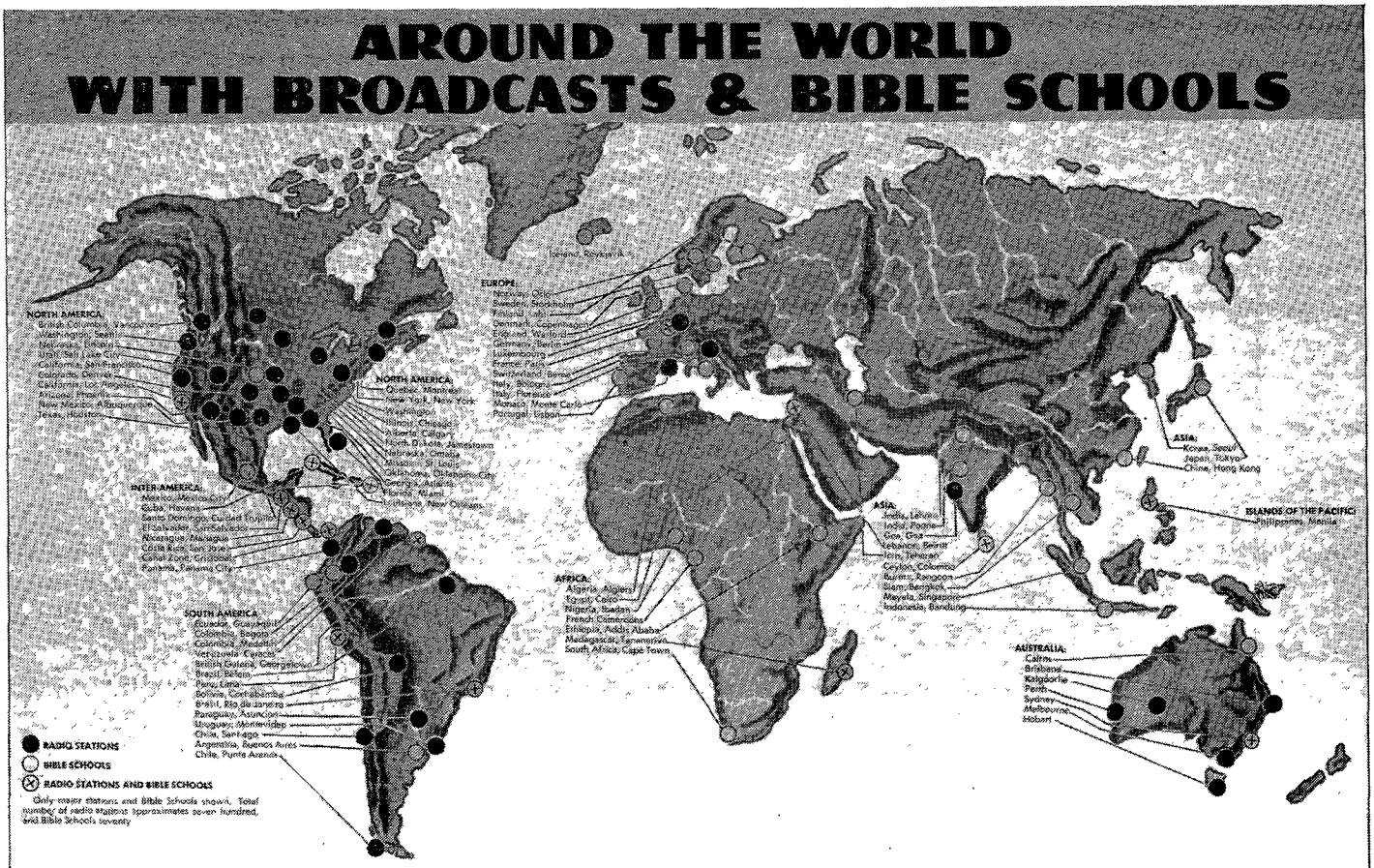




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## “God Giveth the Increase”

By Axel Varmer, Radio Secretary

A NEW vision, a deeper consecration, and new methods will bring new results. Under the impact of these thoughts a number of workers responsible for our steadily expanding Bible Correspondence

School work met for a four-day convention at our beautiful sanitarium in Skodsborg, Denmark. Upon the invitation from the Northern European Division seven of the eight Bible Correspondence Schools

within its territory in Europe had sent one or two representatives each. Far away Iceland and West Africa were, because of distance and expense, not represented. Present were also the four union pre-



*Pastor Frede Nielsen, leader of the Danish Bible Correspondence School.*

sidents from the home field, some of the Home Missionary secretaries, and local conference presidents.

"I have the recollection of one of the best conventions I have attended. . . . It was gainful and productive as we exchanged thoughts and ideas from the different Bible Correspondence Schools," wrote one of the participants afterward, and I think these words express the general opinion.

I wonder if all readers of the NORTHERN LIGHT are aware of the following facts of our Bible Correspondence School and Radio work:

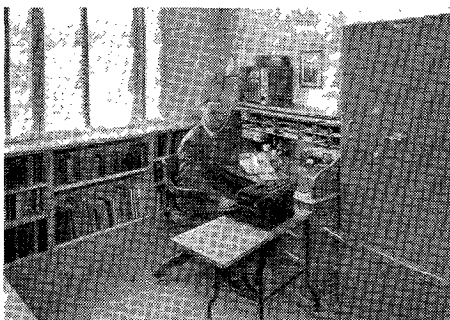
In the short period of five to six years Bible Correspondence Schools have sprung up in every country in our European territory with the exception of Poland, behind the Iron Curtain. In the mission field a strong and progressive school is operated in West Africa—altogether nine schools are functioning in bringing the message to the multitudes.

SOME NOTEWORTHY FACTS

Total enrolment from beginning and to end of 1951 .....	176,843
Total number completed courses .....	18,810
Total number active students at December, 1951 .....	13,471
Total baptized from beginning .....	1,582

A few years ago this kind of evangelism was entirely unknown in our thinking, but in a few years it has circled the globe.

We certainly believe that God has led



*Pastor G. Gudmundsen, leader of the Norwegian Bible Correspondence School.*

this people in the development of the Bible Correspondence School work, and that this is a method of evangelism which, in the providence of God, has been given us to reach millions of people who cannot be contacted so directly and personally by any other method. It is "the missing link," which by the grace of God has been given to the church—one of the many methods God has in store for the finishing of the work.

Remembering that "responsibility" is our response to God's ability we concentrated our deliberation on the following five points:

1. New techniques of securing enrolments.
2. Methods of handling these enrolments.
3. Short cuts to more effective school operation.
4. A unified reporting system.
5. A more effective follow-up procedure.



*Pastor Adolf Blomstedt, leader of the Swedish Bible Correspondence School.*

The subject, How to get more applications, was thoroughly discussed. Through experience it was evident that the passing out of cards, folders, etc., by our members was one of the best and cheapest ways of securing students. Enrolment cards placed in the thousands of homes visited by our colporteurs, advertisements in daily and weekly papers and magazines, solicitation of names by systematic distribution of literature, through evangelistic efforts, and our radio broadcast; all these ways and means have been tried with success in various countries.

The high point in the discussion of this subject was the enthusiastic interest shown by all present in the plan of using our Bible Correspondence Schools as a preparation for public efforts. This plan of covering cities and districts with enrolment folders months before a public campaign is due to begin will undoubtedly from now on be a steady feature in connection with public evangelism all over the Division.



*Pastor Kohtanen, leader of the Finnish Bible Correspondence School.*

Several other items were considered, such as getting more financial support from the students, how to rationalize the daily routine work in order to handle a much larger number of students, without having to increase the number of workers, to streamline the filing systems, etc.—these were some of the questions deliberated on by the Bible School workers.

A most important, yes, the most important, problem that faces all our schools is the follow-up work. Approximately 19,000 students have completed our Bible courses, and at present we have more than 13,000 active students in just as many homes studying our message—truly a great and fruitful field for soul-winning. Several opinions relating to the organization and effectuation of such plans that will enable workers and members to visit interested students everywhere were thoroughly discussed and adopted. No plan will reach everyone, but thanks be to God for the effectiveness of our Bible Correspondence Schools as one of God's methods to reach those who otherwise might not have the privilege of studying the Word of God.

There is a life to be lived,  
A work to be done,  
For all those who await  
The coming of the Lord.

—Selected.



*Pastor R. Svenson leader of the Finnish-Swedish Bible Correspondence School.*

The Gospel must be spread, the Advent message must be proclaimed, we must "blow the trumpet and warn the people." "Many individuals might be labouring in towns and cities, visiting families . . . dropping the precious seeds of truth all along the line."—E. G. White in *Review and Herald*, July 9, 1895.

All who attended this convention felt

the need of a greater vision, burning hearts, and a deeper consecration, in order to reach the unsaved multitudes at our doorsteps with the Gospel. Our Bible Correspondence School programme is an outstanding medium given us for this purpose in such a time as this. Use it, fellow-workers, and help all our dear church-members to use it!

Arctic night. With the opening of this clinic in Tromsø a new day has dawned for these people.

The clinic offers treatment to people living in the city of Tromsø and also houses from thirty to forty in-patients. Leading men of North Norway have been most interested in the opening of the clinic and many people from the districts have already asked for beds to be reserved. We are convinced that the right arm of the message will be a great help in the soul-winning work in the far north.

This institution will doubtless be the northernmost Adventist clinic in the world. If I say that the city of Tromsø is situated near the seventieth north latitude it will probably convey very little to many. A comparison may, therefore, make its actual situation a little clearer. Most of us think of Iceland as a country far to the north, and that is true. The northernmost tip of Iceland just about touches the polar circle. In order to reach Tromsø, however, you not only touch the polar circle but you must travel another twenty-four hours northward on one of the modern, fast-going coastal liners!

In the darkness of the Arctic winter, when the sun is below the horizon for about two months, this journey may not always be pleasant. But he who loves majestic, natural scenery, is glad to take it at this time of the year, for it is only in the cold winter nights that the Northern Lights spread their colourful rainbow across the sky. It is a never-to-be-forgotten sight to see this peculiar light dancing all over the heavens and lighting up the snow-covered mountains and narrow fjords. In the summer when the sun shines twenty-four hours a day, a visit to this land of the midnight sun will also long be remembered.

Normally these Arctic sections should be covered with everlasting snows and ice like the districts of the same north latitude in central Greenland. However, the warm, friendly Gulf Stream flows along the coast and always keeps the fjords of North Norway open. They never freeze. The country is, therefore, quite well populated. The city of Tromsø has about 10 000 inhabitants and other cities and villages lie like pearls on a string along the coast and in the interior.

While the building of the clinic was in progress it often looked as if we would have to stop the whole venture. The rebuilding

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*The city of Tromsø. The clinic recently opened is marked with a cross.*

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## The World's Northernmost Adventist Clinic

By Alf Lohne, *President, West Nordic Union*

THE population of North Norway, with great expectations, has looked forward to the opening of the clinic which the Adventists have been building in the city of Tromsø, North Norway Conference.

Large sections in the far north were laid waste in the last war. The rebuilding is in full swing and a great work is under way. But still there is so much to do, that anything done to better the situation for the hard-hit population, is looked upon with great favour.

When the Adventists announced their plans to build a modern clinic in the heart of North Norway, it was received with enthusiasm. The city of Tromsø gave free ground right in the centre of the city and promised certain favours regarding water supply and electricity. When the population of North Norway was asked to help financially, they gave willingly.

Practically every newspaper in Norway has written about this new clinic in Tromsø. The many inches of newspaper columns that have been written about this

project have also contained stories of the Adventist health work in other parts of the world. Large sums of money have been gathered for missions as a result of the good-will this publicity has given to our work.

The new clinic is a stately concrete building containing basement and four floors. The kind of massage, water treatments, and electrical treatments for which our Scandinavian clinics and sanitariums are so well known in this part of the world, will be given at this clinic. The director, Brother. Th. Sjölyst, and his closest associates, have received their training at Skodsborg Badesanatorium. That is a sure guarantee of the quality of the treatments.

Many people in North Norway who can afford it, travel four or five days in order to receive treatments in our clinics in the southern part of the country. What this means in hardship to sick people only those can understand who have travelled along the coast of the Arctic Ocean in storms and darkness of the

# Synopsis of Sabbath Sermon

Preached by Pastor A. F. Tarr  
at the Oslo Medical Convention, May 10th

FROM their very early days Seventh-day Adventists have been a people to whom the light on health reform has been very precious. This attitude will, I believe, always characterize our movement, and become even more marked as we near the close of time. In order that this might be assured we must frequently remind ourselves, and also our people, of all that is involved in this precious heritage that God has so graciously committed to us.

For the past two days medical workers from many countries of the Northern European Division have been discussing their contribution to this great objective, and how best to intensify and enlarge it. This morning as we further consider our responsibility, and especially that of the lay members, I want to read a message from the apostle Paul, 1 Thessalonians 5: 23, 24 (Weymouth's translation), "And may God Himself who gives peace, make you entirely holy; and may your spirits, souls, and bodies be preserved complete and be found blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He will also perfect His work."

With this as a basis I want to recount some of the reasons why God requires of all of us the preservation complete and blameless of these bodies of ours. First of all, because

## THEY BEAR THE IMPRINT OF GOD

In Genesis 2 and verses 7 and 8 we read: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground. . . . And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed."

It is the imprint or stamp of origin that almost invariably determines an article's value. Visit the great art galleries of Europe. Wherever you see a Vandyke, or a Reubens, or a Michael Angelo you know that that work of art, be it painting or sculpture, is of extraordinary worth.

Or suppose you find in some old second-hand shop a picture all covered in dust. You remove the dust and discover it to be the handiwork of some illustrious artist. Immediately you know that despite the dust, and the surroundings in which you found it, that picture has a value that is measured only by the greatness of the man who painted it.

And thus it is with these physical bodies of ours. They are of no ordinary value, because they trace their origin to a divine Creator. The hand that made them is the hand of God. No wonder the Psalmist exclaimed: "I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are Thy works: and that my soul knoweth right well." Psa. 139:14. And Job, describing the human mechanism in even greater detail, declared: "Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews." How valuable then must be these bodies of ours, which are the perfect handiwork of a Master Craftsman!

Not only are our bodies the handiwork of God, but they constitute the crowning act of God's creation. They are made in His image. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him." Gen. 1:26, 27. And in 1 Corinthians 11:7 we read: "For a man . . . is the image and glory of God."

Let me illustrate this—perhaps crudely and unworthily—but in a way that will help to illustrate an important feature. Supposing God had made a car and supposing He stamped it as the product of His own manufacture, and then presented it to you. Would you value such a car? Would you take pride in it? Would you not consider that it incorporated all of the good features that any car could possibly possess? And if in the book of instructions it stated what oil and petrol and other essentials were necessary to its proper maintenance, would you not follow strictly the instructions that He gave, that that car might be preserved in perfect condition throughout your lifetime? But here He makes a body in His image, and then He breathes into it and it becomes what your body now is, a living soul.

We read further in Genesis 1:26: "And God said . . . let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over . . . cattle, and over all the earth." What greater challenge to care for these bodies of ours than to remember that not only were they made by God, and in the image of God, but they were also made to have dominion over all the other works of His perfect and most marvellous creation.

## GOD'S ABUNDANT PROVISION

Another evidence of the value that God placed on these bodies is the elaborate provision for their well-being, even before their creation. He provided light, air, sunshine, water, food, beauty, and countless other things. He did not even leave it to man to provide his own home, for we read in Genesis 2:8: "And the Lord God planted a garden . . . and there He put the man whom He had formed."

Then after having created man He prescribed his food. Perhaps the first prescription ever made out is the one found in Genesis 1:29: "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat."

Nor was the care manifested by God for man's temporal and physical needs limited to the days of creation. All through the years He has continued the supply of the material things we need. And in the life to come the physical requirements of man—the food that the Master Himself will serve when we surround the great supper table, the gardens which man will plant and eat the fruit thereof, and the homes that will be built and inhabited, are evidences of the provision that God has made for these physically restored bodies of ours.

## OUR BODIES HIS DWELLING PLACE

Further, God requires the preservation of these bodies of ours because they constitute His dwelling place. In 1 Corinthians 6:19 we read: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

Sometimes men build houses for profit; but when a man builds a home for his own personal use he is ever so much more careful. He selects the material more painstakingly, and he builds with the utmost precision and forethought. Likewise these bodies of ours were not only planned and formed by God, but they were made for His own personal habitation. They were not to be sold or rented or given away. They were to constitute His permanent and undisputed dwelling-place.

Have you ever expected some distinguished guest in your home? How carefully you have prepared for his coming. You have tended the garden, and tidied the home; you have prepared appropriate food and have taken particular pains over the guest room. Our bodies constitute a temple in which God is to be the Guest,

a sacred place where constantly all should be worthy of His habitation.

INSTRUMENTS OF SALVATION

God requires the preservation of these bodies of ours because they are His instruments for the salvation and well-being of others. Love for God is intended to find expression in physical action. This principle is enshrined in the Ten Commandments. In Deuteronomy 6:5 we read this summary: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

In the lives of men called to great spiritual service for God, as with the priests of ancient Israel and other spiritual leaders of old, specific instructions were given regarding their clothes, their food, their homes, their physical habits and cleanliness. Of men and women who live to-day God likewise requires that His standards be not ignored. The admonition of Paul is emphatic on this matter: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1.

A PART OF THE GOSPEL COMMISSION

The Gospel commission teaches men to "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This must involve, therefore, the care of the physical bodies which had so large a place in our Saviour's ministry. And the more so because by that same Gospel commission men are enjoined to worship God as Creator (Rev. 14:6), being constantly mindful of the creation of man in God's image and of the restoration of that image *in man* that the Gospel commission is ultimately to achieve. In *Medical Ministry*, page 159, we read: "The Gospel includes health reform in all its phases." On page 72, we also read that "the health should be as sacredly guarded as the character."

Seventh-day Adventists proclaim with much spiritual fervour the prophecies of the book of Daniel. But it is well also to remember that before God gave Daniel any visions, and before he was enlightened in the interpretation of dreams, he had followed divine guidance in the matter of healthful living.

And so it should be with us who herald His message. The observance of the laws of health will in a large degree determine our own physical well-being and the measure of success we shall have in our spiritual service for God.

When ancient Israel was called out of Egyptian bondage to journey to the promised land, explicit instruction was given regarding their food and the care of their physical bodies. We who are being called out of spiritual darkness, should be no less diligent in our own observance of the laws of health than were the children of Israel.

HEALTH SERVICE A WORLD INFLUENCE

Moreover, in our day we are instruments in a great health service that is due to the world. This principle was embedded in the hearts of our pioneers. There was a time when nearly every Seventh-day Adventist home was a little health centre in its community. Home Nursing was practised and taught. Hot foot baths, fomentations, cold compresses, steam inhalations, proper ventilation and fresh air, sunlight, exercise, deep breathing, regularity in eating, balanced, nutritious diet, cooking demonstrations, promotion of temperance, a compassionate and diligent regard for others; all of this was a vital factor in the service that was rendered. Wherever there were sick in the community, the Adventists were the first to be approached or were the first on the scene to render help.

But some may say we lack experience in these things. Let me read a quotation from *Medical Ministry*, page 317: "When churchmembers stand pledged to the service of God, pledged to do missionary work; when they take hold of the work unselfishly, because they love the souls for whom Christ has died, and are desirous of uniting with the great Medical Missionary, the Lord will come very near to them, to instruct them."

Recently I listened to an African worker telling of his visitation of the sick prior to the conducting of an effort. When his effort commenced, practically everyone whom he had visited was present at his meetings and many of these were subsequently baptized.

As a child I remember an influential African chief being brought to our home for treatment. On a number of occasions he was given hot fomentations, which afforded him great relief. The attitude of the chief and his people toward our message was greatly influenced by this simple ministrations to his physical needs, and right up until recent years the story has been told with much gratitude by his people.

It was our health message that impressed Mahatma Ghandi of India so deeply and that evoked from him such deep respect for Seventh-day Adventists.

The statement was made a few days ago that some people regarded health reform as a very heavy burden. Let me read a quotation from *Ministry of Healing*, page 147: "Those who perceive the evidences of God's love, who understand something of the wisdom and beneficence of His laws, and the results of obedience, will come to regard their duties and obligations from an altogether different point of view. Instead of looking upon an observance of the laws of health as a matter of sacrifice or self-denial, they will regard it, as it really is, as an inestimable blessing."

HIS PURCHASED POSSESSION

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

There must have been something worth while in these bodies of ours if God not only made them but bought them back again. We select very carefully the things we buy for ourselves. When royalty go shopping they are perhaps particularly careful about their selections because they know they are being watched. Here the Supreme Creator purchases something, and He purchases it under the gaze of the universe. Further, what He buys is something that was His before.

The story is told of a young lad who made himself a little sailing boat, which he learned to love very dearly. One day the boat was missing. In vain he tried to trace it. Many weeks later he saw it displayed in a pawn-broker's shop. He hurried in to lay claim to the boat but found that the only way to get it was to pay the price. Disappointed, the boy left the shop, but with the determination to earn enough money to buy back the boat he felt was his. When finally he had saved what was needed he returned and claimed his boat. With inexpressible joy he left the shop hugging the boat in his arms. "Now you are mine," he said. "You are doubly mine; first because I made you, and now because I bought you."

In a small measure that simple story illustrates the ownership that is due to God of these bodies and minds and spirits of ours. We are doubly His. First, because He made us, and then because having sold ourselves to sin, He bought us back again.

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VISITING  
THE SHANKILLA TRIBE  
West Ethiopia

By Alice Lind

AFTER a wait of several years I was at last allowed to go and visit the Shankilla tribe in West Ethiopia. This is a pagan tribe of devil worshippers many of whom had never seen a white man, much less a missionary. Sister Anna Palm, Sister Davis, and some schoolboys waved good-bye to us as we left Gimbie on muleback.

Brother Hugo Palm had visited this tribe on three previous occasions and Brother Davis and our native helper, Godina, had been there a number of times before, but this was my first visit. After four hours' riding up and down hills and valleys we caught our first glimpse of the valley where some of these Shankilla tribesmen live. We now had to descend about 175 feet, and the first part of the "road" was so steep that it was impossible to ride. The road was also very slippery as it was covered with old leaves from the bamboo trees.

We reached our destination after sunset, the trip having taken more than nine hours. How thirsty we were, and our faces were burning from the rays of the sun. The native people came out to greet us and talked and laughed with us.

The next day, after a short worship, we set out to visit the medicine man, Bashurra. It took us three hours as we had to cross many rivers, valleys, and steep hills. Bashurra had heard of our coming and had prepared a grass hut for us. It was wonderful to rest under its shade. Bashurra is very friendly toward the mission, and one of his near relatives, a nice young boy, is attending our school at Gimbie. Before we left he promised to do all he could for our mission. We hope and pray that one day he will give his heart to God, but it is difficult for these people to break away from their heathen customs which they have followed since childhood. When special feasts are held or their gods are worshipped Bashurra is the one who conducts the mysterious rites about which they understand so little. He is highly revered as a result.

After we had visited a few more towns,

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HOME MISSIONARY REPORT

Presented at the Division Council, 1951

THE objective of the work entrusted to the Home Missionary Department in conjunction with the ministry is to educate, inspire, and train all our members to active participation in diffusing the present truth among their fellow-men. It is evident that a growing number of our people are willing to work for Christ. We read in *Christian Service*, page 59:

"Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin. . . . Every church should be a training school for Christian workers."

The report reveals that so far this year 284 training classes, institutes, and rallies have been conducted among 1,075 churches and groups. 1951 has been a year largely occupied by sessions and meetings of different kinds. We hope that an even more intensive training programme will be launched in our conferences and churches during the coming year.

The second section of the Home Missionary report covers "Evangelistic Activities": 1. Bible readings and Gospel meetings; 2. Missionary contacts, and 3. Literature distributed. A glance at the report shows that our laity are doing an extensive evangelistic work. For instance, take the figures for the ten months of 1951:

Bible Readings and Meetings	41,738
Missionary Contacts	92,120
Literature Evangelism	981,120

The number of Bible studies given monthly by the young people in West Africa totalled 21,000, which is nearly double the number given the previous year. This report is therefore heartening, and much more so when one realizes that it is only based on the work reported by 18 per cent of our membership. Therefore we can be assured that an even greater work has been done than has been reported.

Home Visitation has caught fire in every section of our Division. Literally thousands of our members have gone from house to house distributing literature and enrolling hundreds of students in our Bible Correspondence Schools. It has been my privilege to go out with members from churches in Denmark, England, and Ireland during the months of September, October, and November of this year. In this adventuring for Christ our members have received and are still receiving thrilling experiences, and in many cases people are being found who "are looking wistfully to heaven for light and truth." In Belfast two

young churchmembers visited a home in which lived two sisters. When they introduced themselves as Seventh-day Adventists, one sister said to the other: "Oh, Seventh-day Adventists; don't you remember that our father often talked about the Seventh-day Adventists as a people who had the truth?" They both enrolled in the Bible Correspondence School, and requested that they be visited.

Many other encouraging experiences have come to these visiting teams in their obedience to Christ's promise: "And into whatever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again." Luke 10:5, 6. The only way to possess the technique of successful personal work is to do it.

Coming down to the "Welfare Activities" the report informs us that among our 1,000 churches only 172 Dorcas societies are operating. Our welfare work is slowly growing, but we have only begun to touch it with the tips of our fingers. When we carry out the instructions given to us in Isaiah 58, we will see things come to pass that we have never before dreamed would be possible.

About 20,000 pieces of clothing have been given away. 100,000 hours have been spent in Christian help work. In one of the Danish Conferences welfare work has been done to the value of £3,000. West Africa reports that approximately 800 native women have participated in Dorcas work in 13 different centres.

LAY PREACHING

Permit me to repeat that in 1949 an average goal for 15 lay evangelists in each Conference was set. Last year the home base reported approximately 90 active lay evangelists. This year the figures are as follows:

	QUARTERS 1951		
	I	II	III
British Union	—	—	—
East Nordic Union	30	8	11
Iceland	—	—	—
Netherlands Union	14	—	30
West Nordic Union	5	3	2
West African Union	60	300	73

In West Africa three fields have conducted schools of evangelism and more than 1,000 people have been baptized directly as a result of lay evangelism.

In one church in Denmark a lay brother

is teaching lay evangelism to a class of eighteen members, about one-third of the membership, combining the theoretical instruction with practical field work.

Yes, it is evident that "many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin," and if we as leaders and ministers in practice would manifest more faith in Christ in this plan to evangelize the world, the work would speedily be finished.

#### THE MISSIONS EXTENSION PLAN

Is also sponsored by the Home Missionary Department. The offering in 1951 brought into the treasury \$8,220.86 or about \$1,400 less than in 1950, taking the extension of the Division territory into consideration.

#### INGATHERING

Ingathering year by year is forging ahead. The Lord has gone before His people in a very marked way, and 1951 will undoubtedly be the very best, not only from a monetary, but also from an evangelistic viewpoint.

Let me mention one or two heart-warming experiences:

The town Vestmanhavn is on one of the 24 small islands which comprise the Faroe Islands. Our worker there solicited among the 220 homes in that town over 1,600kr., and got 117 enrolments for the Danish Bible Correspondence School. One businessman gave 200kr., and wrote on the donor's list, "To the honour of God." Before our brother left they had prayer together, and the man asked for continued prayer that God would guide him into the true faith.

An elderly sister in Copenhagen visited the manager of a big firm well known all over Denmark. He first wrote 25 kr. on the list, then they got into a conversation about religion, and this big business man opened his heart to our sister. Before she left he asked once more for the list and added the figure one before the 25 kr., raising his gift to 125 kr. The next day our sister mailed a copy of *Steps to Christ* to the director, and got a very grateful answer with an invitation to visit him in his private home.

It was my privilege to visit Holland in the Ingathering Campaign this year. We contacted a number of business men, doctors, and lawyers, and had many opportunities to talk about our work and faith.

Approximately 43 per cent of our entire membership took part in the Ingathering work. This is perhaps as good as in any

part of the world. The average per church-member in the home base is \$8.02, and per working member it is more than double, or approximately \$18.00. North Ireland has the honour of the highest per capita amount. For North Ireland it is \$22.80. Our heartiest congratulations to Ulster! Of the unions, the British Isles have the highest per capita, or \$15.48. Our Division goal is already passed by more than \$10,000, and before the end of the year we hope to add at least \$10,000 more on top of the goal. Our colleges are doing a marvellous Ingathering work. The Onsrud School, Norway, collected more than Nkr. 20,000.—(£1,000). The Danish School reached over Dkr. 11,000 in three days. The Swedish School Skr. 20,000 and Newbold £800. Finland is up nearly 1,000,000 Mrk. over last year. Well done, Finland! And then, of course, we have little Iceland with 360 members soliciting Ikr. 80,000 to 100,000 among a very small population.

#### A SOUL-WINNING CRUSADE

Showers of blessings are coming to our churches in the homelands through the Ingathering work, and what it means for our world-wide missionary work I think those who struggle with the budget know better than anybody else. The Ingathering work increases the missionary fervour of the members and youth, builds up good will for our work, secures Bible Correspondence School enrolments, and opens doors and minds for our message all over the world. 400,000 Ingathering magazines have been used this year. One Bible Correspondence School received in four weeks 357 enrolments as a result of the advertisement in the magazine and the folders distributed in connection with the Ingathering. Ingathering is a soul-winning crusade, too, and the Lord has still greater things in store for the faithful.

#### RADIO WORK

In our Division we are on the air four times every week with fifteen-minute programmes: Tuesday and Friday with an English one, and Thursday with a Danish, and Friday with a Dutch broadcast, all over Radio Luxembourg.

Besides the enrolments which come in for the Bible Correspondence Schools in response to the broadcast appeals we receive a number of letters from people impressed by our radio message.

A few days ago a letter came to me from a brother in Denmark. He visited a village in order to sell the Danish *Signs of the*

*Times*. In one of the first homes he visited he mentioned "Håbets Budskab," the name of our Danish programme. Instantly the interest was aroused, and they told our brother that everybody in the village would buy his paper if he only would tell them that he was connected with "Håbets Budskab." He talked with a number of people in the village who listened with great pleasure to our broadcast.

Another letter came from the Faroe Islands a few days ago. A woman living on one of these rocky, storm-tossed islands wrote: "In a strange way I have met one of your friends from Denmark, and got your address. With great joy I am listening to your radio message, and it has been a great blessing to me. May God bless you!" This lady kneels down by her receiver when prayer is offered at the close of the broadcast. Some of the fishermen are tuning in when out on the sea.

#### THE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS

Our Bible Correspondence School work covers nearly all the territory of the Northern European Division, with the exception of Poland and Ethiopia. Since August, 1946, when the first schools began to operate, tens of thousands have enrolled. Every week individuals, who are studying the message through this medium, are accepting the truth, being baptized, and received into church fellowship. There is a great harvest of souls in this one phase of the great work alone.

Here are a few high-points of the report:

Applications for nine months 1951	21,628
From the beginning over	160,000

This year more than 6,000 individuals have completed one or more courses; since the beginning 21,573. At the end of the first quarter of 1951 our nine schools had 11,345 active students, and about 300 have been baptized in 1951. Since the beginning, more than 1,500 souls have been led to accept the message, influenced more or less by our Bible Courses.

In most respects the past ten months have been a time of progress in all of the phases of the work in the Home Missionary Department. There has been a good spirit of co-operation in the entire Division, and I count it a privilege to be associated with a fine group of Union and local Conference secretaries in Europe and Africa. In view of what is going on in the world, let us so consecrate our talents and lives to God, that the year 1952 will witness the greatest lay movement in the history of the Advent movement.

AXEL VARMER.

# NEWS FLASH

BROTHER and Sister V. E. Toppenberg, on their way from Ethiopia to the United States, recently spent several weeks in Northern Europe and in Great Britain. Everywhere they went they were greeted by old friends who once knew them, and others who have grown to know them through the story of their mission service. Brother Toppenberg has spent over 40 years in mission service in Africa, and we regret the thought of his possibly not being able to return for further service.

## Synopsis of Sabbath Sermon

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### HIS FOR ETERNITY

We do not know exactly how the reconstruction of our bodies will take place, but we do know that we shall be known to each other by our physical appearance in the life to come. We know also that we shall eat and drink, we shall plant and build, and occupy the houses we build, all according to God's original plan.

As the apostle Paul contemplated this glorious future he expressed this fervent determination: "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." 1 Cor. 9:27.

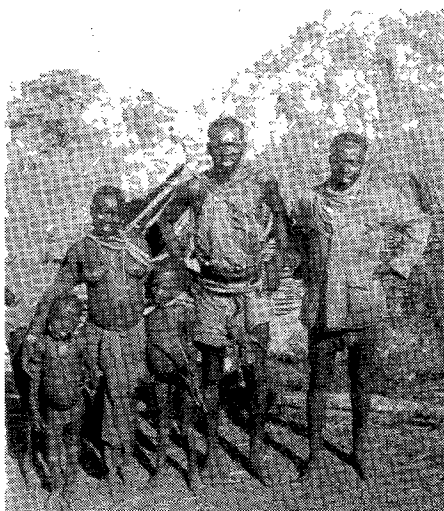
Brethren and sisters, may this determination be ours this morning. And may we covenant here at this meeting to regulate our lives from this day onward according to the precious health principles so graciously entrusted to us, remembering that these bodies of ours belong to God by creation, they constitute His royal dwelling place, His instruments for the salvation of others, His purchased possession, and He wants them for eternity.

## The Shankilla Tribe

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Brethren Davis and Palm had to return to Gimbie, but I stayed on for a week and a half and helped our two evangelists there to visit the people in their huts and look after the sick.

We found a few cases of syphilis among some who had come into the tribe from other parts of the country, but



Members of the Shankilla tribe—a pagan tribe of devil worshippers who are being taught a better way of life.

apart from these they do not suffer from venereal diseases which are so common in this country. Eye inflammation and various tropical ulcers are very common. Some have these sores on their feet or legs, but they soon improve with treatment: even if they do eat meat from monkeys and crocodiles! They are very good hunters, and every man has his gun.

I was surprised to see how well the babies looked. The mothers carry them on their backs in a little skin even when they are working. They bathe them in cold water every day and they are clean and shiny. Very few of the people drink coffee but both men and women are heavy smokers. They use long pipes.

Most of these people had never seen a white man before Brother Davis and some of our nurses visited them about three years ago. My long hair was a mystery to them. "It looks like the mane on the mules!" said one woman. "Is it hair?" asked another.

We visited three different towns. There were many children there, and we hope some will be able to come to our schools and afterward help us in the work. At present we have seven or eight boys in our school in Gimbie, and about a week ago one of them was baptized after he had been in the school for three years. We are happy and thankful for that.

We believe that we shall see our work bearing fruit as a result of the help and gifts from our members and friends, and let us pray that we all may meet with these natives in the Kingdom.

## Northernmost Adventist Clinic

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of the many houses that were burned down in the last phase of the war in North Norway created a shortage of materials that often was critical. Time and again, however, the Lord has shown that He watches over His work, and He has opened the closed doors.

The clinic has been built in confidence and faith and much prayer. When our brethren in leadership decided that part of this year's Big Week Offering would be used for instruments and equipment for this clinic in the far north, we took it as an answer to prayer. The sudden and unexpected soaring of prices during the past year created financial problems which seemed very hard to solve but we know that the Lord does great things through His people. The clinic opened its doors on April 16th and from the first day they have had more patients than they have been able to handle. There is a long waiting list. We need a couple of lady masseuses in order to make full use of this truly great mission enterprise. Personally I don't think any of our sanitariums or clinics anywhere fill a greater need than does this institution in the far north.

May the Lord greatly bless the efforts which are being put forth to further His cause through the ministry of healing.

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