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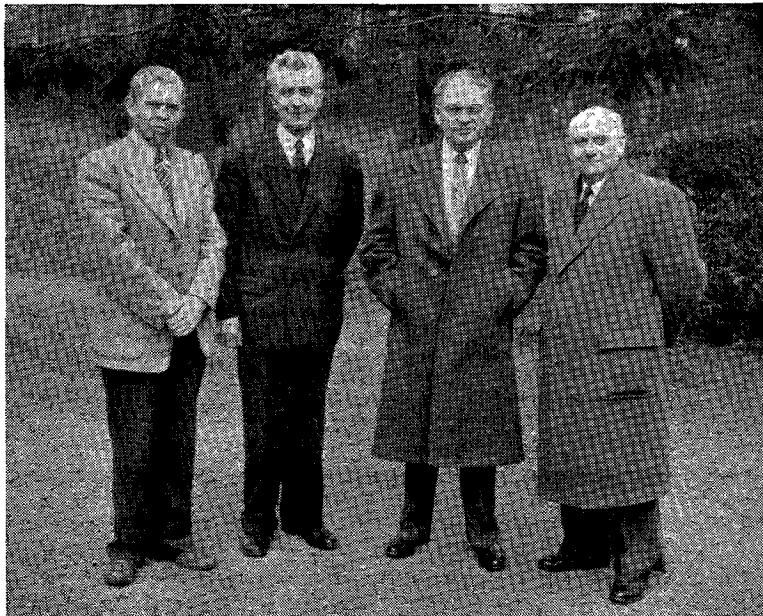
**NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION of the GENERAL CONFERENCE
at Stanborough Park, Watford, March 16th to 22nd, 1953**

"If there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."

"Colporteur Evangelist," page 80.

THE March days abandoned their traditional "madness" as publishing leaders from all parts of the Northern European Division met at Stanborough Park, Watford, for their recent Publishing Council. Indeed, Britain's longest and most dismal winter for many a year, managed to produce a clear, shining sky for the first day or two, as if realizing that an outstanding convention deserved outstanding weather.

To describe the seven-day programme as outstanding is to do it no more than justice. Many items in the formidable agenda list, completely "down to earth" as they were, seemed to give promise of anything but a gripping and stimulating



Honoured Guests: S. Christoffers, Manager of the Hamburg Publishing House, Central European Division; F. Charpiot, Publishing Department Secretary, Southern European Division; G. A. Huse, General Conference Publishing Department Secretary, standing with G. D. King, chairman of the Council.

time during the discussion periods. But thanks to the skill, geniality, and wisdom of the chairman, Pastor G. D. King, together with the thoughtful contributions of those present, that which promised to be dry and perhaps a little barren like the "desert," was made to "blossom as the rose." Pastor F. Charpiot's unsolicited testimony before a general congregation on Sabbath afternoon was: "I have attended many conventions, but I do not remember any that I enjoyed more than the one we have had this week." And Elder G. A. Huse at our final Sunday afternoon session praised the whole proceedings as having held "our continuous interest," and as having "never a dull moment."



The three delegates from Holland: J. T. Knopper, President K. Tilstra, and Conference Secretary, F. J. Voorthuis.

It was a full programme, beginning each day at 9 a.m. with an hour's devotional period, and carrying through until 9 p.m. with papers and discussions on the many agenda items and specially assigned subjects.

With the exception of Poland, the whole of the Northern European Division territories were represented, by forty-two delegates. These were composed of managers, editors, presidents, and field leaders from Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Britain, Ethiopia, and West Africa. We were especially favoured to have with us Elder G. A. Huse, General Conference Publishing Department Secretary, whose wise counsel greatly enhanced the value of the various sessions; Brother S. Christoffers, who, as manager of our Hamburg Publishing House, represented the Central European Division; and Pastor F. Charpiot, Publishing Department Secretary, and Brother M. Duploux, manager of our French Publishing House, who together represented the Southern European Division. These visitors came not as mere spectators, but with heart-warming reports and many practical contributions.

Presiding throughout was Pastor G. D. King, Publishing Department Secretary of our own Division, and Brother J. H. Craven, manager of our British Publishing House at Stanborough Park, was secretary to the Council.

The Council slogan boldly set forth the purpose of our coming together: "The Advent Message—to Every Home in Our Territory." How this could be achieved most speedily and effectively was the underlying purpose of the scores of items discussed. All present recognized the solemn and noble task they had been called to do. As our attractive programme reminded us: "The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 69.) All phases of our world-wide evangelistic programme would be crippled indeed, without the work of our printing presses. Realizing how effective is the ministry of our books and papers, all present were anxious to discover how to improve them, and how to increase their circulation.

Much time was profitably used discussing our colporteurs, without whose "front line" service our whole publishing plan would virtually collapse. How could they best be strengthened and served? How could their sense of being called to the noblest and most important work on earth be nurtured? How could their work be tied in more definitely with our overall plan for world evangelism? To what extent and in what ways could our institutions assist them in times of trouble? It clearly emerged from all that was said and planned, that no effort or expense would be spared to care for our present forces in every possible way, and to increase their numbers. It was clear, however, that since local fields varied so much in nature and resources, there could not be complete uniformity in the detailed application of the general plans which all present heartily endorsed.

Pastor A. W. Howard reminded us in his thought-provoking paper on "Literature Ministry Evangelism" on Tuesday morning: "If there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." (*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 80.) This vital work, he feared, was mistakenly regarded by too many as an inconsequential Cinderella. Every effort should be made to exalt and magnify it, bearing in mind that our movement is like a mighty orchestra, and that every instrument must play its part in the "swelling symphony of world evangelism."

This "instrument" of literature-evangelism must be kept in tune by our writers and editors, as Pastor W. L. Emmerson, British Union editor, refreshingly brought out during the Tuesday evening session.

Sister White remarked that the "power and efficiency of our work depends largely on the character of the literature which comes from our presses." Solemn indeed, is the responsibility of our editors. Their great concern must ever be as expressed in the Council slogan, for which purpose "subjects weighty with eternal interests" (E. G. White) must have the sole monopoly of our literature.

He rightly emphasized, as did Brother J. H. Craven on Wednesday night, the need to make the message presentable and appealing to a public which is largely unenthusiastic over the prospect of purchasing a religious book. Vital "grips" included arresting titles, good illustrations, well thought out captions, and correct colour combinations.

Ultimately, it is the colporteur who plucks the string of—or provides the wind for!—this instrument of literature-ministry. Without his efforts it could never contribute to the harmonious "symphony of world evangelism." It was appropriate, therefore, that Brother U. Hongisto, from Finland, should lead a discussion on "The Publishing Secretary's Field of Service"; for our secretaries' great task is to shepherd the colporteur flock, and help them to stand by the work.

Valuable contributions were also made by Pastor A. W. Cook, British Union Publishing Department Secretary, who, on



Danish Publishing Leaders; Conference Secretary, H. Jensen; Union Secretary, O. S. Sorensen; Secretary, Ethiopia, W. S. Jensen; Conference Secretary, G. Dam; Manager, V. Thomsen.

Friday morning, led the session with a paper on "Planning a Balanced Institute"; and Brother A. J. Timothy, Publishing Department Secretary for Wales, who led out on Saturday night, under the subject: "Progressive Planning for Publishing Promotion." The presidents' viewpoint was presented on Thursday morning by Pastor A. Lohne, President of the West Nordic Union, under the title: "A Union President's Publishing Expectations."

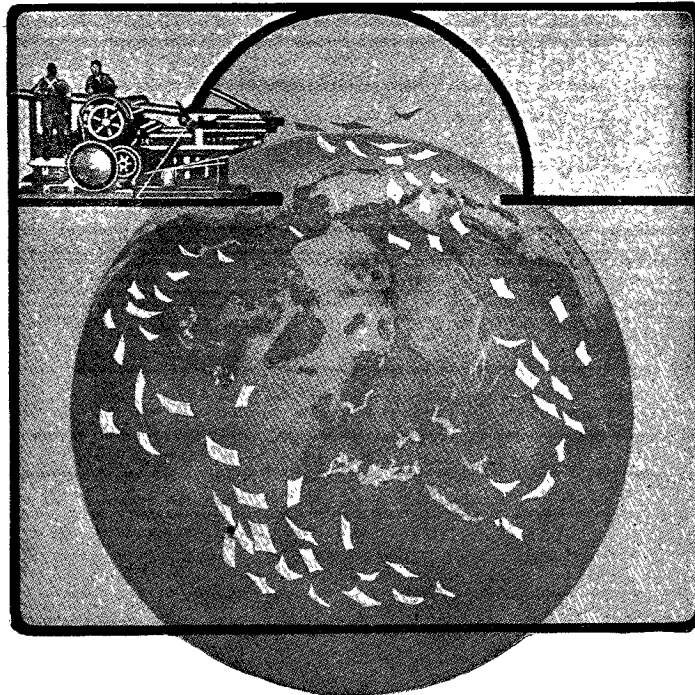
Predominant throughout the entire Council was the emphasis on the soul-saving purpose of our work. Souls, not sales, are the true purpose of our mighty publishing programme. General acceptance and recognition of this fact was thrillingly evidenced on Sabbath by the morning message of Elder Huse, and the afternoon messages of Brethren Charpiot and Christoffers. We almost felt like shouting "Hallelujah" as these three brethren related experiences of the faithful, plodding colporteurs in America, Europe, and North Africa.

Never dazzling in his achievements, one American colporteur promised God a year's service for every soul won. He was still standing by the task after twenty-eight years, and could reckon among his converts a European president and a South American missionary, who together have brought hundreds to Christ.

And who of us will ever forget Brother Charpiot's account of the North African colporteur—a health literature specialist—who faced a white-hot tirade of half an hour's duration from a female spit-fire? Patiently he waited till the ferment was spent, then talked kindly about the state of her nerves, her general health, and the injurious effect of her smoking, and eventually suggested Bible studies. The happy sequel was the conversion and baptism of both her and her daughter.

Brother Christoffers likewise gripped us with the moving story of God's providences in Germany. Facing formidable odds, the Hamburg Publishing House, like the legendary phoenix, has risen again from the fires and devastation of war. Workers have rallied to the challenge of the newly published literature, and the results in sales and souls is striking evidence that the "everlasting arms" of God are guiding and prospering the work in "the land of Luther."

During the many sessions and meetings, a mounting list of difficulties facing various fields could have been compiled by anyone with a mind to do so. For instance, there was Norway and Finland with their meagre and scattered populations



The Song of the Presses

(Theme Song sung by The Stanborough Press staff at the opening service of the Council.)

Like a mighty anthem swelling,
Far and wide beyond all telling,
Rings the glorious advent message
 loud and clear;
But in tones deep and sonorous,
I can hear in that grand chorus
Rolling strains that fill my soul
 with holy cheer.

CHORUS

'Tis the music of the presses,
Sent to heal the world's distresses,
Bringing hope to thousands by the
 quick'ning word.
Many tongues their song embraces,
Soon there'll be no distant places
Where the music of the presses
 is not heard.

There are men with talents gifted
Preaching Christ with voice uplifted
To the famished throngs in this
 dark world of woe;
And these agents God is using,
They are men of His own choosing,
Yet they cannot multiply them-
 selves you know.

CHORUS

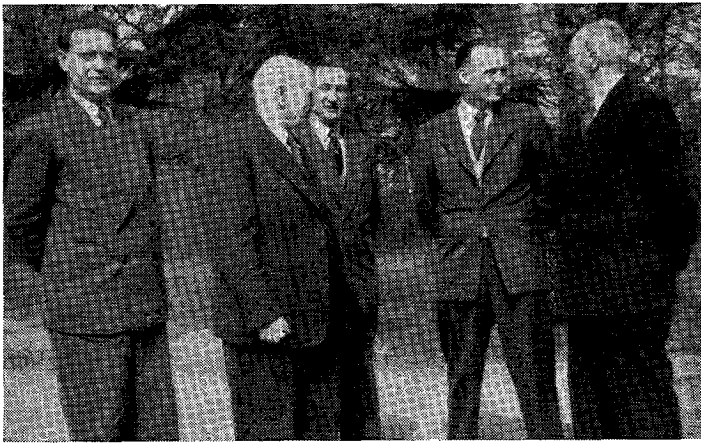
But the message from the presses,
Ev'ry lightened soul confesses,
Can be scattered far and wide in
 ev'ry land.
Oh! I like these "iron preachers,"
That can talk to all God's creatures
In a language they can read and
 understand.

Soon the Gospel of salvation
Will have gone to ev'ry nation,
And I fancy then we all shall come
 to know
When we hear the complete story,
In that land of light and glory,
That the presses have done won-
 drous things below.

CHORUS

Let the presses keep on chanting,
They are means of God's own
 planting,
Sending forth the threefold message
 true and grand;
Precious "leaves of autumn" falling,
Souls in darkness ever calling
To a place in heaven's kingdom
 near at hand.

J. HARKER.



Norwegian Publishing Delegates: Editor, O. Wiik; Manager, E. Bjaanes; Conference Secretary, Aksel Steen; Union President, Alf Lohne, Production Manager, T. Opsahl.

and immense distances—many were surprised to learn that Norway's length exceeded the distance from London to Rome, there was the religious prejudice of Spain, the political pressure of Yugoslavia, the problems of language, illiteracy, and money, which, according to an intensely interesting report by Publishing Department Secretary, D. L. Chappell, hamper the work in his field of West Africa, and there were many others. These were mentioned not out of any spirit of self-pity, but rather to impress upon us the fact of God's overruling providence which is prospering His work everywhere.

We were glad to hear from Pastor C. R. Bonney, Principal of the British Voice of Prophecy Bible School, during the Wednesday morning session. He gave an encouraging report of the link-up between the publishing work and the Correspondence School. "The school makes more effective the good work the literature is doing," he declared, and gave facts to prove it. Happy epilogue to a stimulating message: Wimbledon (South London) church decided to send copies of *Our Times* to every prison in South England. Known results: eighteen prisoner students of our school, and three awaiting baptism as soon as they are released from gaol. A warder in famous Parkhurst Prison, Isle of Wight, declared of a criminal doing his third term: "I would like to tell you this prisoner is the miracle of Parkhurst." Reason? *Our Times* together with the Voice of Prophecy School, had brought him to Christ. To-day he rejoices in the Advent hope.

The Council's opening and morning messages gladdened and solemnized our hearts. Space forbids more than a brief word on each:

Pastor A. F. Tarr, Northern European Division President, who launched the Council on Monday night: "The world's

great need is for message-filled literature to be distributed by message-thrilled people."

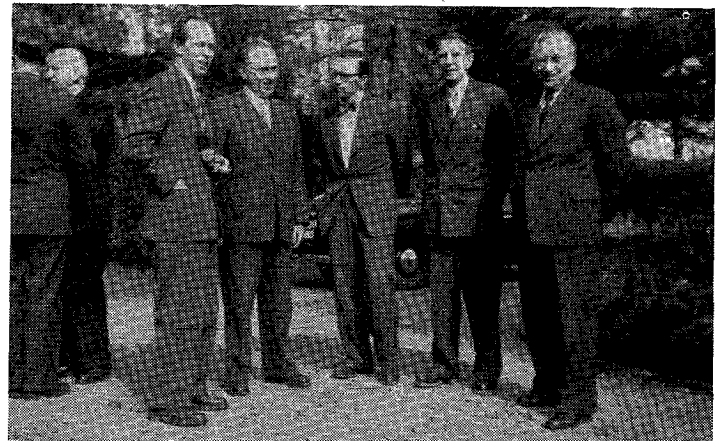
Pastor E. B. Rudge, Division Secretary, on Tuesday morning: Commenting on Isaiah 60:1, 2 and Revelation 18:1, he reminded us that the "grand objective of our publications is to exalt God and to call men's attention to the living truths of God's Word."

Pastor G. A. Lindsay, Division Treasurer, at the Wednesday morning devotional: Commenting on Matthew 13:16, 17 he quoted French social reformer Zola's unwittingly correct comment on our century: "Happy, we the children of the twentieth century. Glorious things are ahead of us." Our literature ministry will hasten the glorious consummation.

Pastor G. E. Vandeman, General Conference Ministerial Association Secretary, now conducting the London evangelistic campaign, on Thursday morning delivered a heart-searching message on 1 Corinthians 13, solemnly reminding us that love is the supreme test of genuine service, whether it be publishing books or field evangelism.

Pastor T. J. Bradley, Division Minis-

Swedish Publishing Delegates: Editor, E. Soderberg; Editor, S. Bjur; Conference Secretary, L. Sandberg; Manager, E. H. Larson; Union President, C. Gidlund.



terial Association Secretary, on Friday morning eloquently reminded us that our great need is a broader vision. We must work "not with eyeservice as men pleasers," but as the servants of God.

Pastor W. W. Armstrong, British Union President, on Sunday morning: Success and failure factors, strikingly illustrated by Bible characters, were his theme. He quoted the late Elder W. A. Spicer: "Talk faith and you will have faith; talk success and you will have success; talk light and you will have light."

The immediate result of the Council was a renewed faith in God's overruling providence, and a deepened conviction that He is leading His people. All saw more clearly that, according to a quotation from a Roman Catholic journal passed on by Elder Huse on Sabbath morning: "The tallest pulpit to-day is the printing press."

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LITERATURE WORK IN SWEDEN

By Erik H. Larson
Manager, Stockholm
Publishing House

DURING the year 1952 we have published three new books for our Swedish field. The most prominent of these is *The Great Controversy*, entitled *Seklernas Kamp*, that now comes out in an abbreviated edition. It is very well illustrated with several three-colour pictures. *The Great Controversy* was sold in Sweden many years ago when it was printed at our press in Norway.

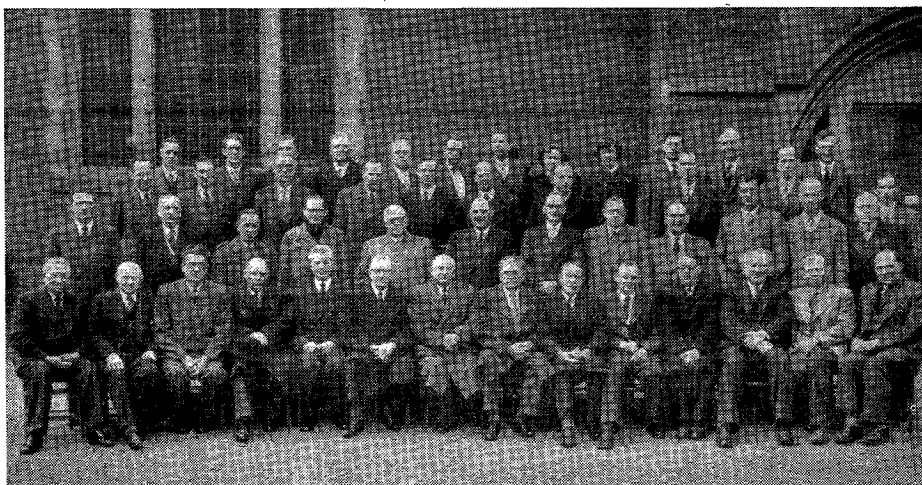
The other new books are entitled in Swedish, *Fri Från Fruktan*, and *Under Guds Befäl*. The first mentioned is written by E. Bjaanes, the manager of the Norwegian Publishing House, and in English the title reads, *Free From Fear*. The other

is a translation of the book, *God Is My Captain* by E. C. Joers, and is the cheapest of the three books. It seems as if it will be our best seller for from June, when it was first published, up to the end of December, we have sold about 13,000 copies. All of these books give the Advent message to the readers, and we therefore hope that many souls will be won to the truth by the sale of this good Advent literature.

Besides these books just mentioned we have sold the last thousand copies of the book, *Hemmet* ("The Home"), written by L. Muderspach. Since the autumn of 1949, 100,000 copies of this book have been printed. A storybook for children entitled *Raja* by Mrs. A. E. Rawson, has also been translated and printed and is now ready for sale.

For various reasons the number of colporteurs in the Swedish field has not been too high in 1952. It is easy for our young people to obtain good positions with Sabbath privileges in worldly firms. The church membership has also not grown as we would have liked and all this has had its effect on the recruitment of new colporteurs. Other denominations are very active here in Sweden and many prejudices meet our workers in the field. Nevertheless we are of good courage, and we do receive reports of souls being won through the colporteur work. Soul-winning is our great aim.

The sale of our *Signs* magazine, *Tidens Tecken*, has been rather good. We printed 17,000 of the Spring number for the Big Week campaign and these were sold in a few weeks. There were 40,000 copies of the midwinter edition printed and 34,000 were scattered over our country by the end of the year. We now pray that God will give the increase in His eternal kingdom from all this labour of planting and watering of our good literature.



Forty-two delegates attended the 1953 Division Publishing Council composed of managers, editors, presidents, and field leaders from Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Great Britain, Ethiopia, and West Africa.

Colporteur-Evangelism in West Africa

By D. L. Chappell, *Publishing Secretary,*
West African Union Mission

MEMBERS of the modest little Adventist church in Accra, Gold Coast, witnessed the baptism of five precious souls, three men and two ladies, on December 27, 1952. This was the climax of a most successful year of colporteur evangelism in West Africa.

Colporteur C. A. Clerk of Accra sold books to some of these people as far back as 1950. He sold them more books in 1951. Then when Pastor J. O. Gibson, president of our West African Union Mission, began his Bible picture lectures in the Accra Community Centre early last year, Brother Clerk invited many of his customers to attend the lectures.

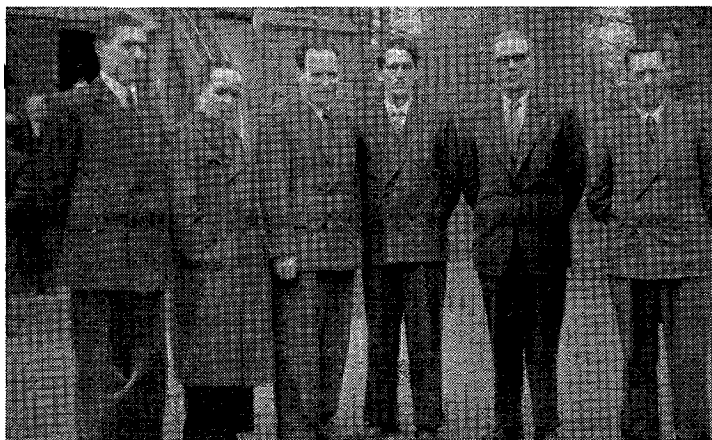
Pastor Gibson could readily see that these five members of his audience were

already acquainted with the message, and in a short time he had them keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism. The colporteur had sown the seed; the evangelist had reaped the harvest. The colporteur, his customers, and the evangelist were happy with the result of their team work and God's blessing.

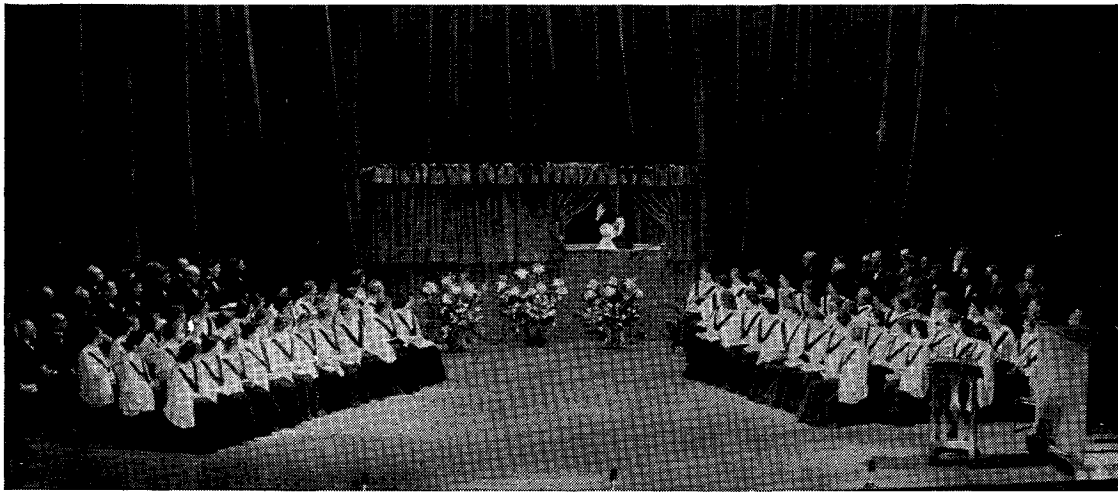
Mr. A. B. Hammond, Mr. E. O. Ababio, Miss Gifty Bennett, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lokko were the five persons baptized. All of them speak the English language fluently. Mr. Hammond, a long-time civil servant in the Lands Department of the Gold Coast Government, resigned his highly paid position in order to keep the Sabbath. He expects to work in one of our mission institutions. Mr. Lokko, one of the official recorders in the Legislative Assembly, was able to arrange to have Sabbath off and thus to retain his influential position.

Mr. Ababio, who first bought books from Colporteur Andrew Daitey, enjoys Sabbath privileges in his present employment with the Public Works Department, but he plans to resign later this year so that he may take the ministerial course at our Bekwai Training School. The daughter of the former chief pharmacist of the Gold Coast Hospital, Accra, and a seamstress student in the Accra Technical School, Miss Bennett hopes to attend our Girls' School in Bekwai, Ashanti.

The Accra church rejoices over the conversion of these fine, educated people.



Finnish Publishing Delegates: Conference Secretary, S. Alftan; Editor, K. V. Osola; Union Secretary, U. Hongisto; Editor, O. Aarrejärvi; Manager, Y. Meittinen; Editor, A. Unhola.



The beautiful setting in which the first-fruits of the London Campaign were baptized in the Stoll Theatre. The drappings of one of the two baptisteries are drawn back as Pastor J. C. French baptizes a candidate.

Brother Clerk says that he has a happy feeling deep down in his heart, and Pastor Gibson regards the colporteurs as "the preparers of the soil" for the evangelists.

We know of at least seven more colporteur customers in other parts of West Africa who were baptized during 1952. A large number began keeping the Sabbath, and are at present attending baptismal classes. In addition, there are hundreds of people in our vast field who are now studying the Scriptures with new interest as a consequence of the friendly visits of our forty-five colporteur-evangelists.

These literature evangelists, under the able leadership of L. H. Davidson in the Gold Coast and E. L. Brown in East Nigeria (both men are from Jamaica), delivered \$36,830 worth of literature during 1952. This was a 76 per cent gain over the delivery for the previous year, and three times as much as the 1950 delivery. In view of the educational, economical, and social status of both the colporteurs and their prospects in this land, this accomplishment is more significant than the figures indicate. For this marked progress in colporteur evangelism in West Africa we are grateful to God.

Another evidence, and a big one too, of the onward march of the publishing work in West Africa was the construction of the beautiful Advent Press in Accra last year. By the time you read this, Pastor H. S. Pearce, the press manager, will have completed the installation of the machinery and equipment. Soon truth-laden literature will be flowing to the millions of West Africa from this new monument of truth for the cause of God.

A few weeks ago, Colporteur M. A.

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LONDON'S HARVEST BEGINS

By T. J. Bradley

GREAT has been the joy of the Advent believers in Britain as over this past seven months the vital basic doctrines of the Gospel, set as jewels in the framework of the third angel's message, have been proclaimed with power in the heart of London. An immensely impressed and consistent audience has followed weekly the busy round of services. An average of 1,400 people attended on the Sunday nights and weekly 800 people made the mid-week Bible classes a regular appointment. It has been a spiritual thrill to observe decisions of seekers after light and the growth of men and women in the way of full salvation. A wide circle of friends has been made newly aware of the beauty and truth of the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists.

No wonder then that March 22nd and April 5th were days of choicest blessing. For on these days the first two baptisms of the London campaign were conducted. Seventy-three persons were immersed in the first baptism and nineteen in the second. We were happy to have many of our conference leaders among the 2,000 people present on March 22nd, for the recent Division-wide Publishing Convention had necessitated the presence of these brethren in London. Their sharing of our joy was indeed a fuller experience for us all.

It will not be necessary for those who were present to recount the moving solemnity of the baptismal services conducted in the theatre, but no doubt a

large circle of friends would like to visit one of them in spirit and so we record this description for them.

In order to transform a theatre stage into a beautiful setting for the sacred New Testament rite, much detailed planning and preparation were necessary. Two large steel tanks were obtained and painted an attractive pale blue. Heating points were arranged, and special stage curtains draped for the most impressive effect. Around the fonts a framework was built which was to carry movable curtains. In front of the fonts on either side of the stage the campaign choir was so arranged as to channel the gaze as well as the thoughts of everyone to the baptisms. During the immersions conducted separately, as the curtains opened and closed on each candidate, the lovely Compton organ flooded the theatre auditorium with quiet, solemn music, bringing an even greater awareness of the presence of God throughout the whole service.

Pastor G. E. Vandeman's appropriate remarks and readings before each group was baptized by the chosen pastors, and the selected musical items by the choir and the quartette, made a perfect setting and atmosphere for a never-to-be-forgotten mission baptism. Three or four more baptisms will be necessary to fill all the requests of the large interests, for prayer has done miracles for many scores of individuals.

The joy of the worker's heart is complete when, with a warm handshake, new

members are received into church fellowship, and throughout London to-day a new song is vibrating and echoing in hearts everywhere. The flame of city evangelism is burning brightly. Larger plans are afoot for next autumn, as new centres will be assaulted for the message to-day. Let us pray and plan and work as never before, devoting time and talents with unreserved consecration to the finishing of the mighty task committed to God's remnant church.

INSPIRATION OF THE LONDON CAMPAIGN SPREADS TO FINLAND

FROM Pastor T. J. Bradley, secretary of the Division Ministerial Association, comes the following encouraging extract from a letter received from Pastor Onni Halminen, a young Finnish evangelist, who with many other evangelists from various parts of the Division was invited to attend the commencement of Pastor G. E. Vandeman's great London campaign. Pastor Halminen writes:

"Thank you ever so much for your letter and the advertising material of the London campaign. I was very happy to receive it. My stay in London last autumn has been of great value to me. I shall always be grateful for this wonderful experience which was so kindly accorded me; for now I have had a greater audience than I have ever had before.

"We began our meetings on January 11th. Our group consisted of two Bible instructors, my wife, and myself. We had planned for only one meeting a night but on the opening night the hall which normally seats 400 people was overcrowded with an attendance of 600. In spite of this there were so many who could not gain admittance that we decided to hold a second meeting immediately following the first. The only reason why we were able to pack so many into the hall was because the main usher was ill and our brethren did not know what to do and allowed the people to come in. We thus held two meetings each night. However, after three subjects had been presented, we were forced to arrange for three meetings as the audience had grown from 800 to 1,200. We continued with the three sessions for three weeks when a bad influenza epidemic struck the town and we had to return to the two sessions. We are grateful that we have all kept well and have had our meetings in spite of the epidemic.

"Last Sabbath we had our first Sabbath meeting for the newly interested people. Our church building is only very small, seating about 100 people, but we held two services, and besides our churchmembers, there were approximately 100 friends present.

"God has done a wonderful work in the hearts of many of these people. Some great sinners have found Jesus and others who were physically sick have been healed. These blessings from God have wonderfully helped our work.

"In April or the beginning of May we are planning for our first baptism. We are still continuing two meetings a night. In other parts of Finland other evangelists are also having good audiences of several hundreds.

"I thank you for remembering me and my fellow-workers in your prayers. That is what we need most. We have about 1,300 names on our visiting lists. Only God can help us. A third Bible instructor is joining us soon. We send greetings to all the workers we met when in London."

Colporteur Evangelism

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Enim of Kumasi, Gold Coast, sold a copy of *These Days of Destiny* to Dr. W. B. Hagan-Brown, an African dentist trained in England. The doctor asked the colporteur if he had more books, and Enim showed him a little booklet advertising several large volumes. The doctor said that he would like to see the set.

When Brother Enim went to the Book and Bible House to get the set of books, he told the publishing secretary, L. H. Davidson, about the doctor's interest in Adventist literature. Not content to show the man only a small set of books, Brother Davidson placed in a box a copy of every type of book in stock, a total of 27 big books, 37 Crisis books, a song book, and a chain-reference Bible, and went with Enim to take them to the dentist. To their joy, the doctor purchased the whole lot, amounting to \$155.75! To date, he has bought \$180.95 worth of our message books!

Pastor A. J. Mustard, mission superintendent, has visited Mr. Hagan-Brown and invited him to visit the mission compound and to attend church. The last I knew, the dentist was planning to attend the Kumasi church the following Sabbath.

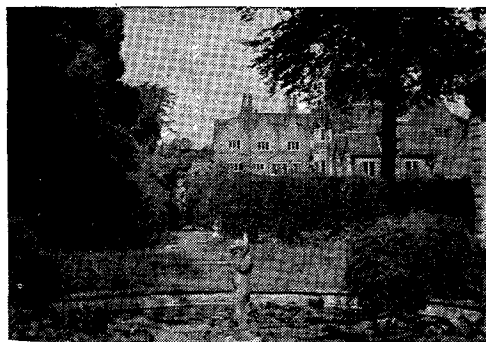
Word has come that Colporteur Young Achor has organized a branch Sabbath school in Calabar, Nigeria, in the same

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HOLIDAY LEARNING

Newbold Missionary College



ENGLISH SUMMER SESSION, 1953

SOMEONE has said: "If winter comes can spring be very far behind?" That is only another way of saying that the seasons follow each other with a good deal of regularity, and that one must not allow the summer season to overtake him without having made adequate plans for it.

Now summer suggests many things to many people: work on the farm, colporturing, youth camps, holidays and vacations, and, perhaps, additional school work. All of them must be planned for in advance. How wonderful it is when both pleasure and profit can be combined in one holiday period!

Two months at Newbold Missionary College this summer offers just such a variety of good things. It gives opportunity to study English language, literature, and history in the environment where it is used and made. Far enough removed from London to provide restful relaxation and study amid the beautiful Berkshire hills, yet it is close enough to the great throbbing, pulsating capital of the British Empire to have easy access to the priceless treasures of world-famous museums, art galleries, and centuries-old shrines of English history, literature, and life.

These same two months also bring together in one place associations and acquaintances so cosmopolitan as to be scarcely equalled outside the United Nations assembly in New York. Each summer there gather at Newbold Missionary College students from nearly a score of European and other countries with all the stimulating educational by-products which such international fellowship brings.

One scarcely needs to add a word about the value of studying oral and written

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NEWS FLASH

Pastor W. J. Newman arrived in London on March 16th, on furlough from West Africa. Sister Newman and the children had preceded Brother Newman by several months. We are glad to have Brother and Sister Newman with us during their furlough period.

Brother and Sister Derwood L. Chappell also arrived in London on March 16th, on furlough from West Africa. They spent two weeks in England before proceeding to the States. The Division Committee have invited Brother Chappell, while on furlough in the States, to attend the Pan American Youth Congress to be held in San Francisco, June 16-20, 1953.

E. L. Minchin, at present touring Ethiopia, has been invited to attend the British Union Conference youth rally to be held in London, May 30th.

Elder F. B. Knight, associate treasurer of the General Conference, was a most welcome visitor to the Division office and the London Transportation Department for two or three days. He returned to the States on March 21st.

Elder R. M. Whitsett spent a few brief hours in London on his way home from Spain. We were happy that he could attend the baptismal service at the Stoll Theatre on March 22nd, and also that he was able to speak to the Division office staff during their worship period on Monday, March 23rd.

Brother Erling Bjaanes of Debre Tabor, Ethiopia, writes: "The attendance at our weekly meetings still holds good. We have about 150 attending. I am using film strips in presenting the message. The village people are now allowing their children to attend the Sabbath school. Last week we had twenty-seven village children. The young people, too, have started doing missionary work visiting the prison, giving Bible studies and so forth. We pray that God will bless their efforts."

Colporteur-Evangelism

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area where that brave lady missionary of earlier years, Mary Slessor, laboured so successfully among the pagans of the swamps of the Calabar River. Seven members of the branch Sabbath school are keeping the Sabbath. They are Mr. C. E.

Clarke, a goldsmith, and six of his children.

"What is needed," says Colporteur Achor, "is an evangelist to follow up the interest created by the message in our books." His statement voices the appeal of all our colporteurs.



D. L. Chappell, Publishing Department Secretary, West African Union.

Thankful for the manifold blessings which have attended their labours during the past, the West African colporteur-evangelists press forward with courage and determination in their soul-saving ministry for Christ.

Holiday Learning

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English in the land of its origin. It has become one of the most important mediums of communication in the business and political world to-day. It is even more important in the world-wide work of promulgating the third angel's message. There are few places in the mission fields of the Northern European Division where one can serve to-day without an adequate speaking knowledge of it, and even in the home base unions, facility in speaking and writing in English is an increasingly valuable asset.

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For full information and enrolment forms address: The Principal, Newbold Missionary College, Bracknell, Berks., England, and plan to enjoy a wonderful period of holiday study in historic England.
L. MARK HAMILTON.

Publishing Council

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The Council's ultimate results will be gloriously evident in Christ's coming kingdom. How supremely happy in that day will all those be who have faithfully served in this great publishing ministry.

And so, as the theme song sung by The Stanborough Press staff at the opening service, had it:

"Let the presses keep on chanting,
They are means of God's own planting,
Sending forth the three-fold message, true and grand,
Precious 'leaves of autumn' falling,
Souls in darkness ever calling
To a place in heaven's kingdom near at hand."

R. D. VINE.

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