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Progress in Nigeria

By C. V. ANDERSON

WHAT a densely populated country! That is the first impression received upon visiting Nigeria. And true, statistics tell us that 22,000,000 people live within its borders. In other words, one-seventh of Africa's population live in Nigeria. If one-seventh of Africa's mission budget were allotted to Nigeria, and if one-seventh of the attention of mission interests in Africa were centred in Nigeria, the picture of progress of Advent missions in Nigeria would look vastly different to-day. We have turned our attention to the less populous areas of this vast continent in times past, mostly because of the bad reputation the West Coast of Africa has had climatically. True, it is the black man's country. On the other hand, climate is no excuse for neglecting the most densely populated country of all Africa.

Eight families plus one single lady comprise the present European staff of workers in Nigeria. They are heroically developing a staff of native workers, as well as organizing the growing membership to become an evangelistic force. You need not be a mathematician to figure out that each family is responsible for over 2,500,000 people. The task is stupendous and, humanly speaking, impossible. However, with God all things are possible. With the power of God great things are done. So in Nigeria the slender force of workers are happy to link up with Almighty God in service and they have not been disappointed with the results.

Two thousand five hundred new members were added to the Sabbath-schools during the 1935 twelve-month period, bringing the total number of adherents up to 10,000 in Nigeria. Certainly the harvest is ripe! The cry is, "Where are the reapers?"

In the midst of rejoicing over increased membership and a good financial showing, a cup of sorrow was given the believers to drink. Miss Wharrie, the Union treasurer, had just returned from furlough full of life and plans for aggressive advance. In the midst of preparation for the annual committee session she was struck down by the dreaded mosquito. Cerebral malaria laid her in the grave after only five days' illness. I entered a house of sorrow, our sister having been laid to rest the day previous to my arrival. Memorial services were held on the Sabbath. Both European and African workers mourn the loss of a beloved and faithful worker.

These camp meetings are wonderful things. They create a great spirit of oneness and sacrifice. Brother Till, in the Awtun district, was greatly encouraged to see a substantial increase in attendance. At least twenty groups of believers were represented, some having walked as far as sixty miles to attend. Especially noticeable was the increased number of women attending. That is taken as a hopeful sign of an awakening among

them. At least a dozen mothers were present from one church, with a bundle of food on the head and a baby tied on the back. These mothers had walked fifteen miles to be present. There must be something out of the ordinary going on in the heart to compel them to make such a physical effort on behalf of spiritual things. The South-Eastern Nigerian camp meeting numbered over 4,000 in attendance.

A large girls' school compound was in process of erection at the time of my visit at Aba. It is hoped that this girls' school will meet a long-felt need in South-east Nigeria.

The clinic in North Nigeria is continuing to wield an influence impossible to estimate. It has been breaking down prejudice and slowly winning its way into the hearts of these primitive peoples. Doubtless the medical work has done its part in bringing about an awakening among a group of villages a few miles from the mission. It was my privilege to meet with these scantily clad folk in morning worship in a church building they were erecting themselves. They were very attentive, showing evidence of the mighty power of God in their lives. The first-fruits will soon be baptized.

I had the joy of attending a workers' meeting in the south-east section of the field. The workers take God at His word, and signs and wonders are following.

A Missionary Volunteer band was out preaching in a certain village. In this village a man lived

who became possessed of an evil spirit every time he heard the village drum beat. This devil-possessed man listened to our Missionary Volunteers preach the message. He was impressed with what he heard and challenged the group by saying, "If you cast out the evil spirit that takes possession of me I will serve God." "If you believe in Jesus Christ, the spirit will leave you," was the answer. "All right, I believe. Now you pray for me," was the response and the request of the tormented man. Those Missionary Volunteers took the matter to God without delay, believing in His Word and power. The following Sabbath this man was present at the services and has not been bothered by the spirits since.

Some women were attending our meetings. Everyone in the home compound did not approve of this, hence the witch doctor, or the Jujū priest as he is otherwise called, was asked to intervene. He threatened the women without avail. He next used medicines, expecting to intimidate the women. Even these failed. He resorted to charms, expecting the women to fall ill, but nothing happened, except that the women continued to worship God. This series of failures caused the doctor to conclude that witchcraft was of little profit. He attended Sabbath services for a while. On Sabbath he invited the members to his home and in their presence burned all his fetishes and idols. "God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform."

One young evangelist told of an elderly woman who had been bedridden for nineteen years. She sent for him, saying: "I have spent much on witch doctors and in sacrifices for my health, but am no better. I have spent 1,200 manillas (a bit of iron used in trading, worth in stable times about a shilling) and sacrificed goats, dogs, chickens, snails, and eggs without number. I have heard about you having helped my neighbour. Will you introduce me to your doctor?"

"I shall be glad to," was the response, "and he will charge you nothing but faith and obedience."

"I prayed for her," said the evangelist, and she was relieved of her sickness. Three months later we burned her idols. She is now a member of the baptismal class.

I was impressed with the way these men told of God's wonders. It seemed to them the natural thing and a part of the preaching of the Gospel. The work of God is onward in Nigeria. Many faithful

members are being gathered out of Babylon and heathenism. The needs are many. A hospital with a good doctor is needed in order to help the helpless physically, as well as to add prestige to our growing work. Workers with faith in God and power to do exploits for Him are needed everywhere. Pray for the work in Nigeria.

The Liberian Mission

BY C. V. ANDERSON

It was a bright Sunday morning in December that the "Abossa" cast anchor off the surf at Monrovia, Liberia. Everything appeared so peaceful and even the surf boats pushed forward with long unwieldy oars did not seem to disturb the peace. A large motor-boat hove into view with a flag flying. Someone laughingly remarked that this tug was the Liberian navy. Little could one imagine from this first impression that treachery and much else lay beyond the harbour. Think of it! here live thousands of native-born citizens, ruled by freed slaves from other countries, who moved here for liberty. But oh, this rule has turned into misrule, until the better informed tell us that this is a land of secret societies, intrigues against one another and everyone for personal gain, as well as bankruptcy. Liberia has no bank. A rubber company operating there owns the bank and runs the business. Evidently the saying is only too true: "The love of liberty brought us here: the lack of money keeps us here."

The country has no railway of any kind and only one piece of motor-road leading seventy miles up-country besides, of course, the roads made and kept by the rubber plantation company. Every village seems to rob and fear the neighbouring village. The bush devil has bound the minds and customs of high and low to a surprising extent. The Liberian trader does not hesitate to exploit the native. All these factors combine to cause unrest throughout the population, and hardship and difficulties unpeak-

able for the missionary whose only aim is to raise the moral standard and help the people.

"What a picture," you say. Now insert into this picture the work of Adventist missions. Before a motor-road of any kind existed, our missionary family Noltze trudged 160 miles into the wild bush and started living the Gospel. A school was opened and a dispensary started. These factors, together with preaching and living, soon created an interest. A Missionary Volunteer group has been active in seed-sowing. Every week they learn a message. On the appointed day they visit homes and farms two by two and deliver the same message. This method impresses the people greatly as they compare notes and find that most have had a visit during the day by different people, but the same text with the same message has been presented. The mission work has gradually been breaking down prejudice, but simultaneously awakening animosity. Parents have seen their children being drawn away from heathen customs. Their secret powers have been challenged. The battle between good and evil is on. Satan has had things his own way too long. He determines to hold the fort. One day after Sister Noltze had taken her son to Germany and Brother Noltze was visiting elsewhere, enemies set fire to the mission home. The Noltzes lost everything they had except the little travelling equipment they had with them. Brother Noltze is the only European Seventh-Day Adventist missionary in Liberia at the moment.

It was a privilege to talk with this man and learn of his plans and see his courage. Brother Noltze is now in charge of the work in Liberia. They are manning the Liiwa station, where the Noltzes have been, with an African worker.

Farther down the coast and forty miles up-country, the Palmberg station is located. This station has a school, a dispensary, and a small press. The European who was in charge has been transferred to Tanganyika, East Africa, leaving this growing work in the hands of our African Pastor Harding, from Sierra Leone. They were planning a baptism here.

Somewhere midway between these two mission stations, sixty-five miles from Monrovia, on the main highway which in time is to extend to the northern boundary of that country, our brother has found a location for a third centre of influence from which the work there and on the other stations may be directed. This new station on the Konola river will not be as isolated as the others and will give our missionaries a better opportunity of stretching out and reaching the people of this benighted land. Brother Noltze is now building on this new site. He hopes to have a house completed before going on furlough. He will then have a house to take his wife and little son to upon their return.

A second family will accompany him. This family is from Finland. Brother Ketola and family are now in England studying English, preparatory to taking up work in Liberia.

We have a few baptized members in Liberia. Hitherto the work has been seed-sowing. It is beginning to bear a harvest. God grant these two missionary families the power of God to live and win these people of Liberia for Christ.

Forget not the pioneers in dark Liberia. Pray daily for their health and success.



"OUR hearts are to be so filled with the love of Christ that our words of thanksgiving shall warm other hearts. This is service that all can perform, and the Lord accepts it as offered to Himself."

Soul Winning in the East Nordic Union

BY G. LINDSAY

THE East Nordic Union is now nearing the 5,000 mark in membership. Some of us have long entertained hopes that we should fully reach that mark by the time of the Union Conference session in July, and now we strongly believe that we can.

While we have not yet experienced the measure of success in the work for God that we long for, we have felt quite encouraged as we have been looking over some reports for the past six years. Since the last General Conference session our membership has increased by forty-three per cent, a net gain of 1,478 members. We are praying for the power and success of the apostolic church, and we know that God is willing to give it when we are ready.

The force of workers in the four conferences has not been as large as it should have been in such a widespread field. The yearly average of evangelistic workers, including the presidents and departmental secretaries, has been ten ordained ministers, eighteen licentiates, and fourteen Bible-workers. Truly we can say that

it is with us to-day as it was over in Jerusalem in the days of the restoring of the city and the temple that "we are separated upon the wall, one far from the other." The truth of that statement becomes even more emphatic when we observe that the territory comprising the East Nordic Union is three and one-half times as large as England, Scotland, and Wales. Over this far stretched area are scattered the ninety-six churches.

Were it not for the faithful services of the colporteurs, it would be impossible to reach all the people in this field with the Advent message. But they go into the most sparsely populated districts, sometimes not being able to make more than a couple of calls a day.

There is a deep longing to hear the Advent message in many places, both in Sweden and Finland. The workers are being asked by interested ones to come to this and that place to preach on the subjects that they have seen advertised in the newspapers serving large districts. Many also go a long way to hear the message for our time.

The South Swedish Conference

BY C. GIDLUND

The South Swedish Conference was organized when the Swedish Conference was divided in 1929. At that time the membership numbered 756. At the present time we have 1,148 members, with fifteen workers in the field, the majority of them young men with a burning desire to win souls for Christ. We thank the Lord for this corps of workers who have dedicated their lives to the Master's service.

Our members in the conference have also shown great zeal for the finishing of the work in this part of our country as well as unto the uttermost parts of the earth. This has especially been shown in the Harvest Ingathering work.

Every year we have gone beyond the goal, and last year we reached the largest total we have ever had, namely Kr.32,600. Many of our members have gathered Kr.600-700, and this they have done with joy and enthusiasm. We believe that the Lord, through His people, will accomplish great things when they with willing hearts give themselves to serve His purpose.

Last fall the conference office was able to move into its own building, and on January 4th of this year the new church in Gothenburg was dedicated. This was a big day for both the church and the conference. The Lord has blessed our work in a wonderful

way. The site comprises a three-story building, the church occupying the main floor, and cost approximately Kr.215,000. Of this we have paid Kr.116,000. The income for the part let out to families brings in a return of about Kr.9,000-10,000 a year, which will well care for the interest on the sum that we owe. We have experienced many evidences of liberality and love for this cause. For example, one sister gave Kr.14,000, another Kr.7,000. We praise God for the love and loyalty to the work which our brethren and sisters always have shown. And the Lord will impress even those who are not members to bring their gifts. An experience from one of our churches I should specially mention.

Some time ago a lawyer visited one of our sisters in her place of business. Her Christian life had deeply impressed him, and he questioned her about the work our denomination was doing. Then he told her that an old couple, man and wife, had decided to give a legacy of a quarter-million kroner to missions. Different churches had received donations, but they had not been satisfied with their share, and so the will had been changed seventeen times. During this time the lawyer began to think about the Adventists, because of his acquaintance with the above-mentioned sister. He asked for an interview with me for further information concerning our denomination. He was greatly surprised at what he heard about our missionary activities, took notes, and went afterward to the old couple fully determined that the Adventists should also receive their share. This old couple had not heard about the Adventists or known them, but through this lawyer's testimony the will was again changed to our benefit. A short time ago he intimated that we would receive a five-figure sum. When the sister then asked him if it was at least Kr.10,000 he answered: "Yes, much more, but I'm not permitted to say how much." Yes, wonderful are the ways of the Lord when He works upon the hearts of the people. Praise be to His name!

The North Swedish Conference

BY K. SANDSTROM

SWEDEN is geographically divided into three parts, Götaland, Svealand, and Norrland. The North Swedish Conference includes Svealand and Norrland, a territory which covers about three-quarters of the total area of Sweden. Due to its geographical situation the northern part (Norrland) is sparsely settled, so the entire population in the conference area numbers only 3,107,176, about half of the population of Sweden. Our most northerly church is in Gällivare-Malmberget. The journey by train from our office in Stockholm to this church takes from twenty-six to twenty-seven hours. At the beginning of the year there were, within the conference, twenty-nine churches, with a membership of 1,364. Compared with the population this means one Seventh-Day Adventist to every 2,300 inhabitants.

This year the conference is carrying on evangelical work in twenty different places. Some workers carry on efforts in two or three places simultaneously. Four ordained ministers, three licentiates, and six Bible-workers are employed. We rejoice over the good interest in Stockholm and other places where the Advent message is being preached.

During 1935 the tithe amounted to Kr.65,967, an increase of Kr.5,585, while the gifts to missions amounted to Kr.59,801, an in-

crease of Kr.10,262. Our colporteurs sold literature to a value of Kr.49,668. During the summer months most of the students from our training school engage in colporteur work and most of them earn their scholarships.

Our churchmembers love the Advent message and revere it as a precious treasure. Many make great sacrifices for their faith and remain true to God in spite of opposition in the home. Our brethren and sisters love home missions and let their light shine where they live. Many churches have organized welfare and Dorcas societies, and accomplish a good work among their needy neighbors.

In the Harvest Ingathering work our members show a real zeal, and enthusiasm is high during the campaign. We have some married sisters who for one or two weeks or more leave their work at home and go long distances to spread the Harvest Ingathering paper and gather in means for missions. Our members listen with delight to reports from mission lands and rejoice over the triumph of the Advent message in all the world. They want to remain true to the end, and rejoice in the blessed hope that soon they may see Jesus and be like Him when He returns from "Zion, the perfection of beauty," to gather together His chosen ones.

The Finland Conference

BY V. B. KOHTANEN

SUOMI, the land of the "thousand lakes," stretches before us from the Gulf of Finland in the south to the Arctic Ocean in the north, a distance of 1,160 kilometres. The whole area of Finland is 390,000 square kilometres, and of this one-ninth is a chain of lakes. There are said to be 80,000 lakes in Finland and innumerable islands. Three and a half million people are scattered in this great area, the

northern part especially being very thinly populated. The proclamation of the truth to these people is the great burden of our souls. Perhaps some of our co-workers in those great nations where the masses of people are concentrated in small areas, and where one city has twice as many people as there are in all Finland, would not consider this a task at all, but we must remember the vast

area and consider how difficult it is to bring the truth to thinly populated sections.

The Advent message has been in Finland for forty-four years. It was first proclaimed only among the Swedish-speaking people, who constitute a tenth of the population, living on the southern and western coasts. The work among the Finnish-speaking population began in the autumn of 1908, there being then only about 137 Adventists in the whole country. The conference was organized in 1909. As the work progressed and the membership grew to nearly 1,500, in the end of 1928 the conference was divided into two, the Finland Conference and the Finland-Swedish Conference, the membership of the last named being about 300 and of the former about 1,200. In 1930 the membership of the Finland Conference was 1,265. During the five years which have since passed the work has grown rapidly, so that the membership in the end of 1935 was 1,950. The net gain for the past year was 175. We thank God for this good progress. As there is, at the same date, in the Finland-Swedish Conference a membership of above 400, we may rejoice to know that there are in Finland now nearly 2,400 Adventists.

To carry the work among the Finnish population we have four ordained ministers, three licensed ministers, and seven licensed missionaries. These, together with the churchmembers, were able in 1935 to win 267 new members. Of these quite a number were won through the work of the church during 1935. One lay sister, a Bible-worker before her marriage, held meetings through the winter at her own expense in a suburb where she lives, with the result that ten souls were won to the message and added to the membership of the church. The workers, too, have had good results from their efforts. In places that have been worked in earlier years with small results there have now been won scores to the truth. These serious times make the hearts of the people more susceptible to the Word of God. There was a special blessing resting over the work in the city of

Åbo, where one of our ministers, Brother Seljavaara, together with two Bible-workers, one of them a laymember, conducted the effort. As a result of their strivings they had the joy to receive into the church membership nearly one hundred and twenty souls.

The work has prospered financially. The tithes increased by 15.5 per cent, the Sabbath-school offerings by 17 per cent, and the Harvest Ingathering by 8.2 per cent, when compared with the previous year. The offerings to missions are just sixty per cent of our tithe, so we are in line with the average contributions to missions.

There is one thing that greatly hinders the work of the churches and it is the need of church buildings. Only two of the twenty-nine churches have a church building of their own. We are endeavouring, if possible, to get church

buildings for two of our largest churches, namely Viborg and Åbo, this year.

The future seems bright for the work in Finland. During the present year we are conducting efforts only in eight different places. Three ordained ministers, three licensed ministers, and seven licensed missionaries are caring for these. The prospects are bright in some of these places, and we hope that God will give us a good harvest of souls. We believe that God has great things for us if we only keep close to Him. We have the privilege of sending our first missionary couple to the foreign field, Liberia, this year. I hope that this will further increase the interest of our churches in the mission fields. The Lord will finish the work in Finland in that day when it shall be finished in other countries.

The Finland-Swedish Conference

BY ADOLF BLOMSTEDT

For about 700 to 800 years a large section of the coastal regions of Finland have been settled by Swedish-speaking peoples. They number now between 350,000 and 400,000, or one-tenth of the total population of Finland. They have their own public and private schools and a separate bishopric of the Lutheran State Church, which includes all the Swedish-speaking communities in the country. A private university in Åbo and a strong department in the national university at Helsingfors, where about 1,200 Swedish students are receiving instruction in their mother tongue, provide them with higher learning. Their political interests are taken care of by their own group of men in Parliament and the Cabinet. In culture they rank well with their lingual relatives in Sweden—a large share of the Swedish literature coming from Swedish-speaking Finland. In spirit and customs these people are decidedly conservative, and for this reason the sects or free churches have not had the same success here as in Sweden. The state church seems

to satisfy the religious needs of the majority.

Among these people the message began to be preached more than forty years ago. A conference was organized in 1909 with 160 members. Then after the large growth of the work among the Finnish-speaking populace the Swedish members were organized into a separate conference in 1929 with about 300 members. By January 1, 1936, this number had grown to 426 in twenty-three churches and companies. The working force at present is only one minister, one licentiate, one Bible-worker and a departmental secretary, who also serves the conference as secretary-treasurer.

During the past three years there has been a fair and steady growth. By baptism and profession of faith 143 new members have been received into church fellowship. The tithe has increased 12.5 per cent, while the mission offerings show a gain of over 14 per cent. For this we thank our heavenly Father, realizing, however, that with "showers of refreshing rain" over our field the

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
N. E. Division							14								
Baltic Union	109	47	59	26	-37	5,421	69	39	165	5,460	3,988	\$	NO COMPLETE REPORT		
British	2	82	48	38	25	-13	5,345	102	55	151	4,029	\$	36,356.30	0.52	6,122.36
E. Nordic	3	97	5	63	16	-85	4,803	62	71	179	4,213	\$	12,534.40	0.20	2,909.50
Polish	4	147	19	10	15	-7	3,251	57	64	161	3,709	\$	2,103.30	0.05	585.45
W. Nordic	5	133	33	49	25	-27	6,650	63	66	179	5,983	\$	20,630.50	0.24	4,628.65
Union Tls. 1st qtr. 1936	569	152	224	107	-169	25,470	367	295	835	24,875	18,901	\$	71,664.50	0.27	14,245.96
E. Afr'n Union Miss.	6	32	31	81	4	-52	3,883	12		168	11,571	\$	1,314.10	0.03	965.92
Ethiopian	7	7					321	23		9	418	\$	NO REPORT		
Gold Coast	7	71	4	5	63		728	3		56	3,388	\$	723.60	0.08	243.07
Nigerian	9	4	18	1		17	1,538	16		115	9,373	\$	730.90	0.04	347.37
Sierra Leone	10	4	29	100		-73	412	5		24	1,234	\$	367.10	0.06	98.74
Upper Nile	11	3	38	1	3	34	198	7		22	609	\$	200.30	0.09	67.23
French Equa. Msn.	12						14	4		1	54	\$	47.70	0.26	22.02
Mis's Tls. 4th qtr. 1935	57	187	187	12	-11	7,094	70	...	395	26,647	22,716	\$	3,383.70	0.04	1,744.35
Grand Tls. 1st qtr. 1936	625	339	411	119	-180	32,564	457	295	1,230	51,522	41,617	\$	75,048.20	0.21	15,990.31

gains would, indeed, be more to the glory of God both in quality and quantity.

We have, however, seen many evidences of God's blessing and guidance in our work. In one of the small towns in the south a man and his wife had bravely begun keeping the Sabbath. They were threatened with loss of employment, but they kept true. A short time later I made a remark in a public meeting in another city by way of illustration about a family (meaning this one) who was sorely underpaid, contrasting that with God's way of treating His children. Late that evening an envelope was dropped into our mailbox by a lady not of our faith who attended the meetings. It was found to contain a gift of F.Mk.1,400 for the family mentioned. This was as much as our brother at that time could earn in ten weeks. I shall not soon forget the tears of joy with which the gift was received by this grateful family. Yet this was not all. After a half year of faithfulness to God in Sabbath-keeping and tithe-paying, this man is to-day receiving better wages than any of his fellow-workers.

A few months ago a young lady, who was manager of a chain milk store in the capital city, became convinced of the truth and felt compelled to obey. After a hard struggle with God in prayer she decided to do so, even if it cost her the fine position she had held for six years. Like Abraham of

old she had to go "a three days' journey" to make her sacrifice in obedience to God's commandments. As she came up to her employer the first day, he spoke harshly to her and then told her to return another day. The next day he could, or would, not take the time to talk with her. Finally on the third day she was given opportunity to present her case. She testified of her faith and the stand she had taken, and as the manager listened to her story tears came to his eyes. Though she could not keep her former position, he promised her continued employment with the firm, and as he pressed her hand in leaving he said: "Miss —, you have taught me something to-day that I have never known before."

We have also been pleased to see some men and women of influence taking their stand for the truth. A doctor of philosophy and his wife were baptized about two years ago and are proving a great blessing to the church. Three others who are related to the president of Finland are preparing for baptism and others, through their influence, are studying the message.

For the present year the prospects otherwise may not seem so bright. Our working force has been reduced and other conditions are less propitious than heretofore. Yet we are forging ahead. Our evangelist in the northern part of the conference is working the

second year in practically the same limited field with fair interest. Villages which, only a few months ago, were desirous of hearing the truth are now, however, prejudiced and opposed to us because of the lying tales of the religious opposition. We are, nevertheless, looking for an addition to the sixteen new members who were won there last year. In Helsingfors the writer is continuing meetings for the fourth consecutive year with a good interest. Besides this, a new effort has been started in Åbo. Here, however, the Swedish population is hard to reach and our attendance is about 100. Many of these are, however, showing a fine interest.

Our own people throughout the conference are of good courage. They are prayerfully awaiting greater blessings from God as the coming of Christ draweth on apace. While so doing they are earnestly and enthusiastically working and giving of their means to carry the message to all the world. May we together work and pray that all the promises of God shortly may be fulfilled and thus God's people be made ready for the return of our Lord.

It is not the great service and the lofty aspirations which receive the approval of God, but the love and consecration through which the service is performed, be it little or great.—E. G. White.

for the Quarter Ended March 31, 1936

Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offering	Miscellaneous Offerings	Week of Sacrifice	Young People's Offerings	Big Week	Total Offerings	Total Offerings per capita	Percentage of Offerings to Tithe	Total Contributions for Home Missionary Work	Total Contributions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Sales
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
281.79	119.88	1,715.27	98.78	178.37	19.62	8,536.07	0.12	23.4	125.76	1,374.71	2,859.55
128.72	107.89	26.08	24.17	27.07	333.36	3,561.03	0.06	28.4	242.36	4,592.78	16,825.63
7.58	5.05	.....	0.06	14.14	25.83	638.11	0.02	30.3	2,455.63	1,300.92	11,888.30
210.91	165.73	21.63	62.93	56.03	663.48	5,814.98	0.07	28.2	48.91	234.41	1,028.46
629.00	399.55	1,762.98	185.94	275.61	1,042.29	18,550.19	0.07	25.9	867.66	1,990.06	20,293.00
975.54	333.94	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,275.40	0.04	173.1	.....	.....	137.82
1,413.72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,658.79	0.19	229.0	.....	.....	.....
1,749.75	23.78	.....	54.06	.....	5.60	2,180.56	0.11	298.3	.....	.....	.....
228.30	55.17	.....	48.21	.....	.....	430.42	0.07	117.2	.....	.....	.....
1.92	120.39	.....	.....	.....	.....	189.54	0.09	94.6	.....	.....	7.79
.....	11.87	.....	15.82	.....	.....	49.71	0.27	104.2	.....	.....	.....
4,369.23	545.15	.....	118.09	.....	5.60	6,782.42	0.07	200.4	.....	.....	145.61
4,995.23	944.70	1,762.98	304.03	275.61	1,047.89	25,332.61	0.07	33.7	3,743.32	9,492.88	53,040.55

Literature Work in the West Nordic Union

BY A. C. CHRISTENSEN

WE feel grateful indeed to be able to report that our literature sales in Denmark and Norway during 1935 amounted to a total of Kr.367,651.70, which is an increase of Kr.28,602.78 compared with the previous year.

At the request of others, I shall in this connection make mention of an experience which we have had with our health paper. In Oslo we print and publish a Norwegian edition of *Sundhetsbladet*, and also a Danish edition which we send to Denmark. For political reasons (such as the Greenland problem), the general sentiment in Norway toward everything Danish has been rather cool, and our salesmen found it necessary that we, besides having Dr. Ottosen as editor of our health paper, also employ a Norwegian physician as associate editor, in order to meet the charge made by competitors that our paper was Danish, not Norwegian. We secured a prominent Norwegian medical man as editor together with Dr. Ottosen. After some years this man started a new Norwegian health journal, allying himself with about thirty of the best-known medical names in the country. He resigned his position as our editor, and started a big advertising campaign for the new, solely Norwe-

gian, health journal (*Life and Health* it was called), referring to our health paper as not Norwegian, and a mixing up of religion and medical science, in which none could have full confidence.

At first our prospects were clouded over, and we experienced a considerable decrease in our list of subscribers. Backed by so many efficient men the new journal certainly ought to be the very best of its kind, and many wanted to try it. Nor can there be any doubt that it was intended and hoped that this new journal would mean the disappearance of our health paper.

We left the matter with the Lord. Various scriptures came to our mind, as for instance, 2 Kings 6:16 and 2 Corinthians 10:4, 5.

We made some changes in our paper, enlarging its size, printing it on heavier paper, putting in more illustrations, modernizing its general make-up, improving its contents, etc. Then we sought to inspire our colporteurs to take hold with renewed courage, seeing they now had a more up-to-date paper to present to the people. We are glad to be able to report that our health paper made great progress both in Norway and Denmark, the sales amounting to some ten thousand kroner more in each country than

in 1934; and this in spite of the competition. Our paper is being well received and is much esteemed by the public.

One of our sisters, who is operating treatment-rooms in a city in Norway, was visited by one of our competitor's agents who wanted her to subscribe for the new "Norwegian" health journal. She replied that she did not need it as she was a subscriber to the *Sundhetsbladet*. He claimed that as *Sundhetsbladet* was Danish she ought to support the Norwegian enterprise by subscribing for the new paper. She was set in her determination, however. Some time later our sister met this same colporteur, and asked if he was still soliciting subscribers for the new health journal. He answered that he was not for wherever he came they had the *Sundhetsbladet* and they did not want to change. Hence he had returned all his material to the publishers.

We have been informed recently that our competitor has but a very small number of subscribers. At the same time our paper has made good progress. What seemed to

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threaten the ruin of our health paper has rather proved an impetus, both as to make-up and contents, as well as to its sales. During this year we have received many encouragements from the public, with very favourable testimonies regarding our paper and the quality of the articles it contains.

This is a new evidence of the fact that our work is not of men, but of God. Please read 2 Chronicles 20:15.

We have also had many experiences showing what our religious books and papers are accomplishing. A few Sabbaths ago we had a baptismal service in our Oslo church. Among the candidates for baptism was a sister who only a few weeks ago knew nothing about the truth. She became ill, and was taken to the hospital. While there, she was visited by a lady whom she did not know, and who asked if she would not like to borrow a good book to read. This she was glad to do. The lady left the book with her, and after reading it the sick woman was fully convinced of the truth. This book was *Et Ord i rette Tid*. After having left the hospital she came to our office to make our acquaintance, expressing her desire to be baptized and to join our church. After having received some more instruction she was baptized and received into membership.

This experience proves anew the value of the admonition found in Ecclesiastes 11:6 to sow the seed at all times and in all places.

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ARTICLES on the Hultafors Sanitarium and Literature work in the East Nordic Union will appear in the next issue of the ADVENT SURVEY. An article from the West African mission field is also held over by reason of lack of space. This will also appear in the next issue.

A New Recruit to Ethiopia

"God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsel guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again."

THESE words were often sung by the students at the Swedish Mission School when any of our leading men left, and especially when some missionary family was departing for their field of labour. Among the singers was the newly-appointed nurse for Ethiopia, Miss Lisa Johanson. Little did she then



Miss Lisa Johanson, recently appointed to the Ethiopian Union.

think that the time would so soon come when others would be singing the same song as a farewell to her. The significance and intent of the words will have a still deeper meaning to her now as she proceeds to take up the mantle of one who has fallen at her post of duty. Her desire to become a missionary was instilled in her heart soon after her conversion over ten years ago, although it has seldom been expressed; in fact, Sister Lisa felt that if the Lord wanted her to go to some foreign field He would make it known in some way to those in responsibility. After hearing a lecture on Ethiopia in January this year, she felt impressed to tell the speaker of her desire, but feared that this might not be the proper thing to do and so she went to her room and prayed that if God wanted her to go to Ethiopia the call might come without her expressing the desire. I understand that the call did come within a day or so.

After spending two years at the Swedish Mission School, Miss Johanson went to Skodsborg, where she completed the nurse's course. Since then she has filled responsible positions in our health institutions in Sweden. Her quiet, amiable way has won her many friends. I believe Sweden has given the mission field one of its best workers.

Sister Lisa left Marseilles on April 16th and arrived in Djibouti on April 26th in company with Miss Mae Matthews, who is returning to Ethiopia as a teacher. Sister Lisa may be called to assist at Dessie, where our hospital was bombed a short time ago.

Let us ever remember our missionaries before the throne of grace.

E. R. COLSON.



Finland's first missionary. Toivo Ketola and family, appointed to the Liberian Mission.