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## The Way and the Work Ahead

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THE present year has opened with a song of courage and hope. The clouds of fear and pessimism are breaking. Not since 1926 has a year begun with so many promises of better things. The plebiscite in the Saar has come out right—for peace and good understanding. Money is more stable. Trade and other economic factors are improving. Confidence is coming back. Here in Northern Europe, even though there be much poverty and distress, times are better than they have been. We are happy to report that our mission income in 1934 held out well. The definite figures will be given when all reports are in.

As we meditate on this turn of things, we are deeply convinced that God is giving us this short time of peace for a purpose. Surely His angels are soothing the world unrest and holding in check the threatened strife and destruction. And they do it that the Advent message may go to all the earth. There are, however, many signs indicating that this day of open doors for mission work will be brief. In those parts of the world where the godless harass and oppress the little flock, persecution and suffering have recently become much more intense. There is a fixed determination to uproot all faith, especially out of the hearts of the young. From reports that come we learn that in there nearly all our preachers are banished or in confinement. Lately, too, not a few of our church elders have been imprisoned, some for holding

Sabbath meetings, others for teaching their children at home about God. Then again, in Central Europe, things are very difficult for foreign missions. From the London *Times* of January 11, 1935, we quote as follows:

"Dr. J. H. Oldham, secretary of the International Missionary Council, made a statement to the Missionary Council of the Church of England on Wednesday on the position of the German missions abroad, in which he said that these missions were facing catastrophe as a result of the restrictions on exchange, whereby the export of currency from Germany had been curtailed.

"Dr. Oldham said that the total amount of money raised by all the contributors to the German missions had been £330,000 a year, of which £230,000 was spent on the salaries of German missionaries, and the remainder on running expenses and the salaries of native helpers. Germany would not allow money to go abroad; the salaries of officials oversea had been cut by fifty per cent. The situation had grown worse. Since July there had been a considerable restriction of the contributions of money sent to the mission field. In November only £700 had been sent out for all purposes, and so far as they knew nothing had gone out during December. Tremendous

hardship and distress must be caused by this sudden cutting off of supplies. German missionaries in certain places were in a state of destitution themselves and in distress because they had to dismiss their native workers."

The difficulties which other mission societies experience have also come to us. The Central Division, with its over 50,000 members, has formerly contributed strongly to foreign mission work. They have large mission sections in Africa, Arabia, Persia, and the Dutch East Indies. Our brethren in Central Europe have an earnest love for missions and were always good givers. But this year their Harvest Ingathering was not permitted, and money may not be sent out of the country. The General Conference have had to assist this Division with over 150,000 dollars. This is really the chief reason why our appropriation from the General Conference for 1935 is 20,000 dollars less than in 1934.

How shall we relate ourselves to these conditions? Shall we lose heart and say we can do no more? The General Conference urges strongly that God's cause be advanced in every land. They have requested all the divisions to increase their funds from fifteen to twenty-five per cent in 1935 over 1934. It is a large undertaking. But we have already heard from many believers concerning this request, and their response is surely most encouraging.

No one can think and pray about the way and the work be-

fore us in this crisis hour and not feel deeply impressed with the need of personal help from God. The way will grow harder year by year. There is persecution and suffering ahead, not in one country, but in many. But if the way is hard, the end of the road will be glorious, for it leads right up to the city of God. Even now we are not left alone. The Lord will not forsake His struggling remnant church. Then, too, the grand thing

is that in the midst of these troublous hours, God's work will prosper. More precious souls will be saved and deeper holiness will be experienced by the truly converted. All through this year we must talk faith and courage. We must plan and pray and hope for more bounteous blessings. We must try for larger sacrifices, and undertake still greater and more heroic missionary exploits for the Lord.

the garden: "Come in; here is the angel (the messenger) of Revelation fourteen." He found about ten keeping the Sabbath.

*Philippine Islands.*—A brother who moved to a new region in order to win souls soon had a Sabbath-school of fifty. The people gave him a name meaning "Contagious."

In Malachi 3:10, 12 the Lord promises to make His people a sign to the world if they are faithful in tithes and offerings. "All nations shall call you blessed."

The speaker told how faithfulness in tithe had led other churches to advertise the Bible plan among their people. In days of depression our brethren have kept our missions going when many others have had to retreat. An official of one church said: "Because you are a tithe-paying people, you are the people to take over these mission stations which we are compelled to abandon."

So in many nations people are calling us blessed on account of the tithe as Malachi 3:12 foretold.

In their lives of Christian helpfulness, too, our believers are a sign: "The glory of the church is in the piety of its members; for there is the secret of Christ's power."—*Mrs. E. G. White, "Review and Herald," March 24, 1891.*

An old lady at an Australian sanitarium said: "What can I do to become one of you? I want to die a Seventh-Day Adventist. You are all so happy and kind." She died a Seventh-Day Adventist.

So, over the earth, believers are signs to the world that the receiving of the Sabbath by faith is the receiving of the sign of creative power. And the power of the new life in Christ is truly manifested to the world, and the world expects this message to do this work of transforming.

In an African film exhibited in Australia, showing the little known dwarf people of Central Africa, one picture of the dirty savage people was entitled: "Waiting for the Seventh-Day Adventists to come and clean them up."

God has given us the truth that does the work, and the Advent people in all the world are set forth as "signs" of what the grace of God can do.

## Sabbath-Keepers as "Signs"

Notes from a sermon by W. A. Spicer

In the prophecy of Isaiah 8:16-18 is the commission to restore the sign of the living God in the time when God's disciples are waiting and looking for Christ's coming. Verse eighteen tells us that the believers who receive the signs or seal of the living God will themselves be "for signs and wonders from the Lord of hosts."

It was in 1847 that our pioneers saw the light on the sealing work of Revelation seven. In 1848 Joseph Bates wrote his tract, *A Seal of the Living God*. In this he referred to the fact that already, in that early day, the Sabbath was a sign distinguishing the commandment-keepers.

Recently a stranger was inquiring for the home of one of our members. "I don't know the man you name," said an old resident. "But this man keeps the seventh day as the Sabbath," said the inquirer. "Oh, why didn't you say so in the first place," said the old resident. "Everybody knows him. Go on two miles and inquire for the man who keeps Saturday for Sunday, and any one will tell you where he lives."

So, in all the world, the Sabbath makes our people a sign. Among other illustrations of this from various lands are:

*Fiji Islands.*—The heathen call us the "clean church." The Sabbath truth does lead to putting away alcohol, tobacco, and swine's flesh, and the living of a clean life.

*Solomon Islands.*—They call us, "The very clean church." In Isaiah 62:11, 12 it is said of those waiting for Christ's coming, "They

shall call them, The holy people." One of the primary meanings of this Hebrew word "holy" is "clean." And in far lands the very heathen call our people "The clean people."

*Malaita (New Hebrides).*—The savages call ours "the true mission."

*Honan Province (Central China).*—We are known as "The true doctrine church."

*Jugoslavia.*—"Twice-born people."

*Argentine (South America).*—"A people not of this world."

*Transylvania (Rumanian side).*—By a name meaning "converted" or "changed."

*Liberia (West Africa).*—Brother Noltze told us that the heathen have named our interior outpost, "Lii-wa," meaning, "Place of washing of hearts."

So also the individual believers are signs:

*Spain (Colporteur).*—"There goes the Signs of the Times."

*Cuba (Colporteur).*—"The man of the Coming King."

*United States.*—An active coloured negro sister is called, "The Walking Fourth Commandment." The sister says she hopes she may be "The walking ten commandments."

*Ozark Mountains, Missouri, U.S.A. (Colporteur).*—"There goes the Third Angel's Messenger."

*S.E. Europe.*—A colporteur far from the railway explained that he kept the Sabbath. The wife dropped the book, ran to the back door, and called to her husband in

# The Winter Council

Held at Poznan, Poland, December 9-14, 1934

THE Winter Council of the Division Committee was held in Poznan, Poland, December 9th to 14th. Due to the fact that only recently we held a Summer Council at which there was a large representation from the field and many inspirational and general problems were discussed, it was thought best to have a limited delegation attend the council this year and that we should conclude its work in a shorter time than usual. Those in attendance were:

*From the Division:* L. H. Christian, E. D. Dick, Chr. Pedersen, J. J. Strahle, C. V. Anderson, P. Knudsen, and Miss A. Schmidt.

*British Union:* W. E. Read and A. S. Maxwell.

*West Nordic Union:* L. Muder-spach and A. C. Christensen.

*East Nordic Union:* G. A. Lindsay and G. E. Nord.

*Baltic Union:* H. L. Rudy and E. Ney.

*Polish Union:* T. T. Babienko, W. Czembor, W. Dzik, J. Gomola, L. Kulak, P. Englert, A. Kruk, K. Schäfer.

From the missions it was a pleasure to welcome W. McClements of the Nigerian Union, K. Noltze of the Sierra Leone Union, W. W. Armstrong of the East African Union, and G. Gudmundsen of the Ethiopian Union.

We were particularly fortunate in having with us again Elder W. A. Spicer, of the General Conference, whose inspiring messages during the devotional hours did so much to make the meeting a success.

While the council was not marked for number in attendance or length, yet it was altogether an important council, for apart from the regular business which must be transacted at a winter council many plans were adopted of a very far-reaching nature, which will greatly affect the future work of the Division.

## THE DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS

No part of the council has so much to do with its success as the

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devotional meetings. Each morning Elder Spicer brought a message of cheer and courage which not only helped in the immediate problems of the council, but will go with the workers in their future service.

In responding to the welcome of the chairman in the opening meeting Elder Spicer told of the progress of our world-wide work. In the span of his own memory our work had grown from a very small group of believers in one country till at the close of 1933 we had 7,640 churches with a membership of 384,151. During the past year 40,952 new members had been accepted to our truth. From its birth in insignificance scarcely a generation ago our work has grown until the truths of the third angel's message are proclaimed in 295 countries and islands by 22,254 evangelists and institutional labourers, in 504 languages. No single sign is of greater evidence that the hand of God is in our movement and His coming at hand than the extension and growth of our work in these few years.

In the four devotional hours of the council Elder Spicer gave practical and inspiring studies on "The contagiousness of either a good or evil spirit." "Witnessing for the truth." "Finishing the work of God." and "Getting on with one another." These will long be remembered by all who were privileged to hear these good messages.

## REPORTS

The secretary in reporting on the work of the Division showed that our membership at the close of 1933 stood at 29,986, which, due to the fact that we lost a large number of members through the transfer of Tanganyika to a sister Division at the close of 1932, represented only a small gain of 463 for the year's working.

The 3,292 accessions by baptism

and vote for 1933 were not so large as in 1932, though the number compares quite favourably with previous averages. The record for the home and mission fields for the past four years is as follows:

	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933
Home Fields	1748	1826	2048	2530	2194
Missions	1096	876	1179	1065	1098
Totals	2844	2702	3227	3595	3292

Another feature of interest was the present evangelical force in the fields of the Division. The report showed that we have a working force (not counting institutional workers, but including colporteurs) of 1,064. These are giving service and are found in the fields as given below:

Home Flds.	Ord. min.	Lic. min.	Min. cre.	Other wk.	Col.	Total
Baltic Un.	22	7	21	10	45	105
British Un.	36	18	36	11	80	181
Polish Un.	15	10	16	10	49	100
E. Nordic Un.	17	11	27	13	68	136
W. Nordic Un.	24	12	7	8	62	113
Total						635
Mission Fields	Foreign workers	Native workers				Total
Ethiopian Union*	16	49				65
E. African Union	17	178				195
Upper Nile Union	5	12				17
Nigerian Union	9	82				91
Nigeria Leone Union	5	25				30
Gold Coast Union	3	24				27
French Camerouns	2	2				4
Total						429
Total Home Fields ...						635
Total Mission Fields ...						429
Grand Total						1064

\*Including one under appointment

The reports rendered by the presidents of the Unions and the departmental secretaries of the Division were among the chief items of general interest. Since these will appear in the SURVEY as separate articles later, no attempt is made to present them here.

One evening of the council was most profitably spent in listening to the four missionaries present tell of the work of their Unions. It was indeed a pleasure to have this representation of our missions present, and all were encouraged by their good reports.

## EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Because of the manifest blessings of God in caring for and

prospering His work throughout the Division, the council was constrained to adopt the following resolution on Gratitude:

WHEREAS our heavenly Father during the past year has greatly blessed in leading and caring for our workers and believers, at home and in the mission fields, so that each department of the cause has prospered in extending the last message of salvation and bringing into the church fold during the year nineteen thirty three 3,292 souls, therefore

Resolved, That we hereby express to God our sincerest gratitude for all His mercies and loving care, and renew our love, loyalty, and consecration to Him for the speedy finishing of His work in the earth.

#### GREETINGS TO BELIEVERS

One of the themes which brought great cheer to the council was the report rendered by the Home Missionary Secretary. This showed that we had exceeded our Division Harvest Ingathering Goal of \$102,400 by \$895 at the time of the council. All felt that this was an excellent achievement and that the credit for this good work was due largely to the devotion and persistence of our loyal constituency and conference leadership. For these and other reasons the council felt to send their heartiest greetings to our believers as is recorded elsewhere in this issue.

#### THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

Early in the council study was given to the needs of more definite and more extensive efforts on behalf of our young people. It is recognized that the young people are not only the most precious heritage of the church but also if rightly trained the greatest assets in extending the Gospel in the home and mission fields. Definite steps were taken, therefore, to provide for the strengthening of this phase of our work in plans and leadership. The following actions bearing on this were voted:

#### A CALL TO THE CHURCH TO EVANGELIZE AND TRAIN OUR OWN YOUTH FOR SERVICE

The most responsive and fruitful evangelistic field in all the wide world is that of our own young people in our own churches and in our own homes. These youth comprise the greatest asset of the church—at once the source of greatest encouragement and strength, if won for Christ, and the cause of greatest dis-

couragement and weakness if left to drift into the world and be lost.

"The church is languishing for the help of young men who will bear a courageous testimony, who will with their ardent zeal stir up the sluggish energies of God's own people and so increase the power of the church in the world."—*Messages*, page 25.

"There is no class that can do so much good as young men and women who are consecrated to Christ. The youth, if right, could sway a mighty influence. Preachers or laymen advanced in years cannot have one-half the influence upon the young that the youth devoted to God can have upon their own associates."—*Id.*, page 204.

The times are urgent. Everywhere sinister influences are profoundly affecting the economic, social, and spiritual life of people in every land, disintegrating the home, submerging the sacred rights of conscience, and destroying in the individual his sense of responsibility to God and to his fellow-men. All of which is abundant evidence that we are in that phase of earth's experience when the "final movements will be rapid ones," involving the race in collapse and ruin. That which is to be done by and for the church with its youth must be done without delay. Therefore:

Resolved, That I. We call upon every Seventh-Day Adventist parent, Missionary Volunteer member, and minister throughout our Division, to arouse in this time of peril and "work as for life" by personal and public appeal to win to Christ the unconverted youth connected with the families of the church and to confirm all our youth in the Advent faith, for we believe that by this united effort under God and through the power of His Spirit, the church at this time is to be stirred with a mighty movement for youth and by youth.

2. We urge our pastors and evangelists throughout our Division where evangelistic work is being done, to enlist and train our eager, consecrated youth who are to be found everywhere, in the art of personal soul-winning and in the art of giving Bible readings and conducting cottage and evangelistic meetings, and thus make ready in this "crisis at the end" an army of Advent youth who shall march with us to finish the work of God in all the world in this our own generation.

3. We ask our pastors and evangelists everywhere to foster and use the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society as an organization around which to build the missionary endeavour of the youth, so that when the evangelistic effort of the worker is finished, or the worker is moved to another place, the young people's society shall be prepared to carry on without interruption the missionary work it has begun.

4. We recommend, that all our

churches in counsel with their conference or mission leaders hold special evangelistic meetings for young people, planning carefully so that systematic effort shall be made to seek out those young people who are in special need of spiritual help.

#### YOUTHS' CONGRESSES, 1935

WHEREAS the urgency of the times demands that we make extraordinary efforts in behalf of our youth, to enlarge their vision of God's purpose for them, to enlist and train them for soul-winning service for other youth, and for those not of our faith, and

WHEREAS the Youths' Congresses and Camps which have been held during recent years have demonstrated a practical and effective way to rally and bind our youth in fellowship in this Advent movement, and energize them for active service,

We Recommend: 1. That we approve of the plans several Unions have laid for holding Youths' Congresses during 1935, and further,

2. That we urge every field to give study to the advisability of holding a conference for youth at an early date.

3. That we request the General Conference to send us good help to assist in these meetings.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S CENSUS

Resolved, That in harmony with the General Conference action, the Northern European Division take a census of its young people up to the age of twenty-five years, this census to be in the hands of the Division M.V. Secretary by April 1, 1935.

#### DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP AND MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CONVENTION

WHEREAS the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer departments aim to arouse the latent energies of the church to action, and train them for soul-winning service, and the success of their work in the churches depends upon proper leadership, involving departmental secretaries, conference workers, and local leaders, and

WHEREAS in the education of the church for this service there is need of a well-informed leadership and uniformity of plans, it was

Voted, 1. That week-end conventions be carried on in the churches with the object of instructing our members in the way of soul-winning.

2. Further, that as far as possible Church Missionary Leaders' Institutes be held yearly.

3. That time be given to the study of departmental interests at Conference Workers' Institutes.

4. That beginning with the present school year a course of study involving church organization, specially stressing departmental activities, be given to all prospective graduates in training schools, instruction to be given twice a week, during the last term before graduation.

5. That a Northern European Division Secretaries' Council be held during the summer of 1935, it being understood that all Union and local Conference Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer secretaries be invited to attend, the time and place of the convention to be determined later.

It is recognized that the largest results in character formation are determined by the early home life of the child and that there is great need of giving to the churchmembers some definite counsel along that line. A discussion of these needs led to the adoption of the following resolution:

#### REVIVAL OF HOME IDEALS

WHEREAS most of the problems confronting the church may be solved by a revival of true godliness in the homes of our people,

*We Recommend*, a. That the questions of the home and child training be given the consideration they rightfully deserve in the ministry of all our workers, and that our ministers preach a number of sermons each year on home religion, home influence, and the training of children.

b. That meetings in the interest of the home be held during the time of each annual convocation.

c. That these plans be fostered by the Home Missionary Department.

#### EDUCATIONAL

The work of our schools is closely related to the interests of our young people. Careful study of our educational needs leads one to realize that for the sake of the larger interests of our young people as well as for the work in the home and mission lands this phase of our work in the Division needs to be greatly strengthened. At the Summer Council certain guiding policies were adopted. With a view to giving effect to these plans the following resolutions dealing with educational work were voted:

#### INCREASING THE ATTENDANCE IN OUR SCHOOLS

WHEREAS our schools are ordained of God to be cities of refuge where the tempted and tried youth may find shelter from the special attacks which the enemy of souls is waging against them, and

WHEREAS each year we are losing many of our youth to the world who might have been saved to the truth and service of God had they been privileged to attend our schools, and

WHEREAS the work of awakening our churchmembers and young people on the dangers of the times, and God's plan for the youth rests largely upon the workers in the churches,

*We Recommend*, 1. That in their

pastoral duties, both private and public, our workers be encouraged to bring before our people frequently the benefit of Christian education.

2. That they be urged to make personal contact with every young person in the influence of our churches in an endeavour to persuade them to make definite decisions for Christ.

3. That they study with the youth and their parents to help devise ways and means whereby the largest possible number of youth may obtain a Christian education.

#### EDUCATIONAL FIELD LEADERSHIP, BOARDS OF MANAGERS, BOARD MEETINGS

WHEREAS at our Summer Council plans were adopted looking forward to greatly strengthening our educational work,

*We Recommend*, 1. That Union and local conference committees give study to appointing an educational secretary to serve in the area of each training school. Such worker should not be carrying full time institutional responsibility, but one who can be free to promote the interest of Christian education in the field.

2. That boards of management be appointed by the Union committees who, acting under their authority, can give guidance to the present work of the school, and also make provision for the future needs of these schools.

3. That in the formation of these boards of managers, in addition to the ex officio members of organizations, others who have special training and experience in or a burden for Christian education also be appointed on these boards.

4. That at least one meeting of the full board be held at the school each year at which meeting ample time is allowed for a thorough study of all the school problems. Other meetings should be held as frequently as the needs demand.

5. That each Union committee or board of managers shall appoint a local board for each school who shall be responsible for directing the policies of the school as may be outlined by the General Board of Managers. The chairman of the general board should be chairman of the local board.

6. That at the full meeting of the board the principal submit a written report in which a survey of the work of the entire school be reviewed as well as ways and means of strengthening the work of the school be outlined.

#### CONTINENTAL DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS there is a desire that our young people from the Continent receive training in advance of the work now offered in our schools in these countries, and

WHEREAS the English language is not only a world language, but is largely our denominational language and opens to our workers a great field of information which without it is largely closed,

*We Recommend*, 1. That we endorse the plan as outlined by the Summer Council in Denmark, 1934, which provides for the establishing of a Continental Department at Newbold College, and

2. That in developing the plan the following be agreed upon:

a. That there be provided a special teacher on the Newbold staff who has a working knowledge of one or more Continental languages.

b. That the Division join with the board of managers of Newbold College in selecting a teacher to head this Department.

c. That there be offered special transitional courses of instruction in the college which will enable the students from the Continent to attend the regular classes of the school conducted in English at least by the second year of their attendance in the school.

d. That courses be so arranged which will enable the students, provided they are prepared for junior college work upon entrance, to graduate from a junior college course in two years and a summer school.

3. That in order to assist the British school to offer these conditions the Division appropriate to Newbold College an amount sufficient to meet the annual salary and necessary travel expenses of the head of the Continental Department.

4. That in view of this additional appropriation, Newbold College be asked to make a substantial reduction in their charges for students from our fields on the Continent, thus making it possible for students from these fields to avail themselves of this advanced training.

5. That the sending Union and local conferences be asked to give study to the possibility of meeting the fares of at least two of the graduates of each school to Newbold College each year in order that they may receive advanced training.

#### ADVANCED WORK IN OUR SCHOOLS

WHEREAS there is need not only for strengthening the work now offered in our schools, but also of giving work in advance of the present standard,

*We Recommend*, 1. That we endorse the plan adopted at the Summer Council looking forward to the British school offering the last two years of college, and for our schools on the Continent offering junior college work, but counsel them not to undertake this advanced work until they provide adequately for their staff and equipment so as to enable them to maintain a higher standard in this advanced work.

2. That no school undertake to offer this advanced work without first counselling with and securing the consent of the Division.

#### OVERSEAS TRAINING ADVANCED STUDENTS

WHEREAS our fields are not now provided with educational leadership to enable them to begin advanced training as planned at the Summer Council, and

WHEREAS in looking forward to offering this advanced work it will be necessary for us to have our own young people who have had training and experience in our advanced schools,

*We Recommend*, That the Union and Division join in a plan of assisting certain young people of promise from each field to take further training in our advanced schools overseas.

#### PLANS FOR A SCHOOL IN ESTONIA

Estonia is the only country in the Division with a large constituency where we have no school. At present their young people attend our school at Riga which carries an Estonian Department, offering instruction in some of the main subjects of the curriculum. This, however, is not fully satisfactory. The depreciated currency in Estonia and the difficulty of transferring money from Estonia to Latvia is a further reason making it necessary to have a school in their own country. In response to a request for counsel from the Baltic Union it was voted to approve of the plan of establishing a school in Estonia as soon as money was in hand with which to finance the undertaking.

#### OUR LITERATURE MINISTRY

With a view to strengthening and extending the work of our publishing department the following actions were taken:

#### ACQUAINTING CHURCHMEMBERS WITH OUR LITERATURE

In order to obtain the greatest success with our literature work it is imperative that the whole church support the literature programme. It was therefore

*Voted*, a. That a special effort be put forth by our publishing houses to acquaint our constituency with our literature and the work of the Publishing Department.

b. That the publishing houses and the conferences join in providing a literature display at all Union sessions and annual conferences.

c. That selected lists of our books and periodicals be published in our church papers.

d. That articles on the experiences of people accepting the truth through

reading our literature be published in these papers.

#### COLPORTEURS FOR SELLING LOW-PRICED LITERATURE

WHEREAS the sale of our low-priced literature is an excellent means of giving the message, and affords a training for those who may later take up the sale of our larger books or magazines, it was

*Voted*, a. That the sale of our low-priced literature be encouraged and given special attention.

b. That the sale of our low-priced literature be featured in a strong way at the Union and local conference meetings.

c. That the field missionary secretary in each field join with the home missionary secretary in holding conventions in the churches, taking with them literature for sale, and conducting field days in connection with each convention held.

d. That those showing aptitude for the sale of low-priced literature be encouraged to devote their whole time to this line of endeavour with a view to entering the work as permanent regular colporteurs.

#### FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARIES' COUNCIL

WHEREAS experience has proved that it brings increased efficiency and greater progress into our book work when the local field missionary secretaries of this branch of our work are occasionally called together for mutual counsel, and

RECOGNIZING that the conditions facing our book work to-day require stronger leadership than in former years, it was

*Voted*, a. That our Unions be encouraged to call together the field missionary secretaries for a joint council with the conference presidents to study publishing problems.

b. That whenever possible a representative of the Division attend these Union publishing councils.

#### LITERATURE SALES GOAL FOR 1935

Believing that the interests in the spread of our literature is stimulated by having a sales objective a Literature Sales Goal for the Division was set at \$270,000 for 1935 and apportioned to the fields as follows:

Baltic Union .....	\$ 18,000.00
British Union .....	101,000.00
East Nordic Union .....	54,000.00
West Nordic Union .....	80,000.00
Polish Union .....	11,500.00
East African Union .....	1,000.00
Nigerian Union .....	2,000.00
Ethiopian Union .....	750.00
Gold Coast Union .....	750.00
Sierra Leone Union .....	500.00
Upper Nile Union .....	500.00
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#### OUR MISSIONS

While the major actions of the council this year dealt with prob-

lems affecting the home fields most directly, study was given to particular problems of some of the mission fields. Among these the following were the most important.

#### TRANSFER OF EAST AFRICAN HEAD-QUARTERS

Nakuru was chosen as the head-quarters of the East African Union Mission when its territory included Tanganyika, Uganda, and Kenya. At that time the work in Kenya was largely concentrated in the Kavirondo area. Now that Tanganyika and Uganda are no longer a part of the East African Union and the work in Kenya has been extended to the central and coastal areas it has seemed that Nairobi, the capital of the colony, would be a much better location for Union head-quarters. In response to a request for counsel in this matter it was

*Voted*, That we record our approval of the removal of the East African head-quarters from Nakuru to Nairobi. It is understood that the East African Union will bear all expenses in connection with the removal out of the proceeds from the sale of the property at Nakuru.

#### SUPERVISION—ERITREA MISSION

Study was given to the need of providing more definite supervision for our work in Eritrea, and the suggestion was brought to the council that G. Gudmundsen of the Ethiopian Union locate in Khartoum, and while opening work in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, supervise our work in Eritrea and also devote some time to evangelistic work in Northern Ethiopia, and it was

*Voted*, That the council approve of these plans, leaving it to the home committee to work out the details of this arrangement.

#### PLAN FOR ADVANCE MOVE IN SUDAN

While we have long anticipated the advance of the message in the great unentered sections of Africa, we have been able to make but few advance moves into new areas in recent years. In the hope of securing large donations for the opening up of our work in new fields, it was

*Voted*, That we open the way in our Union papers for appeals for new work in the unentered sections of Africa, holding as an objective for 1935 the entering of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

RELOCATION OF HEAD-QUARTERS—  
NORTH LIBERIA MISSION

In view of the great isolation of our Liiwa Mission in North Liberia, and the definite advantage which would be derived in having the head-quarters of this field in a more accessible location, it was

*Voted*, That the European head-quarters of this field be transferred to a new location, preferably near the terminus of the motor road some forty-five miles from Monrovia, and that the present station at Liiwa Mission be operated as a native station.

COLOURED EVANGELISM—WEST  
COAST

In view of the great needs for extending our work among the educated classes in the large cities on the West Coast of Africa, and the undoubted results which would follow if a more definite effort were made for these people, it was

*Voted*, That we appeal to the General Conference that they supply a tried, consecrated, well-balanced coloured evangelist for the cities of West Africa, asking them to provide his outfitting allowance, transportation expense, and salary for one year, it being understood that the Nigerian Union assume responsibility for his support thereafter.

OUR 1935 BUDGET

Perhaps no single item on a Winter Council agenda is of greater interest than the distribution of the budget for the following year. It this be true in former councils it was of even greater interest this year. The General Conference in their Autumn Council found it necessary to reduce their appropriations to all fields in 1935. As a result the appropriations to the Northern European Division for 1935 were reduced \$20,000.

The matter of our budget for 1935, therefore, was of grave concern. To some it seemed that a heavy reduction of appropriations to our missions was inevitable. All realized that to cut further would mean to retrench definitely, for our lines are now so thin and our workers so few that it would be quite impossible to reduce further and maintain our present work. As we faced the situation squarely the Union presidents took a most magnanimous attitude toward our missions and accepted a reduction of from six to thirteen per cent in their appropriations, rather than

see the mission budgets further reduced.

All available resources were gathered together in an effort to balance the budget but we found we were short just £3,000. From the Autumn Council there went forth an appeal to all Divisions to endeavour to increase their income fifteen to twenty-five per cent in 1935 over 1934. In the hope that we can increase the income of the Division £3,000 during 1935 through appeals and plans later outlined, this budget was adopted. This means that the income of the Division must be increased by this amount this year in order to come out even. With a view to securing this added income the following actions were adopted:

WEEK OF SACRIFICE APPEAL AND  
GOAL

IN VIEW of the urgency of greatly increasing our income to meet the demands of growing work, and the possibility of attaining this if all our workers and laity will join in sacrificial giving, it was

*Voted*, 1. That we earnestly appeal to all employees in all organizations of our field to contribute one week's salary toward the Week of Sacrifice.

2. That we appeal to all our members throughout the churches to make this a self-denial week for the very urgent needs of our missions, and that we hold as an objective not less than a day's income for each member.

3. That the goal for the Division be fixed at £2,800.

TITHE SABBATH

REALIZING the rich blessings which come to the people of God through bringing into His treasury a faithful tithe, and in view of the large income which some fields have enjoyed as the result of educational instruction on tithe-paying, the following was

*Voted*, 1. That the fields adopt the plan of a Tithe Sabbath on which day the duties, benefits, and blessings of faithful tithe-paying be studied in the churches.

2. That we request the Unions to give study to the practicability of adopting a tithe pledge card as is being used in other parts of the world field.

SABBATH-SCHOOL GOAL, 1935

*Voted*, That the Sabbath-school goal for 1935 for each Union be the amount they have raised in the Sabbath-school offerings in 1934 plus fifteen per cent.

INDIVIDUAL SABBATH-SCHOOL  
OFFERINGS GOAL

*Voted*, That we appeal to all our workers to increase their weekly

Sabbath-school offerings twenty-five per cent and to our churchmembers in the British Union and Continental Unions 1d. and 10 ore (or equivalent) respectively during 1935.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING  
PLAN

BELIEVING that our people of this field might be constrained to give more liberally in the Sabbath-school if they were better informed of the conditions and needs of our missions, and in view of the fact that Thirteenth Sabbath Missions Readings, as now followed, deal with our missions approximately every two years, it was

*Voted*, 1. That we adopt the plan of having the Sabbath-School Missions Reading for one quarter of each year devoted to the interest of our own mission fields.

2. That the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for this quarter go toward the support of our missions.

3. That we assign the second quarter (later changed to third quarter) of 1935 for this purpose, and

4. That in fields which print their own *Missions Quarterly* at least one reading in every issue be devoted to the interests of the missions of this Division in which an appeal is made to our people for greater liberality.

HARVEST INGATHERING OVERFLOW

*Voted*, That for 1935 each Union be allowed to retain all Harvest Ingathering receipts over and above the amount they have raised in 1934.

MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND OR BIG  
WEEK

One of the plans which through the years has brought great blessings to our work is the Missions Extension or Big Week effort. Many special interests have been provided for our missions as the result of this plan which otherwise could not have been cared for. This year the goal for the Division has been set at £2,100 and the following objectives have been selected to receive help from this effort this year:

Health book for Ethiopia .....	£100
House for Uganda .....	300
House for Liberia .....	250
School building—Cameroon .....	300
Church and school building— South-East Nigeria .....	200
Training School—Gold Coast .....	100
Colporteur work, Finnmark .....	40
Initial expense for new literature ...	60
East African Union—Head-quarters Coast Mission .....	165
Educational work—Estonia .....	75
Polish School .....	100
Newbold College .....	100
Danish School .....	100
Come Back 10 per cent .....	210
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	£2,100

The goal for this effort was assigned for each field in shillings as follows:



Baltic Union .....	7,000
British Union .....	11,000
Polish Union .....	2,500
East Nordic Union .....	7,000
West Nordic Union .....	10,500
East African Union .....	300
Ethiopian Union .....	200
Gold Coast Union .....	160
Nigerian Union .....	320
Sierra Leone Union .....	200
Upper Nile Union .....	200
Northern Cameroons .....	20
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	Sh. 40,000

It is hoped that the accumulated overflow from each field will more than make up the difference between anticipated income of £2,100 and the assigned goals of £2,000.

Other goals were agreed upon for the fields. These are:

<i>Week of Sacrifice</i> Goal: 56,000 Shillings	
Baltic Union .....	Sh. 5,500
British Union .....	15,500
Polish Union .....	3,000
East Nordic Union .....	12,000
West Nordic Union .....	14,000
East African Union .....	2,500
Ethiopian Union .....	1,500
Nigerian Union .....	1,100
Gold Coast Union .....	600
Sierra Leone Union .....	750
French Cameroons .....	150
Upper Nile Union .....	400
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	Sh. 57,000

<i>Young People's</i> Goal: 8,000 Shillings	
British Union .....	Sh. 3,200
Baltic Union .....	800
East Nordic Union .....	1,200
West Nordic Union .....	2,200
Polish Union .....	600
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	Sh. 8,000

#### CHANGES IN DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

##### TREASURY DEPARTMENT

For the past fourteen years Chr. Pedersen has served as treasurer of the European Division and Northern European Division. During this time he has greatly endeared himself to his fellow-workers in the Division and in all the conference and institutional organizations with which he had to do. In response to an urgent call from the Skodsborg Sanitarium for him to act as business manager of their institution Brother Pedersen has accepted this new responsibility and will be leaving the Division when his successor arrives to take up the work. Early in the council consideration was given to filling the vacancy in the treasury department and it was voted that we ask the East Nordic Union to release E. R. Colson to join the Division as treasurer. Brother Colson has acted as business manager of the Swedish school for the past fourteen years.

#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER AND HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENTS

Careful study of our Young People's and Home Missionary work has led to the conclusion that there are yet large fields of possibilities open in these two lines of service. It was felt that much might be done throughout our churches if stronger leadership could be provided.

During the past two years C. V. Anderson has been carrying both departments in the Division. With a view to larger development in these departments, it is felt that we should provide a full-time leader for each department, and it was therefore

*Voted*, 1. That C. V. Anderson be released from the Home Missionary Department, and that he continue as secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department.

2. That we request the British Union to secure the release of H. W. Lowe of the South England Conference to join the Division as Home Missionary Secretary.

##### CONSERVING OUR MEMBERSHIP

While this action is listed late in the report it is by no means intended to minimize its importance. One factor concerning our work which should challenge the thought of every loyal leader and member alike is our losses through apostasy.

With a view to reducing our losses by apostasy and supplementing our other efforts to encourage our people to faithfulness to their obligations as churchmembers, it was

*Voted*, a. That upon the last Sabbath of each year special attention be given to the weaker members and those who may already have strayed from the fold, and that an organized effort be put forth by pastors, elders, deacons, and all church officers to bring such to church and by warm and sympathetic welcome seek to reawaken their first love for the truth.

b. That where it seems advisable this special Sabbath be called "Good Shepherd Day."

##### SPECIAL DAYS 1936

Special days for 1936 were agreed upon as follows:

<i>Sabbath-School Rally</i>	January 18th
<i>Christian Home</i>	February 1st
<i>Missionary Volunteer Day</i>	March 7th
<i>Missionary Volunteer Week</i>	March 7th to 14th

#### *Big Week Rally Day*

April 11th

#### *Big Week Campaign*

April 11th to 18th

#### *Week of Sacrifice*

May 6th to 12th

#### *Educational Day*

June 6th

#### *Medical Missionary Day*

July 4th

#### *Harvest Ingathering Rally*

August 29th

#### *Duration of H. I. Campaign*

August 30th to October 10th

#### *Colporteur Day*

November 7th

#### *Week of Prayer*

December 5th to 12th

It was understood that the Unions be given opportunity to change the date of the Educational Day if other plans in the field make the above day unsuitable.

Other actions of particular interest to the fields were taken.

#### SPECIAL OFFERING RUSSIAN RELIEF

Our offices continue to receive appeals from our brethren in Russia telling of their great needs. Through contacts which we have we know that these appeals represent real needs. The offering which was taken two years ago to help our people has been used to bring relief to a large number. We have received acknowledgement of the receipt of these funds with most grateful thanks.

With the February remittance our funds will be exhausted. The need of our brethren continues and in many cases is even greater. We should be able to give some substantial response to these pitiful appeals and have voted that an offering should be taken up early in the first quarter for the relief of our people in these distressed areas.

#### "MINISTRY" TO EVANGELICAL WORKERS

*Voted*, That we recommend to all the employing organizations within the Division that they supply the periodical *The Ministry* gratis to all their English speaking evangelical workers.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCES

*Voted*, That we recommend to the Unions that they pass on counsel to the local conferences that there be no committee meetings held during the devotional and Bible study hours of the annual conference.

#### INITIAL EXPENSE POLICY AMENDED

By action of the 1933 Winter



Council the policy provided for assistance in meeting the initial expenses of literature published by our mission fields was not extended to books published for circulation by the colporteurs. A further study of this plan led to an amendment of this policy which reads as follows: "In case of literature for sale by colporteurs these provisions shall apply only to first editions."

## Greetings to Believers

THE brethren gathered in Winter Council at Poznan, Poland, desire to send greetings to their co-labourers in the Unions, the conference and mission leaders, church elders and churchmembers in all fields of this Division.

As we have been together we have been greatly cheered by the reports of progress of our work in the world field as well as in our own Division. We rejoice to know that during 1933 we received into our church in all lands 40,952 new believers, thus bringing our world membership to 384,151. It brings us joy to know that during this time the truth has found entrance into twenty new countries and islands and is now being proclaimed in 504 languages.

The progress of the work in our own Division is likewise encouraging, for 3,292 new members were added to our ranks in our field during this time. Reports from the field for the current year are even better. While we thank God for this fruitage we also wish to express to you our appreciation for your loyal support and co-operation, for it is by you that these good results have been made possible.

Your love and loyalty as shown in the payment of tithes and sacrificial offerings have gone far toward supporting our force of labourers. The cheering news that we have attained our Harvest Ingathering goal reached us during the council. This is the first time in our experience we have secured our goal by the time of our Winter Council. This is indeed a splendid achievement. We know that this has meant much strenuous effort,

As we came to the close of the council all were led to feel that God had been present to guide in the deliberations. Although it was disappointing to some to have to return to their fields with reduced appropriations, it was most encouraging to see the spirit of courage and confidence in God's continued leadership. It is this spirit which brings success and final triumph.

many hours of patient toil on the part of conference leaders, church elders, and churchmembers—old and young. We know that it is only your love and loyalty to the message which has spurred you on to accomplish this good work. We are deeply grateful to each of you for your earnest efforts in behalf of this phase of the work of God and thank you sincerely for your service of love. We pray that God may richly reward you for your love, devotion, and service to Him.

We pray, too, that God will keep you faithful to Him. Before us lie

many trials and difficulties. The enemy of souls will seek to crowd into our lives and rob us of our confidence in God, and our faith and love of the truth, and in one another. Our hope is in our love and trust in God. We need to pray much for ourselves that the enemy gain no advantage over us.

The enemy will also seek to thwart the interests of the truth. On every hand influences are being shaped to hinder and impede its progress. But the truth of God will triumph. God's purposes will be accomplished in the earth. We need to pray much for His cause. Remember the cause of truth in all lands at home and abroad. Remember especially those who are suffering persecution and banishment for the truth's sake. Pray for the leaders of the cause of God. Pray for one another.

May the grace of God do its perfect work in you and keep you faithful till the day of His appearing.

Your fellow-workers,  
NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION COMMITTEE in Winter Council, Poznan, Poland.

## Advance!

By C. V. Anderson

A HALF million Sabbath-keepers in the world to-day are praying, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly!" The prayers in five hundred and four tongues become one, and are sweet music in the ears of our God. He is anxious to answer prayer. What are we doing to help answer these prayers and make our faith in a soon-coming Saviour a reality?

Marvellous indeed, to say the least, is the providence of God which has led our cause during the recent years of world depression and distress. Almost every mission society has been compelled to retrench and recall missionaries. Not so with the Advent cause. To the praise of God we are happy to report that we have kept every post intact and made advance in soul-winning beyond any comparison with previous years. But God is

calling us on to greater endeavours. Our brethren assembled in Council last November in Battle Creek, Michigan, were confronted with the outpouring of God's Spirit and calls for help on every hand, making a strong appeal to advance by faith in spite of obstacles and shortage of funds.

One large field in Europe is forbidden by law to support its missionaries in its mission fields. The General Conference has therefore found it necessary to provide \$150,000 to support their missions during 1935. The appropriations to the world field for 1935 are a half million dollars larger than they were for 1934. These factors made it necessary to draw upon reserves which should be used for other purposes. This is all an act of faith in God and faith in a loyal people who are willing to support

this cause to the uttermost. The people of God will not disappoint the leaders, I am sure.

The Northern European Division Committee gathered in Council in Poland in December, 1934, were confronted with perplexing questions of finance. Our appropriation from the General Conference for 1935 is \$20,000 less than last year. Where should we turn? Everyone said the missions must not have less, therefore the presidents of the home Unions returned to their fields with many requests ungranted. In spite of these limitations, our brethren planned for stronger evangelism. Every one felt that more souls should be won in the home fields. Evangelists and laymen are asked to join forces in a supreme effort to win more souls. Men's hearts are waxing callous because of the cares of this world. It will take united prayer and co-operation with the Spirit of God to win some. It would seem as though the Spirit of God were gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. What we do must needs be done quickly. Let us therefore arise and build.

Nigeria has been pleading and planning for an Adventist girls' school for several years. Last year the young people of several Unions of our Division gathered funds for such a school to be established. You will be happy to know that definite plans are on foot to begin this school during this year. And how necessary it is! The girls and women of Nigeria have no education. They neither read nor write. Their knowledge of domestic training, child welfare, hygiene, and sanitation has been received from their heathen ancestors who are steeped in evil practices unworthy of beings created in the image of God. From this group our boys, who are being educated to become our ministers and teachers, must choose their wives. It is said that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." If that is so of Nigeria, truly we should thank God that our Adventist girls there will soon be lifted out of dirt and ignorance into Christian cleanliness and enlightenment.

North of Uganda and west of Ethiopia lies a vast stretch of

country known as the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. Within that great territory live over 5,500,000 people, the majority of whom have never heard the name of Christ, much less the Advent message. Our eyes have been turned in the direction of the Sudan for many years, hoping that we could send them the light of truth. At the recent Winter Council, it was definitely planned to locate one of our tried missionaries, G. Gudmundsen, at Khartoum, thus making a beginning in that needy field. He will also carry responsibility for our work in Eritrea and Northern Ethiopia, whose languages he speaks.

Another advance move is being made in Ethiopia. Ras Jimmerou is one of the most progressive kings in Ethiopia. He rules the territory of Godjam, where no religious work of any kind has as yet been carried on, except, of course, the Coptic religion of the country. At the time of my visit to Ethiopia about a year ago, Brother Sorenson, the president of the Ethiopian Union, and I paid a visit to this chief, at which time he extended a definite and hearty invitation to us to erect a hospital and school in his province. On behalf of the Government he offered us 30,000 thaler (40,000 shillings) for the building, land on which to build, also wood and water, and a yearly grant of 3,000 thaler (4,000 shillings) for ten years toward the maintenance of this institution. Negotiations have been going on for some months. Recently agreement was reached, and the work on these new buildings has already begun. The close of the year should see the work of rescue in that province nicely started.

More items might be mentioned, but they must remain until later. Are you not happy to see the advance? Surely many of you are puzzled. How is all this advance possible, and how is it all to be maintained, when the funds are less and times are hard?

"The just shall live by faith." So, too, the Advent cause advances by faith in the promises of God, and in a loyal, self-sacrificing people who believe that it is more blessed to give than to receive. You have noticed that funds are

in hand for the establishing of these enterprises, but in order to maintain them we are asking our people to increase their Sabbath-school gifts fifteen per cent above those for 1934. We have faith to believe that it can be done with the help of the Lord. Many are giving to the limit right now. Yes, but they may not be praying to the limit for those with money to respond. However, the great majority of our believers can and will respond with a penny a week increase in the Sabbath-school offerings. Your goal at the present is ninepence per member. An average of fivepence per member has been given during 1934. There is quite a gap between fact and goal. A penny a week for fifty-two weeks makes fifty-two pennies, or four shillings and fourpence for the year. That is not much but it means the difference between deficits or defeat and victory. What can you do, fellow-believers, in giving a little more for missions in 1935?

We are five in our family, all interested in giving. To meet the need we increased our offering budget for this year. It is not easy, but the Lord's work demands sacrifice. It is dangerous to hold back offerings when at all possible to give. It is best to empty one's pockets into the treasury of the Lord. Blessed is the man whose pockets are empty when the Lord comes.

Now let everybody act as one, praying for the advance of God's cause on earth, and supporting the growing cause by increasing our Sabbath-school offerings at least fifteen per cent during the coming year. The Lord expects every member to do his duty. Will you? Yes? Thank you!



### *News from Equatorial Africa*

Writing of our newly-founded work in French Equatorial Africa, Brother Johannessen says:

"I am very pleased to tell you that our school work is a success. At present we have thirty bright boys, who are a marked success, having exceeded all our expectations. These mountain boys are

really acquiring knowledge at a high speed. We started the school in April, and after just six months they are able to read and write the French language fairly well, considering the short time they have been learning. I am almost through with the second book of Kings in my Bible classes, and they know pretty well what it is all about. Four of our older boys are already paying tithe. You will understand how cheering this is to us. Undoubtedly, our future work lies in the school."

Brother Bergstrom, superintendent of the Dogba Mission, writing of this phase of the work, says:

"The natives are not as afraid now to let the boys come to the school as in the beginning of this year when we began the school. There are a lot of children in the pagan villages, and I believe when the natives become better acquainted with the school, it will not be difficult to get boys. . . . I believe the school work is going to be the channel through which the message will be proclaimed to the heathen here. We have worked hard to get a firmer hold on the older people, but it is very difficult as they are addicted to alcohol, tobacco, and polygamy. But these are conditions that probably had to be met with at the beginning of our work in other places, and we don't doubt but that in the future we shall see many of them turn to the Lord."

### *In the World Field*

It is interesting to know that the latest statistics to hand show that our work is now conducted in 295 countries and islands by 22,254 evangelistic and institutional workers (an increase of 1,539 during 1933), who are using in their work 504 languages and dialects. The increase in languages during the past seven years is 248, or one new language added on an average of every ten days. This is an increase of twenty countries and islands in which we began work during 1933, and of 19 new languages in which labourers are conducting work. During 1933 the number added to our church membership by baptism was 37,824 and

3,128 on profession of faith, making a total of 40,952 new members received during the year.

The membership of the 7,640 churches of the denomination throughout the world, December 31, 1933, was 384,151. This is a gain of 98,858 during the past five years or a net gain of 19,771 annually. The net gain during 1933 was 22,050.

### *Was It a Fair Test?*

THERE was a vacancy in the departmental staff of a certain conference, and a small group of men were considering who should be appointed to fill it. The field was thoroughly canvassed. Various names were discussed and rejected. Two men stood out from the others as possessing qualities that enabled them to fill the position successfully. The candidates seemed almost equally desirable, and it was hard to tell which of them should be chosen. Then someone suggested that the records of the Home Study Institute be consulted to see how these men stood in relation to that phase of the work. The records were consulted, and showed that both men had enrolled as students. One had completed a course, and was successfully carrying on with a second. The other candidate had enrolled for a course but had done nothing with it. The brethren chose the man who was making a success of the correspondence work.

Was it a fair test? The reader may answer the question. We never know when our measure is being taken. It was to the credit of both these men that they had thought it worth while to enrol for correspondence work. Some of those whose names were considered and rejected, probably had not enrolled at all. It is very much to the credit of a busy man to complete a correspondence course. It shows him to have acquired the art of spending his spare minutes wisely, and furthermore, of carrying on his work in such a way that he has some spare time that he can invest in study.

Adult education is more and more coming to the front as a means of keeping wide awake mentally. The Home Study Insti-

tute is ready to minister to the needs of all forward-looking workers who desire to pursue studies in a large variety of subjects. Our catalogue is yours for the asking. The evenings are long, and most of us have opportunity to do some studying if we plan our work wisely. Many have been thinking of taking work with us. Decide now at least to get the necessary information. We offer a wide range of courses suited to busy workers in our cause. For further information write:

M. E. OLSEN,  
*Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.*

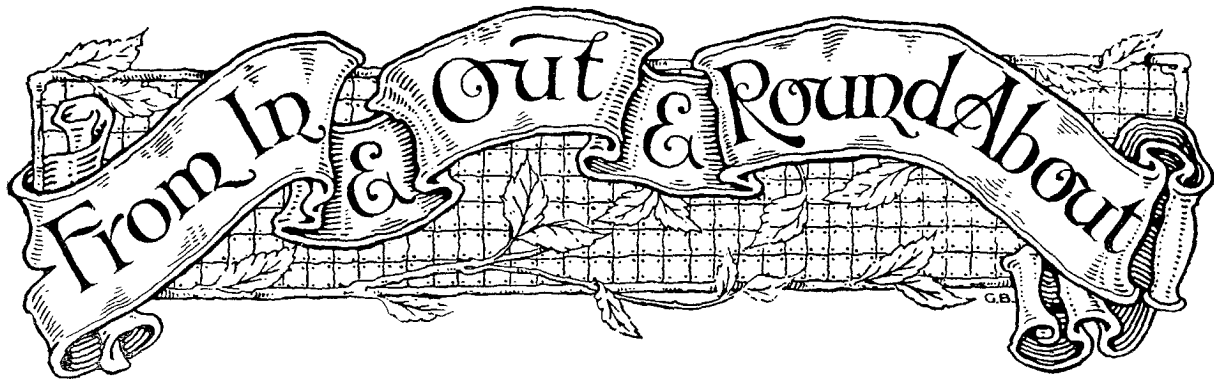
### *Progress in Ethiopia*

DR. NICOLA writes from the hospital at Addis Abeba, Ethiopia, passing on the following encouraging word:

"This month has been our best, as has each succeeding month since we came. But this has been a real banner month as we have broken several records. We have had the most patients at any one time, namely, thirty-eight in one day. Then we have seen the most patients in the office in any one day—fifty-six, and we have taken in the most in one day—seven. We have done more surgery this month than any previous. And last, we have had a super month in cash intake. All must admit that the Lord has showered blessings upon us here, and it goes to show that with the Lord behind a thing there is no limit.

"From the best reports we are able to get, the other hospitals in town are running low. Without blessings from above it could never be done, especially when we are the only hospital in town that is not properly equipped. But we are striving to give the people the personal service they want. We have had several from Djibouti and a couple from Aden, both Arabs and Indians, and they tell us that this is the hospital talked of when one gets sick there. We have a family of four from Djibouti in the hospital now.

"The king was here yesterday, calling on a couple of patients who are connected with the palace."



WE are pleased to report that two of our missionaries have been ordained while on furlough. Just prior to F. H. Thomas's return to the East African Union, where he will take over the superintendency of the Gendia Mission Station, he was ordained at the Division chapel in Edgware.

Karl Noltze, who is in charge of the most isolated station in the whole of our mission territory, was ordained during the time of our Winter Council in Poland. We pray the Lord's richest blessing upon these brethren in their increased responsibilities.

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THE S.S. "Adda," sailing from Liverpool on January 23rd carries with it very valuable cargo—a ship-load of our missionaries, some returning from furlough, others going out to the mission field for the first time. At Freetown, Sierra Leone, it will leave behind Pastors C. K. Meyers of the General Conference and E. D. Dick, who will spend some time visiting our various missions in West Africa, Brother and Sister Ejnar Nielsen, new appointees to the Sierra Leone Union Mission. Pastor and Mrs. W. McClements, together with Mrs. Till and child, will be carried on to Nigeria to continue their work there. We feel sure the prayers of the SURVEY family will follow these dear friends as they go to their respective fields.

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As an instance of how "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him," we quote the following from a letter received from Pastor S. G. Maxwell of the East African Union Mission:

"I was returning from Kanya-

doto with Brother Warland, where we had gone to take over the books. It was night and the road none too familiar. We came round a corner on a badly-cambered road with a bridge before us. The back wheels skidded and before there was time to do anything we had crashed into the bridge and plunged into the river. The car fell on its side but we managed to clamber out unhurt save for a cut to my car. Fortunately there was not much water in the river. We marvel that no bones were broken and wonder what would have been the result if there had been rocks instead of the soft mud and reeds which the Lord had ordained to be there. We got out some of the things but my attache case with minutes, budgets, Bible, books, etc., was under water for two hours. We found we were near a Roman Catholic Mission. The father gave us every assistance and we collected the loads the same night. Next day he provided sixteen oxen. We got the car on its wheels and pulled it out. Marvellous to relate, there was hardly a scratch on it. It purred back to Kamagambo as if nothing had happened. The angel of the Lord did his duty that night."

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OUR attention has been drawn to a neatly-bound brochure bearing the title, *Words to Writers*, in which the technicalities of the art of writing for the press are presented in such a simple and enticing manner as to inspire confidence and create desire to enter this larger field of contact with the human mind. To be able to express clearly and convincingly the message of truth through written articles, reports, or letters, is an accomplishment well worthy of the highest endeavour, and all who en-

gage in missionary work should seek to qualify themselves for greatest efficiency in self-expression at the point of the pen. The author, Mable A. Hinkhouse, is a literary worker of experience, and writes from a practical viewpoint. As from January 1, 1935, the brochure will be on sale at twenty-five cents through the regular publishing and Bible house channels.

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At the Polish meetings of the Northern European Division, W. A. Spicer spoke to the delegates of the work of Sabbath reform, in the light of the prophecies of Revelation 7:1-3 and Isaiah 8:16-18.

He dwelt upon the Sabbath as the "sign" or "seal" of the living God. Our work is to restore this seal to the holy law, torn away by the great apostasy that was to think to change the times and the law of the Most High. (Dan. 7:25.)

At the close of this study the Council requested Elder Spicer to write out this study that it might be widely circulated in the churches. In responding to this request, Elder Spicer writes:

"It will be seen that this outline is but a memorandum for the brethren who asked for it at the Poznan Council. Anyone using it will, of course, add his own comments and draw the lesson necessary."

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