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# A VISIT TO ETHIOPIA

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VISITING the Ethiopian Union is always an interesting experience, and this last occasion was no exception. Traveling in company with our treasurer G. A. Lindsay, we spent a month in that fascinating country. Throughout our stay we were greatly heartened by what we heard and saw there.

Arriving in Asmara, we were happy to be met by Brother J. H. Wollan, the superintendent of the Eritrean Mission, who had planned very fully for our short stay in his field. One encouraging development since the previous visit made was the erection of a splendid school building on our Asmara station. This at present serves as a day school only, but provision has been made also for the accommodation of boarders as soon as sufficient operating funds can be found. The school is being directed by Miss Irene Eide, who, not many months before our visit, had returned from furlough and from attending the General Conference. Associated with Miss Eide, and serving also as treasurer of the Eritrean mission, is Miss Sigrid Nielsen.

Another newcomer to Eritrea, though by no means new to the Ethiopian Union, was Brother Erling Bjaanes. Brother Wollan had so planned that we could spend a day with Brother and Sister Bjaanes in Adi Ugri, where Brother Bjaanes was engaged in evangelism. On the occasion of our last visit to Ethiopia

this family was located in Debra Tabor, where a most aggressive evangelistic programme was in hand. This same fervour and enthusiasm has been transferred to Eritrea, where Brother Bjaanes' service is greatly appreciated.

On our way to Adi Ugri we were happy to make a brief call at a wayside village where we visited the home of one of the first three Seventh-day Adventists to be baptized in Eritrea. This brother is now the only surviving member of that first baptismal group. In an old stone house he lives alone with his aged wife. "You have been many years a Seventh-day Adventist?" Brother Lindsay inquired of him. Bowing deeply as

he always did when addressed, he replied with fervour, "Thanks be to God, sir." What an example of gratitude and devotion and dependence upon God this aged brother and his wife set before us!

As an added travelling companion in our plane from Asmara to Addis Ababa, we were happy to find Brother Dessie Kassahun, returning to his home from the General Conference and from subsequent study at the Seminary. Brother Kassahun made no attempt to hide the joy he felt over being privileged to make this wonderful contact with our work and workers abroad, and to study at the Theological Seminary. Waiting at the Addis Ababa airport to greet us

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*Some of the  
200 girls at our  
Addis Ababa  
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were Brother S. A. Broberg, superintendent of the Ethiopian Union, Brother W. S. Jensen, secretary-treasurer, and Herman E. Davis, departmental secretary, as well as a number of other field and hospital workers. Their hearty welcome was deeply appreciated. A few hours later we were happy to greet Dr. T. R. Flaiz, medical secretary of the General Conference, who had come to study with us a number of Ethiopian hospital problems. Later we discussed some of these matters in a very cordial and friendly atmosphere with His Excellency the Minister of Public Health.

After spending Sabbath with the churches at Filwoha and Akaki, we left by jeep for Dessie in the north, where Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Johnson, Pastor and Mrs. Eric Palm, and Miss Ruth Broberg, assisted by an Ethiopian staff, are laying the foundation for a strong hospital programme. During our stay in Dessie, His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince of Ethiopia, very kindly placed his guest house at our disposal. Here we were most comfortably and hospitably entertained. There is a certain sense of security that comes over one at the thought that day and night armed sentries are on constant guard before the gates of one's abode!

In the evening meetings with our believers in Dessie, it was a pleasure to meet again the director of education for the province, and a faithful member of our church in the many and varied vicissitudes through which the country has passed.

Returning south for a brief stay at union headquarters, our next call was at Kuyera, our training school for the Ethiopian Union. With us now in our jeep was Miss Gladys Martin, returning to further service in Ethiopia from study at La Sierra. It was a great pleasure on reaching Kuyera at the close of a long, dusty journey, to be welcomed by Pastor and Mrs. L. Rasmussen and Brother and Sister N. Tew and their staff of Ethiopian workers.

With a new church and several other buildings erected since our previous visit, the training school campus bears evidence of much material growth. Especially encouraging was it to meet on Sabbath in the new church building capable of accommodating several hundred persons—and indeed needing to do so—

instead of the former building whose accommodation was heavily overtaxed by the student body alone.

In addition to the regular members, many visitors had gathered in, among these being interested members of other churches who at the request of their constituency were spending several weeks in studying and examining our doctrines.

Another long, dusty journey brought us back to Addis Ababa, where preparation now began in real earnest for the session of the union committee. "Do it heartily as unto the Lord," was the motto chosen by Brother Broberg for this meeting. And the aggressive planning that followed his opening address bore evidence of a direct application of the motto to the entire business of the session.

One of the forward-looking steps taken by the committee was the placing of larger responsibility—financially and administratively—on the Ethiopian people. Brother Negassa Aga was appointed principal of Gimbie, Brother Ogbazghi superintendent of the Eritrean Mission, and Brother Tebedje Gudaye superintendent of the Begemder Mission. Brother Olana Nathaniel also was appointed assistant business manager of the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital. We wish these workers the wisdom and blessing and guidance they need so much for the heavy responsibilities they are now being called to bear in the advancing cause of God.

It was during the Christmas season that the union committee was meeting, and on Christmas Day, which fell on Sabbath, the United States ambassador and his wife joined with the members of

our church in attending the morning service. On Sunday a very happy social evening was spent by a group of about 100, including overseas missionaries and their families and overseas workers, at the home of Brother and Sister H. Hansson at Akaki mission.

On the last day of our stay in Ethiopia, His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor, very graciously invited us to the palace for an interview. In very happy and kindly terms he expressed his appreciation of the work we were doing for his people, and his desire to help us at any time we found ourselves in particular need of his help. Many matters of mutual interest were discussed and as we said good-bye and assured His Majesty of our earnest prayers on his behalf, his face and his words and the prolonged pressure of his hand all betokened a cheerful, friendly regard which we hope will always characterize the relationships between us and the Crown and government of Ethiopia.

Another stop in Asmara on our homeward journey gave opportunity to counsel with the newly appointed superintendent of Eritrea, Brother Ogbazghi, and his associate workers.

We left Ethiopia greatly heartened over the prospects for coming days. Inspiring reports had been rendered of the previous year's work by all of the departments and institutions and fields. Awakening interests in so many areas indicated that the work is advancing, and we believe that the seed sown in past years, and the present efforts expended, all show unmistakable signs of bearing the larger fruitage we all have longed so much to see.

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## Progress On All Fronts!

*Departmental Report rendered at the  
Ethiopian Union Session, December, 1954*

THIS Departmental report is rendered with thanksgiving to our heavenly Father who, in His mercy, has again blessed this phase of His work so that, generally speaking, the first three quarters of 1954 show a record of advancement and achievement. While some pro-

gress has been made, there is still vastly more waiting with its challenge and it is my hope, with the blessing of the Lord, to see 1955 bring still greater achievements and advancement, and that the departmental activities may do their part to hasten the coming of the Lord.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Our schools are again crowded this year, with a heavy enrolment reported from all. According to the reports, there are 1,240 students including 35 nursing students at the Zauditu Memorial Hospital. To teach all these students requires a staff of 57 teachers.

Our schools are also serving as evangelistic centres, as many of the baptisms each year are from among the students in our schools. Each year more and still more of the students are from our members. At the present time 210 students are churchmembers (about 18 per cent of the present enrolment), with large numbers in the baptismal class.

For the first time in the history of our work in Ethiopia, the second consecutive training class will be started at the opening of the school year in January. This will prove a big boon to our work here in these days when educational standards are rising and the message growing and enlarging. The first training class graduated in 1952, the second class began in 1954, and the third one begins in 1955. It is our aim that this should continue in an unbroken cycle.

There have been some improvements in the physical plants. In Gimbie, a boy's dormitory has been completed and put into use. At Kuyera, a European dwelling and chapel have been completed. The girls' dormitory and two houses for Ethiopian workers are nearing completion and should be ready for occupancy soon. An administration building and another European dwelling and more houses for the Ethiopian staff members are needed very badly.

Along the line of industries, Akaki has made the most progress. There hand-work, rug and cloth weaving has been started. The rugs are being woven out of wool and fibre. Many of the cloth woven items have already been sold, and one wool rug will soon be ready for sale. The Minister of Finance learned of the project and gave some thread to be used in the weaving. His Excellency also provided a place to sell the goods in the permanent exhibition of Ethiopian-made products in the centre of the



*A baptism during a district meeting at Kuyera Training School. Among the candidates is a former witch doctor.*

town. The Akaki school is to be commended for its fine beginning in starting industries, and I fully believe that, with study and work, other schools could also develop some small industries that would be an asset to our educational programme.

Teachers and students alike are entering into the evangelistic programme by taking part in the Sabbath-school activities, Home Visitation, and preaching to those near to their school compounds. This is especially so at Kuyera where many have been working to help take care of the interest developing among the Combata and Wallamo people. Some have been imprisoned for the Gospel's sake, but their courage is good and they count it a joy and a privilege, and, like the disciples of old, they are "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." Acts 5:41.

Two institutes for teachers have been held during the year. The first was at Akaki, where some of the teachers from Gimbie were present, and the second one was in Asmara. These institutes were given over to the study of the curriculum and text-books. The teachers seemed to appreciate what was done, and the result has been to unify the curriculum and to raise the scholastic standards of the schools concerned. Another such institute is planned for Kuyera before the opening of the school. The schools have all been amply supplied with text-books.

## SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

It is encouraging to note that the number of Sabbath schools and the membership has increased for the first three months of 1954 over the same period last year. But unfortunately the increase does not carry through for every line of activity in the Sabbath School Department.

In the first three quarters of 1953, 149 Sabbath school members were baptized, while in the same period of 1954 there were only 59, which is a difference of 90. The fact that the membership has increased, and the baptisms have decreased is something to which we should give earnest study, for we are told that "the Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effective in bringing souls to Christ."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 10.

Passing next to the Sabbath school offerings, we find another unfortunate picture, for, with the exception of the Arussi Mission, all missions show a loss in offerings when compared to 1953. Serious consideration and continual promotion should be given to this, for the Sabbath school offerings are the largest source of mission funds, and when the offerings are low, the reaction is felt upon our budget. But more important than that is that our members need the

blessings of sacrificial giving. Therefore, let us do all that we can not only to bring the offerings up to the 1953 level, but to surpass them and make 1955 a banner year for our Sabbath school offerings.

The Arussi Mission is to be commended for the splendid record that they have set. It is encouraging to see the Training School taking the lead, therefore, we say, "Congratulations, Kuyera."

As we lay our plans for the future, let us also think and plan to promote more the Birthday and Thank Offerings and Investment. With careful planning, I believe that these important features of our Sabbath schools could be developed more fully so that our members may realize the benefits and the joy that may be theirs because of active participation.

Another effective evangelistic agency that we have at our command is the branch Sabbath schools. Many are using them very effectively, but I believe that more could be conducted with the result that more souls would be won to Jesus. Those who take part in conducting branch Sabbath schools are also receiving a good training in working for others.

Let us make it our goal to double the sixteen branch Sabbath schools that we have at the present time, and I believe that by faith we will see more baptized as fruit for our labour.

## MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

The Missionary Volunteer societies have been very active this year. It has not been possible to make any comparison with any previous year, but in my opinion, there has been progress in all lines of Missionary Volunteer activity. However, it is my anticipation that 1955 will surpass 1954 in every way.

All societies, with one exception, report Investiture services during the year. The honour for having the largest Investiture service goes, this year, to Akaki. At their Investiture service there were 20 Friends, 21 Companions, 17 Guides, and 8 Master Guides invested, and 450 vocational honour tokens given

out. The progressive classes can do much to strengthen our young people in the message and to make them better workers and soul winners; therefore let us make use of these potential workers and soul winners among these young people in our schools.

The high-light of MV activities this year is the evangelistic campaign by the MV Society at the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital. The meetings have been held each Friday evening in the hospital chapel. Five of the young people have been doing the speaking by turn, covering the important points of our message. Others have taken part in different ways to make the meeting inspirational, appealing, and reverent.

The attendance at these meetings has been excellent, and the interest has been good from the beginning. According to the present plan, this series of meetings will end in January, and then the follow-up work will begin. While it is too early to say what the results will be, by faith, they are looking forward to seeing a number of people enrolled in the baptismal class.

In 1955, our desire is to start a new day in the history of our MV work in Ethiopia by beginning MV camps. Our young people are looking forward to this with keen interest and anticipation, and I hope that in these meetings, plans will be laid that will lead to the realization of these fond hopes for our young people.

## THE VOICE OF PROPHECY AND BIBLE SCHOOLS

The Voice of Prophecy programme has been regularly broadcast every Sunday by transcription and in English, over Radio Addis Ababa. Sad to say, the response to these broadcasts has not been what we would like to see, yet there is evidence that the programme is being regularly listened to. One man in the Belgian Congo has written in that he is a regular listener, likes the programme very much, and has enrolled in the Faith Bible Course. We shall continue the broadcasts so long as it is possible, and trust in the Lord for results.

Bible Correspondence schools are

somewhat at a disadvantage here with the postal system being in the state of development that it is, and postage also being expensive. But, in spite of these difficulties, the Voice of Prophecy lessons are doing much to win souls for the Master and to strengthen those who have already taken their stand.

According to our records, we have slightly more than 1,000 students in our Bible Correspondence Schools, but I fully believe that it is more than that. Down south, the Voice of Prophecy lessons have done much to create and to nourish the interest that is arising among the Combata and Wallamo people. Each person returning from Kuyera takes several sets of the Voice of Prophecy lessons along to distribute to others who are interested, but they do not have any way of sending in the answers or keeping in contact with us. Also, the reports that have been turned in reveal that 100 have finished the course and that eleven have been baptized. Incidentally one answer has come from an Ethiopian soldier in Korea, and I am of the conviction that eternity will reveal greater results than these meagre statistics would lead us to believe.

It is the plan that the Faith Bible Course be printed in Amharic to serve as a complement to the already printed Junior lessons. By going through both lessons, a person should have a very good understanding of our message. For those who read English, we have the Junior, the Faith, and Courses One and Two of the British series. Let us then freely but wisely develop this phase of our work strongly in the coming year.

## HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

The greatest and most concerted activity of the Home Missionary Department was the union-wide Home Visitation Day that took place on October 2nd for the purpose of securing students for the Voice of Prophecy Course. Wherever it was held, it was a success, and the churchmembers were happy to have had a part in it. They were well received by the people, and many expressed their appreciation of the visit and were thankful for the privilege of studying the Voice of Prophecy lessons.

In Gimbie, the members worked both Sabbath and Sunday visiting the homes of the people. Two of the students visited one man and left the enrolment card with him and passed on to the next house. After they left, the man got to thinking about it and recognized that this was not an ordinary visit. No doubt the Holy Spirit was speaking to his heart, so he went in pursuit of the boys. Again he thanked them most profusely for visiting him and offering him the opportunity to study the Voice of Prophecy lessons. To give further evidence of his appreciation, he forced them to take a dollar.

Today we have a large interest developing in the southern part of Ethiopia among the Combata and Wallamo people. This interest has been spread largely by their own people and with little assistance from our evangelists. One man first learned of the Sabbath from the Kuyera postman who had gone home on a few days' leave. As he was telling his neighbours about the Sabbath, one man was very happy to hear it and went to the elders of his church. They agreed to send a letter to our mission station in Kuyera, asking for one to come and teach them. Accordingly, two evangelists were sent and taught them. The man who went to the elders believed, and then wanted to teach it to others. In order to arrest attention he took two pieces of gourd and opened both ends. Then he fastened a piece of paper over the ends and attached a long piece of string to both of them. He went to a tree by the roadside and fastened one gourd to the tree, then he stretched the string tightly to some nearby bushes and concealed himself, with his Bible over his telephone. Then when people were walking along the road, he would call out to them to stand still and listen to the Word of God. The people would stop and look but not see anyone. Fearing they were being spoken to by the angels, they would stand and listen as our believer would teach them the message.

As we turn with confidence and hope to the new year, I humbly suggest that we adopt as our motto and our aim: "For the Master harder strive in 1955." May God abundantly bless us as we do so!  
H. E. DAVIS.

*The Empress of Ethiopia presenting diplomas to the graduating nurses at the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital.*



## Emperor Congratulates Nursing Graduates at Addis Ababa

AFTER the eight graduates recited the Florence Nightingale Pledge in Amharic and in English, they were awarded their diplomas by Their Imperial Majesties, assisted by Dr. Steen and Miss Alma Binder, R.N., the Director of the Nursing School. His Majesty the Emperor thereafter made the following speech: "We are happy to be here today on the occasion of the graduation of this second class of nurses of the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital Nursing School. We congratulate you on the completion of the first stage of your studies and more especially, on the choice you have made for your life's work—to nurse the sick, to succour the helpless, and to serve your country in this, men's noblest profession. You have chosen the right course.

"Your profession calls for discipline—the discipline of humility and kindness, the discipline of study and devotion to duty, the discipline of self—but its rewards are many.

"We congratulate your teachers and medical colleagues of this hospital of Christian faith service. We know they too are proud of your achievements. These diplomas have been conferred on you in the hope that your life and work as nurses will be worthy of the training and study you have received at this hospital which bears the name of Empress Zauditu. Should you permit these principles to guide you in the execution of your humane tasks you will be rendering a service deserving the high appreciation of all."

## Graduation Address

at Empress Zauditu Hospital

By Dr. Horace Hall

YOUR Imperial Majesties, Your Imperial Highnesses, other members of the Imperial Family, Excellencies, Ministers, members of the Board and Faculty, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is indeed a pleasant occasion for all of us and a special privilege for me to

speak to this graduating class and this company of people. This, I understand, is the second graduation of a nurses' class in the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital and therefore marks another substantial layer in the foundation of medical care and service for the



good subjects of His Imperial Majesty.

This occasion should prove to His Imperial Majesty and those associated with him that the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital is proving what they had hoped for the institution, not only as a place for care of the sick, but a source of well-trained workers in the widespread realm of Ethiopia.

Let us consider the class motto for 1955, "Serving Others." I wish to compliment them on this choice of a theme to guide the ideals of their lives. I do not believe that a better wording could possibly be found. Only one other class motto lingers in my mind and its words were, "Despair at Nothing." A combination of these two thoughts would, in my mind, cover the life experiences of the successful nurse.

For over a third of a century it has been my privilege to observe the life and work of consecrated nurses in many parts of the earth. It is my firm conviction that the nurse holds a very special place in the field outlined by the motto, "Serving Others." Their careful, accurate work in the operating room, at the bedside, in the homes, as well as in schools and churches has always brought satisfaction to the school which trained them and to many a suffering soul.

The nurse's training makes a man a better father, a woman a better mother. This training makes one a better citizen, in fact a better missionary to his fellowmen wherever he or she may be placed. For years I have maintained that a godly nurse is the one to depend on in any emergency or critical experience anywhere.

The nurse has learned self-control, has learned to pray on through trials which would overwhelm others. In constantly dealing with very ill people, the nurse is very apt not only with the right treatment but the right word to soothe a sore heart and a tormented mind. The doctor has brief discussions with his patient and starts the troubled mind in the right direction, but the faithful nurse in the hours with the patient can carefully see that these thoughts are pressed home tactfully, and in scores of instances I have seen the nurse carry this through to a great victory in the life of the sufferer—leading him to a healthy mind enthroned in a healthy

body. In fact I remember now a motto which brought out that point, namely, "A Strong Mind in a Strong Body."

"Serving Others." It is very difficult to improve that motto. It would be like painting a lily to improve its colour, a thing that cannot be done. If our Lord ever had a motto, it would surely be like the one chosen by this class of 1955. May God bless them in upholding both those words for the world to see—always looking for an opportunity to help, to lift, to be kind, to say something kind, to do something kind. Since I stepped off the aeroplane in Addis Ababa, I have received a remarkable uplift myself by hearing of this class through Dr. Steen, who first told me of their graduation motto.

This class can look backward now and then to their choice of a training. It was a good choice in this day of great need among the peoples of earth. Sickness is ever present in every nation and every clime. None of us knows when he may be stricken with some malady or other and how he may feel the need of kind nursing at that time. One who

has been cared for by a well-trained nurse is the person really to give us our commencement address on an occasion like this. Many are the patients I could find who would give this class inspiration indeed by his remarks about the blessings of good nursing.

So keenly do I feel about this subject that I would recommend that at least a part of the nurse's training course be incorporated in the training of teachers, missionaries, and for all those lines of endeavour which concern race betterment and social work. It is difficult to find a profession where nursing training would not be a real benefit.

Nurses we need, yes indeed, but we want them to have a vision that carries them above and through disappointments and discouragements. We want them to carry our teaching of proper diet, proper breathing, and healthy living to many people—but above all we want them to carry with them the true loving humility found in our Lord and Master. We believe the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital is training such nurses in Addis Ababa.

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## News from West Ethiopia

By H. W. Palm, *President*

THE missionary group in Wollega are thankful to God for His help and guidance in carrying on His work in the west of Ethiopia. We have experienced how the Holy Spirit has been working upon the hearts of many people in a most remarkable way. In spite of Satan's efforts to destroy the work of God, we are happy to tell that we have seen the work progressing during the past year.

The school at Gimbie has 207 students at present, 56 of these being boarding students. Last school year five students graduated from our eighth grade. According to the union policy, our students have been allowed to sit for the government examination. Three of the five students passed the examination. Two went to the government for further education, and one will soon be going to Kuyera. We are happy to say that many of our students are accepting the truth. Eighteen students have been baptized

this year, and sixty-five students are attending the baptismal class.

We are indeed thankful to the Division for the financial aid our school received when building a new boys' dormitory. The building has been erected, and the students have moved in, but it still needs floors and windows. We do hope that we shall be able to complete this strong and good building.

In the hospital great improvements have been made as a result of the special appropriation granted to us last year. All the buildings are now in a good condition, and this makes it so much easier for the hospital staff to carry on the work there.

In comparison with last year, the number of patients has decreased somewhat. This is most likely due to the fact that about ten former hospital dressers and workers, beside others, are running their own clinics in the Gimbie area.



Elder Palm and his family who are working in West Ethiopia.

pleted the course, and many have given their hearts to God as a result of these lessons.

In closing, may I relate a little experience that might inspire us in sowing the seed of God in this country. In one place where we started work last year and where we now have a Bible worker conducting a baptismal class, one man came and told us that he wanted to be baptized. He had heard Brother Sorenson preach nine years ago, and he had

kept the Sabbath since that time. But he had not known where to bring his tithe. Now he said, "I want to be baptized." Our worker told him to come to the baptismal class and that maybe he could be baptized after half a year. Then the man said: "How can I wait so long? It is too long a time for me to wait!"

We are happy to see how the Holy Spirit is working on the hearts of the people and watering the seed sown so long ago.

## Advances at Akaki School

WE are glad to render a report of our work at the Akaki School, now eleven years old. As we look back over the events of the past twenty years, from the pre-war beginnings to the nearly complete destruction of our work during the Italian occupation, and then at the gradual growth to where we are today, we feel that we have much for which to thank God. This is true of all our work in Ethiopia as well as at Akaki.

1. *Scholastic.* Akaki is now an eighth grade school. The classes are large. There is an enrolment of about 200 boarding students, and nearly 100 day students. The first four grades are much too large, with from forty to sixty in each class. Grades five to eight average twenty-five to each class. In Ethiopia many who begin soon fall out, so one has to bear with large numbers in lower grades. There are always a very large number wanting to get into our school in Akaki, and there are students from all over Ethiopia. Our equipment is in general fairly good, and steps have been taken to improve the desks in some classes. There is science equipment enough to make the study interesting and to carry on in a creditable way.

Our teaching staff has not changed at all in three years except that Miss Eide was released for Asmara. The co-operation and team work of the teachers has been a source of great satisfaction and they are doing a good work.

We have a mixed chorus of twenty-seven voices of which we are proud. Besides rendering music for us at Akaki from time to time, they last year gave

a programme at the Y.M.C.A. to a full house, also an evening programme at Filwoha, and an appearance at Filwoha for one Sabbath meeting. We hope for similar activities this year.

2. *Industry.* During the past years we have done gardening and planted trees from year to year. Last year we developed a handicraft department. We have started making oriental rugs on a large double loom which we made ourselves. Two rugs are nearing completion. They are about two by three yards in size. One is made from wool rescued from old mattresses, carded and spun at Akaki as well as woven, and the other rug is made from natural coloured wool from Menz (Schoa). We are on very friendly terms with Her Majesty's Handicraft School, and they have done dyeing for us when needed, lent us patterns, and given help when needed.

We have spinning wheels, cards for carding wool, and four smaller looms for ordinary weaving. Three of these looms have been made in Akaki and one is imported. We have three sewing machines, and the sewing of dresses is carried on, as well as much crocheting and embroidering. We have just completed making a machine for twisting fibre, and plan to enlarge this industry to include fibre rugs and market bags. We want to put this machine into a shed where the long fibre strings can be stretched out as it is being twisted. These long strings will later be woven into cheaper rugs.

We would like to expand our industry (Continued on back page.)

Still 1,723 patients have been treated in the hospital during the past year, and 18,660 persons have received help in the clinic. Altogether 266 operations have been performed, and 65 O.B. cases have been cared for. Charity treatments have been given to an amount of Eth. \$5,050 in the past year.

The evangelistic work in our mission has been carried on in a quiet, but still effective way by our Ethiopian workers. After we had conducted an effort in Seban last year, our church was closed by some authorities in Gimbie. The local chief though, a friend of our work, told us that he would say nothing if our leader of the Seban church opened it again. Since that time, the attendance in our church services has increased to double.

At present, 145 people are enrolled in our baptismal classes in the various places where we are working. This year 24 persons have been baptized, two new Bible workers have been employed, and more than 200 new students have been enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy School. Over one hundred students have com-

# NEWS FLASH

In the course of the next few weeks, the following brethren representing the General Conference will be visiting in this Division, either in connection with meetings in the Scandinavian countries or the British Union: H. L. Rudy, E. E. Roenfelt, and L. E. Froom.

It is our hope that the ministry of these brethren will bring inspiration and blessing to our members as they visit the union conference sessions in Scandinavia and the local field meetings in the British Union.

Recent word from Pastor A. F. Tarr, who is spending his period of leave of absence in South Africa, indicates that together with Mrs. Tarr he plans to return to his duties here about the middle of May. Pastor Tarr returns to start a series of visits around the field in connection with various union and local conference sessions.

The following representatives of the Division are attending meetings in their respective departmental capacities, as follows: E. W. Pedersen, in company with H. Westerlund, Ethiopia; G. D. King, colporteur institutes in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Holland; J. A. Simonsen, visiting educational institutions and holding teachers' institutes in various sections of the West African Union.

On May 16th, the members of the Northern European Division Executive Committee will convene for several days of meetings at Division headquarters, Edgware. From the Continent we expect to have with us for this special meeting, Brethren Gidlund, Lohne, Voorthuis, and Westerlund, in addition to the members resident at Edgware and London.

Pastor E. J. Welch, the president of the Gold Coast Mission, the second largest field in the West African Union, in company with his wife is spending several weeks in Great Britain prior to journeying on to his home in the United States.

We welcome Pastor and Mrs. Welch

amongst us, and wish for them a pleasant and happy sojourn in the county of Cornwall.

We also welcome home to London, Pastor Horace Pearce and wife and son. This family comes to the homeland from Accra, Gold Coast, where Pastor Pearce is manager of the Advent Press. Pastor Pearce comes to a well deserved rest after several years of strenuous work in the building up of the new mission press at Accra, where a strong work for literature production is now in progress. The staff at the Advent Press now numbers more than thirty workers.

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WE regret to announce to the readers of the NORTHERN LIGHT that Pastor Arvo W. Arasola, president of the East Finland Conference, met with a fatal accident in Helsinki on Sunday, April 10th, while taking his family and friends by car to visit an isolated family near Helsinki.

Pastor Arasola's death has brought a serious loss to the cause in Finland. He was in the midst of a very successful evangelistic effort in Helsinki.

We pray that God may restore Mrs. Arasola and others who were seriously injured in the accident, to full health again, and express our deepest sympathy to her and other members of the family in their heavy loss, and also to the Advent believers in Finland.

An obituary notice will appear in the next issue of the NORTHERN LIGHT.

G. A. LINDSAY.

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## Advances at Akaki School

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tries and have hoped that bookbinding could be started there. We should also do woodwork, of which we do very little at present. We garden about four acres during the dry season which supplies much of our vegetable need during this period.

We have at Akaki a church of about eighty members. Each year we conduct a baptismal class, and are ready to begin the one for this year now. Last year twenty-eight were baptized. Our Sabbath

school has a membership of about 250. Many of the students who are not yet churchmembers are from Adventist families or families with very strong Adventist tendencies.

We have quite a good MV work going on, and progressive classes are carried on every year. At the close of last school year we had an investiture of about eighty, one of the largest ever at one time in Ethiopia. Brother Negassa Aga has had charge of this work, assisted by the younger teachers. There is always good interest in this work, with regular and good attendance.

Recently we started a campaign with the Voice of Prophecy lessons. We could not use all who volunteered to go out but chose twenty. They are going out each Sabbath afternoon, with about twenty lessons each. Of those who started, all have continued with this work. The lessons are being spread all over the neighbourhood.

So, though there are things we would wish to see grow, we are glad for what we are able to do at Akaki, and with the blessing of God results for the kingdom from all over Ethiopia will be harvested from our work there. H. HANSON.

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