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# First-Fruits in a New Field

*By S. G. Maxwell*

Our work in Central Kenya began with the purchase of the property known to us as Karura Mission, which takes its name from a nearby river. This was in September, 1933. Brother W. W. Armstrong with three Luo evangelists started work among two of the main tribes of Kenya—the Kikuyu and the Kamba peoples.

Missions have worked in these tribes for over forty years and yet everywhere the heathen still outnumber the Christians by a very large percentage.

From the commencement of our work a number of young men came to attend our Karura school. But after a while quite a slump set in when they found we were not there simply to give them a free education but to develop fruit in their lives.

Just at this juncture it seemed as though the new work must go backward. Brother Armstrong was taken ill, and after several months in which he could not do much, it was necessary for him to go on furlough. Shortly after this one of the three

evangelists became sick with relapsing fever, contracted through sleeping in native huts infested with ticks. This is a trying disease and has laid him up for six months. The teacher left in the Karura school had to be dismissed.

Thus it seemed as if the bottom had dropped out of our new enterprise.

Being responsible for many different lines of work in the Union it was impossible for me to give anything more than an occasional visit to Central Kenya during the ensuing months.

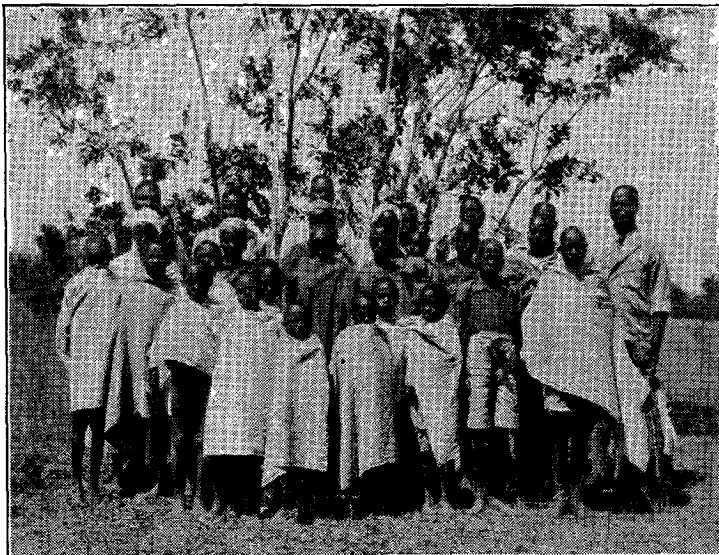
But where man is weak God is strong. He has ways and means

that we know not of for forwarding His message. To human eyes it looked as if nothing would be accomplished for many months, but—

The school at Karura needed a teacher and I put in a Kikuyu boy to help out. He was not yet baptized but someone had to look after things and he was the best we had. Somehow the presence of one of their own people stimulated a new desire for the truth. The school has now grown to such an extent that to accommodate the pupils it was necessary to divide it into morning and afternoon sessions. Eighty-five are enrolled and new ones are entering each week. Nearly all are young men and they have joined the baptismal class. They have come from many parts of the Kikuyu country and also from the Embu and Meru peoples. The latter are 200 miles from the mission.

Sabbaths at Karura find our building much taxed to accommodate the 100 and more who come to meetings.

It was a great joy on the last Sabbath in Febru-



*Jeremiah Oigo (on right) with some of his Ukamba converts.*

ary to go down to the Karura river and before a large crowd baptize our first two Kikuyu members. One of these was Benson, the boy who helped so in reviving the school. The other is named Luka, who we hope will go into the colporteur work.

#### UKAMBA

One of the three Luo evangelists was assigned to the Ukamba people. They live in hilly country some fifty to one hundred miles east of Nairobi. Far less sophisticated than the Kikuyu, they offer an excellent field for the message. Though one of the nearest tribes to the main caravan route from the coast, they have completely resisted the advances of Islam.

Jeremiah Oigo, our evangelist, did much travelling before finding a good opening at M—. There is a Government school at this place. The Government have done most of the education work in Ukamba, but no religious instruction is given in their schools. The school at M— welcomed our evangelist and began Sabbath-school with him. Some thirty enrolled as baptismal candidates including the two teachers.

We made request for permission to erect a place of worship. But another Society was not pleased that we should come into Ukamba and sent a deputation to persuade the old men to refuse us.

This the old men did and our request for a prayer house was turned down. So our meetings can only be held under a tree. But Jeremiah is of good courage. He and his wife are living in a half-finished house, only partly roofed, and with no doors and windows. They moved there months ago but only half their goods have arrived. When I visited them they had no complaint, but only joy for the souls God had given them. Their candidates partake of their spirit and are determined to meet each Sabbath under a tree near the main road in full view of passers-by until the native elders agree to give them permission to build.

Prospects are good for the growth of a sturdy church in Ukamba.

#### UNENTERED TERRITORY

In following up the interests of the evangelist who fell sick, I went round Mt. Kenya. This mountain is one of Africa's giants, towering 17,000 feet to its snow-capped summit. Its eastern slopes are well wooded and watered. Mountain torrents of clear snow-water from the glaciers thunder their way down deep gorges. Interspersed through this land live the Embu, Shuka, and Meru peoples. Civilization has not yet spoilt them. Their women are quite

happy with a new dress each day—a dress of green banana leaves. They are simple, friendly, open-hearted people. We preached in their markets and some have already come in to Karura. But it is too far for them and we need to make plans for opening up a definite work among them as quickly as possible.

A great opportunity awaits us among these unspoiled peoples. We ask your prayers that they may not long be denied the joys of the message we love.

## Wallega Mission

BY C. JENSEN

THE past year my time has been divided among three phases of work—school, evangelistic, and medical.

We have had three native teachers in the school and an enrolment of sixty-two pupils. The average attendance has been about fifty per cent better than the previous year. Another encouraging factor is that we have had many big boys in attendance. Missionary Volunteer work has been started and many of the older boys have taken an active part. At the close of the school year we were able to send four promising boys to the training school in Addis Alem. One discouraging feature is that due to lack of funds we were forced to close our three out-schools at the middle of the year.

The evangelistic work has been centred in two places, Gimbie and Siban. At Gimbie, apart from the Sabbath service, work has consisted mostly of visiting people in the surrounding neighbourhood.

The attendance is usually about fifty. The interest is quite good, and we trust it will result in some giving their hearts to God.

The greatest impetus to our medical work was the arrival of Miss Alice Lind last May. Since then we have been able to give our patients better care. Miss Lind also helps in other lines of work and has charge of the Sabbath-school.

The number of treatments given for the year was 3,471. Although a little less than the previous year, due to an increase in charges, the income has exceeded 1933 by 1,000 thalers and reached a total of 2,221 thalers.

Last year the Catholic Mission started medical work in Gimbie, and due to their giving medicine free of charge, it has to some extent interfered with our medical work. However, we are keeping the better class of people, and are doing our best to render better service.

## Zauditu Memorial Hospital

BY DR. BERGMAN

THE hospital has now passed into its second year, having operated about one and a half years.

Perhaps one of the greatest blessings of the past year was the arrival of Dr. Nicola. We were indeed glad to welcome him with his family. Dr. Nicola has won

the confidence of the Ethiopian people and is well liked by them.

We were happy to welcome this past year two new nurses, Sister Rasmine Hofstad and Sister Margit Halvorsen. We appreciate the good work of the nurses and the way in which they have helped to make the work a success. Their

manifold duties make it necessary for them to work hard and put in long hours. Now we feel that we have a staff sufficient to meet the present needs of the institution.

During the past year we have enjoyed the patronage of many high- and many middle-class Ethiopians, probably the greater percentage coming from the middle class. Several rulers and officials have had members of their families treated in our hospital. A relative of the Emperor was operated upon and during the operation both the Emperor and the Crown Prince were present. On several occasions the Emperor has visited us and expressed his appreciation of our work.

We have been blessed both in patronage and in a financial way. In the clinic we see from forty to forty-five patients each day and an average of between thirty and thirty-five hospital patients. The collections for the year were 26,175 thalers. An outstanding event in the history of the institution was the gift of a Victor Model A shock-proof X-ray, which will give us the best X-ray equipment in the capital. For this generous gift we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the donors for the great help they have given us. A considerable part of the money was provided by the alumni of the College of Medical Evangelists, but this was heavily supplemented by generous friends of the cause in England and America.

Aside from the completion of the work that is now under way, we still have another great need, namely, that of a small hydrotherapy unit. Since there is no work of this kind done in Addis Ababa, it would add prestige to our work if we could give treatments. We are gradually bringing the hospital up to modern standards in equipment, and with our staff of two doctors and three nurses, besides our native nurses, we have greater hopes for the future.



"THE only way in which we can redeem our time is by making the most of that time which remains, by being co-workers with God in His great plan of redemption."

## *Educational Progress in Sierra Leone*

BY IANS RASMUSSEN

THE year 1934 is the twenty-fifth "milestone" in our educational work in Sierra Leone, for in 1909 the Waterloo Training School was established, and in connection with it a strong industrial department. What has the school achieved since then? Much in many ways.

In its halls and classrooms were moulded and trained practically all the native workers who to-day are bearing the burden and winning souls in this dark country. Besides these, hundreds of students have been taught and influenced by the school's devout teachers. The industrial department has been a mighty asset to the cause and the school. Products from the shop have gone out to all parts of the country and the noise of the workshop with its puffing engine has often drawn attention to our busy compound at Waterloo.

This year the enrolment is forty-four girls and 142 boys. Thirty of the boys are boarders. Six native teachers are connected with the school. We are conducting a domestic class for the girls, and the success of this class has been a great boon to our work. We now long for the day when we can begin a girls' school in Sierra Leone.

There are twenty-five hours of school weekly. Five of these are devoted to Bible, five to English, and five to Arithmetic, as these subjects are fundamentals and must be well taught; the remaining ten hours are given to different subjects in the different classes, mainly covering Hygiene, Nature, Geography, Drawing, History, Typewriting, Singing, and Gymnastics. The school carries nine standards with a Preparatory Class, totalling ten years of school. All of the boarders perform five hours of manual work daily. The bigger boys spend half of this time in the shop.

In addition to the Waterloo Training School, we have fourteen smaller schools up-country, each carrying the students to standard four. These students then become candidates for the Waterloo Training School. The number of pupils attending our schools in Sierra Leone is about six hundred. Oh, how we pray that these students may catch the spirit and power of this movement, and that a large force of workers may come from these schools to carry the good news of salvation to their own people in these needy lands.

## *Wonders of God's Grace in the Gold Coast*

BY T. H. FIELDING

Nor quite three months have elapsed since we disembarked from the S.S. "Appam." At the moment of writing we feel as if we have been here for years. Our sojourn at Agona has been full of active service, and many interesting experiences have come to us. We are happy to recount a few of these.

At our recent committee we decided to hold a Young People's Week of Prayer in our Standard VII School at Agona. The plan was put into effect from March 8th to 15th. Each morning studies were given on the life of victory in Christ. The boys grasped intel-

ligently each round of the ladder from the sinner's need to a sanctified life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Then in the period usually devoted to industrial work the boys split up into bands, each led by a teacher, and the hour was spent in Bible study and prayer. It stirred one's soul to hear these boys, many from heathen homes, praying to God to help them to overcome sin. The last meeting we shall long remember. After our closing study on baptism as God's memorial of turning from sinfulness to a new life in Christ, we called for testimonies. Teach-

ers and boys alike expressed their gratitude for victory through grace. Ten Standard VI and VII boys have joined the baptismal class.

One of the rooms beneath the mission house is used as a dispensary. At first it was a simple matter for my wife, who is a fully qualified nurse, to attend to all who came, but it was not long before her fame spread abroad. At the present time we, along with the help of two of the schoolboys, are treating some thirty-five to forty persons each morning.

We shall never forget an experience we had this week. A little child was brought to us in a very serious condition. He lay in his mother's arms quite listless. His pulse was a mere flicker, his eyes closed, breathing ceased, and the heart stopped—all signs of life had disappeared. With a prayer in our hearts we gently massaged the child's heart, and seeing a faint flicker of life, rushed for a hot fomentation, placed it on the chest of the infant and then called the parents to kneel in prayer with us as we asked God to give them back their child. Soon the little eyes opened, the pulse quickened, and he began to breathe more normally again.

In addition we are looking forward to a strong evangelistic effort, along with Brother Clifford, in Kumasi, some twenty-two miles distant. Kumasi is the capital of Ashanti. Some 500 were present at the first evening meeting. Remember in prayer the work in the Gold Coast.



### Colporteur Advance

A study of reports from Norway and Denmark, up to April 15th, show marked advancement in the colporteur work, as compared with the same period of last year. In Norway colporteurs have worked 1,072 more hours and delivered Kr.3,405.55 worth more books. Denmark has done still better, the number of hours worked having increased by 1,995 and the amount of deliveries by Kr.10,387.61. We hope and pray that the Lord will continue to bless during 1935.

L. MUDERSPACH.

## The Layman's Movement in Sierra Leone

BY A. S. NUKA

"EVERY member a soul-winner" has given us an insight into what God expects of every converted soul. It has led us, by organized effort, to endeavour to get every churchmember, both young and old, active in soul-winning work, and the experience has proved that much more can be accomplished by assigning a definite work to the individual than by any other way.

The foundation to an organized layman's soul-saving movement was laid in this field in 1932. It was first introduced to the young people and met with a good reception, resulting in the formation of seven societies with a membership of sixty-one. Later the older members were encouraged to join and it was not long before they, too, had a real desire to engage in missionary service.

Since the organization of this phase of our work great changes have taken place at our different mission stations. Members are more wide awake and desirous of knowing the truth; more visitors attend our Sabbath-schools and church services.

At one mission station a group of young men, in co-operation with the secretary, have been holding regular meetings in one of the neighbouring villages for over a year now. The interest there has grown gradually and the people have taken hold of the message in such sincerity that they have built a mud church building in which to hold our meetings.

In some places the Missionary Volunteer organization proves to be the only means of reaching the hearts of the young. In one place, for instance, where the population is chiefly Moslem, on account of strong prejudice, the older members do not attend our general meetings, nor do they allow their children to attend. Here, however, we hold Missionary Volunteer meetings and to these they are allowed to come, so that the truth reaches them, though perhaps unconsciously.

At present we have thirteen fairly strong societies with a membership of about 180 regular, and 120 preparatory. Interesting is it that not only the regular members engage in active service, but also the preparatory do their part, and so the number reporting work done stands at 190. During one quarter this army of courageous Missionary Volunteers gave 841 Bible readings, paid 916 missionary visits, rendered Christian help to 669 persons, invited 562 to Sabbath-school and church services, and gave 185 simple treatments to relieve physical suffering. As opportunity affords, they also take part in the distribution of literature, though very few in this country are able to read.

Plans have been laid whereby we can help them to develop their abilities. As a result 170 are following the Morning Watch, 150 taking the Bible Year, and 180 are enrolled in the Study and Service League. They also show a real burden for souls. At several mission stations the Missionary Volunteer society is divided into groups, each of which is assigned certain territory to which they go and sing, hold meetings, and invite the people to meetings.

Due to the zeal and enthusiasm of one Missionary Volunteer, it has been possible for us to enter an entirely new section of our territory. A certain young boy from a far-away heathen tribe was attending our school at Bo, where he became acquainted with our message. His young mind was soon convinced that this was what he and his people needed and while on vacation he availed himself of the opportunity of telling his people about his newly-found faith, and was able to convince many of its truth. Finally, he succeeded in getting the chief to look upon us with such favour that he invited us as the one and only mission to enter his chiefdom. In response to this invitation Brother T. Tranborg is now working there.

## The Maternity Ward at Gendia Hospital

BY CARENTEZ OLSEN



Nurse Olsen with two of her native helpers and their charges.

THIS department of Gendia hospital is only in its infancy as it was not until April, 1933, that its doors were opened. That was indeed a happy day, for it fulfilled a long-cherished hope.

Only those who work among these people know how great the need is for places where the African women can receive proper obstetric aid. The Africans themselves are very ignorant with regard to knowing how to render help in cases of maternity, and be-

cause of this, together with their superstitious practices, many go to their graves prematurely. Since opening this department of our work, expectant mothers come to us at regular intervals for examination and receive the necessary help before it is too late. It has been possible for us to help many who doubtless would otherwise have died in their own villages. Here is just one example among many.

A woman, who was about to give birth to a second child, came to us, and by examination it was found that owing to her terrible condition resulting from her first childbirth, there was no way of helping her except by a serious operation. This was performed at the right time and with success, causing the parents to rejoice greatly, for they had lost their first child.

Now we are better able to educate our young women in obstetric aid, and that is very important, for when their period of training is over, they can go back to their own people and render the necessary help, and educate them in the care of the children.

We have had several babies brought to us whose mothers died at their birth; thus our nurses have every opportunity for practical training.

## The Irish Missions

BY J. HARKER

WORKERS and members in the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland are united with their brethren in other parts of the Division in pressing on with the work of God in these closing days. But things move slowly in this Western territory. After forty years of labour by men of varying talent, we are still in the day of small things. Our combined membership is 162. Forty of these are in the Free State, where eighty per cent

of the population are Roman Catholics. Among these misguided souls, who know little of the love and freedom of the Gospel, there is one minister, located in the city of Dublin. Soon we shall have two German students from Newbold College selling our books in the city. We have no regular colporteurs.

But considerable work is being done with the *Signs of the Times* and other periodicals. This litera-

ture is arousing an interest. A few days ago the writer had the joy of hearing of a man who had read himself into the truth. Unfortunately for the field, he has been compelled to get work out of the country. God has wonderfully helped in this case. He has good work with the Sabbath free.

Because of prejudice and fear, it is wellnigh impossible to get a Catholic to read Protestant literature. But we are finding openings. A man and his wife who decided to take our papers some time ago are now having Bible studies. They have ceased to attend the Catholic Church, preferring to meet with the Advent people. We visited a home quite recently where the *Signs* had been read for some time, and found three souls anxious to hear more about the truth. We have seen God's providential working in the case of a young man, another reader of the *Signs*, living in a remote part where contact in a personal way is very difficult. He was compelled to come in to the city hospital for a slight operation. This gave the opportunity for Bible study so much desired. We are hopeful of this case. We trust that some day soon strong public work will be conducted in the cities and towns of the Free State. Though Rome is more strongly entrenched here than in any other part of the world, there are signs of a break. Many are becoming weary of a religion which takes all and gives nothing in return.

Regarding Northern Ireland, which is largely Protestant, we have two ministers, two Bibleworkers, and one regular colporteur. These are labouring among a population of 1,400,000. The work centres chiefly round the city of Belfast, where we have a church of sixty members. Last year sixteen were added to our numbers in this area. Here, a peculiarly militant form of Protestantism constantly opposes the work of our evangelists.

It was in this northern section that the work began four decades ago. Brethren from America, and later from England, came over and preached with great earnestness and power. Then as now, only a few were obedient to the faith.

## Report of the Northern European Division

| 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               |               |
| <b>N. E. Division</b>           | ...          | ...              | ...        | ...        | ...         | ...                | 15                   | ...         | ...                 | ...           | ...                | ...          | ...              | ...                      | ...              |               |
| Baltic Union                    | 1            | 114              | 36         | 22         | 19          | -6                 | 5,261                | 58          | 47                  | 144           | 5,682              | 4,126        | \$               | 5,409.90                 | 0.08             | 1,004.77      |
| British                         | 2            | 79               | 62         | 22         | 21          | 23                 | 5,218                | 104         | 64                  | 143           | 5,406              | 4,028        | \$               | 31,795.40                | 0.47             | 5,846.26      |
| E. Nordic                       | 3            | 95               | 7          | 61         | 16          | -70                | 4,530                | 69          | 56                  | 170           | 4,245              | 3,381        | \$               | 13,052.40                | 0.22             | 2,766.03      |
| Polish                          | 4            | 149              | 15         | 25         | 7           | -24                | 3,076                | 59          | 48                  | 183           | 3,532              | 2,479        | \$               | 2,221.30                 | 0.06             | 571.92        |
| W. Nordic                       | 5            | 128              | 42         | 22         | 26          | -14                | 6,459                | 62          | 56                  | 174           | 5,905              | 4,758        | \$               | 18,134.80                | 0.22             | 4,645.41      |
| <b>Union Tls. 1st qtr. 1935</b> | <b>565</b>   | <b>162</b>       | <b>152</b> | <b>89</b>  | <b>-91</b>  | <b>24,544</b>      | <b>367</b>           | <b>271</b>  | <b>814</b>          | <b>24,770</b> | <b>18,772</b>      | <b>\$</b>    | <b>70,613.80</b> | <b>0.22</b>              | <b>14,834.39</b> | <b>13.66</b>  |
| <b>E. Afr'n Union Miss.</b>     | <b>6</b>     | <b>28</b>        | <b>25</b>  | <b>70</b>  | <b>6</b>    | <b>-60</b>         | <b>3,531</b>         | <b>16</b>   | <b>...</b>          | <b>153</b>    | <b>6,351</b>       | <b>6,553</b> | <b>\$</b>        | <b>881.90</b>            | <b>0.02</b>      | <b>621.25</b> |
| Ethiopian                       | 7            | 7                | 3          | ...        | ...         | ...                | 318                  | 15          | ...                 | 10            | 329                | 316          | \$               | 1,641.00                 | 0.40             | 319.86        |
| Gold Coast                      | 8            | 6                | 85         | 29         | 5           | 51                 | 603                  | 2           | ...                 | 41            | 2,279              | 1,632        | \$               | 549.70                   | 0.08             | 187.17        |
| Nigerian                        | 9            | 4                | ...        | 44         | 6           | -50                | 1,337                | 16          | ...                 | 92            | 6,736              | 5,830        | \$               | 516.20                   | 0.03             | 237.10        |
| Sierra Leone                    | 10           | 4                | ...        | ...        | ...         | ...                | 485                  | 6           | ...                 | 22            | 1,055              | 746          | \$               | ...                      | ...              | ...           |
| Upper Nile                      | 11           | 3                | 16         | 2          | ...         | ...                | 154                  | 9           | ...                 | 22            | 385                | 275          | \$               | 168.20                   | 0.09             | 89.12         |
| French Equa. Msn.               | 12           | ...              | ...        | ...        | ...         | ...                | 6                    | 2           | ...                 | 1             | 19                 | 61           | \$               | 43.00                    | 0.55             | 15.30         |
| <b>Mis's Tls. 4th qtr. 1934</b> | <b>52</b>    | <b>129</b>       | <b>145</b> | <b>17</b>  | <b>-42</b>  | <b>6,434</b>       | <b>65</b>            | <b>...</b>  | <b>341</b>          | <b>17,154</b> | <b>15,413</b>      | <b>\$</b>    | <b>3,800.00</b>  | <b>0.05</b>              | <b>1,469.80</b>  | <b>...</b>    |
| <b>Grand Tls. 1st qtr. 1935</b> | <b>617</b>   | <b>291</b>       | <b>297</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>-133</b> | <b>30,978</b>      | <b>433</b>           | <b>271</b>  | <b>1,155</b>        | <b>41,924</b> | <b>34,185</b>      | <b>\$</b>    | <b>74,413.80</b> | <b>0.18</b>              | <b>16,304.19</b> | <b>13.66</b>  |

Another weakening element is the constant emigration. During the past twenty years nearly one-third of the number received into fellowship have gone to other lands. But we press on in faith, knowing the work is God's. Through His own chosen instruments, He will finish it here as in all other parts and His name will have all the glory.



## SCOTTISH MISSION

BY L. MURDOCH

SCOTLAND has always been a difficult field, not because the people are irreligious, but rather because they are satisfied to hold on to the beliefs of their forefathers. Nevertheless our message is winning its way. On Sabbath, April 27th, we had the joy of seeing a church of twenty-five members organized in the city of Aberdeen. Brother W. E. Read was with us, and the blessing received will ever be remembered.

The year 1934 was a record year in almost every respect, for which we thank God. Our tithes and offerings and our Harvest In-gathering reached the highest total so far. The increase has been steady year by year. Three or four evangelistic efforts are conducted annually, and the workers, together with a number of efficient laymen, are bending all energies to bring the knowledge of the truth before the four and a half million inhabitants of this mission field.

## A Silver Jubilee

BY L. MUDERSPACH

APRIL 26th marked the Silver Jubilee of one of our faithful workers. Twenty-five years ago Brother Trygve Opsahl, press room foreman, entered the employ of the Oslo Publishing House. One of the leading newspapers in Oslo contained an article in honour of Brother Opsahl, and many of the publishing house business connections sent their congratulations, accompanied by flowers.

The Publishing House board, his fellow-workers, and the conference committee were happy to extend to him their congratulations also, and to present him with useful gifts.

The Union committee also esteemed it a joy to be able to extend congratulations to one who was not only a connoisseur in his particular line, but also a zealous church worker.

It is largely due to Brother Opsahl that our publishing house to-day is recognized as one of the best in Oslo. In years gone by, he has taken part in several competitions, both national and international, and succeeded in winning three prizes, one being second in an international competition entered by 122 publishing houses.

Especially is our brother renowned for the extraordinarily good colour work he does, having made several improvements to the press used for this purpose. Other



Brother Trygve Opsahl.

publishing houses, both in Norway and in countries outside, have since adopted the same plan, for which Brother Opsahl has received credit.

Outside firms here in Oslo often come to Brother Opsahl for counsel. This is evidence that our publishing house is of good repute, and that the children of God need not be behind in enterprise and accomplishment. It assures us that the declaration of Holy Writ, "The Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou

for the Quarter Ended March 31, 1935

| Harvest<br>Ingathering | Annual<br>Offering | Miscellaneous<br>Offerings | Week of<br>Sacrifice | Young People's<br>Offerings | Big Week | Total Offerings | Total Offerings<br>per capita | Percentage of<br>Offerings to<br>Title | Total Contribu-<br>tions for Home<br>Missionary<br>Work | Total Contribu-<br>tions for Local<br>Church Work | Colporteur Sales |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 17                     | 18                 | 19                         | 20                   | 21                          | 22       | 23              | 24                            | 25                                     | 26                                                      | 27                                                | 28               |
| 26.73                  | 25.96              | .....                      | 7.85                 | 32.73                       | 167.39   | 1,265.43        | 0.02                          | 23.4                                   | 134.36                                                  | 1,650.77                                          | 4,020.54         |
| 233.21                 | 102.44             | 49.43                      | 38.78                | 164.73                      | 174.10   | 6,608.95        | 0.10                          | 20.8                                   | 390.57                                                  | 3,503.94                                          | 19,118.24        |
| 228.65                 | 130.41             | 118.63                     | 16.41                | 58.43                       | 53.19    | 3,373.01        | 0.06                          | 25.8                                   | 825.97                                                  | 577.66                                            | 8,567.87         |
| 14.84                  | 14.65              | 3.73                       | 0.89                 | 10.24                       | 280.79   | 897.06          | 0.02                          | 40.4                                   | 8.37                                                    | 185.45                                            | 1,465.39         |
| 221.18                 | 131.21             | .....                      | 257.22               | 91.96                       | 120.01   | 5,479.39        | 0.07                          | 30.2                                   | 544.85                                                  | 1,774.40                                          | 17,099.45        |
| 724.61                 | 404.67             | 171.79                     | 321.15               | 358.09                      | 795.48   | 17,623.84       | 0.06                          | 25.0                                   | 1,904.12                                                | 7,692.22                                          | 50,261.49        |
| 738.84                 | 908.78             | .....                      | 39.12                | .....                       | .....    | 2,307.99        | 0.05                          | 261.7                                  | .....                                                   | .....                                             | 93.02            |
| 637.69                 | 109.88             | .....                      | 317.99               | .....                       | 14.02    | 1,399.44        | 0.34                          | 85.3                                   | .....                                                   | .....                                             | 7                |
| 950.66                 | .....              | .....                      | .....                | .....                       | .....    | 1,137.83        | 0.16                          | 297.0                                  | .....                                                   | .....                                             | 223.29           |
| 1,105.86               | 31.35              | .....                      | 44.78                | .....                       | 4.87     | 1,423.96        | 0.08                          | 275.9                                  | .....                                                   | .....                                             | 344.17           |
| .....                  | .....              | .....                      | .....                | .....                       | .....    | .....           | .....                         | .....                                  | .....                                                   | .....                                             | 10               |
| 0.12                   | 98.76              | .....                      | 24.35                | .....                       | .....    | 212.35          | 0.12                          | 126.2                                  | .....                                                   | .....                                             | 23.62            |
| 5.95                   | 19.80              | .....                      | 32.75                | .....                       | .....    | 73.80           | 0.95                          | 171.6                                  | .....                                                   | .....                                             | 11               |
| .....                  | .....              | .....                      | .....                | .....                       | .....    | .....           | .....                         | .....                                  | .....                                                   | .....                                             | 12               |
| 3,439.12               | 1,168.57           | .....                      | 458.99               | .....                       | 18.89    | 6,555.37        | 0.08                          | 172.5                                  | .....                                                   | .....                                             | 684.10           |
| 4,163.73               | 1,573.24           | 171.79                     | 780.14               | 358.09                      | 814.37   | 24,179.21       | 0.06                          | 32.5                                   | 1,904.12                                                | 7,692.22                                          | 50,945.59        |

shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God," applies today just as it did in times past.

In expressing our gratitude and

deep appreciation to Brother Opsahl for the splendid and faithful service rendered during the past twenty-five years, we wish him good success and real joy and happiness in days to come.

## Colporteur Institute in Poland

BY K. SCHIAFER

WHEN OUR Union Institute was called off last year we promised our Union colporteurs one in 1935, and, learning that Brother Strahle was soon to leave the Division, we became very desirous to have one more Institute with him. On April 15th, the writer began the gathering with words of greeting. There were present Brethren Strahle, Babienko, Czembor, Wasidlow, our editor Br. Kwiecinski, the writer, five field missionary secretaries, twenty-eight colporteurs, and several Warsaw members.

Daily talks by Brother Babienko led all present to consecrate themselves anew for purer, holier service.

Brother Strahle also spoke daily on Christian salesmanship. Our workers were keenly interested in studying the principles and their application in daily experience.

Sabbath was a good day. In the morning Brother Strahle spoke of the wonderful advance of the book work in China, Tibet, Borneo, and showed us with what zeal and devotion the bookmen there attack

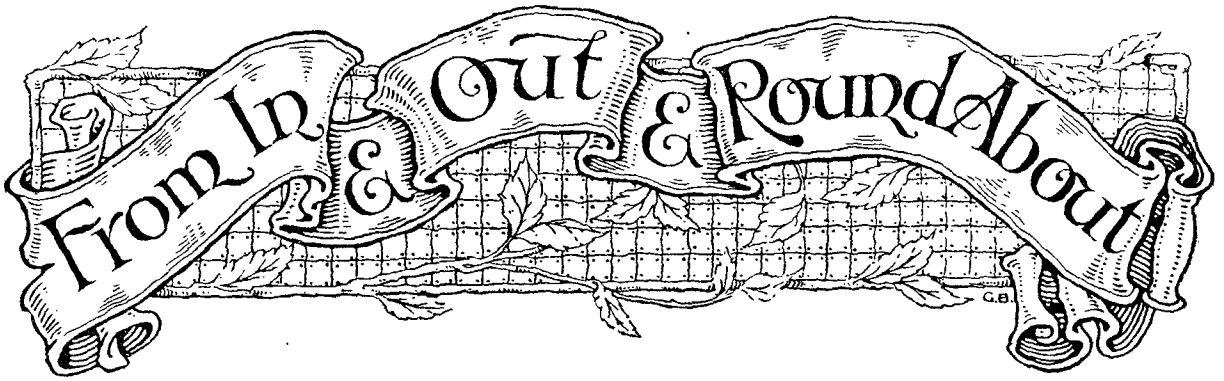
their task. Already some have given their lives, but others feel divinely called to take up the unfinished work. In the afternoon all the bookmen related experiences which showed how wonderfully God leads and protects His servants.

At the final meeting, the writer expressed the hearty thanks of all to Brethren Strahle and Babienko for their valued help. A new day has dawned for our work in Poland, and we look forward soon to have a hundred colporteurs carrying the printed message into every part of our field. General testimonies followed, in which all the field missionary secretaries and some of the colporteurs expressed their deep regret that they would no more have the help of Brother Strahle, who had so thoroughly won the love of all. These parting words touched every heart. All were in tears, and we separated, strengthened and joyful, to our several posts of duty.



Colporteurs at the recent Colporteur Institute in Poland.





## Change in the Division Treasury

LIFE means growth, and growth brings changes. In the Skodsborg Sanitarium a strong forward move has been made in the past years. The institution has been enlarged by a surgical department, and the purchase of a new property adjoining the old estate. In Copenhagen, too, a well-equipped city institution has been established. Since this advance, the patronage of Skodsborg has exceeded their fondest hopes. All through the winter they have had from fifty to seventy-five more patients than in former years. During April at one time there were over 300 patients, and now in May the number is running from 250 to 270.

This increased business and income has made it necessary to strengthen the financial department of the institution. Last summer the board at Skodsborg sent the Division an earnest request for the services of Brother Chr. Pedersen as business manager. We were all very sorry to lose Brother Pedersen. He has served as Division treasurer fifteen and a half years. His efficient, faithful work has been a great factor in building up the Advent cause so strongly in Europe. However, the Division committee did not feel, after counsel with the General Conference and with Brother Pedersen, that we should refuse the request, and Brother Pedersen accepted the invitation. He ceased his work as treasurer of the Division on May 10th, and has already entered upon his heavy duties in Skodsborg.

As we were losing the valuable services of Brother Pedersen in the Division, we began to cast about for a successor. At the Winter Council of the Division in Posen last December, Brother

E. R. Colson was nominated as treasurer, which nomination has later been confirmed by the General Conference. Brother Colson has now begun his work at the Division office. He has done a very large and helpful work as principal, business manager, and teacher of our school in Sweden. He has also had very close connection with our large medical institutions and other financial responsibility in the East Nordic Union. He has the confidence of all our people, and we extend to him a hearty welcome to the Division. We ask all who correspond with the treasury department to notice this change, and to address their communications to: Ellis R. Colson, 41 Hazel Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex, England. L. H. CHRISTIAN.

We have received the following very cheering word from Brother R. A. Carey, manager of the Advent Press in East Africa:

"I am happy to be able to report advancement. The work has gone forward here with great strides and God has been with us and helped over all our difficulties. The publishing work here is not only one of spreading the Gospel but also one of tuition; to our colporteurs it is still quite a new form of employment and it has been very hard teaching them to be faithful in money matters, but with Brother Allen's co-operation and efficient handling our men are learning to be honest and are not falling back into debt. To-day we have not a bad debt on our books.

"From the business end of the house I have also good news. The balance sheets of both 1933 and 1934 show a profit of over £50. This has helped us to get on a more firm financial footing. You will be glad to know that the new

arrangements did not affect us adversely at all but resulted rather in a large increase of work; Uganda still favours us with all its printing orders while Tanganyika supports us loyally with an ever-increasing amount of work. Truly the work is onward everywhere."

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## How the Sabbath-School Helped

IN ANNAM the message holds its own amid difficulties. We take this significant paragraph from the *Far Eastern Outlook*:

"Pastor Phan is a jewel. Patiently he endured his three months in jail. The fact that the authorities declared him innocent and set him free is proof that the enemies of the truth had instigated this persecution to silence him. No one, not even Brother Wentland, was allowed to visit him during that long three months. However, he says his soul was cheered every Sabbath morning by the distant strains of the singing at the Sabbath-school. (*The chapel is about three blocks from the jail.*) The believers remained true and steadfast during his absence from them."

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"THE fact that one can do a certain thing with a clear conscience does not make it right or wrong. Conduct is to be judged by the revealed will of God."

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