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The General Conference Biennial Council

THIS mighty mission congress convened at Battle Creek, Michigan, October 18th to 26th. It was preceded by an officers' meeting and two departmental conventions. The attendance at the Council was large. Not only had many come in from America, but there was at least one representative from each world Division. It was a blessed joy to hear the cheering reports from every field. We were especially pleased to meet President W. G. Turner from the Australasian Division and to learn from him of the splendid progress both in Australia and her island mission fields.

To attend a meeting in Battle Creek, the former centre of this movement, brings many thoughts to one's mind. As we walked about and looked at the old institutions and thought of bygone days and experiences, we were deeply thankful for the true counsel given us by the Spirit of prophecy, not only for Battle Creek but for the work in all the earth. We still have our largest church at Battle Creek, with Brother C. V. Haynes as its efficient leader. At each Autumn Council we miss old, tried workers and friends. It seemed strange to have a Publishers' Convention without Brother C. H. Jones, now over eighty years old, and our honoured veteran publishing house manager. We also regretted that Brother J. E. Fulton, former president of the Pacific Union, be-

By L. H. CHRISTIAN

cause of ill-health, could not be present. Brother Fulton was a real friend of Europe and especially of the work in the British fields. Brother McElhany, who follows him in the Pacific Union, has also had experience abroad.

The trustees of the Ellen G. White Estate brought to the Council a report of unusual interest. Sister White left many manuscripts which have not yet been used. In harmony with her wishes it has been decided that these are to be published. We still have here a wealth of wise, godly counsel for the remnant church. The enemies of the spiritual gifts have brought many false accusations against Sister White, and it was decided that these should now be answered. Sister White's life was so consistent and devoted, and her books so divinely inspired, that every lover of Christ must admire them. The light of the Spirit of prophecy revealed to Sister White will remain as a bright, guiding star to the end of time. Her writings exalt the Bible and lead people deeper into the Word of God. In view of efforts now made to discredit the Advent message the General Conference sent a message to our believers in Europe and this is being printed in this issue.

This biennial Council will long be remembered for two things—the atmosphere of helpful, united brotherly kindness and the plan for sturdy, heroic mission advance. Brother Watson, Brother Shaw, and their faithful associates are giving us a spiritual, courageous, and well-balanced leadership. The Advent cause never prospered better than now. The greatest thing of the Council indeed was the spirit of evangelism and soul-winning which was felt from first to last. Brother Branson, the newly-elected president of the North American Division, suggested the heartening objective that Canada and the States endeavour, during 1933, to increase their membership by a net gain of at least 12,000. This is a good lead from America for the world-wide field. We are now, in fact, in all the earth winning more people to Christ than ever before. In 1931 we worked in 455 languages and the net increase of members was 21,793, which is the largest in our history.

A large share of the Council was devoted to a study of medical work. The *Testimonies* state that near the end the medical ministry of this movement will become the most prominent. Elder Daniells, Dr. Risley, and others presented the need of a strong forward movement in medical missionary activities. The International Medical Missionary Extension Founda-

tion was created and careful plans laid by which medical mission work may be established in all parts of the world. Elder C. K. Meyers was elected as secretary of the Foundation. The substantial success of Dr. Miller in China was cheering to all. Nearly one-half million dollars had been given in that country by friends of the cause to build up our medical work. Dr. Miller's report of the work in China was one of the most inspiring mission addresses we have ever heard.

One of the hard problems of the Council was the present shrinkage of mission funds. Our task now is to make a smaller sum of money do more work than the larger amount of some years ago. Mission workers' wages in all the world have been reduced, in some places as much as fifty per cent. Other expenditures, too, have been greatly decreased. A special commission on economy brought in an excellent report, and the better part of a day was spent in a careful study of the counsel given by these experienced men. In view of our world-wide work some items were changed or enlarged. Departmental leadership can better be reduced in the local or Union conference than in the General or Division. It was felt by all that while we must cut out every needless expense, yet in doing this we should not lessen the working forces to such an extent as to cripple the work. All through the Council the message was one of more prayer, stronger faith, and larger things for God. We came away full of confidence in the brethren and courage in the Lord. The influence of this good Council will be felt around the world.

But while we thus are grateful for the Council we are more than ever most deeply convinced that not only the world but the Advent cause and people have come into a decisive and sifting crisis. In all our planning and work we must obtain a clearer and more spiritual vision. We must become more Spirit-filled or the Advent cause in its present form will fail to glorify God as it should. In many things we need to turn right about. Too many have of late been facing the wrong way. We must come to

Christ anew. We must drink in His Spirit and practise His principles. Evil thinking, unkind speaking, unworthy suspicions, dishonest dealings, love of position, oppression of the weak, pride of nationality, and everything else that is unlike Jesus must be for ever banished.

The only hope of this people and of each of us as individuals is the living Christ within. Having that, all is well; without that, all is lost. God intends that the present world perplexities should awaken us all to seek for truer holiness and the fullness of divine power.

Money and the Unfinished Missions Task

BY H. L. RUDY

Now as our annual missions appeal is being concluded we can well pause and consider our position relative to the great unfinished task of world-wide missions. We designate this task *unfinished*. Indeed, it is scarcely begun in many countries of the world. Although we are proclaiming the Advent message in over 400 different languages and dialects in more than 100 countries, it does not necessarily mean that the message is *known* by the people speaking all of these languages. On the contrary we are actually touching only a very small percentage of the world's population. It is very deceiving when we try to evaluate our efforts and comfort ourselves by the fact that the 400 plus languages in which we work are spoken by ninety per cent of the world's population. There is great danger in such unsound comfort, for numerically all Christendom combined is not keeping pace with the rapid increase of the world's population. That is, many more thousands of people are born into the world daily than are being reached with the Gospel of Christ. It is therefore evident—at least from a numerical viewpoint—that if the Advent message is to be proclaimed as a witness to every nation and people, there has got to come a power into this movement far beyond anything thus far experienced in the world, even by the primitive Christian church. Hasn't the time come, then, for God's remnant people to tap the infinite Source of omnipotent power? We have the promise in the Spirit of prophecy that, "Floods of spiritual

power are to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, page 46.) And "If all were *willing* all would be filled with the Spirit."—"*Acts of the Apostles*," page 50.

God's professed people are dishonouring Him when they lament over the lack of means at their disposal to finish the work. One of the greatest marvels of the ages has been worked out in less than one hundred years by the Lord through His Advent people. The vision and self-sacrificing spirit of the pioneers of Adventism have resulted in establishing this truth in nearly every country of the world. Beginning with nothing, either in money or influence, God has wafted the judgment-hour message to every corner of the earth. Churches, schools, publishing houses, sanitariums, and other institutions dot the globe. A host of men and women bearing the world's scorn, but fearlessly upholding the most unpopular message ever proclaimed since the days of Christ, are standing at the point of endowment with the latter rain. What is needed is a hunger and thirst for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

As the leaders stand at their posts of duty in the conferences, mission fields, and churches, they should awaken to the overwhelming consciousness that it is up to them by faith to move into impossible tasks, and God will vindicate His promises to be with His children and supply the necessary power. The same is true of the various institutions. Fear is hindering the advance of truth. The

budget disease has infested our ranks. The idea that we cannot undertake new tasks unless the dollars and cents are in the treasury has ruled our work all too much in the past. God is now definitely teaching us the lesson that money is not the first consideration. There is plenty of money in the world and in His good time God will cause the "Gentiles to build" the walls of Zion. But what we need to-day is a larger vision and a daring spirit to risk all, even our lives, for the cause of truth. That was the spirit of the pioneers of this movement. God greatly honoured that spirit. He is waiting to do the same to-day.

Now such a programme does not rest only with the leaders and workers in God's cause. It embraces the whole church. "It is not alone by men in high positions of responsibility," wrote Sister White, "not alone by men holding positions on boards or committees, not alone by the managers of our sanitariums and publishing houses, that the work is to be done which will cause the earth to be filled with the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea. This work can be accomplished only by *the whole church* acting their part under the guidance and in the power of Christ."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, page 47.

When General Booth presented to England his plan of saving the country from "African" darkness he made the following challenging appeal to his fellow-citizens: "If I am to see the accomplishment in any considerable degree of these lifelong hopes, I must be enabled to embark upon the enterprise without delay, and . . . I cannot be expected to struggle in this matter alone." Then speaking of his greatest immediate need the General continued: "Money, indispensable as it is, has never been the thing most needful. Money is the sinews of war; and, as society is at present constituted, neither carnal nor spiritual wars can be carried on without money. But there is something more necessary still. War cannot be waged without soldiers. A Wellington can do far more in a campaign than a Rothschild. More than money—a long, long

way—I want men; and when I say men, I mean women, too—men of experience, men of brains, men of heart, and men of God."—*In Darkest England and the Way Out*, pages 282, 283.

Men! That is what God wants to-day, "*men of experience, men of brains, men of heart, and men of God.*" Men of heart risk everything for the cause they espouse. No opposition or insurmountable difficulties will discourage them. They know no defeat. If the necessary

means are lacking they provide them out of their own life-blood. What would happen if every leader and member of the Advent church would enter upon the inestimable prospects "under the guidance and Spirit of Christ." There is no power that can frustrate the united impact of the whole church upon a non-Christian and a lost world. May our hearts be touched with the *live* coal from the altar of God, and our lips respond with, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

A Trip to Iceland

BY L. MUDERSPACH

At the beginning of this year the Icelandic Conference was added to the West Nordic Union, so it was my privilege to visit this little conference at the time of the annual meeting, which was held at Reykjavik, September 19th to 24th.

I left Bergen on September 1st and this gave me time to get acquainted with conditions in Iceland before the meetings started. On the way we called at the Faroe Islands, which is part of the Icelandic Conference, and spent the Sabbath afternoon with a few of our believers in Thorshavn, the largest town on the islands. At the present time there are only four members living in this town. We have three small churches with thirty-three believers altogether on the Faroes. Their homes are scattered over several of the rocky islands which make up this group belonging to the kingdom of Denmark. About 25,000 people live here and most of these are fishermen. Two young brethren are looking after our work there at present. One is a colporteur and the other is going to hold small meetings during the winter on the northern island, Vidaro.

From the Faroes I went to the Westman Islands, a little group on the south coast of Iceland. Only one of these islands is inhabited, namely, the largest. To-day we have a flourishing church here of seventy members. I stayed there for three days holding meetings with the believers. They have a

good church building and a church school building, besides a building where they conduct a little clinic. Two of our sisters from Denmark look after this clinic; one of these, Sister Sara Henriksen, formerly spent some years as teacher in Sierra Leone under the equator's sun, and now she is not far from the Arctic circle on this little island where the storms often howl and the angry waves boom with frightful power against the steep rocky coast. From this place, looking north, one can see Iceland's high volcano, Hekla, as well as the country's largest glacier with its perpetual fields of ice and snow.

Here on the Westman Islands we have the largest church school in our union—in fact the largest in the Northern European Division, where eighty-two children are taught to love this truth. With a group of young people like this we can expect a large harvest of souls each year, and that is why we can rightly say that it is a "flourishing" church that we have at this place.

At this place I met the president of the conference, Brother O. J. Olsen, and on the boat which took us to Reykjavik we met the treasurer of the Division, Brother Chr. Pedersen, who had come to audit the books of the conference. It rained as we went ashore in Reykjavik and the sky was grey and heavy for many days after. If it didn't rain the wind was blowing hard and we were tempted to be-

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To our Believers in Europe :

Beloved Brethren, Greetings. The General Conference Committee assembled in Autumn Council take this opportunity of addressing our believers in Europe. We realize something of the trial through which you have been passing because of the effort now being made to undermine the faith and weaken the zeal of the remnant church.

We greatly appreciate and commend the loyal stand of our leaders, workers, and believers in withstanding the forces of unbelief and apostasy.

Such experiences serve to remind us that we are entering the perils of the closing days of earth's history of which time the apostle Paul declared, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith." 1 Tim. 4:1. Many years ago the warning came to this people through the Spirit of prophecy that, "Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will go out in darkness." Although we deeply regret to see any depart from us, yet our faith should be strengthened as we see these divine predictions fulfilled.

Nor is this a new experience for the church of God. Of some of the followers of Jesus it is recorded that "from that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him." John 6:66. Also

the apostle Paul warned the elders of the church in his day that from among themselves men would arise who would speak perverse things and who would seek to draw away disciples after them. (See Acts 20:30.)

Notwithstanding such experiences, which come to the church to try and to purify it, it is our blessed privilege to know that "the foundation of God standeth sure." The love of many may wax cold, the faith of many may waver and fail, but the truth of God changeth not and "the Lord knoweth them that are His."

It is with great joy that we learn that, notwithstanding the fact that vigorous efforts are being made to destroy faith in some of the fundamental principles of our belief, such as the important doctrines of the sanctuary and spiritual gifts, including the gift of the Spirit of prophecy, our people in Europe are standing firm, and are giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of this people. We cannot afford to permit our confidence to be shaken in the message of truth which has been brought to us at so great cost, and which has placed in our hearts the "blessed hope" of soon seeing the face of our Lord and Saviour.

We, your brethren in the common faith, are glad to avail our-

To Our Bel

A message from
Battle Creek, Michigan

selves of the opportunity provided by this Autumn Council of passing on to you the assurance that our position on the important doctrines mentioned above, i.e., the sanctuary and spiritual gifts, including the gift of the Spirit of prophecy, is like yours unchanged from that held by the founders of this movement. We believe that Jesus Christ, our High Priest, is the "minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." Heb. 8:2. We believe that this sanctuary of which He is minister is in heaven and is the antitype of the earthly sanctuary, the services of which foreshadowed the sacrifice and priestly ministry of our Lord; that upon ascending to heaven, Christ as priest began His ministry in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, continuing there until the end of the prophetic period of 2,300 prophetic days or literal years of Daniel 8:14, which period ended in the year 1844; that at that time, in harmony with the type, He entered the second or most holy apartment for the purpose of cleansing the sanctuary and of beginning the work of judgment.

We believe that the Advent movement of 1844, the beginning of which synchronized with the entry of Christ upon His solemn ministry in the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, and which is now heralding the threefold judgment-hour message to all the nations of earth, is of God, and that those associated with this movement constitute the remnant of His church. (Rev. 12:17.) We believe that this church, after being purified and tried, will be presented to Him at His coming, "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy

He Comes!

MRS. T. BUCHMAN

THE day has passed, the shadows lengthen round us,
The night has come, and lo, He draweth nigh.
He comes in glory, not in shame and sorrow,
He comes, He comes, my Jesus from on high.

The voice of mercy soon will cease its calling,
Behold the Judge, see now, is at the door.
Give grace, give grace, to Israel's earnest pleading:
Give victory, *now, to-day*, and evermore.

Have pity, Lord, have pity on Thy people:
Before Thine altar, see, we humbly bow.
With contrite heart we come, our sins confessing,
We pray Thee, gracious Father, spare, O spare us now!

Remember *now* the promise of Thy Spirit:
Upon us Lord Thy Holy spirit pour!
Lest I should fall—my God, the day is evil—
Baptize me now, this day, this very hour!

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and without blemish." Eph. 5:27.

We also believe that the Holy Scriptures, which constitute the ground of faith and practice for the church, teach that spiritual gifts will continue to be manifested in the church until "that which is perfect is come." (1 Cor. 13:10; Eph. 4:13.) Our faith in this doctrine is confirmed by the assurance given through the apostle Paul to the Advent people when he said, "So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 1:7, 8.

We believe that the writings of Mrs. E. G. White were given to the church through the manifestation of the gift of the Spirit of prophecy, not as a substitute for the Holy Scriptures nor as a new rule of faith, but for the spiritual uplift of the church, for instruction, for warnings, for reproofs, for admonitions, and for the special guidance of God's people through the perils of the last days. This was the belief of the pioneers of this movement and it is our abiding belief to-day, for the reason that both their faith and ours is founded on the teachings of the Scriptures.

The writings of the Spirit of prophecy always lead us to the Bible. They set forth that Book as the inspired and infallible Word of God. These writings exhort us to take that Word as the man of our counsel and the rule of our faith. As evidence of this, we quote from the first bound volume given to this people through this gift as follows: "I recommend to you, dear reader, the Word of God as the rule of your faith and practice. By that Word we are to be judged. God has, in that Word, promised to give visions in the last days, not

for a new rule of faith, but for the comfort of His people, and to correct those who err from Bible truth."—*Christian Experiences and Views*, Ed. 1851, page 64.

The fruit of these writings is such as to reveal that their origin is of God. They lead to the most perfect standard of morality. They discountenance every vice, and exhort to the practice of every virtue. They point out the perils through which we are to pass on our way to the kingdom. They reveal the devices of Satan. They warn us against his snares. They have protected us from fanatical and unreasonable men and movements. They have exposed hidden iniquity and have brought to light concealed wrongs, laying bare the evil motives of the false-hearted. They have repeatedly aroused the church to greater consecration to God and to more zealous efforts for the salvation of the lost and erring.

They lead us to Christ. Like the Bible, they set Him forth as the only hope and only Saviour of mankind. They portray before us in living characters His holy life and His godly example, and with irresistible appeals they urge us to follow in His steps.

They have brought comfort and consolation to many hearts. They have strengthened the weak, encouraged the feeble, raised up the despondent. They have brought

order out of confusion, made crooked places straight, and thrown light on what was dark and obscure. We believe that no person with an unprejudiced mind can read their stirring appeals for a pure and lofty morality, their exaltation of God and the Saviour, their denunciations of every evil, and their exhortations to everything that is holy and of good report, without being compelled to say, These writings do verily "speak forth the words of truth and soberness."

With these considerations before us we feel constrained at this time to urge you, our beloved brethren, to continue steadfast and immovable in the faith. "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." Heb. 10:35-39.

On behalf of the General Conference Committee of Seventh-Day Adventists.

C. E. WATSON, *President*.

C. K. MEYERS, *Secretary*.

Appeal for Reapers

I. H. EVANS

O MEN of God! These are the last, last hours.
 Before us, all the whitened harvest field,
 Unreaped, untouched by sickles such as ours.
 This closing message will a harvest yield,
 If we, His messengers, in zeal proclaim
 The everlasting Gospel in His name.

O men of God! Jesus our priest awaits
 On high to close His ministry; to take
 His crown as King of kings; to ope the gates
 Of heaven to all His ransomed ones; and shake
 The powers of heaven; to wake the sleeping dead;
 Receive His kingdom as its kingly Head.

O men of God! These are the last, last hours
 When labours count and bring a rich reward.
 In yonder danger lines the heavenly powers
 Unfurl His blood-stained banner, we to guard!
 Who'll follow where the Master leads the way?
 Of heaven to all His ransomed ones; and shake

Statistical Report for the Quarter

Name of Conference or Mission	No. Churches	Baptism and Vote	Apostasy	Death	Net Gain	Present Membership	Evangelistic Workers	Colporteurs	No. Sabbath-Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Tithe	Tithe per capita	Sabbath-School Offerings	Weekly Offerings	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
N. E. Division	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baltic Union	1	98	87	44	17	42	4,864	50	55	245	4,936	3,444	\$	5,617.40	0.09	1,243.07
British "	2	72	137	21	17	102	4,838	97	83	141	4,843	3,906	\$	18,635.90	0.30	4,148.92
E. Nordic "	3	87	159	31	12	106	4,005	50	102	149	3,364	2,542	\$	6,578.20	0.13	1,786.39
Polish "	4	150	155	12	1	119	3,392	68	45	222	3,884	3,029	\$	3,037.20	0.07	863.64
W. Nordic "	5	124	146	41	24	78	5,965	51	83	165	5,081	3,782	\$	15,381.00	0.20	3,677.05
Tls. Unions 3 d Q. 1932	531	684	149	71	447	23,064	332	368	922	22,108	16,703	\$	49,249.70	0.16	11,719.07	8.18
E. Afr'n Union Miss.	6	40	54	72	7	-52	4,188	30	...	215	10,847	10,817	\$	1,148.40	0.02	731.42
Ethiopian "	7	7	...	...	2	-3	263	10	...	14	473	450	\$	256.20	0.07	67.74
Nigerian "	8	4	45	...	...	45	1,001	14	...	67	3,915	3,616	\$	418.00	0.03	205.56
Unattached Missions	9	9	...	1	2	-5	882	7	...	53	2,258	1,815	\$	410.40	0.03	228.31
Tls. Miss. 2nd Qtr. 1932	60	99	73	11	-15	6,334	61	...	349	17,493	16,698	\$	2,233.00	0.02	1,233.03	147.94
Grand Total 3rd Qtr. 1932	591	783	222	82	432	29,398	363	368	1,271	39,601	33,401	\$	51,482.70	0.13	12,952.10	156.12
" " " 1931	576	1,366	268	73	989	28,966	418	303	1,171	38,935	33,321	\$	54,353.90	0.15	13,593.54	27.03

With Our West African Missions

The Ibadan School

BY W. J. B. HYDE

OUR Ibadan school is situated just inside the old wall and moat of the largest Negro town in Africa. For the first two years of its existence we worked to the goal of a "Lower Middle" school, accepting boys who had passed standard four and taking them on through the standard six examination to specialized training as workers.

In 1931 we developed the policy of admitting day-boys to the school, and at the end of the year we had twenty-one out of a total of forty. This year an increasing number joined the upper classes and we had four little children from the east of the Niger offered to us as day-students. As English was the only available language they could understand, Mrs. Hyde started to teach them for a few hours a day. With this as a nucleus an Infants' department developed so rapidly that when the Ibo family was transferred after about a month we found a good class of infant Yorubas who did not understand any English. We engaged a pupil teacher and the Infants' enrolment increased until we had to call a halt for lack of space.

We now find ourselves with a

total enrolment in a full primary school—infants to standard six—of over one hundred: over eighty of whom are fee-paying day-boys. Next year, when we shall make more adequate arrangements for the infants, we shall find our total capacity taxed to the full. All this has taken our school well along the road to being self-supporting, and has released funds which have enabled us to commence an Elementary Teacher Training Class of eight boys with a view to obtaining Government certificates at the end of a three-year course.

Those of our boarders who still remain in the day-school classes find themselves a little leaven in a big lump. Most of the lump consists of boys who are nominally Mohammedans. All join in the Bible classes and we shall see some of them passing the Standard of Attainment examinations from year to year. The chapel and Bible periods on Wednesday mornings are given up to a young people's society meeting arranged by a committee of boys. Everyone enjoys these meetings and takes part in the singing.

This continual contact with boys from the outside world has its

inevitable effects on our own boys and you would be interested to see the antidote they are learning to seek. If you took a stroll in the first glimmer of daybreak—the sun is a laggard here and never rises much before seven o'clock standard time—you would see the glow of a lamp in the dining-room, where a group of dark figures would be keeping their Morning Watch. Some of them have been doing this for a year or two, but the boys have just been organized into Junior Missionary Volunteer units and more of them prefer to rise before the bell and join together for their word with God and from God every morning.

Pray for these boys. They live in a land where heathenism and Christianity have continued side by side for eighty years and where formalism and hypocrisy have almost obliterated that sharp line of distinction that should exist. We were late in the field and our people need all the help they can get in keeping themselves from surrendering to the temptations to compromise with the world and the flesh that surround them. Pray especially that these habits of prayer may take deep root in their hearts and hold them fast in the storms of life.

A Trip to Iceland

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lieve that it always was so depressing and grey and raw on this far-away island, but when the time

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Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offering	Miscellaneous and Young People's Offerings	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week and Special Offerings	Total Offerings (including Big Week and Special)	Total Offerings per capita	Percentage of Offerings to Tithe	Total Contributions for Home Missionary Work	Total Contributions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Sales
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
3,204.78	0.06	.....	1,119.53	38.37	5,605.81	0.09	99.7%	29.41	1,115.47	4,675.97
15,030.77	.....	78.24	2,472.13	12.98	21,741.04	0.35	116.8%	165.21	4,259.40	22,989.90
6,129.05	5.25	29.72	61.32	36.76	8,052.00	0.18	122.4%	659.46	927.13	18,208.56
1,940.71	.....	14.77	9.69	3.27	2,832.43	0.03	93.2%	49.74	187.41	2,221.04
8,982.72	0.85	5.02	135.93	167.25	12,973.14	0.17	84.3%	.....	.....	22,280.64
35,288.03	6.16	125.75	3,798.60	258.63	51,204.42	0.17	103.9%	903.82	6,489.41	70,376.11
46.83	21.50	.....	.....	96.88	1,043.40	0.02	90.8%	.....	.....	192.08
.....	.....	.....	.....	21.18	90.09	0.02	35.1%	.....	.....	66.48
0.83	2.74	.....	.....	27.83	236.96	0.02	56.0%	.....	.....	74.63
.....	3.84	.....	101.76	43.33	377.54	0.03	91.0%	.....	.....	.....
47.66	28.08	.....	101.76	189.52	1,747.99	0.02	78.2%	.....	.....	333.19
35,335.69	34.24	125.75	3,900.36	448.15	52,952.41	0.14	102.8%	903.82	6,489.41	70,709.30
246.35	471.22	846.61	4,186.01	5,767.45	25,138.11	0.06	44.1%	1,564.83	7,866.08	57,597.91

came for the meetings to start then the sun also came, and we realized that it can be very beautiful and pleasant in Iceland. Of course we were there in one of the months when one cannot expect too much good weather, but the summer is very pleasant there. As one travels over the country with its grassy plains and volcanic mountains, the first impression one gets is that it is all very desolate, barren, and depressing. But there is also a feeling of peace, a feeling of something grand, especially when one is near one of the many waterfalls or seething hot springs, and after all we are not surprised that so many tourists are attracted to this northern country. Another reason is probably because of the story about the old viking who left Norway and went to Iceland and settled there for over a thousand years.

On this island, the largest in Europe with the exception of Great Britain, only 104,000 inhabitants live, as the greater part of the country is not habitable. But the Word of God says that the Lord, when He sets His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people, will gather them from "the islands of the sea" (Isa. 11:11), and He always fulfils His Word. During the years a group of 302 Adventists have been gathered in this place. This means that there is one Adventist to every 344 inhabitants—a ratio which can hardly be found in any other conference in our Division.

We have six churches in Ice-

land; the largest is in Reykjavik and has 155 members. Here is also a splendid church building with two halls, a clinic, the conference offices, the press, etc. The conference session was held at this place, and we must say to the glory of the Lord, that it was a blessed meeting, in which the delegates as well as the believers as a whole took active part.

From the president's report it appeared that there is a good interest up in the northern part of the country, in the town of Akureyri. He has been working at this town during the winter and he hopes during the coming winter to organize a good church there. Besides the president we have two licentiates. One works chiefly as departmental leader while the other heads the canvassing work. If in addition to these we mention a brother who looks after the office work and the press, and two Bibleworkers, then we have introduced to you the whole working force.

Our believers left the meeting resolving to work faithfully for the Lord and to do their part to hasten the great day. At present they are in financial difficulties. This is most noticeable in connection with their tithe, which has dropped from Kr. 25,000 to Kr. 15,000. The world depression has left its mark in Iceland, which makes it very hard for the Harvest Ingathering. This campaign was started after the conference session, because the fishermen do not come home from their fishing until about this time.

They hoped that they would be able to reach their goal even though it would be very hard work.

Brother Olsen was re-elected as president. He has now been working faithfully for twenty-one years and has become "an Icelander for the Icelanders." He speaks their language and seems to fit in very well with the people of that island. Let us, in our prayers, remember him and his co-workers and the little group of believers in that far-away field of our Division and may God in that place as well as everywhere else, lead His work forward from victory to victory.



The Twofold Life

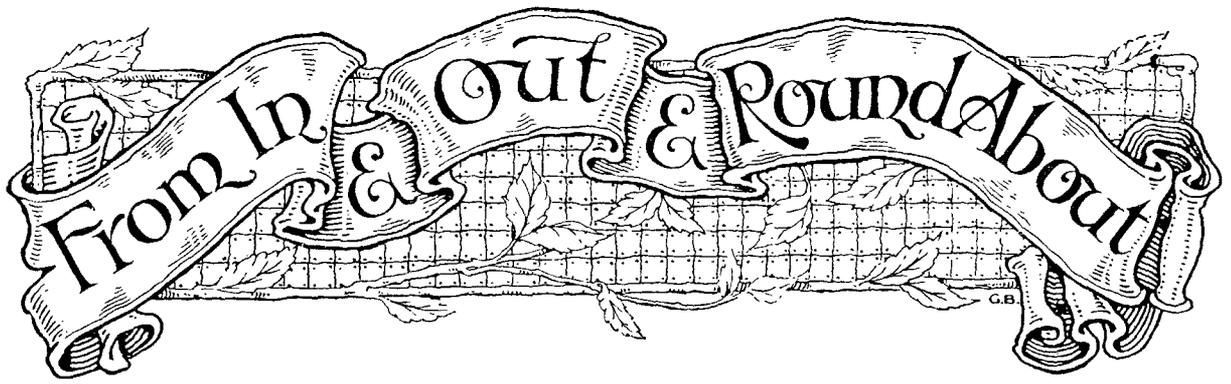
We must live a twofold life—a life of thought and action, of silent prayer and earnest work. The strength received through communion with God, united with earnest effort in training the mind to thoughtfulness and care-taking, prepares one for daily duties, and keeps the spirit in peace under all circumstances, however trying.—*"Ministry of Healing," page 512.*

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You will doubtless be anxious to know how near we are to the Harvest Ingathering goal. When the reports were made up for the Winter Council, which was held from November 16th to 22nd, we had reached \$82,412.58. Since then a further \$2,000 have been reported by two of the Unions. We shall now have to wait until the close of the year when we shall know the final results. E.M.E.

Harvest Ingathering and Valuation

BY H. L. RUDY

CONSIDER the love lying behind the days and months of voluntary service contributed to the autumn missions campaign. Consider the hundreds of thousands of homes and individuals approached with the noblest appeal of the church to-day, that of foreign missions. Consider the latent blessings which the thousands of dollars can bring to the work of missions if carefully disbursed. Consider the souls who have received their first knowledge of the Advent message through the missions appeal. Consider the joy experienced by the faithful Ingatherers when they obtained their first contribution for missions. Consider the discouragements that dampened the high hopes of those who laboured hard and long but received no gift for their cause. Consider the privilege of still being able to receive thousands of dollars so necessary to augment our far-flung work at this time when thirty millions are unemployed and without their daily bread in the world. Consider the indifference of some Adventists who have refused to do their share of the Ingathering work and thus caused others, perhaps less capable or bodily weaker, to overtax their

strength that the goals might be reached. Consider the joy in heaven over every soul won for Christ as the final products of this year's Harvest Ingathering, and you have in a limited way compared the results hidden and visible of our united effort to gather \$105,000 in the Northern European Division to support our foreign missions programme.

Solemn is the responsibility of properly administering the funds gathered by such self-sacrificing toil. Every possible economy must be exercised, wise constructive working plans set in action, and the highest possible efficiency attained that the meagre amount may accomplish the greatest possible good. To that our pledge is committed. Shall we not all, then, pray God earnestly and often for divine wisdom to rest upon the leaders of our mission fields at home and abroad, which will constrain and enable them to be faithful stewards in the Lord's household? We want Heaven's blessing to rest upon the donors, and the faithful toilers in the Ingathering campaign, and also upon those whose responsibility it is to give an account of the profitable disbursement of mission offerings. May God grant our desire!

Items of Progress

BY J. CLIFFORD

WE are glad to report progress of the Lord's work in the Gold Coast Mission.

In spite of present difficulties, our tithes and offerings for the first nine months of this year show an increase of one-fifth over those of the same period of the past year, revealing greater faithfulness on the part of our members.

But more important, souls are being brought into the fold, and

openings are multiplying around us. Word has just come to us that two companies of people on the coast have stepped out to keep the Sabbath, as the result of a passing visit by one of our workers. This is in a practically unentered section of our field.

An interest is also awakened among the Brong tribe in the north, right in the very stronghold of heathenism. People from all parts of the Gold Coast journey to the Ju-jus there to obtain protection. Recently one of our laymembers walked over 150 miles to reach these people with the message. We greatly need trained workers to enter these providential openings.

In one town where for a number of years we have conducted a school in a small inadequate building the chief and his people are now building for us a modern schoolhouse costing £300. Our work is certainly appreciated by these people.

We are now in the midst of our Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Several of our churches have set their goals at £40 each, a large sum for this field. They desire to strive together with our people at home to finish quickly the Lord's work.

Our problems are many and our needs great. In many towns around us heathenism is regaining power and favour. One of the major problems is the training of consecrated African evangelists to preach the message, and we look to the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter for help. Our hope is in the Lord Who will not let the smallest grain fall to the ground.

"WHEN in doubt, better tarry for a Spirit-born conviction. Our God has promised to guide."