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With Our Missionaries in West Africa

BY E. D. DICK

It was my privilege again to spend a number of months with our missionaries in West Africa during the early part of this year. Leaving Liverpool with Pastor C. K. Meyers of the General Conference, Pastor and Mrs. W. McClements, Mrs. and Master Till, returning to Nigeria, and Mr. and Mrs. Ejnar Nielsen, new appointees to Sierra Leone, we soon dropped out of the chilly grey weather of England's winter into the land of perpetual sunshine.

Six days of travel brought us to the beautiful island of Madeira, the gem of the Atlantic. Scarcely had our ship dropped anchor in the quiet waters of the roadstead at Funchal, its principal city, when two from a group of our believers came on board to welcome us to their midst, knowing of our coming. We were met at the pier by some thirty-five brethren and sisters whose smiling faces and warm greetings made us soon realize that in their hearts dwelt the same belief and blessed hope which makes us all one in Christ Jesus. They led us to their nice mission chapel where we joined in a happy service. It was a real treat to meet with these warm-hearted people and to see the joy which this truth had brought to their hearts. After this good meeting and a short trip through the market and shopping section of their quaint city, we were again accompanied to the pier, where we reluctantly bade these earnest believers farewell. This early morning meeting with

our fellow-believers in their well-kept mission compound was a bright spot in our ten-day voyage to Freetown and will long remain a happy memory.

At Freetown we were welcomed at the boat by Pastor H. J. Gronert and H. Rasmussen. Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen, C. K. Meyers, and I disembarked while the others of the party proceeded to Nigeria. We went direct to our mission headquarters at Waterloo.

Taking into account the fact that the mission compound is underlaid with a laterite stone immediately beneath the surface, the mission was particularly well kept. The grounds are well laid out and well cared for and are a credit to those in charge of the station. The training and day school, under the direction of Brother H. Rasmussen, continues to grow stronger and enjoys the confidence and support of a large section of the residents of Waterloo. The enrolment of the school was 190, forty of whom are boarders.

One week of our stay in Sierra Leone was spent in visiting our up-country work and the other in workers' and committee meetings at Waterloo. We were grateful for the opportunity of coming in first-hand contact with the African workers at their stations and studying their problems together. We were greatly pleased to see that a number of these workers were beginning to push out into active evangelistic efforts and are meeting with encouraging success.

One worker reported the forming of a baptismal class of sixty-five as the result of one effort, and another of eighty-four. This method of work is stirring up many interests and the calls for efforts from villages are far beyond what we can meet at the present time. This has also brought new courage to the workers, and we believe as the result of following up this more active programme of evangelism large results will be seen in our work in that field.

During the time of our up-country trip I was able to visit our new station at Baiema recently opened up among the Konno tribe near the Liberian border by Brother T. Tranborg. Here a good beginning has been made. A new bush house has been completed, and while it is not all one could wish for by way of convenience and comfort, it is very habitable. Some difficulties have been encountered in the securing of permanent permits from the Government, so that it has not been advisable to begin aggressive evangelism. Brother Tranborg has already won a large place in the hearts of the native people and a large harvest of souls from this area may be expected.

From Sierra Leone we proceeded to the Gold Coast where we met Pastor and Mrs. Clifford and Mr. and Mrs. Fielding. At Agona we held a short workers' meeting. On the Sabbath we had a large attendance and a truly good day. While there we respon-

ded to an invitation from the chief to call at his palace, and at that time he laid before us again his most earnest plea for the opening up of medical work in his country. During the interview he renewed his offer to give financial assistance if only a doctor could be sent to work among them. The prospects are favourable for a self-supporting medical work in that area, and it is hoped that we will be able to secure a doctor for this place in the very near future, for a strong medical work will not only bring physical relief to thousands in need, but will greatly strengthen other lines of work in that field.

We were pleased to see in this field also an awakening interest in evangelism. It seems clear that God is beckoning us on to larger things here also. In one place a company of believers, while gathered in a prayer meeting, became impressed with the urgency of doing something for the Master. The same night after the prayer meeting they went to a neighbouring village about seven miles away and roused them from sleep and told them of God and His Son Jesus, and what they had done for them. The result of this and following meetings was that a number accepted the truth and a nice company of believers was established.

Nor were these people satisfied with raising up one company, but went on to other villages till five groups were organized.

From the Gold Coast we proceeded to Lagos, Nigeria, where Pastor McClements met us, and after going to Ibadan went on to South-east Nigeria, where we have our largest work. Here our work is growing far beyond our ability to cope with it. Some idea of the growth in this section may be found from the following statistics:

	Companies	Church-members	S.S. members
1930	25	162	1,903
1931	32	277	2,853
1932	41	366	3,236
1933	50	542	4,417
1934	56	718	5,765

With only two European workers, L. Edmonds and A. C. Vine, and working in a climate which demands a furlough from the field every eighteen months, the de-

mands upon their time and strength are far beyond what they can meet. Calls come in almost daily from over a wide area for teachers to come and show them the way of God. How pathetic that they have to turn a deaf ear to these calls. These refusals are almost harder on the missionary than all his work, but they must refuse, for already their expenditure for new African workers exceeds their budget provision. We are glad that definite plans have been made for Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bartlett, on returning from furlough, to join this section of the field as the third European family and help share the problems of this rapidly growing work. It is planned that he take charge of a new station to be opened up on the Niger River at Onitsha. This will serve as a new centre of light and from here he will care for the present interests developing in and around that area.

The camp meeting at Aba was the largest ever. No less than 4,000 attended the Sabbath services, and on Sunday 2,500 witnessed the baptism of 126. The camp meeting at Elele, while not so large as at Aba, was the largest hitherto. Forty-seven were baptized at this meeting.

South-east Nigeria is the most densely populated section of all Africa, and with the spirit of inquiry which is abroad in the hearts of the people, a very large work could be accomplished in a short time if we could increase the working force substantially.

Plans are being worked out for the opening of the Girls' School at Aba. Miss Ruth Raitt, who has served in the Girls' School in East Africa for a number of years, has been transferred to this field and will go forward in opening up this work in October. This will fill a long-felt need and will no doubt greatly strengthen our work generally throughout South-east Nigeria.

From there we went to the Northern Cameroons, where Brethren R. Bergstrom and K. Johannessen, with their wives, are pioneering the work. Though the work here is made difficult by unfavourable attitudes toward mis-

sions and strong Moslem influences, still they are working bravely on in the midst of these obstacles, and a nice class of eight were baptized while we were in the field. At present we have only the one centre, Dogba Mission, in this field. It is felt that there is not sufficient work for the efforts and energies of two families at the one centre and that we should open a new station at an early date. While there we spent considerable time scouting around for a new area in which to open work. After considerable travel we recommended that new work be opened up among the Bonara tribe, numbering about 250,000, in Chad Colony. This is a most needy tribe, for whom practically no mission work has ever been done. It is hoped that funds may soon be available for extending the work in this way.

From there we returned to our Jengre Mission in North-east Nigeria where we found Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Hyde just getting started with their work on returning from furlough. They, too, are working for a wild, suspicious, and superstitious people, and progress is slow. The medical work, which is the entering wedge, is winning its way among these people, and we believe that the walls of heathenism will be overthrown by the Spirit of God working on the hearts of these people through the ministry of love and kindness shown to those in physical need.

After a short time spent here we went on to West Nigeria to our work among the strong and indifferent commercially-minded Yoruba people. Here, too, conditions are difficult. The people are largely apathetic to spiritual teaching, choosing rather to occupy themselves in trading and farming and the cares and pleasures of this life, which to them are indeed attractive. These people congregate in large, filthy, iniquitous cities which strongly resist the power of the Gospel. Here, too, though slowly, the truth is winning its way. Our workers often face stubborn opposition and bitter disappointments, but are of good courage, knowing that truth is sure to win.

While in this field I joined the

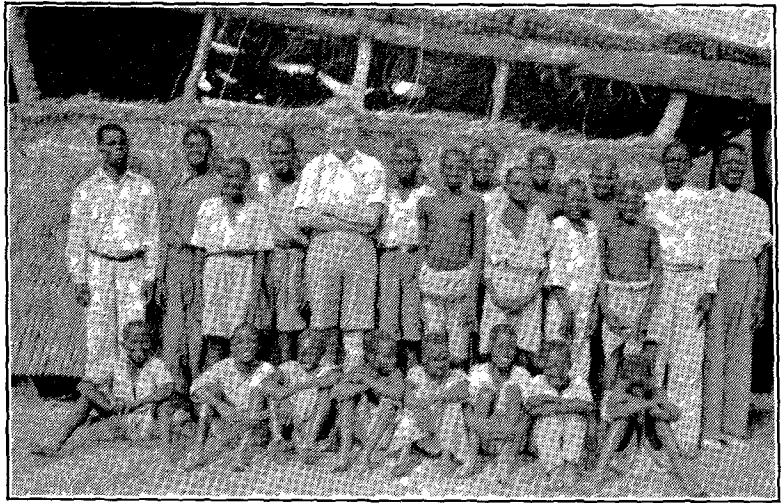
Union in their annual Union committee meeting at which time a wide range of problems received consideration, and plans were laid for strengthening many phases of the work. We were glad again to join in the study of their problems and appreciated the earnest and serious devotion of these workers to their problems.

Returning to Sierra Leone I learned of the death of Erik—Brother and Sister Tranborg's younger child—so disembarked and again paid a visit to their up-country station. Though greatly saddened by the heavy loss of their little treasure, they were of good courage in the Lord and chose to return to their work after their much needed furlough which was then due.

Turning my face homeward after a visit to our missions in these many lands, a multitude of thoughts rush through my mind. Chief among these is my burden for a larger work in these populous lands. While grateful to our missionaries for all the sacrifices they are making and the good work which the sacrifices of our people in the homelands have made possible, we cannot but admit that our work in these fields is as yet weak and in need of a much larger investment and many more workers in the field. We would not minimize the good work being done by our faithful workers. A large and valuable work is being done, but we believe a much larger work is yet to be done. May the Lord lay upon both our missionaries and our people in the homelands a larger vision of the work yet to be done, and help us to consecrate our energies more fully that we may enter into these larger purposes for His work in West Africa.

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HAS any worker an old prophetic chart which is no longer in use? One of our African evangelists asks me to get him such a chart to help him in presenting the message for this time. Some of our native workers use the chart in their work with effect. Write me first, and I will tell you where to send it. W. T. BARTLETT.



Brother K. Johannessen with the pupils of the mission school at Dogba, French Cameroons.

The French Cameroons

BY W. T. BARTLETT

At the South Norway Conference Brother K. Johannessen spoke of the work going forward in the French Cameroons, from which field he has just returned on furlough. He was one of the speakers in the young people's programme rendered at the close of the Sabbath, and appeared in the dress of a native chief. He had secured the costume entire by changing clothes with the chief. A summary of his speech follows:

"Africa, mysterious, needy, sinful, seeks for a little, rather let us say a large place in our hearts. French West Africa is almost untouched by the message. We are only two missionaries in a territory covering more than three million square kilometres, and with a population exceeding fourteen millions. Think of it, all these people have yet to hear the message of our dear Saviour, who is soon coming again. Must we not do our duty? Does not our Master's parting word charge us to carry His Gospel to all men? Were not all these Moslems and heathen included in the commandment? Indeed, they were, and we have an obligation to give it to them. Can Mohammed save them? We have in time past sent out many thousands of young men and women to earth's distant bounds, and

many have given their young lives to advance the cause. To-day the crisis is on us, but shall we on that account draw back from duty? No, we are a people who recognize no crisis. He who gave us the charge is mighty to lead His people forward, even though our means are less now than formerly.

"How my heart burns for Africa! If I could only make you understand the need and the misery down there! Africa needs our young men and women, our prayers, and our means. Many thanks for what you have done in times past. Your gifts have won many souls for Jesus. But we must do yet more, for many are waiting in darkness and the time is short. Let us work while there is opportunity.

"I could tell you much that would stir your hearts. Since we went out we have given about 25,000 treatments. If we had had more means we might have made it 200,000. But we have not the money to buy more medicines. Oh, if you could have seen those suffering people coming, so many times crawling to us because disease had eaten away their feet. Many come to us from far-away places. But there are many more who do not know that there is any help. What shall we do for them?

Shall we not go to them with healing for their bodies and their souls?

"This year we could have started ten schools if we had had the money. You know that conditions with us are such that we cannot proclaim the Gospel in a village unless we have a little meeting place. Two years ago we were not able to get any children to come to our school, but now the difficulties are removed. The door is

wide open; shall we not enter?

"Woe is me if I do not proclaim the need and distress I have seen. Let not this appeal go unheeded. Shall we not do our utmost for our brothers and sisters who live in the darkness of sin? May the God we love fill our hearts with love for needy Africa. Dear brethren, bear up your missionaries in the arms of prayer before the throne of grace. Help us carry out the work God has given us."

ous day for us, as well as for the mules. Altogether we rode about seventeen hours that day.

"We had only two days' rain on the whole trek. The first rain-storm was a terrible downpour. It came just as I had reached the top of the first mountain we had to cross after leaving Addis Abeba. By this time, however, the pack mules were not yet half-way up the mountain. The whole mountain-side was covered with a sheet of water and it was evident that the pack mules could not climb up, so we had to go back. We found a sheltered spot on the mountain-side where it was thought we could pitch my tent, and camp for the night. The mules succeeded in reaching this place but before we got the tent up and all the mules unloaded, peasants came and tried to drive us off. They told us we were on privately owned property, and would not listen to our story or pity us in our plight. Finally they told us to see the owner of the land. This we did, and, after much palaver, succeeded in getting his permission to remain there for the night. Before leaving his hut the old man became so friendly that he sent hay and barley for the mules. After thanking the old man profusely for allowing us to stay on his ground and for the mule feed, I gave him some medicine and we became such good friends that he invited me to visit him again when next I passed by, and he would give me all the help I needed. I was indeed happy that all ended so well, especially in view of the forbidding circumstances.

"Such are some of the joys of travel in Ethiopia. Nevertheless we are thankful for the unseen Hand that guides and protects continually."

The Joys of Travel in Ethiopia

WRITING of her journey from Addis Abeba to Dessie, Nurse Høvig gives the following experience:

"I cannot say that I was as enthusiastic about my trip back to Dessie as I was about coming down. Each day brought its difficulties and troubles with the difficulties or negadies. The mules were in such a worn-out, starved condition that they really ought not to have been loaded at all, and I soon realized that it was impossible to get a few of the mules to go on ahead with the camping equipment and food I needed for the journey. It was pitiful indeed to see those poor creatures with backs one mass of sores.

"The head man of the caravan of negadies did not come until the fourth day, and the day we left Addis Abeba some of the unloaded mules were sent back to town to bring coffee for sale in Dessie. This resulted in some of the negadies refusing to pursue the journey until the mules with the coffee returned, and of course, it was with the men who had the things I needed for the journey that I had most trouble. A few were accommodating and willing to go on ahead with me, but as they did not have the loads I needed and the other men would not exchange with them, their good intentions availed nothing so far as I was concerned. It was very trying to be held up a whole day listening to their palaver.

"The negadies would not travel more than two or three hours a day, and between ten and twelve in the morning would then stop

and camp. I was sorry when I heard that they had received all their money in advance as that made it impossible for me to impose a fine upon them. By the tenth day we had gone only half-way.

"In Dovat I was left without food and tent, as only half of the caravan reached there that night and they did not have the things I needed so badly. At noon that day we had pitched our tent down at the river, east of Dovat, during the hottest hours of the day. We asked the negadies how far they would go in the afternoon and they told us to Dovat. So I went on ahead thinking that they would easily reach Dovat by evening. But alas, they did not come. Where they camped for the night was a mystery as it did not seem to me there was any place where they could camp. The next day they showed up at seven o'clock in the morning and went half-way down to the river on the other side and made their camp at eight o'clock in the morning. That was a little too much for me and I succeeded in frightening them a little, so that they agreed to let the negadies who were willing go on ahead and take the loads I needed. Thus we got over the canyon that day. The next day I coaxed them to hurry on to Warru Heilu which we reached Thursday evening.

"Three o'clock Friday morning we left the caravan, and as I did not wish to spend another Sabbath in camp, we made a desperate effort to reach Dessie by Friday evening. We succeeded in doing this though it was a very strenu-

BROTHER CHRISTIAN sailed from Hamburg on June 27th, accompanied by his wife. Sister Christian stood the voyage well, eating and sleeping better than at any time since her operation. Their daughter, Asta, who has been her mother's nurse, accompanied them. Brother Christian will be lecturing at the Advanced Bible School till the Fall Council. The plan is that Sister Christian will remain with her children in California.

"I Have Somewhat to Say Unto Thee"

BY V. E. TOPPENBERG

THESE words Jesus addressed to Simon the Pharisee one day when His heart had been deeply stirred over an act of appreciation and love shown Him by a repentant sinful woman whose debt of sin He graciously had forgiven her.

When we heard how largeheartedly and self-sacrificingly the home fields voluntarily took upon themselves a double portion of the reduced budget, in order that we out here at the front might lack nothing in pressing the battle to a speedy finish, we also felt that we had something to say to you.

We wish to assure you that our hearts were touched. We appreciate more that we can tell all that you so kindly have done for us, and we trust to prove ourselves worthy of your consideration and liberality. We shall pray that the experience of the widow of Zarephath may be yours, and that you may lack nothing.

While we were together in committee meeting giving study to

perplexing financial problems, an intelligent man came to our office from the remote regions of Lake Albert, near the Congo border. He and others out there had read literature distributed in that district by some of our European missionaries, and he had come to us for the special purpose of asking for someone to teach them more fully about the wonderful things of which they had read. When we could give him no promise of an evangelist he told us that if we would let a colporteur stay at his house while canvassing the district he might remain there as long as he liked, for in that way they would have an opportunity to become better acquainted with the truth.

Similar calls from other remote districts have long remained unheeded; for running behind caring for present work, we cannot start new. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

General Conference and the Division for the arrangement that was made for Pastor A. W. Cormack to be with us. His ministry, both at the workers' meetings and at the conferences, was very greatly appreciated. The Lord spoke through His servant, and we shall long remember the many spiritual blessings which came to us as we worshipped together.

The Sabbath services in all the fields will long be remembered. They were occasions when many walked out of bondage into liberty; when many realized answers to their prayers; when backsliders returned to the fold, and when men who had been on the border line for years came back and renewed their covenant relation with God, expressed their confidence in their brethren, and determined to march in the Advent procession to the heavenly kingdom.

There was a splendid contact with our institutions at the Annual Meetings this year. Quite a number of the workers, heads of departments, and others belonging to our institutions, attended the workers' meetings. They were in evidence at the conferences, and the exhibits which they had were very much appreciated by our believers.

Now that the conferences are over, we are addressing ourselves to a large mission programme. We have a large goal this year in the Ingathering work, and already our people have started. We had appeals in from the churches for literature before the magazines were printed, but now the churches are all supplied with their promotion material, and, in many places, the work has begun.

We feel very grateful to the Lord for His prospering hand over His work. As we look back over the past three years and see the souls who have been won from darkness to light, we feel to raise our Ebenezer of praise and gratitude to our heavenly Father. During the years in Britain the work has gone slowly; so, when we see evidence of an awakening in the hearts of the people, we feel that the Lord is moving by His good Spirit and leading us to feel that there are larger prospects ahead. During the past three years the

Annual Meetings of the British Union

BY W. E. READ

WE feel very happy for the privilege of passing on this word of greetings to our fellow-believers in all parts of the Northern European Division. We have just concluded a series of Annual Meetings in the British Isles. We had five altogether, and really as we look back over the seasons of fellowship and association with our believers, we cannot help but feel that the meetings this year have been the best we ever had. This has been the unanimous testimony of our conference workers and also our churchmembers. Never before have they been so conscious of the presence of the Spirit of God. Never before have they felt their hearts drawn out in love one to another as they have this year.

Each meeting was preceded by a Workers' Council which lasted

for two days. These meetings were seasons of real helpfulness, and meant much, we believe, to the Annual Meetings which followed.

We have worked to the plan, during the past few years, of having early morning prayer meetings. These begin at seven o'clock, and our hearts have been greatly cheered in seeing so many attend. We have had more testimony meetings this year than we have had for years, and these have been seasons of real blessing to our dear people. In the closing testimony meeting at the last conference of the series, there were seven or eight people on their feet all the time, ready to press in and bear their testimony of confidence in the message and the goodness of the Lord.

We feel very grateful to the

number baptized and received into the church by vote number 1,304, whereas for the three years before the number was 966. The net gain for the past three years was 452, whereas for the three years before it was 270.

Our ministers and believers are of good courage, and we are pressing on in the work of God. The

burden upon our hearts is that we may be faithful and true to the trust which the Lord has committed to us, that we may unfurl the banner of Prince Immanuel, march against the hosts of sin, and seek to rescue men and women from the enemy's camp, that they may become subjects of the everlasting kingdom.

days. He especially pleaded for the Norway school, struggling against difficulties. He was confident that with more sympathy, and a more generous affection, this school would yet accomplish great things.

A welcome visitor at Copenhagen and Oslo was Brother W. G. C. Murdoch, principal of the English college. His Bible studies and sermons were much appreciated.

There was one memorable morning at Aarhus, in the West Danish meeting. A resolution on tithing was being discussed when someone raised the question whether a sister in receipt of poor relief could be expected to pay tithes. The question opened up a fountain, and for more than an hour there was a stream of personal testimonies to the great things God had done for His children when they honoured Him—even in times of need—with their faithful tithes. It was made clear that God has inflicted on us no hardship in asking us all for tithes; rather He has put in all our hands the key to Heaven's storehouse. The real secret of such prosperity and growth as this cause has enjoyed is to be found in our general acceptance of the truth on tithing.

I am now attending the North Norway Conference in Tromsø, where the sun has not gone down for many days. Here we are walking in the light and, contrary to nature, sleeping in it. In a later article I will write something about this meeting.

In the West Nordic Union

BY W. T. BARTLETT

THE conferences in West and East Denmark and in South Norway have been "times of refreshing." In each place the delegations put in an early appearance, although in two conferences the first meeting was held on Monday night. There was a full attendance everywhere and at each place the Sabbath congregations crowded the large halls hired for the occasion. Abundant opportunity was given for prayer and testimony, and the people rejoiced deeply over the spiritual blessings received. Plans for advance moves were eagerly discussed, and everywhere there seemed to be an earnest determination to press the work more strongly. The West Nordic Union has entered heartily into the campaign for increasing the Sabbath-school offerings, and this fact is an index to the spirit that prevails throughout the Union. Everywhere the people seemed well satisfied with the existing leadership, and united among themselves.

Brother L. Muderspach, Karl Abrahamsen, the Union Department Secretary, and I attended all the meetings. Brother K. Johannessen, just home on his first furlough, was an inspired and inspiring advocate of the mission cause at Oslo. Nurse Carensa Olsen, of Gendia, was at the same meeting, finishing up her furlough. A leading worker in West Denmark, Pastor Broberg, was under appointment for West Africa, and left the West Danish Conference to make his preparations for departure. At Oslo the young people's meeting on Sabbath evening raised a third of their year's goal

by the collection, and the two Danish conferences did better still. Brother Dick, just back from West Africa, made powerful pleas for stronger work in Africa, and stirred up deep enthusiasm. Our veteran worker, M. M. Olsen, now eighty years of age, entered into everything at the Copenhagen meeting and pronounced it one of the best in all his long experience.

At Oslo there was a quiet but steady determination to work for a Norwegian sanitarium. There was a great interest in all that pertained to the health work. The rocks and hills of Norway produce few vegetables, and they get their food largely from the sea, but they could not understand how Seventh-Day Adventists could be so wantonly indifferent to the principles of health reform, with which God had blessed us, as to be using tea and coffee. Pastor L. H. Christian was at Oslo for a few

The East Nordic Union

BY C. V. ANDERSON

THREE years had passed since I had the privilege of attending the annual meetings of the East Nordic Union. Because of having laboured several years in the soul-winning cause in Sweden the pleasure of revisiting it was so much greater when meeting many whom I had by God's grace won to the message.

I attended the three Swedish-speaking Conferences of the Union, viz.: The Swedish Conference in Finland, held at Hel-

singfors, representing a church membership of 400, the North Swedish Conference convening at Stockholm, Sweden, and the South Swedish Conference holding its session in Gothenburg. These last two reported a constituency of 1,303 and 1,103 respectively, these figures being for the first quarter of 1935.

God has blessed our work in Sweden with a fast increasing membership. In 1921 the figure was 1,129, practically that of the

South Swedish Conference at the present time. It took forty years of labour to see those 1,129 souls born into the message. During the past fourteen years the membership has more than doubled. The work is onward, but the leaders and people are not satisfied. They feel that more souls should be won, and to that end they are bending every energy. There are 2,800 Swedish-speaking Adventists in Sweden and Finland to-day.

The leaders of the respective fields were selected, Adolf Blomstedt as leader of the Swedish Conference in Finland, Knut Sandström of the North Swedish Conference, and Carl Gidlund of the South Swedish Conference. All seem to be enjoying the confidence of their respective memberships and are doing good work.

The health institutions of the Union are prospering both spiritually and financially under the mighty hand of God. Hultafors Sanitarium and Nyhyttans Badanstalt are open the year round, and have enjoyed a wonderful patronage. Ekebyholm and Toivonlinna, where our schools are located in Sweden and Finland respectively, become summer health resorts as soon as the school year closes. At the time of writing, both places are filled to capacity with a good class of people, many of whom are truth-seekers.

During the past year seventy-five young people attended the Swedish school at Ekebyholm. Four students were from the Swedish Conference in Finland. Eight young people were baptized at the close of the school year. Nineteen finished the course of study assigned them.

A very marked interest was shown in the business sessions of the conferences this year. The attendance at these sessions was better than usual, and a lively part was taken in the discussions. However, the most impressive and encouraging part of every meeting was the prayer and testimony services. A real spirit of prayer and praise took possession of the people. There was no wasting of time at either the prayer meetings or praise services. On the contrary, it was difficult to bring them to a

close. Surely a spirit of intercession is taking possession of the people of God in the North. All feel that solemn times are upon us.

All live in expectancy. They want the latter rain to visit them.

May God bless the East Nordic Union.

The South Swedish Conference

BY W. G. MURDOCH

THE South Swedish Conference was held in the city of Gothenburg. Throughout there was a marked spirit of deep consecration. Especially encouraging was it to hear the reports from the young men who are developing into valiant soul-winners in the cause. All had been successful in winning a goodly number of souls this past year, and so the work in this conference is onward.

Pastor C. Gidlund was re-elected president, and Anna Sundqvist as secretary-treasurer.

Many remarked that these annual meetings are getting better year by year. This is as it should be. There is a greater disposition on the part of our members to attend all of the meetings and to take the blessings received back home to their churches. Under the strong leadership of Pastor G. A. Lindsay the work is making rapid progress in the East Nordic Union, and the Lord is calling out many from error and darkness into the light of His glorious truth.

The Annual Meeting in Finland

BY W. G. MURDOCH

THE annual meeting was held this year in the city of Kuopio. This gave an opportunity for many from the northern part of the country to attend the gathering. There was a large attendance and the Bible studies were characterized by a marked interest on the part of all. The Sabbath day was a day of real Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit. Backsliders decided to return to God; others asked for special prayer and intercession to be made for their loved ones, and all determined to break with every sin and be prepared for the coming of the Lord. It was a real joy to associate with these believers and to see their ardent zeal for the truth.

This has been almost a record year in soul-winning for the Finnish Conference. One of the evangelists, Pastor T. Stahlborg, has over 150 keeping the Sabbath from his last effort in Abo. On Sunday morning hundreds gathered beside one of Finland's many beautiful lakes and after a solemn talk by Pastor A. Blomberg, Pastor K. Soisalo led sixteen candi-

dates through the waters of baptism.

The workers in Finland are strong; the people in this northern country are very religious and have an ardent zeal for this truth.

Pastor V. Kohtanen, who is loved by all, was re-elected as president, and Y. Miettinen as secretary.

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A Call to Prayer

A CABLE just received from Takoma Park reads as follows:

"In view serious world condition, financial perplexities, rumours of war, political unrest, affecting progress of message, General Conference Committee calls for Day of Fasting and Prayer throughout churches August twenty-four for holding winds for finishing of work."

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The Polish Youths' Congress

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UPON arriving in Warszawa, Poland, during the early part of June, I was directed to that part of the city known as Praha. As we entered the spacious halls of the Jewish Academy, we were detained at the entrance to the lecture hall, where the Advent Youth of the Polish Union were to spend four happy days together. Every name was registered in a book and each one received a Congress badge and membership card, the latter allowing him free access to all gatherings and granting him the hospitality of the Congress. This was necessary as a safeguard against some troublesome folk who hung around anxious to disturb.

Altogether 428 persons were enrolled as participants in this first Youths' Congress held in Poland. From the first moment the Spirit of God was present to bless.

The lecture hall was really a half circle with the platform in the centre. A balcony ran the length of the half circle as well. All singing was rendered from the balcony, so as to cause the least disturbance. Three groups of singers gave variety to the programme. They were always in their places and seemed to have an endless supply of songs. Never once was the leader of the meetings disappointed as he looked up to the balcony and asked for a song. Three distinct types of song were rendered. The Polish singers comprised the largest chorus. They gave short anthems and hymns of praise peculiar to the nation. The Russian choir sang psalms in that marvellous minor key that stirred the heart. The German singers—the smallest group, were accompanied by guitars. They sang those old, yet always new, German hymns of trust and faith. God bless these singers.

Each conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary in turn (five in all) called on members from each church represented at the Congress from his field. Each group took the platform by turn and brought greetings to the Congress from the Missionary Volun-

teer Societies represented. We were strongly reminded of the dispersion of tongues. At least five languages were spoken. Would you care to know the places these young people came from? I know you can't pronounce half the names, but it might awaken a bit of sympathy in your heart for the people who have words like these in their language. And then do not forget that your language to them is just as impossible.

From the South Polish Conference, the following five churches were represented:

Komionka Wielke	Lwow
Hocollowka	Polonca
Kolomyha	

The East Polish Conference had eleven churches represented, as follows:

Pozarki	Pinsk
Mlynow	Swiniuchy
Aleksandrowska	Czechowezyczna
Siedlische	Sierniczki
Rejowiec	Mycko
Horodno	

The North Polish Conference is the smallest conference in the Union. Nevertheless, five churches were represented:

Wilno	Slonim
Bialystok	Grodno
Krasna Wies	

The West Polish Conference had thirteen representatives from nearly as many churches, viz.:

Warszawa	Leszno
Lodz	Posen
Petrokow	Bydgoszcz
Danielow	Graudenz
Tomaszow	Tzev
Kalisz	

The Silesian Conference, with the largest membership in the Union, had eleven churches represented:

Libnitz	Skotzow
Olhawa	Dombrowa
Krakow	Prsiyna
Katowice	Bielsko and Biala
Czehowitza	Kwacsala
Teshen	

A wonderful spirit of eagerness and solemnity pervaded the meetings. No one seemed to want to miss a word. Practical Christianity was discussed from every angle. Enthusiasm ran high. We have a fine lot of young people in Poland.

Pastor T. T. Babienco, the presi-

dent of the Union, A. Schwital, the recently chosen leader of the Polish School, and the Division Missionary Volunteer Secretary bore the burden of instruction. However, all the presidents and Missionary Volunteer Secretaries of the five conferences were in attendance. The close co-operation of all made the meeting a real success.

The Sabbath was truly a day of consecration. Hearts were melted, sins were confessed, wrongs were righted, as Brother Babienco read the plain Word of God to eager listeners.

We believe this youths' gathering will mean much to the future work in Poland. Our youth, when encouraged and trained, become a mighty force in winning souls to the Master. May God bless the work for our young people there.

A Colporteur

BY L. MUDERSPACH

WHEN the field missionary secretary gave his report at the East Danish Conference he mentioned that one colporteur especially was worth our remembrance and thanks. And it is true.

This brother's name is P. Petersen. He is seventy-three years old and still out in the blessed literature-evangelistic work, with which he now has been connected for thirty-two years without any break. On an average this brother has worked forty hours each week this many years. Brother Weaks used to call him, "the busiest colporteur in all Europe."

In the thirty-two years Brother Petersen has sold about 300,000 kroners' worth of literature, and he works in such a quiet and modest way that people like to see him again. He often says that it is perseverance that gives results, and his life shows the truth of this expression.

When he rose to give his testimony, he said that he was happy in the work, and still wanted to do his best as long as his strength permits. His testimonies brought encouragement to his younger fellow-workers. May God more and more bless this faithful servant of His.