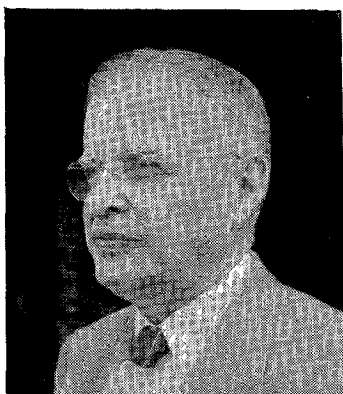




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Dr. W. I. Smith.

ONE year ago my report to the Northern European Division Council touched upon the history of Newbold Missionary College, the scope of the physical plant, the enrolment, the curriculum, and gave a forecast of future developments as the Division college. Now at the end of twelve months, we shall mention a few of the items in which all are interested and which have called for much attention during that time.

#### AFFILIATION PROGRAMME

During the past year definite progress has been made on the affiliation with Washington Missionary College. Early in January, 1955, the secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, the president of Washington Missionary College, and the principal of Newbold Missionary College met as a committee to prepare an affiliation agreement between the two institutions. The pattern of the working relations

## Newbold Missionary College

*Report of the Principal to the delegates assembled at the annual Northern European Division Council, held at Skodsborg, Denmark, November 23 to 29, 1955.*

between the Australasian Missionary College and Pacific Union College was recommended by the General Conference Education Department, and was followed quite closely. A few days later the full board of Newbold Missionary College, together with members of the Newbold staff, with representatives from the General Conference and the president of Washington Missionary College met

in joint council, and after making some modifications in the tentative agreement, unanimously voted for the plan. This agreement was later critically studied by the faculty of Washington Missionary College, as it was also by the officers and available members of the Northern European Division committee, and was finally taken to the General Conference committee, where it was approved in

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*The Principal's Home, Newbold Missionary College.*

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*"Crossways" — a new residence housing, at present, six married couples and their children.*

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early May. The status of the plan was announced at graduation and I am happy to tell you that five three-year graduates (two of the current year and three of former years) who were definitely planning to go to America are with us at the College this year. You may be surprised to learn that we anticipate eight degree graduates at the close of this school year. As we go along into the future the affiliation with Washington Missionary College should bring a good deal of stability into the school planning of our young people. The fact that they can complete the four-year programme at Newbold and then for graduate work have the assurance that they may enter our own seminary or other American colleges without penalty or handicap will bring a feeling of security in their educational plans.

At the opening of last school year, six members of the staff were new to the College. This year there were no changes on the part of last year's teaching staff. We have one new member, Dr. Payne of the Educational Department of Washington Missionary College, who was appointed first liaison member on the affiliation plan. She was given a good welcome by both faculty and students, and has quickly and happily become adjusted to our college ways. Dr. Payne not only has a large following of students but she is leader of the primary division in the Sabbath school, has gone out regularly with the colporteur band and has sold her quota of books, and in every way is a helpful member of the staff. It may be of interest to you to know also, that in leaving Washington the other

members of the Education Department there filled in the gap caused by Dr. Payne's absence by adding her classes to their programmes. This leads us to understand that the American college is going to some inconvenience and to some sacrifice in order to help Newbold in the affiliation programme.

**BUILDING PROGRAMME**

*Administration and Classroom Building*

Last year at our Northern European Division Council we looked at tentative plans for an administration and classroom building. After that meeting the executive committee, the board, and the building committee met on several occasions when further study was given to the plans, and new ideas were suggested. Before giving the final authorization to the architect, our quantity sur-

veyor reported that building costs, due to inflation, would probably amount to about £4. 5s. per square foot. This figure was approximately twenty-five per cent higher than previous estimates.

When this information was received, it seemed rather frightening. We did not have sufficient funds in sight to complete the project. Study was therefore given to ways and means by which to reduce the size of the building. Suggestions were offered to the architect for certain modifications and he was instructed to shrink the building slightly in each dimension. All of these matters took intervals of time. Finally on July 6th the assistant architect met jointly with the building committee, representatives of the board, and of the Division conference. After talking matters through carefully, the architect was given authority to go ahead on the drawings as they were then presented. At that time the board was told that it would take two months to complete the drawings, two additional months for the quantity surveyor to turn in his estimates, and one month for tenders. In other words, we are looking forward as yet to ground breaking which, according to schedule, will take place about January 1st.

While considerable patience has necessarily been developed during this waiting period we also feel that refinements have been made in the plans, so that we believe when the building is completed it will be very satisfactory and a joy to




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*"Parkham" — another fine residence for faculty and students.*

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those who will work in it, and to those who come to visit.

*"Crossways"*

In early spring the College was enabled to secure a fine large house just at the corner of St. Mark's and London Road. This is only five minutes' walk from the College. It is opposite the local post office and convenient to stores and buses. It has a tract of two and a half acres, lying along St. Mark's Road, with building sites for at least six faculty houses without disturbing the beautiful grounds of the original dwelling. The house is constructed in such a way that it was divided readily into three flats on each floor level. The purchase price was very reasonable and the house now provides accommodation for six married couples with their children. We are happy to state that there are now resident in the house five families from Sweden and Finland, and one from Britain. All seem to be very happy and, I think, are writing home to express their pleasure and gratitude for the unusually comfortable accommodation.

*"Winton Croft"*

Within the past month another fine dwelling has become available which has three flats and possibilities for two more, within portions of the building now not used, that could be converted for that purpose. There are one and a half acres of garden area. The surroundings are beautifully developed and have excellent possibilities for being made very attractive. That "Crossways" and "Winton Croft" should have become available seems to us providential. The College has two cottages in building, but progress is very slow and they probably will not be completed until the summer of 1956. The two houses that have been purchased, with two in building, will make it possible at that time to rearrange the placement of the staff, releasing "Egremont" for thirty-five to forty young men, and thus making available accommodation for staff members and married students. When the administration building is completed the accommodation for women will be greatly increased, and thus the major building needs of Newbold College will have been taken care of.

*Interior Decoration*

In "Moor Close" and "Binfield Hall" extensive decorations have been made by way of improvement in corridors and rooms, so that the interior of these buildings is much more presentable than outward appearances might indicate. The students appreciate these improvements. The next planning should probably centre around suitable accommodation for a laundry, a woodwork department, and other industries as recommended by the Board.

**INDUSTRIES**

While no industrial arts buildings have been constructed, essential progress is being made. Ordinary student labour has in the past been hedged about by Government restrictions. Students from other than Crown countries have not been permitted to work during the school year. But during the past summer application was made at the Home Office for lifting of restrictions on domestic duties of students and the following statement was received:

"With reference to this department's letter of 2nd June last and previous correspondence I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that after careful consideration he has decided to raise no objection to students at the College undertaking work there which assists directly in its running and maintenance, or as assistant teachers at the College day school, provided that such work forms part of their general training or, if not undertaken during the vacation, is so limited as not to interfere with that training." (Dated August 8, 1955.)

This comprehensive statement seems to meet the necessary requirements of our students' domestic-work programme. At the present moment a number of students who need to work a large portion of their way are finding employment as orderlies at nearby hospitals. For a number of these the financial considerations are very good, but the influence of the outside work is not what it ought to be.

Funds are in hand for the building of a laundry, and a committee has been appointed on industrial planning. We believe that because of many striking statements in the Spirit of prophecy urging the benefits of industries and manual training associated with our schools,

earnest consideration must be given to the upbuilding of this very important aspect of the work at Newbold.

**SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS**

An earnest endeavour is being made by the administration and members of the staff to accentuate the spiritual life and influence of the College. Three chapel assemblies convene weekly. Here devotional, inspirational, and cultural topics are made important. On Friday evenings the MV meetings alternate with faculty devotional studies. Twice since the opening of school in September we have had an inspirational talk followed by students' testimonies and there has been a ready response. Meetings of the Lightbearers, Progressive classwork groups, and foreign mission bands also have their place. Newbold has been highly favoured during the past twelve months with many guests from the General Conference, Northern European Division, and the Union and local conferences of Britain. No fewer than twenty-five of these brethren have graciously visited our College and have spoken at chapel appointments or on the Sabbath day. These occasions of themselves constitute an important educational factor in acquainting our youth with the denominational leaders, the denominational doctrines and viewpoints, and in helping them to become interested in our advancing work.

**WEEKS OF PRAYER**

It is the plan of the college faculty to conduct two weeks of prayer each school year, one about midway in each term. Our autumn Week of Prayer this year was held November 4th-12th, with Pastor K. H. Gammon, MV leader of the South England Conference, as guest speaker. Classes were shortened by five minutes each, the chapel time was extended to one full hour daily, giving forty minutes for the Week of Prayer readings, followed by fifteen minutes for prayer bands that met in small groups in the various classrooms. These were led by students with sponsoring faculty members. They were well attended and we believe were helpful to all. Each evening, at the regular worship time, Pastor Gammon brought a stirring

spiritual message that was specially planned for young people of college age. These messages were completely Christ-centred and very practical in their application of divine principles to the problems of everyday living. The theme previously chosen for the Week was the blessed assurance that *Christ is the Answer*, and a number of the services of the week began with the faculty and students joining in singing the beautiful and inspiring chorus:

*Christ is the answer to my every need,  
Christ is the answer; He is my friend  
indeed.*

*Problems of life my spirit may assail,  
With Christ my Saviour I shall never  
fail,*

*For Christ is the answer to my need.*

It was thrilling indeed to unite in singing this chorus in the public meetings, but even more thrilling to hear students going about their work on their way from one building to another, humming or singing the melody, while within their hearts they were making these words of confidence a vital part of their religious experience.

In closing may I be permitted to observe that the situation for our College at Bracknell seems to me to be an excellent one. The availability of transportation and ready access to the metropolis of London, the comparative quiet by day, and the almost unbroken stillness of the night hours amid such surroundings, bring to Newbold College a feeling of restfulness and rural environment so necessary to our training schools.

At the Colorado Spring Educational Convention in 1923, the brethren were giving a great deal of attention to our school standards and the outstanding need for retaining those factors so essential for the preparation of consecrated Christian workers. It was at that meeting that Professor C. W. Irwin, an old-time teacher and administrator in our schools, brought to the delegates at the close of an inspiring address, this simple outline of the essential requisites of a Christian college:

1. Limit the study of books to the strictly spiritual and useful.

2. Maintain for all students a full balance of useful labour and the teaching of the vocations participated in both by teachers and students.
3. Give large place and equal balance to training in missionary service during the school period, adapted to the age and ability of the young people and likewise shared by both teachers and students.
4. Maintain school homes for all non-resident students.
5. Carry on this entire programme in a rural environment where land can be cultivated, far enough away from the

city to escape its diverting and corrupting influences, but within range of suitable population for a missionary training field. On these five commandments hang all the law and the prophets in God's plan of education.

As we check these requisites with the various aspects of our situation at Newbold we should feel grateful that the Lord has in His providence led us to the present location and that our youth can be nurtured in an environment so favourable to their further spiritual and intellectual development. W. I. SMITH.



This picture was taken in the physics laboratory of Reading Technical College during the visit of Her Majesty, the Queen Mother, for the official opening of the college on October 26, 1955. Behind the Queen Mother is J. Dimmick, the college Principal. In the centre is Reading's Mayor, Councillor A. E. Smith. Joseph W. Wogu is to the left.



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## A Few Words with the Queen Mother

By Joseph Wogu

ONE of the great needs all over the world field is that of qualified, consecrated teachers. In order to help solve her problems, the West African Union Mission last year sent along three of her teachers, including myself, for further training at Newbold.

I have always had some interest in mathematics and kindred subjects, and this year it became necessary for me to

attend the Reading Technical College for tuition in pure and applied mathematics and in physics. The technical college had just had its new home completed, a large and attractively finished building, conspicuously located on the right hand side of the main road into Reading from Bracknell. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, was the special guest at the opening on October 26th.

A great crowd of spectators were anxiously waiting just to catch a glimpse of the Queen Mother. In the marquee in front of the building and on either side of the procession aisle were seated hundreds of invited guests, including the local government representatives of the neighbouring counties. Inside the building various departmental items had been specially prepared to give the royal visitor an insight into the various activities of the college. In the physics laboratory, about a dozen students, including myself, were performing individual experiments.

After we had spent a while of patient anticipation, the Queen Mother was escorted in and showed remarkable interest in the students. As many people expressed later: "She was very gracious indeed." She spoke with three students in the room, of whom I happened to be the last. First she wanted to know my homeland. Then she asked how long I had been in England. Her last interest was directed to my career in life. I thus

let her know not only my home, Nigeria, and that I was beginning my second year in England, but also that I had decided to render whatever humble service I could to God and to my fellow men as a teacher in Nigeria.

The real thrill of the occasion did not come on that day. A few days afterward, many friends who had read of it in the weekly paper, *Reading Mercury*, made various remarks. Some said: "You had a rare experience." Others said: "Such a privilege comes just once in a lifetime."

That so many regarded it as a great privilege led me to appreciate better the wonderful privilege which the Greatest of all Majesties has so graciously given to each one of us. Whenever I recall the amount of hard work which the authorities of the technical college put into their preparations for this great occasion, I wonder how much we are actually doing in preparation for that "glad day," when we shall see the King of kings.

These items give you an idea of the way your emergency and Famine Relief Committee works. It is empowered to act regardless of how few members can be present. It was set up at the time the Famine Relief Offering was initiated a few years ago and has been custodian of such funds ever since.

Now the funds available have been exhausted. On April 7th you will have an opportunity to add to this fund, so that as emergencies arise, help can be given immediately. If we wait to contact churches after a disaster has struck, no matter how generous they may be, it is too late to be of greatest help. The fund makes it possible to care for emergencies immediately.

The western warehouse, at Watsonville, California, is the repository for used clothing sent in by individuals and by Dorcas Welfare Societies. The cost of processing the clothing, of maintaining the warehouse, of the freight and express charges necessary to getting material to the places of need is tremendous. More than \$16,000 was paid out for ocean shipping charges alone last year.

An eastern warehouse will be built this coming year in New York City, which, of course, will have similar expenses. This will become the depot for materials from our people east of the Mississippi. Help can then be sent directly to disaster areas in the eastern part of North America and for overseas areas that are nearer to the East Coast than to the West.

As Seventh-day Adventists we are aware that the disasters which come with such great surprise to the world will increase. Satan's power over the forces of nature will bring "disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. . . . In accidents and calamities, . . . in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. . . . These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous." — *The Great Controversy (C.H.L.)*, pages 589, 590.

We would be doing less than our Christian duty if we failed to be ready to help in every way possible. Aside from  
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## What the Emergency and Famine Relief Fund is Doing

WHEN floods brought disaster to northern California, telephone calls from that area kept the General Conference informed of the condition of our people and the general situation. Immediately, available members of the Emergency and Famine Relief Committee authorized the western warehouse to supply all the clothing it could to that area; 4,000 pounds of bedding, 3,334 pounds of clothing, and 5,795 pairs of shoes were sent. Money was made available to be drawn on for other needs.

Here are some of the typical actions taken at random from the minutes of your Emergency and Famine Relief Committee over a period of time:

VOTED, to authorize the shipment of three tons of used clothing to Beirut, Lebanon [for flood relief].

VOTED, To authorize the shipment of five tons of lightweight clothing to the S.D.A. Welfare Centre, Box 223, Bridgetown, Barbados.

VOTED, To investigate the availability of a carload of powdered milk for Mexico.

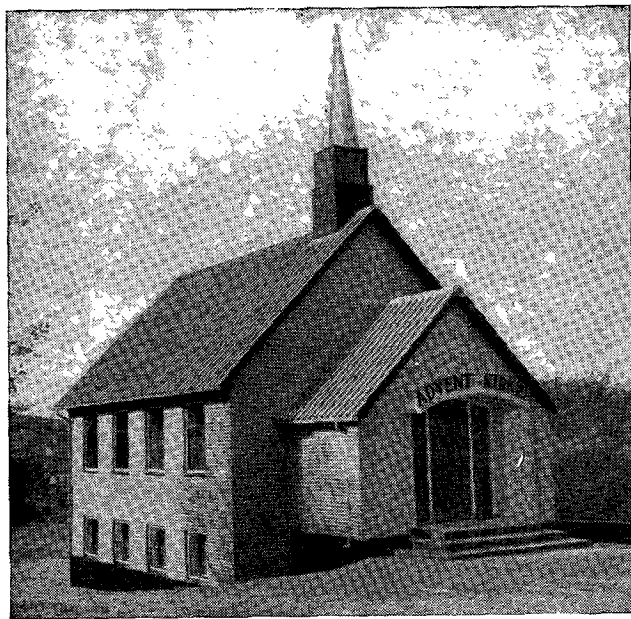
VOTED, That in response to an appeal from W. L. Pascoe, treasurer of the Far Eastern Division, to send ten tons of lightweight clothing for use in Saigon.

VOTED, To authorize \$15,000 for emergency help to the Inter-American Division for hurricane and flood victims.

VOTED, That in response to a request that has come in from Elder Webster, superintendant of the Inca Union, to send four tons of heavyweight clothing for use in Bolivia.

VOTED, That in response to a request from E. L. Longway to authorize the shipment of ten tons of heavyweight clothing for use in Hong Kong.

Working with the CARE organization, this committee has been able to send thousands of dollars' worth of food to our people and others in countries all over the world.



## Bornholm in the Baltic Sea

By  
Th. Kristensen

*President  
East Denmark*

THE isle of Bornholm is situated in the Baltic Sea, only a few miles from the border of countries still occupied by Russia. In fact during the last World War this island was occupied first by the Germans and then later by the Russian army, and several times some of the towns were bombed and damaged. Today we have four strong churches on the island with a large number of young people and children.

September 17th was a day of great joy to our believers on Bornholm, for on that day their new church was to be dedicated. The warm sunshine broke through the dark clouds on that Sabbath morning and "the pearl of the Baltic," surrounded by the blue sea, lay invitingly before us in its late summer beauty as we left the boat that had taken us over to spend an eventful day with our fellow-believers.

From all parts of the island our church-members and friends had made their way to Tejn, filled with the anticipation of seeing their dream come true. In the forenoon there was the Sabbath school which was followed by the church service. The dedication of the church was to take place in the afternoon, and in the evening there was to be a youth rally.

The press gave a fine report in words as well as in pictures, and we quote the following extracts from the newspaper:

"The dedication of the beautiful little

Advent church in Tejn on Saturday afternoon took the form of a very graceful ceremony. Among the guests were several from other parts of the country as well as from Norway. There were also some visitors from other denominations such as the president for the Home Mission of the Lutheran Church and the local leader of the Philadelphia Church. Pastor M. Bakke welcomed the audience and expressed his pleasure that the assembly in Tejn would now have their own church. In his opening remarks he also thanked the Conference Board.

"Pastor Alf Lohne from Oslo, the president of the West Nordic Union, preached the dedicatory sermon, reading from Luke 4:5. "This church," said Pastor Lohne, "which we are dedicating to the Lord today, is another link in the chain of Advent churches all round the world. We desire to sanctify this house for the proclamation of the Gospel that never loses its power. People in our day need this joyful message of salvation that brings peace and forgiveness of sin. We desire that this church may serve to advance the Gospel of Christ, and that He who knocks at the doors of the hearts of men may also enter here and abide."

"The president of the East Denmark Conference, Thorvold Kristensen of Copenhagen, in his remarks put a question which many might ask: "Why do we

build churches and send out missionaries?' In answering it he said, 'Because we are convinced that the return of Christ is very near. However, we do not know the day nor the hour, and for this reason all people of the earth must be warned that they through faith in Jesus Christ may be ready for the greatest of all events to come.'

"The president thanked the tradesmen for their splendid work, and mentioned how the churchmembers themselves together with their pastor had dug the foundation, built, jointed, and painted, in order to help in the erection of the church."

The church building which was finished within four months is built of red brick, with steeple and tile roof. From the road the entrance leads through the porch, and as the terrain slopes from the road, the lower floor is on a level with the garden behind the building. The windows have coloured glass and the auditorium is lit with church chandeliers and bracket lamps on the walls. The chairs are light in colour and have upholstered seats. In the basement is a large room that can be divided into two by setting up a partition, and the rooms can be used for a youth centre.

Our greatest desire is that rays of light may go out from this new little church bringing hope and faith to many people living on the island of Bornholm.

### Denmark Makes Dorcas History

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felt grateful and happy, yes, and proud, in the knowledge that his wife, his daughter, or sister was interestedly and actively engaged in such a noble and Christlike missionary service as the Dorcas Welfare ministry indeed is.

We hope that this Dorcas convention will be followed by others. The cause needs it, and the Dorcas sisters deserve it. They are entitled to all the encouragement, inspiration, and practical help such a meeting affords. Dorcas Welfare ministry is the very essence of our religion and a sacred missionary obligation in revealing and lifting up our Lord Jesus Christ.



Seated in front row: H. Munderspach, President, W. Denmark; H. J. Christensen, H.M. Secretary, W. Denmark; W. W. Hansen, H. M. Secretary, E. Denmark; S. Broberg, President, Ethiopian Union Mission; E. W. Pedersen, Division H.M. Secretary; T. L. Oswald, General Conference H.M. Secretary; A. F. Tarr, Division President; Mrs. A. F. Tarr, Leader, London Dorcas Welfare Federation; P. Frivold, H.M. Secretary, West Nordic Union; J. Jensen, Skodsborg Sanitarium Chaplain; Th. Kristensen, President, E. Denmark; H. Westerlund, Skodsborg Sanitarium Manager.

## Denmark Makes Dorcas History

By E. W. Pedersen

FRIDAY, December 2nd, Napoleon's glorious Austerlitz day, the friendly doors of Skodsborg Sanitarium were thrown wide open for the delegates of the First National Dorcas Convention ever to be held in these parts of the world field. Yes, it was even suggested that it possibly might be the first of its kind anywhere.

For three days, approximately one hundred delegates from the two Danish conferences were gathered in a council where Dorcas Welfare ministry was the only item on the agenda. All the delegates were, with one exception, a select group of our fine sisterhood. The one exception that had been considered worthy of the honour was an equally fine brother. But then, Hansen of Odense is just the kind of alert and ever active Dorcas brother whom any Dorcas sister could feel proud to own!

The Skodsborg Sanitarium had demonstrated its keen interest in this council in a most gratifying and generous way. When the management learned that funds were inadequate to allow more than a delegation of half a dozen from the West,

they came to our aid and invited all delegates to be their guests—gratis. Considering that the Sanitarium was running at full capacity, and that this meeting came immediately following the Division Home Missionary Council and the Division Autumn Council, it will readily be appreciated what a fine gesture this was. One of the great blessings of the Northern European Division is that we have an institution like Skodsborg where the old spirit of sacrifice and hospitality still rules.

"Hands That Lift" was the inspiring and artistic motto facing the delegates—their hands and the hands of Jesus. The well planned programme, covering the main aspects of Dorcas Welfare work, was smoothly carried out under the able chairmanship of P. Frivold, Home Missionary secretary of the West Nordic Union.

What gave a special flavour to "this wonderful and most inspiring treat," as one sister termed it, was the attendance of T. L. Oswald and A. F. Tarr and of Mrs. Tarr, who is Director of the London Dorcas Federation. Their presence as

instructors as well as the attendance of the two conference presidents and a number of ministers, gave our sisters a new feeling of being an important and indispensable part of our glorious message. They felt good that for once they received some tangible recognition for the "little" they do.

As on other occasions during his ministry with us this last autumn, T. L. Oswald from his vast experience, gave of his best both in practical instruction and inspiration. A. F. Tarr, by his presence and through his pointed messages, placed the Dorcas Welfare work on a pedestal whence it could be viewed by minister and laity alike. Mrs. Tarr, as usual, brimful to overflowing with life and enthusiasm whenever the faintest whisper of Dorcas Welfare is heard, was to the sisters a live demonstration of the rôle they rightfully could and should play in the church. Here was one of their own sex speaking in English which they did not understand, yet in a language they well understood all the same. "This is the best thing you have done for us, Brother Pedersen," said a sister, "arranging this convention for us sisters and also bringing Mrs. Tarr over. She is one of us, and what she can do, we can do as well."

P. Frivold and his two associates, W. W. Hansen and H. I. Christensen of the East and West Danish Conferences respectively, had done excellent work in the detailed arrangements for the success of the meetings. They, too, gave valuable help and, together with the writer, took part in the instruction.

An additional contribution to the success of our meetings was given by S. A. Broberg, president of the Ethiopian Union Mission. Pastor Broberg had attended the Division Councils and kindly stayed over. His mission-coloured spiritual talks were greatly appreciated.

Usually it is the men who are called in for conventions. This time they stayed behind with the children or alone with their porridge! It would have done them good, though, to have been there as well. They might have had a revelation of the prominent place the Lord has assigned to the sisters of the remnant church. Any husband, father, or brother would have

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## NEWS FLASH

A. F. TARR has recently attended the West African Union Session at Bekwai in the Gold Coast, the constituency meeting in the West Nigerian Mission, and the Ile-Ife Hospital Board meeting, and has itinerated in East Nigeria, visiting the new hospital at Ahoyda, the new evangelistic centre in Calabar, and Ihe Training School. In Ethiopia he attended the union auditing meeting and visited some of the institutions and also the new development in Southern Ethiopia. Pastor Tarr returned to the office on March 2nd, after having spent ten weeks in West Africa and Ethiopia.

G. A. Lindsay returned from West Africa on February 15th. He attended the West African Union biennial session at Bekwai Training School in the Gold Coast and also four local mission biennial sessions in the Gold Coast and Nigeria. Reports from all these meetings are most encouraging.

E. B. Rudge returned to the office on February 17th, after having spent some time in Ethiopia in connection with the annual union auditing meeting. He visited most of the mission stations and institutions in Ethiopia and reports good progress.

Owing to health reasons, it has been found necessary to allow Miss Margaret

Sharp to return home to Scotland on a permanent return basis, several months ahead of the regular furlough time. Miss Sharp has been a missionary nurse at Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria.

Dr. W. I. Smith, Principal of Newbold Missionary College, reports that the Senior Class for 1956 has now been organized. The class has elected for President, A. V. Ljung, Sweden; for Secretary, Sinikka Rouhe, Finland; for Vice-president, G. Augsburg, Switzerland, and for Treasurer, Brian Ball, Britain. The Faculty Sponsor is V. N. Olsen, Denmark.

On February 15th, a campaign for an Electronic organ and seating for the new chapel, was launched at Newbold. Efforts will be made to secure funds for the organ first. R. W. Scarr of the Music Department was appointed chairman of the committee on plans and promotion for the campaign. Dr. Smith feels sure that all parts of the Division field will be interested in this student campaign and he trusts it may be successfully concluded.

G. A. LINDSAY.

## Famine and Disaster Relief Offering

APRIL 7th

By A. F. Tarr

WE LIVE in a time when disasters of one kind or another seem more and more to be overtaking our world. Famines, floods, droughts, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and fires are becoming of frequent occurrence, and often in the most unexpected places. Seventh-day Adventists, of all people, should be in the forefront in their endeavours to relieve the suffering and privation that follow. Their knowledge of the times, and of the significance of these events in no way minimizes their responsibility, but rather seems to make it the greater, and now, with our growing and more widely scattered membership, we ought to be thinking in bigger terms than we have done in days gone by.

Moreover, these calamities seem so suddenly to be bursting upon us, and it is essential that we be in a position to give help from the very first moment that help is needed. In other words, that we be in a constant state of preparedness.

One very practical way of doing this is to build up at denominational headquarters a central fund from which, without delay, supplies might be purchased or other payments be made to meet immediate needs in whatever areas emergencies arise. When only a few

months ago storms swept over areas of the Inter-American Division, how fortunate it was that from General Conference headquarters funds could be supplied for the purchase of food, clothing, bedding, and for the rehabilitation in other ways of those of our own members who had so suddenly been rendered homeless. How good it was in our own Northern European Division two or more years ago, when areas of the Netherlands and of Great Britain were invaded by floods, to receive generous aid, again from the General Conference, as well as from parts of our own field, ready to help.

With experiences like these in mind, the General Conference is making a world-wide appeal this year for gifts from all our members to apply on a central fund which will be held in Washington, D.C., and which will be available at any time of need. The date on which this offering will be received in the Northern European Division is Sabbath, April 7th. We appeal to every church in our Division to give this offering much publicity, and we are confident that every member will deem it a great privilege to contribute generously toward what will be a most wonderful boon to such of our members who may be stricken in days to come.

### What the Emergency Fund is Doing

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the fact that the hearts of God's people should be moved with compassion and their hands to action in helpfulness, there is another aspect. As these disasters continue, Satan's plan will become clear: "And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils."—*Ibid.*, page 590.

Let us take the opportunity on April 7th to replenish the funds which will enable us to give immediate help in times of need.

M.E.V.

(See A. F. Tarr's appeal on this page.)

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