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Newbold—An International College

By Robert W. Olson, *President*

NEWBOLD MISSIONARY COLLEGE is again enjoying the rich blessing of God as another school year is now well under way. One hundred and fifty-six students have converged on Newbold from the very ends of the earth to make up what is probably the most cosmopolitan college family on the face of the earth.

From thirty-one countries they have

come, and from ten world division fields, only the China, U.S.S.R., and South American Divisions being unrepresented. For the first time in many years, every European country in the Northern European Division has sent at least one student to Newbold; while from the West African Union, workers have come from both Ghana and Nigeria.

It is especially gratifying to see so

many mature students returning to College for one or more years of additional study. The current enrolment includes twenty workers in the Advent cause, five of whom are ordained ministers. The spiritual atmosphere of the College is greatly strengthened by the presence of such men as Pastors S. P. Halminen and Pekka Peltonen from Finland, Børge Larsen and Preben



Front Row (left to right): Mabel Tan, Sunday Wosu, Inga-Beth Jidas, W. B. Ackah, Sonja Gudmunsson, Anne-Marie Langvall, Peter van Bemmelen, Ross Kennedy, Dalbert Elias, Patrick Horgan, Clive Haward, Pawel Cieslar, Rudolf Andersen, Antti Oksanen, Arthur Rodd. Back Row (left to right): Levi Davidson, Trevor Delafield, Vivian Puccinelli, Jimmy Kong, Rafic Esber, Helmut Mutz, Marion Byrne-Daly, David Ellis, Svetolik Djordjevic, Christa Gilgen, Chantal Robineau, Christos Panousopoulos, Maria Pastor, Samuele Bacchiocchi, Hans Erbes. Not Present: Diana Brudenell-Bruce, from the Virgin Islands, who was ill in the hospital when the picture was taken.

Polish School Re-opened

By A. F. TARR

Mollerup from Denmark, and Arvid Dyresen from Norway.

The prospering hand of our heavenly Father has been manifest from the very first Friday evening of the school year when Pastor V. Norskov Olsen led the staff and students in a testimony meeting which continued for about two and a half hours. One student said recently: "I found Christ during the first two weeks of the school year," and indeed, many have commented on the marked "presence of God" which seems constantly to pervade every classroom, dormitory, and school activity.

The occasional visits made to the Sunday night meetings at the New Gallery Centre in London always provide an additional stimulus and inspiration for the college students. On October 26th, Pastor A. G. Ratcliffe's great congregation of 1,400 included over 120 from Newbold, many of whom responded to the altar call at the close of the service. The next morning, October 27th, Newbold's Public Evangelism Class had the privilege of attending the New Gallery workers' meeting, which proved to be highly instructive, and was much appreciated by the students.

Newbold is indebted not only to Pastor Ratcliffe, but to many other workers for the contributions they have made this year. In particular, mention should be made of Pastor and Mrs. C. R. Bonney's farewell chapel service three days before they sailed for India, Dr. and Mrs. Nigel Buxton's programme just before their return to the Ranchi Hospital near Calcutta, Pastor W. E. Read's Sabbath afternoon meeting when he held the students spell-bound for seventy-five minutes, the church service by our Polish leaders J. Zielinski, St. Dabrowski, J. Lipski, and A. Smyk, and the baptism at the time of M. E. Lind's visit.

It has also been the students' privilege to meet many of our leaders from the General Conference, Northern European Division, British Union, and the South England Conference. Visitors from the General Conference in recent weeks have included C. L. Torrey, O. A. Blake, M. V. Campbell, F. Brennwald, E. L. Becker, and D. A. McAdams.

ANOTHER most happy and profitable visit with the brethren and sisters of Poland has come to an end. Churches and public halls in Poznan, Katowice, Bielsko, Krakow, and Warsaw overflowed with eager, earnest, spiritually hungry members. From all parts of the West, the South, and the East Polish Conferences they came. Hundreds of them, unsatisfied to attend in their own respective areas alone, travelled from place to place, joining the gatherings at whatever venues time and funds permitted. Workers' meetings and sessions of the union conference committee convened also in the city of Warsaw. Everywhere a spirit of enthusiasm and deep devotion to our wonderful message characterized the gatherings.

Particularly heartening was it to observe the revival of evangelism in so many places, and to learn of the 261 new members admitted into the church by baptism so far this year.

Another very happy feature was the permission granted by the Government for the re-opening of our mission school at Kamienica, closed for many years; and a day spent with the students and staff so soon after its opening was one never to be forgotten. Twenty young men and ten young women form the nucleus of the school's enrolment in its new era. These, crowded into four dormitory

rooms, are overjoyed at the privilege so long denied them of attending a school of our own, and of preparing for service in the Lord's vineyard. They know that throughout the churches they are regarded as highly favoured among the millions of Poland's youth. They realize, too, that the eyes of the entire church membership are upon them, and that prayers are daily ascending to God on their behalf. Their devotion to their studies and their consistent deportment reflect their awareness of all this, and their sense of the great responsibility that the providences of God have placed upon them. It was touching when going through their rooms to note their joy over the meagre facilities that are theirs, and later to observe their rapt attention in the chapel hour and their deep desire to share fully in every phase of their school activities.

Toward the close of our stay we became involved in one of the most spontaneous outbursts of youthful gratitude we have ever witnessed. As we sat in the dining room of the school principal, Pastor Andrzej Maszczak, a knock came at the door. On its being opened, in trooped the whole student body—thirty of them—to say good-bye. Accompanied by sundry musical instruments they bade their farewell in some of their beautiful songs and hymns.

Newbold is indeed a favoured institution, and there is every reason to believe that the blessing of God will continue through the winter and spring until Graduation day next May. This, indeed, is both our fervent wish and prayer.

NEWBOLD STATISTICAL REPORT November 1, 1958

	1957-8	1958-9
Total Students enrolled	140	156
Northern European Division	107	112
Southern European Division	15	17
Central European Division	7	9
North American Division	5	9

Six other Divisions		
Denmark	6	9
England	5	5
Finland	64	70
Ghana	9	8
Iceland	2	2
Ireland	5	2
Netherlands	6	2
Nigeria	3	2
Norway	2	3
Poland	0	2
Scotland	2	3
Sweden	2	6
Wales	4	3
	3	4
Number of Men	87	97
Number of Women	66	80
New Students	53	59
Former Students	74	76
Theology Students	53	64
Full Scholarships Earned	20	47

Having previously noticed some of their needs, we inquired of the principal whether it would be in order to make some small gift either to the students, or to the school on the students' behalf. Brother Maszczak, after conferring with a senior teacher, suggested, very hesitatingly, that as winter was coming on, a warm cover for each student's bed would be a much appreciated gift. When the principal announced to the students what was going to be done, the girls with one whoop of gratitude rushed to where the writer was standing and having seated him firmly on a chair, with remarkable deftness and in true Polish fashion raised the chair four times to the ceiling. With the rise and fall of the chair all chanted together a happy Polish song of gratitude. For an unrestrained outburst of enthusiasm, the writer has never seen its equal.

This and so many other incidents in Poland called to our minds often the words of one who wrote:

"I've heard of hearts unkind, kind deeds

With coldness still returning;

Alas! the gratitude of men

Hath oftener left me mourning."

When the students withdrew, another knock came at the door, this time from the teachers. We had already met them in the morning and again at chapel. All highly qualified academically, and with a rich spiritual background, they had shown a keen awareness of the heavy responsibility that now was theirs, and of their insufficiency to fully measure up to the great challenge of these eager youth for a Christian education. I supposed they had come to say good-bye, or perhaps to make some special request, for I had also observed their living conditions. In a dark, low and almost inaccessible attic above the students' dormitory, were two beds, a portable wash-basin and a place to hang some clothes. This represented the living quarters of two of the teachers. Now I felt sure they must be inquiring if we could not possibly find something better for them, somehow, somewhere. I waited, somewhat apprehensive, over what they might say. And then there came this request: "We wondered if you might not be willing to pray with us before you

leave?" Never have I offered a prayer that I felt God would more willingly answer than the one we offered together as we knelt in the principal's dining room with those humble, godly, teachers.

Unable to secure a public hall in Katowice, our all-day Sabbath meetings were held in the Methodist church, very kindly placed at our disposal by the pastor. Many Methodists joined us for the occasion, hundreds of the great congregation having to stand inside and outside the building, where the messages were relayed with the aid of loud-speakers. The Methodist minister who sat with us on the platform extended a most hearty welcome to his church, and to his home which we visited in the evening.

While in the ancient and one-time capital city of Krakow, it was a great joy to meet with some of the Seventh-day Adventist students attending the university there. We gathered by the bedside of the conference treasurer, who was himself a former student. He was suffering from a crushed leg, crushed between two street cars, but was now making a good recovery.

Our past and present students at the Krakow University and medical school represent engineering, economics, physics, biology, history, Oriental and Western philology, pharmacology, chemistry, law, and medicine. The big problem which all have had to face is the matter of Sabbath

classes. Lectures have given them little difficulty; it is usually possible to borrow the notes taken by fellow students. But when their practicals fall on Sabbath, as they so often do, it requires most involved adjustments to get transferred for the occasion to some other group which might be meeting on another day of the week. At my request one of the students showed me his programme with the many substitutions he had had to make. It was indeed an ingenious arrangement. However, through it all God has indeed blessed the students' endeavours, and I was assured that not one of them had failed in his or her determination never to study or take class work of any kind on Sabbath. All of the Adventist students in Poland's universities, like those attending our own school so recently re-opened, asked that their hearty greetings be conveyed to all fellow Seventh-day Adventist students in other lands.

Strong and ambitious plans are in hand for the publication of our literature. One large and two medium-sized books are planned for this year, and four books are to be put in hand next year—*The Desire of Ages*, *Acts of the Apostles*, *Christ's Object Lessons*, and another edition of *Steps to Christ*.

Everywhere our churchmembers in Poland are of good courage. Again we had a most cordial interview with the Vice-Director of Religions, and were



A rich harvest of souls is being gathered in Poland. Above is a baptism of twenty-two persons in the city of Katowice. Another twenty are preparing for the next baptism.

asked to convey to our churchmembers and others in other lands the assurance that religious liberty is being universally enjoyed by our church in Poland. Certainly our membership are deeply grateful to God and to the Government for the many and rich benefits that now are theirs.

The wonderful spirit of fellowship so marked on previous visits was again demonstrated in every church and city and home we visited. Prayers, testimonies, little mementoes of our visit, the smile and hearty handshake of thousands, and innumerable little courtesies, all betokened a loving regard that transcended all language, national, and political barriers. Again on our departure, as on former

occasions, a sea of hands continuously waved their good-bye as we boarded our plane in Warsaw on a non-stop flight back to London.

Still ringing in my ears is a song they loved so much to sing, and which when sung by them seemed to carry peculiar emphasis in every verse:

“Lift up the trumpet and loud let it ring:
Jesus is coming again!
Cheer up, ye pilgrims, be joyful and sing,
Jesus is coming again.
Coming again, coming again, Jesus is
coming again.”

Visits like these make us long more than ever before that that day might quickly come.

Ingathering funds, yes, and the giving of your sons and daughters. You own as much of this great organization as any man or woman. You can walk through the corridors of Skodsborg Sanitarium or Newbold College and confidently say: “This is my institution. I invested in it. I helped to build it.” You are far richer today than were the pioneers back there when our total membership was comprised of forty members.

But now let me ask you a question: Will being joint owner of this great wealth which our heavenly Father has bestowed upon us, get us into heaven? What about our faith? What about our Christian experience? To be doers of the Word we must be right with God personally. That comes first. Then secondly we must constantly be possessed with one great passion—a passion for the souls of men. It was said of our Example: “Not for Himself, but for *others* He lived and thought and prayed.” The Bible record tells us: “The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.” Matt. 20:28. Can we succeed in doing less? Do we know what real sacrifice is?

RADIO AND TV PROGRESS

As I bring you this progress report for the Publishing and Radio-TV Departments of the Division, I am thinking of the unwarned among the 614,000,000 blood-bought souls in Europe and Africa. Practically one-third of this great mass of humanity resides within the territorial boundaries of the Northern European Division. Therefore, it becomes our privilege and responsibility, as members of the remnant church, to push forward toward even greater achievements in order to reach those souls with the message. Everyone in our Division must receive the warning of impending peril to their own souls. It behoves us, as leaders and churchmembers of the glorious church of Christ, to stretch forth every sinew, nerve, fibre, and muscle in the finishing of the work.

At this writing I thank God for His bountiful blessings upon this work. Reports from the Radio, TV, and Publishing Departments across the far reaches of the Division, reflect the results of increased activity by the leadership

Meeting the Challenge of the Hour

By J. M. Bucy, *Publishing and Radio Secretary*

EVER SINCE the end of the great time prophecy of Daniel eight which met its fulfilment in the year 1844, until this present hour, God has signally blessed the efforts of this remnant people.

Back in 1844 there was only a small group of forty persons who had begun to keep the true Sabbath. That was in Washington, New Hampshire, in the United States. By the year 1862 in the state of Michigan, a pay-roll system was established for workers. The rates were fixed by an auditing committee.

Then on May 21, 1862, came the big day. The believers and workers had grown in number until now it was deemed necessary to form a General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Twenty delegates from six conferences named an executive committee of three officers, and the General Conference was born.

We are a people of prophecy. We came upon the scene of action according to prophecy. Without the Spirit of prophecy writings, we probably would have no medical institutions, no publishing houses, educational institutions, or food factories. In fact, it is likely that we would not have been born at all. But we have followed the voice of God

through His servant Ellen G. White. We are here. We are doing business for God. We are a going concern.

Through our small beginnings and the inspired counsel that came to us back there through His servant, Christ has led us in establishing 43 publishing houses which today skirt the globe. We own and operate 197 hospitals, sanitariums, and treatment rooms which encircle the earth. Our radio broadcasts extend from pole to pole. Our yearly mission budget totals as high as 23 million dollars. Forty-one thousand labourers are busy, at home and abroad, helping to carry the third angel's message to earth's millions. Our baptismal reports show we are baptizing upward of 100,000 precious souls each year. This is what is going on in the remnant church to which you and I belong, dear friend. Surely the God of heaven is with this denomination which is today comprised of a little over one million baptized souls.

Precious believer, the half has not yet been told. We are going to press on until this work ends in a blaze of glory.

But the amazing thing is, all of this present treasure belongs to you. It is yours. You bought and paid for it. With your tithes, your offerings, your

and churchmembers as they press toward the mark.

From Great Britain, Finland, and the Netherlands come thrilling reports of baptisms resulting from Bible correspondence enrolments. In Finland a special camp meeting was held during the month of August for Bible correspondence school graduates. Seventy persons were in attendance and twenty were graduates. The most joyful experience came at that camp meeting when five of the graduates were buried with their Lord in baptism. The Netherlands also reports that a group of five graduates recently buried their sins in the watery grave of baptism. We wish time and space might afford opportunity to give reports from all of our unions.

The British Union alone, in round figures, during the past four years, processed 52,500 applications for Bible Correspondence Courses, resulting in 20,000 enrollees. There were 8,800 graduates with a reported 613 baptisms. This is equivalent to fifteen new churches of forty members such as that first church in New Hampshire in 1844.

PUBLISHING THE GLAD TIDINGS

The Division shows a \$100,000 gain in colporteur deliveries for the two-year period of 1956-1957 over the previous two year period. The deliveries for both students and regular colporteurs for the first eight months of 1958 show remarkable gains. There is also a 10.6 per cent gain in the number of colporteurs working in the Division.

Scores of baptisms result each year through the faithful endeavours of the colporteur-evangelist. Some individually were responsible for bringing in five, ten, and even more souls.

In the West African Union the publishing secretary accompanied by a colporteur called at an office in the Justice Building in a large city. The officer listened to the canvass, then raised his head. With tears in his eyes he said he had prayed to God for help in understanding his Bible the night before and now the help had come. He asked for Bible studies immediately.

Last September, Colporteur-evangelist Ken Davey, canvassed a millionaire industrialist in his country home. The

rich man looked up at the close of the canvass and said: "I'll take fifty-seven sets of these books. I want a set for each director in my firm."

The Scandinavian countries are making outstanding contributions to the literature ministry. Everywhere prosperity is seen. Everywhere a strong effort is being made to build colporteur forces up to a new high. Already reports from Norway and Sweden demonstrate what strong leadership is accomplishing there.

Yes, God's children are at work. The reports cheer our hearts greatly. Now, fellow believer, the thrilling part of it all is that the day is not far away when it will be revealed that you and fellow

churchmembers not only have built our great institutions, but without your contributions, these reports would have been impossible.

There are glorious days just ahead. New thrilling experiences await those who are ready to share and dare for Christ.

I personally wish to thank our leaders, workers, colporteurs, and churchmembers, for the new impetus they are giving to this wonderful Advent message. God loves you. He wants you to continue to give your best every day, because "The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul." Prov. 13:10.

Successful Literature Evangelism

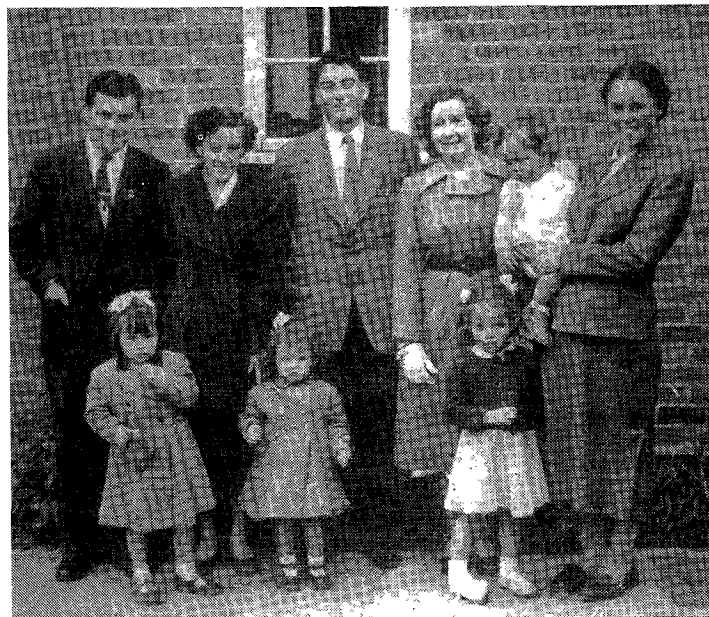
By Local Publishing Secretaries

SOUTH ENGLAND

It is now over two years since T. A. Brownlow made the decision to take up literature evangelism. He had no experience in selling, but only a deep conviction that God was calling him to share his knowledge of Jesus.

We extended an invitation to Brother

Brownlow and his wife to attend our first Quarterly Training Class for beginners in the literature ministry. They were glad to accept this opportunity, and joined a group of eight others who were assembled at Watford. Brother Brownlow showed a keen interest during the instruction periods, and was anxious to put into practice the advice he received.



A group of people now attending church as a result of T. A. Brownlow's literature evangelism.

He was allocated territory in the Norwich district of Norfolk to which he and his wife proceeded immediately after this streamlined week-end course. For a week or two this young couple stayed with Adventist friends, but Mrs. Brownlow, who was not a member of the church at the time, procured a job as a doctor's receptionist. Fortunately, or should we say providentially, a flat under the doctor's consulting room was offered to them. From this centre Brother Brownlow began to operate as a literature evangelist.

At first the work was difficult, but after the first week, this young man made rapid progress. In two months he had become an efficient worker. During the year 1956, his first complete year of service, Brother Brownlow sold more books than any other bookman in the South England Conference—£1,720.

To mention this fact alone would give a wrong impression of his work, for he is truly a literature evangelist. Every visit he makes is a missionary visit. He takes advantage of every opportunity to pray with the people he meets and to study with them. Already one person has been baptized as a direct result of Brother Brownlow's work, and six others are attending church on Sabbaths. God has seen fit to use this young man who responded to the call, and has blessed him beyond his fondest dreams, both with souls and in a material way.

While Brother Brownlow was working, he discovered a house that he could buy for £100—he bought it and is now very comfortably housed. His wife was baptized a few months after he started his work, and together they rejoice that God has seen fit to use them to His glory.

V. C. J. BENEFIELD.

A FAITHFUL SISTER

"LET every believer scatter abroad tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time."—*Review and Herald*, November 12, 1903.

At this time only a few of our members realize the importance and value of circulating our publications. From time to time, however, we receive letters from faithful souls who carry out this work to the best of their ability.

Sister Erbes of Worthing has been circulating our magazines *Our Times* and

Good Health for more than eight years. A short time ago she sent to us a report of her soul-winning labour. Besides enlisting many people for the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course she has done personal work with the people she has met.

On one occasion Sister Erbes visited a home where a lady was greatly distressed. Our sister introduced her magazine, but the lady treated her harshly. Later in the day Sister Erbes was walking through the town in search of a place to have lunch, and someone patted her on the shoulder. It was this distressed soul who had turned our sister away earlier in the day. She pleaded with our sister to return to her home to have lunch and talk about her problems.

It transpired that this lady's husband had been sick for a long time and she had yielded to the temptation to steal food from local stores. Our sister pointed this soul to Jesus, and advised her to visit each store she had robbed and arrange to repay the owner. Sister Erbes prayed with this lady who confessed her sin to the Lord, and opened her heart to Him. The local pastor was informed of this lady's experience, and after receiving Bible studies she is about to be baptized, and rejoices in her new-found faith.

A few months later Sister Erbes contacted another lady who was searching for the truth, and did not know to whom she should go. After conversing with this soul, studying with her, and praying with her, she accepted the Master. The pastor later visited her, and studied our peculiar doctrines, and she now awaits baptism.

Sister Erbes is a housewife with many home responsibilities, but she sets aside part of each day to distribute our literature. She rejoices that God has seen fit to bless her humble efforts in this way. He is waiting to bless others in the same way if they will co-operate with Him.

V. C. J. BENEFIELD.

IRELAND

I BELIEVE in the high calling of the literature ministry primarily because of one important and outstanding statement by the Spirit of prophecy: "If there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications that

contain the truth for this time before the people."

Secondly, these publications contain the message of reform as outlined in Revelation fourteen, as a warning message due to the world at this time.

Thirdly, because having engaged in the work for so many years, I have experienced in a spiritual sense the Lord's help and co-operation in the work. We have been told that every truly consecrated worker will have the Lord's help in sending angels before us to prepare the hearts of the people for our visits. Have we had evidence of the preparation of hearts for our calls? We most certainly have. More than that, we have had evidences of hearts prepared to receive the whole message through us as we have given to the inquiring mind studies from time to time.

Colporteurs have perhaps the greatest privilege of all Christian workers because they contact more and have more opportunities given them to witness for the truth for this time.

We are told that "colporteur work properly conducted is missionary work of the highest order." Look at the number who rejoice in the message today who have been brought in by or by the instrumentality of our colporteur. One woman stole a book from the colporteur who stayed with her while working the district. Long afterward she went to the headquarters to find him and to pay her debt to him. But she had this good news, she had become a Christian through reading it and had accepted the Advent faith. That's why she came to confess to him her wrong and to pay her debt.

"I was always against the Adventists from what I heard of them," said a lady to one of our workers here recently, "until I read your literature. It is good reading and I enjoy reading it. Yes, I'll have a copy."

On seeing the publishers were The Stanborough Press, one gentleman said: "Yes, I'll have one, for I got a book from you people sometime ago, and I learned a lot of my Bible through that book."

"You have been sent to me with that book," said a lady whose brother had just committed suicide in her home. I was able to have a prayer with her and be a source of comfort to her.

"It is very strange," said a lady to me, "we were talking about missionary work just before you called." I said that it showed that their hearts were prepared for my visit as has been promised to us.

"You were the gentleman," said a lady to me, "that prayed for our daughter who was sick in bed when you called last year. Well, you had not been gone long when our girl began to get better. We have always said since, that it was an answer to prayer."

Experiences like these give us great and unmistakable proof that God co-operates with the literature evangelist.

What greater ambition in life could we have than to have our heavenly Father as our Master and Guide, as we give, through the literature ministry, His message of love to the world?

H. D. HOWARD.

EAST FINLAND



Eino Uimonen.

THE young Finland Union consists of two conferences, the East Finland Conference and the West Finland Conference, the former being the field where the writer serves.

There are 207 parishes in our conference with a population of some two million people. Of these parishes, twenty are Swedish speaking. Towns and smaller country towns number thirty-three.

About half of the area is covered by forests, with only a very small part of it being cultivated. The people receive their income from the great, partly virgin woods. They are not rich but they are natural and pleasant people, untouched by the nervous spirit of our time.

In the northern and north-eastern parts of our conference, especially in North Carelia and Lapland, our literature evangelists can earn their school fees and scholarships while spending, as it were, a most agreeable summer vacation with picnics along the forest paths, where their physical strength accumulates while books

are distributed and those distant homes visited by them.

At the last armistice, Finland had to give up about a third of our conference area. Some 500,000 Carelians left their homes behind the "iron curtain." Being one of those evacuees, I have naturally been greatly interested to learn whether the people are as eager to buy our literature now as they were while living in their original surroundings.

I am glad to say that the reports have been encouraging indeed. The Carelian people have not become disheartened or embittered under the heavy hardships. Among the evacuees it is generally easier to work with our literature than among the local villagers. Although all suffered from the war, yet the evacuees lost most and gained a deeper understanding of life and suffering. Often these my tribesmen give a good start to the list of names for our colporteurs, thus encouraging even the local inhabitants to order our books.

Adventist literature has been spread in large amounts in our conference during the years passed. In many homes there are already four or five of our books, but nevertheless the people are willing to buy when the colporteur comes with a new book. We do believe that through these books many honest souls will be led to the way of truth.

Our colporteurs are not only spreading literature, but by holding Bible studies in the homes, many of them have won two or three souls who have become faithful to the third angel's message. In the years following the war, one of our colporteurs raised up, in the forest district of North Carelia, a church of twenty-two members. Today, they are active and faithful.

We thank the Lord for all our success and for the interest in the literature work that He has created among our Advent people. We hope and pray that the hearts of people might be kept warm for this noble work in our country as well as in the whole world, so that the message of the soon coming Saviour may be brought to places where the voice of our preachers does not reach. Thus may we see souls who, through the instrumentality of our efforts, and by the grace of God, are saved for the kingdom of glory. What a happy reunion it will be in the heavenly mansions!

EINO UIMONEN.

Adventists in Bible Quiz

(Continued from back page.)

known Finnish professor from the Helsinki University who was an authority on the history of Eastern and Bible lands. This gentleman happened to be in the audience and as there was a question on the figures, the matter was referred to him. The professor, however, could not recollect the statement, so the book was produced. The book agreed with Brother Aittala and he gained his point.

The world contest took place in Jerusalem on August 19, 1958. Much general knowledge was required as well as Bible knowledge. The winner on this occasion was Amos Hakham, an Israeli. Madame DuMond of France, a Baptist, was second, and the third successful contestant was Miss Irene Santos of Brazil, an Adventist. A doctor of medicine from Uruguay, a Baptist, was fourth, and Brother Aittala was fifth. The fact that there were three Adventists among the world contestants from a relatively small denomination caused people much wonder. The representative from America was a Baptist. In addition to these there were three Roman Catholics, two Jews, one Lutheran, one Reformed Church of Holland, one Plymouth Brother, and one Congregationalist.

Brother Aittala found his trip very interesting and inspiring, and enjoyed his visit to the Adventist church in Jerusalem which has a membership of around sixty, mostly from other countries. Hymns were sung from Hebrew, English, German, and Bulgarian hymnbooks, and Brother Aittala used his Finnish book!

As a result of this contest our church has received much favourable publicity in Finland, and the Ingathering magazine sold all the more readily when it was pointed out that it carried an article by the winner of the Bible Contest. Brother Aittala was also given the privilege of conducting divine service on the radio and the Finnish *Radio Times* carried his photograph and advertised him as an Adventist preacher.

At the evening service Brother Aittala brought greetings and a warm message from the Far North.

On your great success, Brother Aittala, and all it has meant to you and us, accept our hearty congratulations.—ED.

NEWS FLASH

By THE TIME these notes appear the Biennial Winter Council of the Division will have convened in the ideal surroundings offered to us by the Skodsborg Sanitarium, Denmark. In addition to the special visitors from the General Conference, we are very happy that three brethren from the Polish Union were able to meet with us at this Council. They were Pastor J. Zielinski, Union president, Brother S. Dabrowski, Union treasurer, and Pastor J. Lipski, president of the South Polish Conference. It is many years since our representatives from Poland could be with us, and we certainly have been most happy to welcome them on this occasion.

Our two union missions have been well represented at the Council. The union mission presidents, Pastor H. J. Welch of the West African Union and Pastor A. Varmer of the Ethiopian Union, were in attendance, also Pastor F. H. Opsahl, secretary-treasurer of the Ethiopian Union, and a number of furloughing missionaries.

Newbold Missionary College, our Division senior school, has begun another school year which promises to be one of the best in its history, 156 students being registered as compared with 140 last year. Students are enrolled from eight divisions other than our own, thirty-one countries being represented. We are confident that our members and workers throughout the Division will prayerfully remember Newbold College staff and students as the 1958/59 school year proceeds.

We regret that Pastor and Mrs. J. A. Simonsen, who spent four profitable years with us in this Division, Pastor Simonsen being the Educational secretary, have now left us. They have returned for service in the Southern California Conference. Those of us who have known Pastor and Mrs. Simonsen have been greatly blessed by their fellowship, and while we shall miss them in our associations, we take this opportunity of publicly wishing them much of the Lord's blessing in their continued service in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Berger and family

of Oslo, Norway, under appointment for service at the Advent Press, Accra, and Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Lowe and baby daughter born during their furlough period, have now proceeded to take up their work in West Africa. We wish these missionaries every blessing and success as they make their contribution to the evangelistic programme in that great field.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boram and family from the United States have now reached West Africa, where Brother Boram has taken up his appointment as principal of the Awtun Training School, West Nigeria.

Miss Mary Magnusson has recently returned from service in Ethiopia and is now furloughing in Sweden. These periods of furlough mean much to our self-sacrificing missionaries, and bring inspiration and blessing to the fields in which they reside during their leave.

G.D.K.

A Notable Achievement

THE following letter of appreciation has been received by the president of the London Dorcas Welfare Federation from Mrs. Greta Eedle, secretary of "The Wings of Friendship."

She says:

"I reported to our committee yesterday the details of your magnificent gift, and can only say that words are quite inadequate to express our gratitude for many much needed articles, and for the spirit of love which underlies this gift. Three tons have been shipped which must be worth at least £1,500, and the purchase of which would have cost much more than that.

"Will you please," she asks, "convey to all your members our very grateful thanks for all you have done."

Here, too, are the thanks and appreciation of the London Federation to all those sister churches throughout the conference who also helped to make this achievement possible. . . . It has been a wonderful evidence of what can be done by concerted effort, and shows indubitably the benefits of federation. Let us all pray that in God's own wonderful way our efforts may bring far-reaching blessings to His cause.

M. J. VINE,
Federation Secretary, (British Advent Messenger, October 31, 1958.)

Adventists in Bible Quiz

A BIBLE Knowledge Contest was recently promoted by the Israeli Government among the countries of the Western World in celebration of its tenth anniversary. It was planned that the final contest should take place in Jerusalem.

There were fifteen finalists in all representing their respective countries, of whom three were Seventh-day Adventists, one from Finland, one from Brazil, and one from South Africa.

The Finnish winner was William Aittala, our evangelist from the West Finland Conference. We learn that he was one of 800 who entered from all walks of life for the initial contest and was surprised to find himself among the thirty-seven who had submitted correct answers. Success followed him in the various eliminating quizzes, the last two of which were broadcast.

Great publicity was given the competition all over Finland, the newspapers and illustrated magazines giving prominence to the achievement of our brother. A Bible quiz seemed to constitute a welcome change from the usual programmes on radio, and the Finnish people followed it with great interest.

On the last night of the quiz, when tension was high, Brother Aittala was asked to give the measurements of the temple of Solomon. He quoted the figures as given in a Bible Dictionary which, he stated had been compiled by a well-

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