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"From Greenland's Icy Mountains"

By Andreas Nielsen

THIS is my second visit to Greenland. Last year I had the privilege of taking our literature to most of the principal places on the west coast of this great island. Many meetings were held in various places, and now on my second visit it has been interesting to see the influence of that former visit and how the message has taken hold in various places.

This time there is associated with me, Ernst Hansen, one of the young workers from the West Danish Conference, and we have had some very interesting experiences, a few of which I want to relate in order that you may know something of what we meet there, as my family and I have accepted a call to take up permanent work in Greenland.

In Holsteinsborg where I met with some opposition last year, we now have had the opportunity of seeing another fulfillment of the statement in the Spirit of prophecy: "Wherever they go they will be assured of victory." While the boat made a call we went ashore. It was a great joy to meet and talk with our friend, Amon Berthelsen. He informed us that there were others in this place who had become much interested from reading our tracts and books. It was touching to see the tears in his eyes as we had prayer together. He is a brother who longs to fellowship with those with whom he feels he is united in spirit. On the way down to the ship we met several Greenlanders who greeted us with kind smiles. One of them, who attracted our attention, encouraged us by

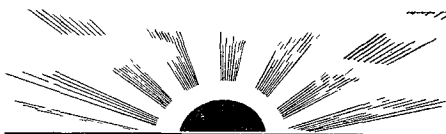
his friendly words: "You did a good work here in 1953."

In Christenshaab which we now visited for the first time, we went ashore well supplied with the Greenlandish tract, *Ardlorit (Look Up)*. When some learned who we were, they were reserved and did not want to talk with us. However, others were glad to have us visit their homes. We had a long conversation with a man who was the head catechist, and responsible for the instruction of the children in religion by the State church. We first of all talked in the school where he is teaching, and later in his home where we were very kindly received. There was a real interest in Bible study. The man interpreted for his wife and daughter, and we saw that among their books was a copy of *Christ Our Saviour* in Danish. In the afternoon we were invited to a birthday party in their home, and here we met several neighbours whom we had earlier visited but who were very reserved. When our friend interpreted for them their attitude changed and they became very friendly. In the evening we had a public meeting in the parish hall, and our host again interpreted for us. Our subject was the "Second Coming of Christ" and all the people listened very attentively. There were 116 present who

filled the small hall, while many had to stand. The beautiful coloured slides we used to illustrate the subject increased their interest. Bible pictures inspire the Greenlanders and they were very eager to give expression to their feelings when they saw these pictures. After the meeting they were no longer reserved and all wanted to give us a handshake as we parted.

On Sabbath, June 19th, the ship *Julius Thomsen* anchored outside Jakobshavn and there we had to remain on board until Sunday. The State church minister from Godthaab who last year warned the people against us, intended to do the same this year. In Greenland the ship's passenger list is published, as well as the object of travel, so they all knew who we were. After we had been permitted to land, we went up to the town to look for lodgings, but had no success. We could not find a cover for our heads, and soon it began to grow dark. It seemed that we would be forced to put up our tent, something that we did not like to do because of the many dogs in Jakobshavn. There are no less than 2,000 dogs, while the inhabitants number only 1,000. Some of the Greenlanders stood a little way off and looked at us with keen interest and wondered what we would do. We had hardly begun to open our baggage before the dogs came rushing at us. These dogs are looked upon as beasts of prey and they often attack people, especially children.

The situation was very alarming for us and I decided that I would make still an-





Pastor Andreas Nielsen, our intrepid missionary to the Island of Greenland, plans to spend the coming winter months on the island. Here he is seen starting out with his tracts on his first missionary journey to Greenland.

other attempt to find a lodging place. Just then a former minister of the State church with two Danish workmen came to our aid. They gave us to understand that we could not spend the night out like this, and the minister invited us to stay with him as his wife was away. He took us through the whole house, and told us that we should feel very much at home with him. We were interested in having a public meeting as soon as possible, as experience had taught us that this is the best way to break down prejudice. Films were to have been shown in the parish hall that Sunday evening, but the unexpected happened and no-one came to sell any tickets. I therefore had the privilege of using the hall for our meeting. The subject was, "The Second Coming of Christ" illustrated with beautiful coloured pictures. This meeting indeed won a victory over the worldly film show. This happened in Greenland! I wonder if this has happened anywhere else?

Two hours before the opening of the service, Ernst Hansen put up a few notices in Greenlandish and Danish, and sent a couple of boys out to the homes of the people calling them to attend. The parish hall was close to our host's home and so we could see from the window the people coming to the parish hall half an hour before the meeting was due to begin, while more and more joined the waiting crowd. What a wonderful sight! When the doors were opened the people just rushed into the hall and immediately the room was

full. I wondered how Brother Hansen would be able to find a spot to put up the film projector. It was not easy, but he made it. With our minister host as interpreter, I spoke to a very attentive audience regarding the blessed hope of the Christian church; the hope that would also change the hard lot of many of the Greenlanders into that blessed experience they would have in the glorious kingdom of God.

It was wonderful to see the midnight sun in Jakobshavn, where its rays gleam out over the high snow-covered mountains and over the great ocean. Close to Jakobshavn many great icebergs float by, consisting of many, many tons of ice. The Greenlanders love to go for trips into the mountains in the late summer evenings, and watch the midnight sun in all its glory.

Shortly after our meeting the present State church minister in Jakobshavn, urged on by his district superintendent in Godthaab, sent out a written warning to every house. Our minister friend has translated it for us:

"To the Church in Jakobshavn Parish"

"On June 19th there arrived on the *Julius Thomsen* an Adventist minister who will most likely work in Jakobshavn and perhaps in other nearby places, to win proselytes. The district leader has by cable requested me to let the church and those who are receiving religious instruction by us, know why we cannot give this man our sanction.

"About 1840 the Adventists began to

keep Saturday holy instead of Sunday; the Sunday which we sing about so beautifully in our songbook. They follow Jewish customs such as we read about in the Old Testament and they do not eat the flesh of certain animals that they call unclean, for instance, the flesh of swine. They will not permit children to be baptized and our confession of faith that we respectfully listen to, standing to our feet every Sunday, they will not have anything to do with."

In spite of this warning against us, we had a very friendly reception in many homes. They were glad to receive the Greenlandish tract and they read it with great interest. One young Greenlander visited us one evening in our home and we were able to have a Bible study with him. He was glad for the books, *Great Controversy* and *Health and Happiness*. One day, when we visited one of the officials, he told us that the former church assistant district leader wanted to talk with us. To our great surprise, it was with good intentions. The assistant district leader had read with much interest the Danish translation of the tract, *Look Up*, and he found no fault with its contents. The following expression that he used surprised us much: "The keeping of Sunday as a holy day can only be supported by theology, and not by the Bible." After an interesting conversation with this man we had a short prayer together and he then shook hands very warmly, saying as he left: "Those whom I can pray with are not enemies, but friends."

This kind reception that we received gave us courage to ask the assistant district leader if he would kindly interpret for us during the next public meeting we intended to have, and he promised that he would. Again the hall was full and many could not enter. The subject for the evening was, "The Rise and Fall of World Powers and the Glorious Coming Kingdom." After the meeting one of the Greenlanders rose and thanked us for the message on behalf of those who had attended.

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Skodsborg Sanitarium

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covers mistakes and shortcomings so that they will not harm the work of His choosing. We solicit the prayers of all our readers on behalf of those connected with the medical programme of the denomination, that God's favour may continue to rest upon our medical institutions so that His purpose regarding them may be accomplished.

SKODSBORG SANITARIUM

By G. A. Lindsay

THE MEDICAL institutions established and operated by Seventh-day Adventists really serve a two-fold purpose. First of all, they are obviously to care for and bring healing to the sick and suffering who come there. Secondly, they are to demonstrate to the world the principles of Christian living.

Many who come to our institutions for medical care would perhaps never attend any services in our churches or public meetings in their home localities and there hear the Advent message proclaimed. But in our sanitariums they are brought into close contact with Seventh-day Adventists and are able to see them in the daily practice of their faith. Through this avenue many have been led to study the various teachings we hold so dear, and some have later joined the Advent movement because of what they have experienced in our sanitariums. Sometimes we have also seen how those who were once very prejudiced and set against our religion have, after a few weeks or months in one of our medical institutions, come to understand that Seventh-day Adventists are earnest and honest Christians, to be highly respected.

In a recent issue of one of the leading dailies in Stockholm, Sweden, there appeared an article written by the former owner of that newspaper, now retired, in which he told of his recent visit to Skodsborg Sanitarium in Denmark. This publisher is a devout Christian and an active member in his denomination, closely related to the Congregationalists. However, both he and his church have in the past been very much prejudiced against us and hardly considered us to be Christians because of our Sabbath-keeping and abstinence from unclean meats. Now he writes of his great joy in seeing a strong evangelical spirit prevailing in this our institution, and he recognizes the Advent movement as an active spiritual movement.

We quote him at length as follows:

"On the coastline between Copenhagen and Elsinore (Helsingör) there is a nice, modern hotel called 'Kustens Perle' ('The Pearl of the Coast'). Analogous to this name, I would like to call the Adventists' world-renowned sanitarium at Skodsborg, also situated on the same coastline of the Sound which separates Denmark and Sweden, 'Sundets Perle' ('The Pearl of the Sound').

"Yes, this unique institution is indeed a

pearl. It was in 1918 that my wife and I first visited Skodsborg Sanitarium. That was in the days of Dr. Carl Ottosen, the founder of the sanitarium. When now thirty-six years later I returned to the sanitarium, it was indeed a pleasure to notice that Skodsborg had grown immensely—the number of patients is now up to almost 300 and every little corner is occupied—but the comfortable feeling, the excellent treatments, and above all, the good spirit, are the same as before. Several new white, castle-like buildings have been added, and even if in the days of Dr. Ottosen the floral splendour was most attractive, now it is overwhelming and very select. . . .

"What most of all makes a Christian visitor to Skodsborg Sanitarium rejoice, is to find such a good and true evangelical spirit stamped on this grand institution. The throng of young men and women who serve the many patients, is in every respect so friendly and happy and attentive in the performance of their duties that it is a delight to behold.

"When one attends the daily devotional services in the large parlour or the young people's meetings in the chapel, one learns to know this world-embracing, missionary-minded, and ever active Adventist denomination from its best sides—both evangelically and socially. During the young people's meetings every seat in the chapel is taken. The young people themselves lead out in these meetings and take an active part in the programme. One does not mistake the spirituality of the young men and women who sing with such sincerity and devotion of what Jesus has done and is now doing for all of us. The congregation can at times suggest the hymns in the song services, and always the most fervent hymns are selected.

"The choice concerts that are often arranged in the parlour, as well as the gymnastic drills and brisk marches and the club-swinging exercises in the airy gymnasium, where both patients and staff join together, speak of the sound health which in this institution, and no doubt in the Adventist denomination in general, is united with spiritual sincerity and fervour.

"The feeling of a sectarian atmosphere which perhaps offends the 'outsider' to begin with because of the strict observance of Saturday as the Sabbath day, disappears entirely as a more intimate acquaintance

is made with this denomination. One realizes that Seventh-day Adventism originates from a close adherence to the letter of the law, but it is a firmly principled obedience to the word of the Bible. The fact remains, however, that the spirit here is truly evangelical and intensely active. Faithfulness to the word of the Bible and a constant waiting for the kingdom of God and the second coming of Jesus Christ, is obviously the source of inspiration and power of this active spiritual movement, so practical and highly beneficial."

We thank God for our medical institutions. Many more similar testimonies could be quoted. We also thank God for the faithful band of workers connected with these institutions. They are by no means perfect, but they endeavour to do their best, and God in His love and mercy

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NORTH NETHERLANDS

By P. Van Oossanen, *President*

WE ARE indeed thankful to the Lord for the many rich blessings bestowed upon us during the past two years. As the work of soul winning is such an important work, I feel it a privilege to give you a brief survey of this branch of our service. Through baptism and profession of faith 137 new members have been added to the church. We are very thankful to the Lord for this result. Alas, we lost sixteen members by death. However they fell asleep in the sure knowledge that Jesus Christ was their Saviour and Lord. They were faithful to the Lord to the end, and rest in peace. May we see them again among the host of the redeemed at the first resurrection.

In the Netherlands our workers have been faithfully toiling for the Master. They know there is joy in heaven over one soul that repents, for the Good Shepherd left all to bring back the lost sheep to the fold. We are not content with our labours, and so have made the decision to double our membership within the next few years. We ask our brethren in the faith in other countries: "Please pray for the work of God which is being done in the Netherlands."

At the present time there are exactly 1,200 members in the North Netherland Conference. During the past few years

many have emigrated to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and America to start a new way of living there. May God bless these Advent believers in their newly-found homeland. I look forward to the time when all believers from all parts of the earth will be united in the kingdom of God.

While our preachers are doing everything they can to promote the work of God, yet we regret that there are so few Gospel workers here. Many great cities have no workers at all. Towns with 50,000 inhabitants and more do not have a single Adventist in their midst. Still the time will come when this will all be changed. The Lord will finish His work, doing those things which we are not able to do.

In the Ingathering work, more than 28,000 guilders have been collected during the past two years and this year also we hope to reach our goal. A large sum of money was collected for those who suffered in the great flood disaster which swept our country in February, 1953. We are also glad for the increase in our tithe. In 1952, 116,232 guilders was received in tithes, but in 1953 the tithes amounted to 121,645 guilders. The Lord is doing great things for us! Our conference has also contributed 1,650 guilders toward our old people's home which is soon to be officially opened. We are very grateful for the financial support from the Northern European Division which has enabled us to purchase churches in Amsterdam, Arnhem, and Hoogeveen.

Our conference session this year was held in Groningen and we were thankful to have Brethren Roenfelt, Tarr, and Bergherm in our midst. These brethren greatly heartened us and they have given our Dutch Advent believers courage to advance cheerfully in the Christian way. Our visiting brethren spoke to us of the blessed hope of all believers who are looking for the return of Jesus Christ. Satisfied, our believers returned to their homes from this conference with the heartfelt desire to work and pray for the progress of the Gospel in all the world. May the Lord bless His work in the North Netherland Conference and grant that soon the day may come when we will all be united in the kingdom of our Saviour for eternity. At that time all sorrow will be gone, tears will be dried, the battle will be ended, and eternal peace will be our part.

We in the Netherlands join with you all in the work of the Master who wants to save mankind from all doubt and sin and who wants to make all happy for ever.

Utrecht Youth Congress

By D. Vink



EARLY in the year, our eleventh Youth Congress was held in Utrecht. A very fine programme had been prepared, representatives being present from the mission field as well as from Denmark. We had the privilege of having C. B. Mensah of the Gold Coast, Africa, with us who brought God's message with inspiring words, touching our hearts. The other visitor was N. Olsen, Bible teacher of our school in Denmark, whose message also caused a great awakening.

Right at the opening of the Congress, on the Friday evening, we received a rich outpouring of the Lord's blessing and we were assured that this Congress, under God's guidance, would be the most wonderful one we had ever had.

Now, as we think back on it, we can truthfully say that seldom have we had such a blessed time together, and this was borne out by many whispers that reached my ear and the many letters received.

We thank all who contributed to the meetings, especially the beautiful choir of youth from Rotterdam and the youth of Den Haag and Huis ter Heide for their good programmes. The youth of Utrecht will also not soon be forgotten, for we shall long remember their programme.

On account of the inability of many of the outlying youth groups to be present we were afraid that the attendance would be lower than usual, but to our surprise it was one of the best attended meetings. On Sabbath there were nearly 600 present in the building of "Kunsten en Wetenschappen."

Our motto was "Jesus Calls Us."

This proved to be our experience. We heard Jesus' voice. We cannot say just what it means to hear the voice of Jesus, but we do know we heard His voice deep in our souls, and it was delightful to conse-

crate all our hearts to Him. His invitation was so kind and full of love, that we were constrained to surrender. He gave us strength, and with His power we shall go forth joyfully.

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY IN THE NETHERLANDS

By P. Voorthuis



"The Voice"
F. J. Voorthuis

NEARLY eight years ago our Bible Correspondence Course was launched and soon doors were opened in areas which formerly were closed to us. Many villages and hamlets could only be reached by the canvasser selling our magazines and books.

Going from door to door he had little time to make profitable contacts with people who were ignorant of our message and even of the Advent church.

God's warning must go to everyone in the world. His work certainly shall be finished. To enable us to do this He has given us this new method of the radio and Bible correspondence school.

During these eight years we have had more than 40,000 applications and 15,000 active students. In co-operation with our evangelistic workers about 400 have been baptized.

At the end of 1950 we started our radio

programmes and many listeners have written in asking for the lessons.

The radio and the Bible school are working in close harmony together. Our radio speaker is F. J. Voorthuis, president of the Netherland Union, and it is my privilege to care for the work in the Bible school by answering the questions of the students, writing letters, and promoting the work generally.

We have had some wonderful experiences with students of our own country, as well as with those in foreign lands. We have prepared students for baptism in Germany, Belgium, and Indonesia with the co-operation of the workers in those fields.

Recently a man and wife from Germany who had been students of ours visited us. They told us they were now members of our church. The man had been a war invalid and during his illness he studied the Bible lessons while corresponding with us about his problems. We did all we could to help him and he was greatly blessed on his sick bed.

In Belgium a mother and son have become deeply interested in the study of the Bible. They wrote us several times telling us that the truths they had found in the lessons were the most precious treasures they possessed. Their lives are now filled with an immense joy which is renewed each morning. The mother visited her family and friends to tell them something of the wonderful truths she had discovered and she has been instrumental in arranging a little branch Sabbath school in her home where Pastor de Ligne gives Bible studies every fortnight. At the moment the son is in military service. As soon as he is able he wishes to attend our theological college either in Holland or in France.

A lady in Indonesia is just as happy. We are in contact with her and she writes how much she appreciates the work of our Bible school. She is now a member of our church at Bandung.

Our lessons have also found their way behind prison walls in Paramaribo. Twelve criminals are enthusiastically studying the Bible course. Several want baptism.

Our students are also to be found in Canada. A few have already been admitted into the church.

As you can see, our work is a world-wide work, touching many countries, and we are happy to be able to do something in the finishing of God's work on earth.

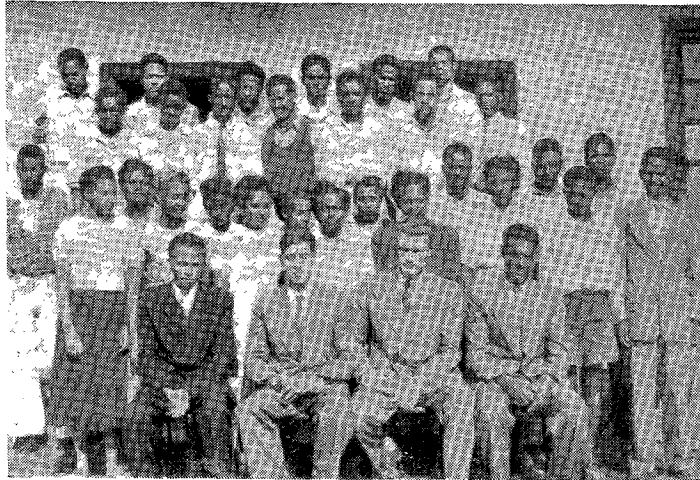
In our own country we endeavour to arouse the hearts of men to take God's Word, and to study it with a willingness

to accept its message. When we send the addresses of our students to the evangelists for follow-up work, they find hearts already open to receive the Word and with ease they are able to finish our task.

Our Lord is merciful. Through His followers He will complete the immense task on earth of bringing all who will to the light of the truth.

May God give us the ability to be filled

with His Spirit so as to understand His message and to be aware of the solemn time in which we are living. Let us walk in wisdom and redeem the time in His service. One day we shall see fruitage as a result of our toil and disappointments. It is just like Psalm 126:6: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."



A Visit to Ethiopia

Teachers and students from the High School and Training Class at Kuyera. In the front row are N. L. Tew and L. Rasmussen, Principal.

WE WERE happy to receive the following encouraging report from G. D. King, who is at present visiting the Ethiopian Union Mission. Pastor King writes from our Ethiopian Training School at Kuyera as follows:

"We have had a most interesting and encouraging itinerary so far in this union. The first week-end, October 15th to 18th, was spent in the Asmara district of Eritrea. It was encouraging to see a good programme of evangelism being carried out in that part of the field. E. Bjaanes has a very aggressive work at Addiudgrie and Addiquala. I visited both these places and the halls were full, seating about 150 people. Mrs. Bjaanes is also doing a strong work for the children. J. H. Wollan, the president of this field, is most enthusiastic about the prospects for evangelism. We looked at property in the city of Asmara which might be secured at a reasonable rental for an evangelistic centre in that place.

"Asmara is quite a fine modern city, having been built up by the Italians during their occupation of the country. October 19th to 21st I visited our hospital at Dessie where Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Johnson and Miss R. Borberg are the European staff, and are carrying forward a strong programme of medical missionary work and evangelism. The hospital is small,

about fifteen beds, but there is a very strong out-patient clinic work going forward in this place. The future is a little uncertain by reason of the Government's indecision and other complications about the contract for the place. However it would appear that there are good prospects for the work if some of these things can be straightened out.

"This week-end I have been here at Kuyera school where we have had an outstanding time. It has been called, 'Open House at Kuyera,' and marked the close of the school year. On Sabbath the new church building was crowded with over 500 present—they came in from all around. I spoke through two interpreters; still they seemed to understand. Following the Sabbath sermon, eighteen were baptized in the river, one of them an old heathen man who had been a devil worshipper and has probably killed more than twenty people. It was a most impressive sight to see this baptism. The week-end was full of interest. A large group of Ethiopian young people were invested as Friends, Companions, Guides, and Master Guides. We also had an excellent Saturday evening programme by the students. L. Rasmussen seems to be doing a strong work here and I see many fine improvements on the property. I am confident

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Opening of S.D.A. Mission School Building at Yele

(A Report from the *Daily Mail*, Freetown, Sierra Leone, October 26, 1954.)

THE new Seventh-day Adventist Mission School building at Yele, which was completed recently, was officially opened last week. The ceremony, which was a success, was attended by hundreds of people from all over the country.

"The programme started with a procession from the old school to the new school by three sister schools in the chiefdom, led by the Yele School, and accompanied by the band of the Bo S.D.A. School.

"This was followed by a service conducted by five Temne ordained ministers. The Scripture reading, taken from Pro-

short a period, and went on to explain that beautiful buildings were not all that made up a good school. He urged upon the parents and teachers to co-operate in the training of these children.

"Before taking his seat, Mr. Clarke handed the keys of the new school to the Paramount Chief Bai Kump, who, upon receiving them, expressed his sincere gratitude to both the Government and the mission by whose co-operation the new school had been erected. Following his remarks, P.C. Bai Kump also handed the keys to his Regent Yamba Kanu.

"Regent Yamba Kanu also gave a remi-

called section chiefs and delivered to each one a key to open each of the four front doors of the building. Other chiefs were called including special invitees who entered the classrooms and opened the windows. Rousing cheers from the audience followed as the doors and windows were opened. After singing the National Anthem the invitation was extended to all present to inspect the classrooms, apparatus, and bunting which decorated the walls for the occasion."

In a previous issue of the same newspaper, the *Daily Mail*, Freetown, the new S.D.A. school building had been described as follows: "The Seventh-day Adventist Mission has built a fine, new modern school at Yele. This school building is on the main road close to the Magburaka branch.

"In the design of this new style structure the mission has created a precedent for, not merely contemporary style, but for the ultra modern. For here is a school property erected by up-to-date methods of construction and incorporating big improvements in ventilation and lighting without glare. . . . The S.D.A. Mission has conducted a school in Yele for a period of forty years and now, with the tremendous impetus to education that is reflected in the larger enrolments, a new and more commodious building became necessary. These modern, clean-looking buildings are certainly more attractive,



Pupils of the S. D. A. Mission School at Yele, in front of the old school building. It has served for many years—has been rebuilt, patched and rethatched many times, but is now superseded by . . .

verbs nine, was read in English and in Temne, according to the translation by James Powis Smith. Following this, was the Yele school song, which was rendered first in Temne, and then in English. A very educative and instructive acrostic on "Yele School" was presented by eleven pupils.

"After an inspiring address on 'The Principles and Value of Education' by Pastor E. Keslake, the mission superintendent, he handed the keys of the new school to Mr. H. M. Clarke, Education Officer of the Northern Province, who was chairman of the ceremony. He also handed to him a book entitled, *Education*, as a token of appreciation for Mr. Clarke's presence on the occasion.

"After receiving the keys and the book from the superintendent, Mr. Clarke addressed the audience on the opportunity offered under the present education set-up, not only for the benefit of the individual, but also for the country in general. He paid tribute to the mission for the erection of such a magnificent building within so

. . . this fine, new, modern-style building for the Seventh-day Adventist Mission at Yele, in the Bonkolenken Chiefdom.



niscence of the good work done by the S.D.A. Mission for the people in the chiefdom. He mentioned the names of students now in the United Kingdom who had their beginning in the S.D.A. School, and encouraged his people to send their children to school.

"'If today we have light in this chiefdom it is because the S.D.A. Mission brought it to us,' Regent Yamba Kanu said.

"At this juncture Regent Yamba Kanu

adding grace to the towns where they are situated. They are a vast improvement on the old type of mud and thatch."

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there is a fine future for this school. S. A. Broberg is with us and was much encouraged by the week-end here. We return to Addis tomorrow." ED.

DESSIE HOSPITAL

By Dr. B. B. Johnson

EXACTLY one year ago the hospital in Dessie was opened. This was made possible by the \$10,000 (U.S.) that was given to this project by the overflow offering of 1952. With this money a twelve-bed hospital with a large out-clinic was started.

Dessie is in the most populous area of Ethiopia, serving not only as a great market town, but as a shipping centre on the road between Asmara and Addis Ababa, and Assab and Addis Ababa. On every hill in the vicinity of the town, and for many miles around, houses called tuckels are clustered. The site was evidently chosen in the long past because it is easily defended by the surrounding mountains, and it is also protected by its altitude from the deadly malaria that lurks in the hot valleys to either side of it.

This is a true vantage point for messengers carrying the truth for these last days to sally forth. The north is the stronghold of the Mohammedans. To the east lies the great Danakil desert with its untold thousands of heathen and professed Mohammedans. There is no Christian work among these people, but there are many requests to open clinics to take care of the various diseases that afflict them. This is the opening wedge. To the south and west is the stronghold of the Coptic church, but it is an outlaw country with many people that actually profess nothing, only fearing the priests.

Workers have been sent to the north and the west. They have only been young men who were new in the faith, but who have a strong desire to tell the truth to their people. The Lord is blessing them with many souls that are interested in hearing of a soon-coming Saviour. At the present time during the rains it is impossible to reach these boys or send them aid. The rivers that separate them from Dessie are swollen to impassability, and all of the trails are rivers of mud. But from the last reports they are preparing a harvest of baptisms when the rains lift.

In Dessie itself a great interest has arisen concerning our truth. This has led the head of the Coptic church to denounce us severely, and even to forbid his people to use the clinic or hospital. At one time he said that if we were allowed to continue to work freely that all of Dessie would be Seventh-day Adventists within one year. We pray that this could be. He has said on occasion also that he was working to
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WELCOME TO PASTOR AND MRS. M. E. LIND

By A. F. Tarr

THE Northern European Division welcomes very heartily Pastor and Sister M. E. Lind and family as they join the Division staff.

At the recent General Conference, Pastor Lind was appointed to the secretaryship of the MV and Sabbath School Departments of the Division, and he and Sister Lind with their little boy arrived in Britain on Friday, November 5th. One daughter has remained behind in Kenya to take her examinations before leaving, and the other daughter is in the States taking pre-nursing at the Southern Missionary College.

Brother Lind comes to us as a seasoned missionary from Africa. He served for nineteen years in Uganda and has now relinquished his post as president of the Uganda mission in order to accept our call. The friendliness of the Uganda people and their appreciation of the service rendered by Brother Lind, was clearly shown by the act of the Omukama (King) of Toro, who with his prime minister and other attendants travelled in two cars for 200 miles to reach Kampala in time to say good-bye to Brother and Sister Lind. Brother Lind is also a friend of the Kabaka of Buganda, now in exile in Britain, and regularly he visited the royal palace to give special Bible studies to the wife of the Kabaka.

We are happy that we have in Brother Lind someone who is well acquainted with our field. A Norwegian by birth, he attended school first at Onsrud, and then at the British college when it was situated at Stanborough Park and Rugby.

Brother Lind's interest in Missionary Volunteer work has extended over a long period of time. He had been assigned as MV leader in Norway immediately before his acceptance of the call to Uganda nineteen years ago. He also attended the first Youth's Congress in San Francisco in 1947.

We believe we have in Brother Lind one whose service will be of great value to all parts of the Division, and he comes to us as one returning to his home after many years of service in the mission field. We are happy indeed to accord Brother and Sister Lind a very hearty welcome to their new responsibilities, and to their old home.

"THANK YOU" FROM WEST AFRICA

By Derwood L. Chappell

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AS YOU know, three training schools in West Africa benefited from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow received on September 25th. It may be of interest to the readers of the NORTHERN LIGHT to know that many of our West African members gave a sacrificial offering on that day. They demonstrated their belief in the statement: "God helps those who help themselves."

Being on trek in Liberia, I attended Sabbath school in Monrovia. The death of the son-in-law of the Sabbath school superintendent on Friday afternoon and heavy rains prevented some of the members and a number of expected visitors from coming to church. In attendance were only seventy members and twenty visitors, including a member of the Liberian House of Representatives.

Wanting to set a good example in giving for the members on this red letter day for West Africa, I gave \$6 (currency there is U.S. dollars). You can imagine how small I felt when the assistant superintendent announced that the total offering amounted to \$155.12! I learned that some of the members gave \$10, others \$8, and not a few \$5. This is almost incredible in view of the fact that the average income of these dear people is from \$20 to \$30 per month.

On Monday I was again astonished by the news that the Sabbath school offering at our Konola Training School, Liberia, one of the three institutions to benefit from the offering overflow, amounted to \$240! Those in attendance numbered 150, the larger section being students.

Naturally I have not yet received reports from the entire field, but I believe that the same spirit of sacrifice on this occasion was manifested throughout our ranks in West Africa.

To some measure, at least, our members have "helped themselves." They have confidence to believe that "God has helped them" by impressing His people around the world to give an unusual offering for missions on September 25th. On behalf of our 35,000 Sabbath school members in West Africa, I happily express a heartfelt "Thank You" to our brethren everywhere, and especially to those in the homelands of our Northern European Division.

NEWS FLASH

THE Winter Council of the Northern European Division opened on November 23rd. Delegates were in attendance from all parts of the Division, including the mission fields of Ethiopia and West Africa. H. L. Rudy and N. F. Brewer were present from the General Conference. A detailed report of this Council will appear in the next issue.

R. Allan Anderson arrived in London on Sunday, November 7th, in time to open the evangelistic season in the New Gallery which commenced that evening. Pastor Anderson will be with the New Gallery for the next three months, and in addition to the Sunday services there he will conduct week-night meetings at various other centres in London. Particular emphasis will be laid in his week-night meetings on the unfolding of the book of Revelation.

R. R. Figuhr, president of the General Conference, accompanied by W. P. Bradley, associate secretary, arrived in England on the *Queen Elizabeth* in the early morning of November 16th. They left again by air on the morning of the 17th.

G. D. King has returned to Division headquarters following an extended visit to Ethiopia. His itinerary included visits to Asmara, Dessie, Addis Ababa, and Kuyera. The Kuyera visit very happily coincided with the closing of the school year, where his help was particularly appreciated.

Alf Karlman has returned to the Division office with his usual good cheer, following an audit visit to the West Nordic Union.

J. Alfred Simonsen has spent several weeks itinerating among our educational institutions in Northern Europe. Sister Simonsen accompanied her husband and both have now returned to Edgware.

Much appreciation has been expressed by the workers of West Africa for the visit of E. W. Pedersen, Home Missionary and Temperance secretary of the Division. Brother Pedersen's mission experience in other countries has made his visit of particular value to both workers and members.

E. W. Pedersen writes of an interesting interview that he had with President Tubman of the Republic of Liberia. President

Tubman has been a great friend of our Mission and has manifested this friendliness in some very tangible ways. Recently he sent a plane to fetch Mrs. Hughes, the wife of one of our missionaries, who was seriously ill and far removed from medical attention. This plane brought her to Monrovia where she was successfully treated in hospital. Brother Pedersen thanked President Tubman for some of these kind favours, and on leaving, President Tubman assured him again of how much the work of Seventh-day Adventists was appreciated in Liberia. He also handed Brother Pedersen three hundred dollars for Ingathering, though he had not been asked for this. He had, however, been handed a magazine which the brethren happened to have with them.

Telegrams and letters indicate that the Ingathering goals of all of our unions have now been reached. From the Division office we extend to workers and members throughout the field our hearty appreciation of their earnest efforts put forth, and the generous contributions that they have solicited from the public.

Heartening word comes from many parts of the field in connection with evangelistic campaigns recently commenced. Many of these were attended by large congregations on the opening night. We invite the prayers of workers and members throughout the Division, that a rich harvest may be reaped from every one of these campaigns.

Andreas Nielsen, who entered Greenland eighteen months ago, and who paid a further visit there during the summer of this year, has now returned to Greenland for more permanent service. He will spend the winter there alone, and if housing can be secured or provided, he will be joined by his wife in the spring of 1955. We are sure that the readers of the NORTHERN LIGHT will remember Brother Nielsen in prayer, that God will be with His servant as he labours alone in this far removed outpost of the Northern European Division.

Newspapers reaching us from Holland give considerable publicity to the opening of a new wing to the Old People's Home at Huis ter Heide. This took place on October 19th. F. J. Voorthuis, president of the Netherland Union, was in charge of the ceremony. The Mayor of the town and other leading citizens were among the speakers. The additional wing now enables the home to accommodate fifty guests.

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Dessie Hospital

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close the hospital and that he would succeed. Despite this the hospital is as full as it can be, and people even bring their own mattresses in order to stay. This is in spite of another large hospital on the other side of the town.

After the rains we will send out another teacher to a group of Mohammedans that have heard the truth and are now building a school and living house for our man. Also we have asked permission to enter among the Danakils with a clinic.

It is time to spread the message rapidly among the peoples of this territory. On the horizon can very plainly be seen the clouds of intolerance and persecution. Now is the accepted time.

"Today there was a man passed on,
Some say into another world.

They fear.

His loved ones screamed and cried till dawn,

The children in the corners curled.

They fear.

All they really know is, he is gone,
Perhaps in dark abyss is hurled.

They fear.

If only they to Jesus could be drawn,
Then death a sleep would be unfurled.
They would not fear."

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