an aim, some definite objective and to have done our level best to reach it, brings its own reward. If we can so organize our forces and plan our campaign so that there is a reasonable chance of reaching the goal, then everything will go through with a swing. Nothing inspires our members more than to see the leaders carefully organizing and laying their plans with the full assurance of success.

May we have such confidence? is a question that we as leaders must face.

Our first thought—if we are to reach the Harvest Ingathering goal for 1930—must be of the great task God has committed to our trust. We must ourselves be filled with the inspiration of plans that embrace the world. That we have a noble objective is evident from the following quotation from *Education*, page 262: "The heaven-appointed purpose of giving the Gospel to the world in this generation is the noblest that can appeal to any human being. It opens a field of effort to every one whose heart Christ has touched."

Having established the importance of right leadership then we should call together those whom we can associate with us as helpers or section leaders or band leaders. These should be responsible for a group of members and should have the names and addresses in a special note book for records and reference. If the whole membership is divided up as it is in some of our larger churches where the weekly church missionary service is in operation, then the task becomes much easier. The group leader can meet with his members

week by week, passing out supplies, arranging territory, instructing, encouraging, keeping records, etc., and passing on experiences.

If leaders will accept such plans and make themselves responsible for a certain group of members, and if the members will respond, co-operating with these plans, then success is certain.

Let us remember, however, that: "The very simplest modes of work should be devised and set in operation among the churches. If the churches will unitedly accept such plans, and perseveringly carry them out, they will reap a rich reward."—*Vol. 6, page 433.*

"God calls upon every church-

Our Responsibility in the Harvest Ingathering Work

By W. T. BARTLETT

I HAVE been asked to write about the responsibility that rests upon us in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Every Seventh-Day Adventist knows that to us is committed a message which is to prepare the way of the Lord and gather out a people from every tribe and kindred and tongue. To other churches it may seem that they are free to take up or leave alone the burden of evangelizing heathen lands. We know of no such liberty of choice. Woe is unto us if we preach not the message to the ends of the earth. It follows, as a matter of course, that Adventists lead all other religious bodies in missionary activities. We send out a larger percentage of our young people as missionaries; we make larger offerings per capita than any of the other churches. This is generally recognized, so

that other denominations, however much they may dissent from our teachings, admire generally our missionary zeal, and hold us up as an example of generous giving to the mission cause. We find accordingly that the public are more and more willing to assist us with money. In view of this friendly disposition, it becomes our duty to give every willing helper a chance to contribute by laying before him some information as to our progress and our needs.

Even where we are entirely unknown, people are as a rule inclined to assist us, on the bare ground that we are doing work among the heathen that ought to be done. All Christians believe in such work, and count it, not only a duty, but also a pleasure to assist those who are engaged in

it. When we go to the people inviting gifts for this purpose, even the poor, who can afford to do but little, do not grudge what they give, but express their sorrow that they cannot do more. As keen workers for missions, we should be culpably lax if we did not make some use of this disposition to assist all missionary work for its own sake.

Having done our part to turn the stream of popular benevolence into the desert lands, it becomes our solemn responsibility as faithful stewards to use this money with the greatest care, and to the very best advantage, for the particular purpose for which it was given. Standing before the world as trustees of the heathen, and inviting the benevolent to employ us as their agents, we should be very careful not to violate the confidence reposed in us. Our missionary committees and administrators are trustees, and must do such faithful work, that the great public will more and more recognize in them an entirely honourable and trustworthy body, through whom they can safely show their goodwill to the cause of preaching the Gospel among the heathen.

With God's help, we ought to make it clear to the general public that gifts placed in our hands will go farther and do more to build up the cause than they will when administered by any other society. When we make our annual report to the public, there should be a tale of fresh triumphs to tell every year, a story of fresh territories entered, new languages employed, and still greater numbers sent out to the task. With such a report, we could rely on it that the purses of sincere lovers of the missionary cause would be ever more and more generously opened to supply the needs of the cause.

We are slower than we should be entering new fields. Year after year, we have to present the same story of chiefs coming in vain to plead for a living preacher. There are immense possibilities yet to be fathomed in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. If these are faithfully put to use the world will be startled at the progress we shall make, and the inspiration of seeing the cause of God march forward with rapid strides in the regions of darkness, will mightily revive our work in the home fields.



Harvest Ingathering Campaign in the Mission Fields

By W. E. READ

Who would have thought when the Harvest Ingathering plan was launched a few years ago that it would develop into such a world-wide work as we see to-day. Like many other plans adopted by this Advent movement it began in a very simple and humble way, but what do our eyes behold at this time? Not only are the fields which constitute the home bases responding heartily to the Ingathering appeal but so are our great mission fields in all parts of the world. These needy mission lands which have received help from the means gathered by our faithful churchmembers are now doing what they can in soliciting from their own people.

It has been very encouraging during the past few years to see

the development of this special effort in our own missions in Africa. Four years ago in Nigeria the brethren gathered the sum of £18. Last year this sum was increased to £109, and they are hopeful of collecting at least £150 during the present campaign. In Sierra Leone they collected £38 in 1928, but last year brought in £130. Similar increases can be reported from other fields. In the Nigerian Union Mission our brethren are printing a little paper this year to assist the workers in their appeals, especially to the educated natives of the country. They will print 2,000 copies of the Ingathering magazine in the Yoruba language.

Methods of course vary in the different countries. In Great

Britain we are privileged in most places to solicit from house to house. In some countries on the Continent, however, house-to-house solicitation is forbidden and the method adopted is to sell the paper, giving the people the privilege of paying even more than is asked for the journal. In Africa our people go out and solicit. Sometimes they receive money, sometimes they take a large basket to bring home their collection. In some fields they will return heavily laden with eggs, corn, rice, chickens, and other articles of diet from the native villages, but the principle is the same in all the world whether it be money or kind that is gathered in. We feel very glad indeed to see our African workers and believers entering so wholeheartedly into this plan which has proved so successful not only in the home fields but in the large countries of the Far East, South America, and other parts.

Over in East Africa the members of our churches and companies go out in little bands; the picture on the front page will show one small group ready for the field. They are carrying a card on which has been pasted the cover of the Ingathering magazine. The titles, however, have been printed in the native language and they go forth to the villages making their appeals to the people.

We wish many times that our faithful believers at home could see what is being done in the mission fields from year to year. In some of the pictures in this issue of the SURVEY you will notice the kind of people that our workers are seeking to help day by day. In connection with all our mission stations there is a little dispensary and to these little centres hundreds and thousands of people come for relief from their bodily afflictions. It is a common sight to see men and women like those represented in the pictures. Some cases are far worse than these, but it is cheering to know that they not only get relief from their physical sufferings but in many cases they are led to understand and know Jesus the Great Physician of the soul. In some places lepers are being treated and the Ingathering funds

have helped us very materially indeed in bringing the much needed relief to these unfortunate people.

Not only is there a great need of further medical facilities in our mission fields but there is an urgent appeal that comes from thousands of longing hearts in Africa to-day for the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. What are we to say to the many chiefs that are looking to this Advent people for help? On our recent visit to West Africa they came to us one after the other, fine, strong men, literally beseeching us for a teacher to teach their people about the true God. It made us feel sad as we realized that we had not the teachers to send. In some fields we sat down with the mission committee and went over their budget to see if it were at all possible to

put another worker in to meet the need. Several times we found this could not be done owing to the shortage of funds. Africa is pleading with God's people at this time. The dire needs of the people, their need of physical help, and above all their great spiritual need make a demand upon this Advent movement. Their cries are reaching us to-day. They are eagerly stretching out their hands after God and they are pleading in no uncertain tones, "Come over and help us." What shall the mission board respond? Will you not make it possible for us to answer these many appeals by working this year to bring in a larger offering than we have ever had in our different unions and mission fields?



A Brief Survey of the Ingathering Work in Our Unions

THE Harvest Ingathering plan began in North America in the year 1908. Each succeeding year found an increasing number of fields taking part, until to-day even our mission fields are active in this campaign. How much this means to our world work can be realized when we think that for the past twenty-two years the average amount *per day* received into the mission treasury was \$1,337.

In the territory comprising the Northern European Division the Harvest Ingathering work began in the British Union. This was in the year 1916. Great Britain, with its extensive colonies, and being the home of so many pioneer missionaries, has proved itself large-hearted in its response to our appeals. Up to the present time no less than \$425,657 have been raised in this union through the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. During the years 1920 and 1921, when economic conditions were good in Britain our members gathered \$93,202. At this time the British Union earned the prestige of standing first in the world field with the highest per capita in mission offerings. In the year 1921 one of our young workers was

successful in interesting a lady in our work to the extent of securing \$3,409 from her—this, however, on condition that the young man went to Africa as a missionary. These conditions were fulfilled and Pastor E. E. Warland, now principal of the Kenya Training School in the East African Union, left for that field.

The Scandinavian Union was the next to take part in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, the first work being done in 1920. In this field obstacles have to be overcome which do not exist in the British Union. In Denmark and Finland the authorities allow no collecting. Our people sell the papers, endeavouring, of course, to secure as high a sum as possible. In Norway, particularly, the population is very much scattered and our people have to tramp many miles. This means that much time is taken up in travelling and so the work is harder. But when on an errand for the Master an obstacle is but a stimulus and our people gladly press forward in their mission. Until 1923 the Scandinavian Union included territory which now comprises the Baltic Union. For this reason, although faithful work was done in

the previous years, we give the figures for both these unions only from the year 1924. From this time until 1928 the amount raised in Scandinavia was \$75,352. In 1929, however, the results were beyond expectation. The leaders set a strong lead and the people followed. In less than two weeks after the campaign began the stock of papers was exhausted and a new supply had to be printed. The goal was not only reached but surpassed to the extent of twenty-six per cent, the total amount being \$37,704. The people are getting the habit of giving. One lady in Sweden who had somehow been overlooked, complained that the previous year she had not had the opportunity to give her donation. She gladly responded to the suggestion to give double the amount that year. The Finnish people love missions. We have an example of this in the activities of one of our sisters there. Bed-ridden for twenty years and—with the exception of her right hand—deprived of the use of her limbs, this sister is an active and successful worker in the campaign.

In the Baltic Union, with its mixture of languages and religions, the solicitation of funds for missions becomes still more difficult. Harvest Ingathering papers are printed in Lettish, Estonian, German, and Russian, all papers having to be sold. The words "foreign missions" have no weight with the people but the appeal can be made from the standpoint of education and medical help. As stated above, the Harvest Ingathering Campaign in some parts of this field is older than the Union itself. The first papers for the campaign were printed in Latvia in the year 1921. Estonia and Lithuania joined later in this work. From the years 1924 to 1928 the Baltic Union raised \$19,700. Here also 1929 was a record year, for during the few weeks of the campaign the amount collected was \$7,772. Even some not of our faith became so impressed through reading the Harvest Ingathering literature that they also took hold and helped to distribute the papers.

Poland, perhaps, is the field which presents the biggest difficul-

ties, for not only opposition but also much persecution has to be endured there. Priest-ridden and poverty-stricken, many of our own people in need of help themselves, how can they be expected to solicit funds for foreign missions? Yet they do it. Great victories have been won in the Harvest Ingathering work. For the four years from 1924 to 1927 the amount collected was \$7,603. In 1929 Poland kept pace with its sister unions in going well beyond its goal, no less than \$4,226 being raised. They use literature in Polish, Russian, German, and Ukrainian, all papers having to be sold.

In considering the figures it must not be overlooked that in the Baltic States, Poland, and also Finland money values have been very low indeed and with a high rate of exchange in those years the amount in dollars does not show to advantage.

But the grand objective in all branches of our work is to win souls. Neither time nor space allows of our giving too many facts here, but we do know that the Harvest Ingathering work plays no small part in winning souls for this message. How often, when our workers report baptisms do they add: "Of this number, so many came in as a result of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign." As we write a large parcel of supplies comes from the British Publishing



Some of the people we are able to help through the gifts in the Ingathering Campaign.

House to the office here. Yes, we are ready to begin the 1930 campaign. The spirit of the work has caught us and, full of courage from the success of last year, we go forward determined to reach higher goals and obtain better results. "The battle is not yours but God's." E.M.E.

The North Norway Conference

BY O. S. LIE

At the present time I am visiting our churches clear to the north in Norway, the Land of the Midnight Sun. To-day I am out on the farthest north-west point of land as it extends into the sea. Here the storms are raging the greater part of the year. This district is wild and barren with scarcely a tree in sight. But those who are born in this rugged country appear to prosper and to enjoy finding their daily bread, as it were, at the bottom of the sea. These hardy people are constantly in danger. They suffer much. But their courage and faith never seem to fail. At times in their fishing they toil and tug for weeks in storm and cold without earning anything at all. As they return from far out at sea, their only comfort is that next time they will have better success. In this territory we have some scattered believers who have not had a visit from a minister in many years. I have been out as far as the church in Kirkenes. It seemed my duty to find and encourage these lonely souls. It gives one joy to see how our isolated members, scattered as they are in this land of cliff and stone, keep up their interest and their love for God merely by reading our books and papers. With great joy they follow the message in its onward course over the earth.

During the past winter we have had evangelistic efforts in four different cities of this conference. At every place we have already begun to see some results. Brother Stinessen has laboured in Honningsvåg. Some have accepted the truth and ten new souls have been won. It was planned that we baptize these during my last visit but the storms were so fearful on the coast that we had to postpone the



Another desperate case of need.

baptism until later. Summer comes very late around here. Brother L. Sæboe-Larssen has been labouring in Tromsø. Thirteen have accepted the truth and have been baptized. Others will join us very soon. Tromsø is one of the largest cities in northern Norway. We are happy to win more members in this place. In the Sandnessjøen where Brother Skjellstad has laboured, there has been very heavy opposition. Four, however, have already been baptized and others will soon join us. I have been labouring in Trondhjem, where our headquarters are. We have baptized and received eighteen new members and others are almost ready to take their stand with us. Because of my trip up north within the Arctic circle, I was compelled to close my winter effort in May. I will have another baptism shortly when I return. In Trondhjem we are greatly in need of a chapel. The church numbers 150 and it is very difficult to carry on work here in the north with no meeting place. We are all happy in the work of God and of good courage.

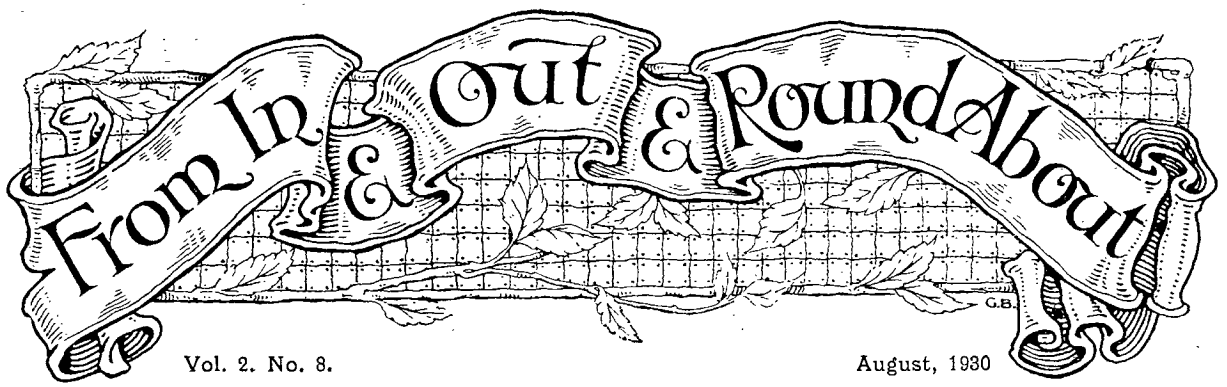
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Erratum

IN mentioning the gain in membership for the denomination in our last issue one sentence was wrongly worded and so gave quite an incorrect statement. The sentence is, "This means that in this period (four-year) the membership of the whole denomination has more than doubled." It should have read, "since 1916," and not, "in this period." We apologize for this and ask you please to change it in your copy. Thank you.

THAT our African believers help themselves is seen in their eagerness to provide a house in which they can worship as soon as a little group is formed. One of our missionaries has just dedicated a new church which was built entirely by the local Christians at their own expense in money and labour. This building will seat over four hundred and is a very fine piece of native workmanship. As yet the membership is but forty-four, but all these accepted the message through native labour without any assistance from European workers. Surely the little sacrifices we may make to gather in the means for mission work fade into insignificance in the face of such sincerity and devotion.

"Two months ago," writes Brother H. A. Matthews from East Africa, "we commenced the canvassing work and we have sold a good number of books and magazines in Catholic territory. Our six young men have taken 500 copies of our church magazine, 100 copies of the shilling book for Moslems, and forty-three Swahili *Bible Readings*. One boy has returned with good news. In four days

he had sold all of his sixty books and has now gone off with another load of seventy-five books and magazines. The greatest difficulty which our native canvasser has to face is the task of finding people who can read. They often walk miles in a day in search of them."

We are told that in North Kavirondo, Kenya Colony, the people from a district where there are ninety native villages are clamouring for teachers and preachers. Our missionary was able to leave them but one. We cannot blame them for not being satisfied, can we? These experiences should be an urge to us to reach a high goal in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

PASTOR J. CLIFFORD (Nigeria) writes: "The Ibo books have arrived and our members are pleased with them. Nearly 700 have been sold so far, chiefly by our members, who buy one dozen at a time and sell to their neighbours. We have had at least two converts already through the reading of this book. The work here seems to be more promising than at any other time; new districts are opening up and the people seem more friendly."

IN Denmark where there are 25,000 Catholics, the church has eighty-three priests who conduct their ministry in thirty-two parishes. In addition to the priests there are also a number of lay male workers and about 680 district sisters who spend their time teaching or ministering to the sick. The Catholics conduct a collegiate school for young people and three high schools for young ladies.

In lamenting over the decrease in mission funds Bishop Blake of

the Methodist Church says: "We registered the largest membership gain in our history when we registered the largest giving to foreign and home missions. It is likewise true that since our missionary income began to decrease, our membership gains have begun to dwindle. Whenever and wherever we cease our efforts on behalf of others, our efforts on behalf of ourselves show diminishing returns. We cannot prosper at home if we neglect our responsibilities abroad."

Transportation Notes

WE were very sorry to have to bid farewell, on June 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wood, who left to take up work in Berrien Springs College. Mr. Wood has been principal of the Stanborough College, England, for two years.

MR. CONRAD HYDE, one of our graduate nurses, left on the s.s. "Leconte de Lisle" from Marseilles on June 20th to associate with Dr. Madgwick in the medical work of the East African Union.

MR. A. MATTER, a delegate to the General Conference, arrived back in Cherbourg on June 26th. He will now be preparing to return to his work in Africa.

MR. AND MRS. D. W. HUNTER arrived in England from U.S.A. with their little girl on June 29th. They left on July 4th for India. They will connect with the Telugu Mission.

MR. AND MRS. A. H. WATSON, with their two boys, from East Africa, arrived in England for furlough on June 30th. Mr. Watson has been connected with our East African missions for seventeen years. C. H. ANSCOMBE.