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## The Spirit of the Council

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SPiRiT means courage, enthusiasm, faith in a cause and a set purpose to win. It is devotion to high ideals, love, and self-denial. The strength of an army is measured by its morale. If there is sturdy discipline and brave loyalty, with eagerness to achieve, the army succeeds. If morale is lacking, failure is certain. But to a large extent, far larger than many realize, the morale of an army is determined by its leadership. With aggressive, capable, well-balanced men in charge, any group of people will follow. As it is with an army, so it is with the soldiers of the cross in the Advent cause.

We are living in times that try men's souls. The world is giving in to pessimism. Millions are disheartened. They have lost the battle before they begin. This is one of those strange things about the mentality of our times which is so alarming. We must ever beware lest this spirit of defeat, criticism, or disloyalty come in among us. Nothing would be more disastrous. Every leader in the Advent cause to-day must fear God and stand true.

The spirit of a conference or an institution is well revealed at its annual meeting. When we, with this in mind, think of the recent Division Council in Stockholm, our hearts are filled with courage. The spirit of that Council was one that brought cheer to all. The men worked in real fellowship. The leaders of every field were willing to see other fields benefit. The Spirit of the Lord was with us. The confidence, fortitude, and zeal of our leaders who gathered in Stockholm will long be remembered. Our constituency in every field, oppressed and burdened as they are in many ways, are standing loyal

to this work. They support the cause to the utmost. Our ministry, too, filled with a passion for souls, are eager to win. Our conference presidents and institutional leaders labour in the same spirit. Brother Lindsay, president of the East Nordic Union, with his committee, was present. These men are beset with heavy problems, yet they talked nothing but courage and advance. Brother Gidlund, president of Southern Sweden, spoke words of larger things on every occasion possible. The reports which came in from the various fields, too, were cheering. The Division secretary rendered an

excellent statement of what had been done the past year, as did the departmental men.

Our Bible studies were most helpful. Brother Babienco's morning sermon on preaching the Word did us all good. He emphasized that it was not by using quotations, nor by many books, but by the power of God in the Bible itself that we succeed.

It is by preaching the old Advent message that we get old-time godly Adventists. Brother L. Muderspach and others also gave us very valuable devotional studies. The evening services and mission talks by Brethren Dick, Read, and Brethren McClements and Edmonds from Nigeria, were very inspiring. But the chief feature of the Council was soul-winning evangelism. During the first three quarters of this year the net gain was 1,859, or twenty more than that for all of 1931. Our goal for 1933 is a net gain of 2,500. Thus the spirit of the Council was one of godly living and fruitful service. The plans proposed and objectives are set forth by others in this paper.

### Greetings for 1933

"Be not afraid nor dismayed;...  
for the battle is not yours,  
but God's"

2 Chron. 20:15

# The Secretary's Report

PRESENTED BY E. D. DICK

*To the Brethren in Council, Greetings!*

THE sand in the great hour-glass of time runs swiftly. Months ago the year 1931 came to its close and we now find ourselves hurried on to near the end of another year. While the records of the year past have long been compiled, yet they have not been reviewed by this body in council. It seems well, therefore, that these should be presented at this time in the hope that the evidences of progress of the work already accomplished may encourage our hearts to attempt even greater things for God in the future.

In presenting a report of this kind it is wholly impossible to do justice to the facts with which it deals. While the statistical reports show increased membership, we do not attempt to express—for words fail to reveal—the joy which has come to the 2,048 souls in the homelands who have gone forward in baptism, rejoicing in the blessings of their new hope in Jesus; nor does it tell of the happiness of heart of the 1,170 souls in our African missions who are now rejoicing in the blessings of church fellowship as the result of the past year's work.

While the records tell of loyal support of the cause of God which is dear to the hearts of our constituency as expressed in the receipts of tithes and mission offerings, it cannot tell of the trial of faith which perhaps has come to many who, though tempted through unemployment or limited income, have been true to Him in the paying of their tithes, nor does it tell of the self-denial and sacrifice which their offerings to missions represent.

Though the records for the Harvest Ingathering for 1931 show the largest income yet received by the Northern European Division, still they cannot reveal the times that fathers and mothers have left business and home appointments in order to solicit funds for the support of our great mission programme, nor of the hundreds of

miles walked and the thousands of solicitations made, that our missionaries be retained in the many needy lands. No! figures are mute in conveying these stories of love and sacrifice.

## MEMBERSHIP

Not for numbers do we labour, but since these numbers represent souls, we can be encouraged by these figures. The record of membership of the Division for the years 1928-1931 is summarized as follows:

	Home fields*	African missions	Totals
1928	19,223	3,197	22,420
1929	20,026	4,202	24,228
1930	20,761	4,860	25,621
1931	21,754	5,747	27,501

\*Includes Iceland-Faroes

There is reason for rejoicing in this record. While these figures do not show phenomenal gains in any one field, yet all fields show steady substantial gains for the period.

It may be helpful to analyse these gains on a percentage basis. These are as follows:

	Gains 1928-1931
Entire field	22.7 per cent
Home fields only	13.2 " "
African Missions only	79.7 " "

A summary showing gains by years helps to see the position of growth more readily. It is as follows:

	Home fields*	African missions	Totals
1928	514	609	1,123
1929	803	1,005	1,808
1930	735	658	1,393
1931	993	887	1,880

\*Includes Iceland-Faroes

It is interesting to note that last year was the record year for gains in membership.

The foregoing reveals the year to year gains in percentages as follows:

	Entire field	Home fields*	African missions
1928	5.3	2.6	23.5
1929	8.0	4.1	31.1
1930	5.7	3.6	15.6
1931	7.3	4.8	18.2

\*Includes Iceland-Faroes

## STUDY OF GAINS AND LOSSES

This might have been much more encouraging but for the heavy losses sustained through apostasies. This is of sufficient gravity to make it seem advisable that serious study be given to this disappointing feature. Additions by baptism and vote have been:

	Home fields*	African missions	Totals
1928	1,557	735	2,292
1929	1,748	1,096	2,844
1930	1,826	876	2,702
1931	2,048	1,179	3,227

\*Includes Iceland-Faroes

Against these we have sustained losses by apostasy as follows:

	Home fields*	African missions	Totals
1928	675	83	758
1929	621	85	706
1930	660	84	744
1931	725	323	1,048

The facts set forth in the above can perhaps best be studied by summarizing them to show the percentages of apostasies to baptisms. These are:

	1928	1929	1930	1931	Aver.
Union	38.4	22.6	45.8	24.1	32.9
Baltic	91.1	59.4	42.1	54.5	49.9
Polish	21.0	28.6	22.3	21.1	26.8
Scand'via	34.7	35.7	35.6	38.1	33.5

Average	46.3	36.6	36.4	34.4	35.8
Af. Miss.	11.2	7.7	9.5	27.4	12.7

## SUMMARY

Average in home fields since 1922	35.8
Average in mission fields since 1922	12.7

It may be seen from the above that the average percentage of apostasies to baptisms in the home fields per year over a period of ten years is 35.8 per cent, while the figures for the African missions stands at 12.7 per cent. It is at least interesting to note in this connection that there is a difference of 23.1 per cent in favour of the African missions.

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In view of the peculiarly difficult financial conditions prevailing in the world at large, which are perhaps as keenly felt in this Division as in any section of the world field, there is great reason for us to be grateful for the loyalty and liberality of our people as is indicated by their support of the cause of God in tithes and offerings. Except for the past year, when there was a shrinkage of approximately \$6,000 in tithes for the entire Division, every year since 1922 witnessed substantial gains. In view of the conditions prevailing this seems to me to be reason for great gratitude. Surely we have a loyal people! The figures for the years 1928 to 1931 will be of particular interest. The figures given for 1931 are in normal currency:

	Home fields*	African missions	Totals
1928	296,801.98	12,173.50	308,975.48
1929	312,715.94	12,570.20	325,295.14
1930	319,163.52	13,651.40	332,814.92
1931	313,244.86	13,009.33	326,335.19

\*Includes Iceland-Faroes

It will be seen that the total tithe for the past quadrennial period amounts to over \$1,293,420.

Perhaps even more significant of the loyalty of our people are the mission offerings. With but few exceptions all fields showed gains for 1931 over 1930. Even in spite of decreased tithes as shown in the former exhibit, the total offerings for the past year showed an increase of more than \$8,500 over the preceding year. The mission offerings for the past four years have been:

	Home fields*	African missions	Totals
1928	160,824.98	10,781.42	171,606.40
1929	192,849.40	12,273.49	205,122.89
1930	206,194.54	11,585.25	217,779.79
1931	212,413.79	13,883.36	226,297.36

\*Includes Iceland-Faroes

The relation of the mission offerings to the tithes for the past four years has been 55, 63, 65, and 69 per cent respectively.

The chief sources making up these splendid amounts are the Sabbath-school Offerings and the Harvest Ingathering receipts. While the successes which have made these figures possible will doubtless be revealed by the reports from the Sabbath-school and Home Missionary departmental secretaries, I wish to introduce the Harvest Ingathering results in order to study the relation of the amounts received from this source to our total mission offerings.

The Harvest Ingathering receipts for the past four years were:

	Home fields*	African missions	Totals
1928	67,323.25	2,433.66	69,756.91
1929	90,270.65	2,219.00	92,489.65
1930	97,362.34	2,232.86	99,595.20
1931	101,563.77	3,633.44	105,197.21

\*Includes Iceland-Faroes

Surely God has richly blessed in making it possible to secure such a large income from this source. It is interesting to note in this connection the percentages which the Harvest Ingathering funds sustain to the total offerings. These are:

1928	1929	1930	1931
40.6	45.0	45.6	46.4

This should help us to realize to how great an extent we are depending upon the Harvest Ingathering funds for the support of our great mission programme and should be a reason for encouraging our people to continue the support of this important phase of our church activities.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH COMPARED WITH INCREASE IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In order for us to see clearly how our growth in membership is related to the increases in tithes and offerings for the same period, the following is submitted:

	Home fields	Mission fields
Percentage increase in membership since 1928	13.2	79.7
Increase in tithe	5.5	7.4
Increase in Offerings (not including H. Ing.)	18.6	22.6
Increase in H. Ing.	50.8	49.3

These figures are interesting if not indicative. While the increase in membership in the home fields has been 13.2 per cent, the tithe has increased only 5.5 per cent. This may be accounted for in part at least by the general shrinkage of salaries and values, as well as the more acute conditions of unemployment in recent years. They may also suggest a need of keeping the matter of tithe-paying before our people, not only for the sake of increasing our resources, but also that all our people receive the rich spiritual blessings which come as the result of faithfulness in this matter.

They also reveal that while the membership has increased only 13.2 per cent, the tithe only 5.5, yet the total mission offerings (not including Harvest Ingathering) have increased 18.6 per cent, or over 5 per cent more than the increase in membership, and the Harvest Ingathering income has increased 50.8 per cent, or 37 per cent more than the increase in membership.

The figures for the mission fields are not so encouraging, except as they may indicate possibilities. In these fields there was an increase in membership of 79.7 per cent, while the tithe increase was only 7.4 per cent. The increase in total offerings (not including Harvest Ingathering) was 22.6 per cent and the increase in Harvest Ingathering income 49.3 per cent. This wide difference in percentage increases is no doubt accounted for by the fact that the increases in membership in the mission fields have been almost entirely among the African peoples whose giving power and Harvest Ingathering possibilities are very limited.

Moreover in many cases at least these people have suffered even more than the people in the homelands through unemployment and decreased values of their products.

It seems, however, from letters received from some of the mission leaders that the possibilities for increasing the mission offerings and Harvest Ingathering receipts are promising, though it will be difficult to show the percentage gains in these fields that we have seen in the home unions.

TITHE INCREASE COMPARED WITH NUMBER OF WORKERS

A study of the increase in tithe and mission offerings in comparison with the increase of working force may help us to see the reasons for the difficulty encountered in balancing the budgets, particularly in times of shrinking incomes as we are now experiencing.

Tithe increase, 1931 over 1928	5.5
Total miss. offer'gs, 1931 over 1928	31.8

During this period the working force of the Division, excluding African workers, has been as follows:

	Home fields*	Mission fields	Totals
1928	255	51	306
1929	289	59	348
1930	319	58	377
1931	329	57	386
Inc. for period 74	6	80	

\*Includes Iceland-Faroes

From this it will be seen that increases and decreases of the working force have been as follows:

	Home fields*	Mission fields	Totals
1928	...	...	42
1929	34	8	42
1930	30	-1	29
1931	10	-1	9
Inc. for period 74	6	80	
Per cent	29	11	

\*Includes Iceland-Faroes

Note.—In the home fields the workers include all but the colporteurs. In the mission field only native workers are included who hold licence or credentials.

In view of the small increase in tithes for this period and the much larger increase in mission offerings, we venture to suggest that the increase in workers should, in justice to the funds raised, be increased in the same proportion in the mission fields as in the homelands. I believe that this suggestion is particularly sound when viewed from the needs existing in the great unentered sections of this Division and also from the results obtained from mission investment in these areas.

## OUR MISSION FORCE

A report of this kind would not be complete without more definite reference to our band of faithful missionaries in our African missions. Of them it has well been written:

"They are noble men and women who have left our peaceful shores At the high command of Him Who dwells above; They have sacrificed and suffered, they have given more than gold, All to preach a Saviour's never-dying love."

Yes, they have sacrificed, they have given more than gold. Facing the treacheries of disease and heat in the unhealthful climes of Africa, they have often given the best of their lives. Often have they been compelled through sickness to turn their backs upon those for whom they have given their lives and return to their native shores in a vain hope of regaining their health in more favourable surroundings.

In our long line of mission stations throughout Africa there is scarcely one that has not its little plot of ground sacred to the memory of those who have laid their loved ones to rest in the silent tomb. During this past year death has overtaken the children of two of our missionary families. In far-away Western Kenya, at Kama-gambo Mission, death claimed the three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Warland, while farther away in the interior the child of Mr. and Mrs. Vagn Rasmussen was laid low by death's cruel hand. As I write this, word comes of the serious illness of Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson's children in Ethiopia who are suffering from a dread disease, while the wife of Missionary Gudmundsen, of Ethiopia, must return on account of failing health.

A heavy task is laid upon our missionaries. With undermanned staffs, with calls coming for their help from far and near, with disease, heat, fever, or altitude to combat, they often labour beyond their strength. This year as we face this Council we have many urgent calls for help. It is to be hoped that we will be able to respond to their earnest appeal for "They are casting wistful glances to the homeland they have left,

They're expecting us to firmly hold the ropes; Dare we now deny their pleadings when they look to us for help? Dare we coldly disappoint their fondest hopes?"

But what of our mission force? Too often we hear only of those who are going forward to the mission fields and overlook the fact that in the course of the years a number return permanently. There is danger that some feel that with the additions of the past few years our mission force must be very large. As pointed out in a preceding table, our mission force at the end of 1931 stood at fifty-seven. Subsequent changes have taken place as follows:

New Recruits for 1932	Date Sailed	Field of Labour	
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Allen	January	East African Union	
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Carey	January	East African Union	
A. W. Cook	April	West African fields	
Mr. and Mrs. K. Johannessen	October	North Cameroons	
Hans Rasmussen	October	Sierra Leone	Total 5
		Staff at close of 1932 (D.V.)	58

We can therefore see that our staff of workers in the African missions has increased but very little in recent years.

Before concluding this report I should like to record the reactions of my mind since joining this Division. After travelling up and down Africa's great stretches of comparative wastes for ten years, labouring on behalf of her millions in heathen darkness, and then coming to this field where millions are crowded together in the great cities resting in complete spiritual

satisfaction, comforted by their beautiful cathedrals and historic churches, one is led to realize that the problems of giving the Gospel to the millions in these great cities in the homelands quite rival the problems of warning the millions of heathen Africa who still sit in midnight darkness. I have been led to feel anew the truth and meaning of the words, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." We need not despair, however, because of the hugeness of the task before us, for we are assured that "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make

upon the earth." Let us therefore dedicate our hearts and strength anew to God for the finishing of the work, for as expressed in the language of the hymn:

"Oh there'll be joy when the work is done,  
Joy when the reapers gather home,  
Bringing the sheaves at set of sun  
To the New Jerusalem."

Yes

"Joy, joy, there'll be joy by and by,  
Joy, joy, where the joys never die,  
Joy, joy, for the day draweth nigh  
When the reapers gather home."

## Reports from the Departments

THE reports rendered by the departmental secretaries were among the most interesting features of the Council.

Dr. A. Andersen, reporting on the Medical Department, said that in 1931 the nine institutions under denominational direction had given 194,203 treatments, with an approximate income to these institutions of Kr.1,404,850. The thirteen medical workers in the mission fields gave 23,250 treatments in the same period. He felt sure that this represented only a partial report of work done in both the home institutions and mission fields, as no doubt much of the medical work in the mission fields

had not been reported. He also told us that in the thirty-three privately-owned treatment rooms a very large work had also been done. He estimated that the total income for the institutions of the organization and the privately-owned treatment rooms was Kr.3,165,359, and that these institutions had done charity work to the amount to Kr.212,037. He said that our medical work of the Northern European Division was the largest in the world outside of the Southern California area of the United States, and expressed the hope that the medical work might be extended to the Baltic and Polish Unions at an early date.

J. J. Strahle in his report on the publishing work said that in the past year he had conducted colporteur institutes in Denmark, England, Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika, Ethiopia, and Poland, and was encouraged by the bright prospects for the publishing work in most of these fields. The sales increase for Denmark over the past year amounted to over £3,000. The placing of A. W. Cook in our West Coast missions and A. W. Allen in East Africa as leaders in the publishing department were steps which will greatly help to extend the literature ministry rapidly in these two needy fields.

The 315 colporteurs in 1932 had sold literature to the value of \$173,217.97. While this is somewhat less than the previous year, yet in view of the financial conditions prevailing the results were very encouraging and he hoped that by closer organization and the inspiration and plans developed at the good publishing convention, they might reach the literature sales goal of \$250,000.

The Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath-school departments were reported on by C. V. Anderson. The work of these departments shows encouraging gains. During the first nine months of 1932 there has been an increase of ninety-nine societies over the same period of the previous year, while the membership gain for the same period is 1,370. The activities of the Missionary Volunteer Department revealed the fact that the young people are doing no small share of the church's missionary work, and, indeed, are fulfilling the Lord's appointed plan in that "they are to be His helping hand."

The Sabbath-schools of the Division show an increased attendance of 1,883 during the past year. While this is encouraging, the reports further show that seventeen per cent of the churchmembers are not members of the Sabbath-school, and moreover, that only seventy-six per cent of the Sabbath-school membership attend regularly. It was interesting to know that seventy per cent of the Sabbath-school offering goal of \$77,000 for the Division for the year 1932 had been raised by September 30th. The per capita rate

for the home Unions has been as follows:

Baltic Union .....	2.1	cents*
British Union .....	9.5	"
East Nordic Union .....	5.7	"
Polish Union .....	2.5	"
West Nordic Union .....	7.3	"

\*Normal currency

H. L. Rudy, reporting on the Home Missionary and Educational Departments, said that the three distinct lines of endeavour for the Home Missionary Department had been to keep the church at work, to train the churchmembers for effectual missionary service, and to support the cause of missions. His report showed that the thirty-three per cent of the church membership which had reported had done the following work in the first nine months of 1932, as compared with the same period of last year:

	1932	1931	Incr.
Bible Readings	156,411	120,015	36,396
Miss. Visits	137,535	111,041	26,494
No. taken to S.S.	41,015	25,961	15,054
People Helped	76,824	59,885	16,939
Treatments	24,550	21,742	2,808
Clothing	6,918	.....	.....

Books, Tracts, Papers, etc.	526,099	675,453	-149,354
Missionary Letters Written	19,126	20,741	-1,615

The report for the Educational Department showed an enrolment of 11,355 pupils in the 272 schools of the Division. These are grouped as follows:

7 European Training Schools .....	410	pupils enrolled
13 European Church Schools .....	381	" "
10 African Training Schools .....	330	" "
33 Mission Station Schools (African) .....	1938	" "
3 Girls Schools (African) .....	117	" "
205 Outschools (African) .....	8179	" "

The outlook for our advanced European training schools has been greatly changed for good in the past few years. It is hoped that with continuous strong leadership and careful guidance, these schools will become increasingly strong factors in the finishing of the cause of God in this great Division.

The Lord has definitely blessed in the departmental work of the Division, and it is believed that He will use the activities of these departments in even a larger way in the future for the finishing of His work in the earth. E. D. DICK.

## Facing a Great Task

BY J. J. STRAHLE

THE circulation of literature with God's message to the world at this time is one of the most important responsibilities we are facing. We are all convinced that literature is a mighty agency in making known to the people the truth for this time. We realize, too, more fully to-day than ever before that nothing less than the providence of God has brought the art of printing to our attention at this particular time.

At our convention at Stockholm we were reminded again and again of the wonderful possibilities before us in bringing the Advent message to the people of the world at this time through the printed page. Because of present-day conditions, many people are longing for something that will give them hope and courage. We have that very message. This presents to us an unprecedented opportunity to bring to the people our message through the literature ministry. We thank God for the men and women who have entered the col-

porteur work. Through their ministry many souls have been won to Christ. In view of the nearness of Christ's soon coming, and our great task of proclaiming the third angel's message preparing a people for that great event, we need to put forth a special effort to greatly increase our present working force. Therefore the following important resolution was passed at the Winter Council at Stockholm:

### APPEAL FOR COLPORTEURS

WHEREAS our literature is an effective agency in winning souls to Christ, and

WHEREAS there is an unparalleled demand on the part of the public to know the meaning of present-day conditions, which offer greater opportunity for increasing the circulation of our literature,

*Voted*, That each Union conference and Union mission, and each local conference and mission, unite in securing large additions to its present army of colporteur-evangelists, and that no effort be spared to give these recruits the most careful training for their important work,

## Transfers of Mission Territory

BY E. D. DICK

ACTIONS taken at the recent Autumn Council of the General Conference in Battle Creek, Michigan, greatly affect the mission territory of the Northern European Division, and we feel that we should pass on to the readers of the SURVEY some definite word on these matters. These actions refer to the transfer of our mission work in Tanganyika Territory to the Central European Division of the General Conference, and the transfer of Liberia, formerly directed by the Central European Division, to the Northern European Division.

Our mission work in Tanganyika was opened in 1903 by missionaries sent out from Germany. At that time Tanganyika was a German colony. Large investments were made by them both in money and men. Thirteen stations were built and strongly staffed. This was not done without supreme sacrifice, for during these pioneer days twelve of their faithful missionaries laid down their lives while at their posts of duty. The results of such investments were, however, not without rewards, for a large number of converts were won to the truth and a substantial work developed.

The war, however, greatly disturbed our mission work there and at its conclusion it seemed advisable that this work should be carried by the Northern European Division. We have in these intervening years restored the work and missions which were largely destroyed as the result of the war, and now we have a prosperous work both in East and West Tanganyika. At the present time we have seven missionary families and three single lady missionaries in that field, as well as nine churches

and 906 baptized native believers, together with a large number of trained native workers.

In recent years there has been a growing desire on the part of the Central European Division of the General Conference to secure some African mission territory. Other mission societies which operated in Tanganyika before the war have secured from the government the return of their former stations and work. The Central European Division placed a request before the Fall Council for the return of their former work and have offered entirely to finance the work of this field. Feeling, therefore, that the return of this work to the Central European Division would prove a great inspiration to our believers in that field, the Autumn Council voted that this territory should be transferred as noted above.

While we believe that this work will be well cared for under its new leadership, yet we regret that this change comes, for it means the loss of the workers of that field from the list of workers in the Northern European Division, and a heavy reduction of native workers and church membership. We recognize, however, that what is our loss is another's gain and wish for the Central European Division the continued success in that field which we have hitherto enjoyed.

In the same meetings the territory of Liberia was transferred to the Northern European Division. The work in Liberia is not an old work, having been started in 1927. While earnest efforts have been initiated, only a small work is begun. Three missionary families are now in service in this field. With these new actions now going into effect January 1, 1933, these

workers join the working force of the Northern European Division. We welcome these labourers to our ranks and trust that you will continue to foster the good work in Liberia which through your efforts has been so well begun. We assure you of our sympathetic support and co-operation as we take over this new responsibility.

### The Missions

THE Missions Extension programme continues its policy of providing means for the erection and equipment of publishing houses, schools, and dispensaries.

The Missions Extension Budget for 1933 embraces fourteen projects, most of which are for imperative needs in our mission fields of East and West Africa, Lapland, and East Poland.

The following list of the projects gives evidence of the advance that is being made in the establishment of our work. The realization of this fact should give renewed hope and courage to every believer in this cause:

#### MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND 1933

*Voted*, To set the goal for the income from Missions Extension Fund for the Division the same as for 1932, namely \$11,025 at the old rate of exchange, and that this be apportioned as follows:

Estimated Income	...\$11,025	£2,200	
Appropriations:			
<i>Ethiopian Union</i>		£	£
Equipment, Hospital	...135		
Medical Work—			
Begemder	..... 100		235
<i>Nigerian Union</i>			
Mission Press	..... 275		
Girls' School	..... 275		
House, Field Missionary			
Secretary	..... 200		
Church—Aba	..... 150		
Ibadan Building and			
Land in Front of			
Building	..... 150		
House—Aba	..... 45		1,095
<i>Cameroons Mission</i>			
Dispensary	.....		100
<i>Gold Coast Mission</i>			
Literature in the Twi			
Language			100

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19, 20.

While we are always loath to have changes come which sever the close relations in work which the loss of Tanganyika involves, yet we must work to the largest interests of our work as a whole and trust that these new plans may lead to an even larger work being done in both Tanganyika and Liberia.

## Greetings to Our Missionaries

Your brethren who are gathered in the Winter Council here at Stockholm desire to convey to you their sincere greetings and best wishes. Since we have been here our minds have often been led to think of our loyal missionaries who have gone out from us to carry the banner of the cross to the dark regions of Africa.

While we have less funds, our people in the homelands have not forgotten you, nor is their faith and courage and interest in your work less strong. Though many in the home churches are sorely tried in securing even the necessities of life, they are sacrificing and working tirelessly to gather funds for the support of your noble work. In our Sabbath-schools, young people's meetings, and weekly prayer-meetings our people bear up before God earnest petitions for you that your lives may be spared, and that you may be prospered in your efforts to bear the banner of Prince Emmanuel to the strongholds of heathenism, remembering His promise to you: "Since thou wast precious in My sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life." Isa. 43:4.

The interests of Africa have been well represented in our Council. Mr. and Mrs. McClements and L. Edmonds, of West Africa, and L. Gabrielsen, from East Africa, have inspired our hearts by the reports of the triumphs of the cross in that far-away land. We have thought of you in your inconveniences and difficulties; your isolation and solitude; your trials and hardships; perhaps often overcome with fever and disease, and our hearts have often been lifted to God in prayer that your lives may be spared and that your courage fail not.

May the comforting words of Joel 2:21, reading, "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things," inspire your hearts and lead you on to greater triumphs for God.

Your fellow-workers,  
NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION  
COMMITTEE.

## Mission Fund, 1933

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<i>Sierra Leone</i>		
Finishing Bungalow and Office .....	150	
School at Bo .....	50	200
<i>East Nordic Union</i>		
Book in Laplandic .....	S.Kr.2,750	150
Russian Literature .....		100

The needs of the fields are far greater than the requests made. Just those projects are listed which will give our fields the necessary equipment to further quickly the Gospel in those dark lands.

The Missions Extension Fund goal apportioned among our Unions will be as follows:

Baltic Union .....	\$ 1,600
British Union .....	3,300
Polish Union .....	1,000
East Nordic Union .....	1,800
West Nordic Union .....	2,900
East African Union .....	200
Ethiopian Union .....	75
Nigerian Union .....	50
Gold Coast Mission .....	50
Sierra Leone Mission .....	50

The time of the Big Week Campaign, as you have observed, comes April 15th to 22nd. We will send to the fields quite early a programme for Rally Day, April 15th. We suggest that controlling committees of each field decide on the literature to be promoted during the Missions Extension Campaign.

Our workers and the constituencies of our fields are very happy to know what we are planning to do for them through the coming Missions Extension Plan. Let us not disappoint them but do our utmost to supply these urgent needs.

We, too, have thought of you surrounded by ignorance and superstition, battling against "spiritual wickedness in high places," and have been stirred as we have learned of the victories you have gained in souls being won to Jesus.

As we have been together we have faced many difficult problems. We have wrestled with the stern realities which we face in shrinking incomes, and have studied how we can maintain our work in these trying times. The most difficult task which we have faced is the passing on to our missionaries a further cut in appropriations. We have been loath to do this, but have no alternative. We pray that God may give you courage and faith in this disappointment to attempt even a larger work for Him despite the decreased budgets.

### A Missionary Prayer

*"Thou, whose almighty Word  
Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight;  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the Gospel-day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light.*

*"Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Love,  
Speed forth Thy flight;  
Move on the waters' face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light."*

*"Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for Me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He hath glorified thee." Isa. 60:8, 9.*



# The Business of the Council

BY E. D. DICK

THE Council was a busy time. From early morning till late at night every hour was taken by the councils or sub-committees. Scarcely did some have time for their meals. Many heavy items were considered. Throughout all the deliberations there ran a spirit of goodwill and brotherly love. We believe that God was in the midst of the Council and led in the decisions made. We have thought that it would be well to bring to our field leaders and workers through the SURVEY a number of the important actions taken. Space forbids our printing all.

The business of the Medical Council held at Hultafors, the Educational Council held at Newbold, and the Publishing Council held at Stockholm were reviewed. Inasmuch as the reports of these meetings have been published in bulletins not all the resolutions passed at these departmental councils are here recorded. The following are actions which we have thought would be of particular interest to our people:

## THE HIGH STANDARD OF THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

WHEREAS we read in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy of the exalted character of the publishing work, and

WHEREAS such expressions as the following call for most careful study and consideration: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public"; "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order"; "We cannot too highly estimate this work"; "The intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected; for he occupies a position equal to that of the Gospel minister"; "There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing,"

*Therefore Resolved*, 1. That we register anew our conviction that the publishing work is on the high plane where God has placed it.

2. That we do everything possible to emphasize the exalted nature of the canvassing work before our ministry and the workers.

3. That in all our contacts with the colporteurs, both in the fields and in the institutes, we stress the divine call to the work of Gospel salesmanship.

4. That we do all in our power, as

we come in touch with our church-members, to emphasize the vital and important character of this phase of our work.

## THE GRAND OBJECTIVE OF THE COLPORTEUR WORK

WHEREAS the call of God to His people to-day is to give this last message of mercy to the world, and

WHEREAS we read in the Spirit of prophecy that through our publishing houses is to come to a large degree the loud cry of the third angel's message, and

WHEREAS our message-filled books are being used of the Lord to the salvation of many souls in His kingdom,

*Therefore resolved*, 1. That in the production of literature we aim to publish as far as possible only such books as will bring some definite phase of the message for this time before the people.

2. That we stress continually the soul-saving character of the literature ministry in all our contacts with our workers and churchmembers.

3. That we urge our colporteurs in all their appeals to the people ever to keep before themselves the real objective in their work—the winning of souls to Christ.

## SPIRITUALIZING OUR PUBLISHING WORK

WHEREAS there is danger in our many activities in the work of God of being absorbed in its multitudinous details, and losing sight of the spiritual features of our missionary endeavours, and

WHEREAS success, as God measures success in His work, can come only as we follow lines of Christian service which will meet the divine approval and yield our lives to Him for the infilling of the Holy Spirit,

*Therefore Resolved*, 1. That we seek at all times to stress those things which are of spiritual value in our publishing work, and, while we give attention to the question of increasing literature sales, and deal with the matter of goals, we keep in mind the spiritual character of the work of God, and the dire need of the Spirit's power in all our endeavours.

2. That in all our contacts with our institutions and conferences we aim to emphasize this vital characteristic of our God-given task.

## PUBLISHING SABBATH IN OUR CHURCHES

*We Recommend*, 1. That arrangements be made for our publishing work to be given special consideration by our churches at least one Sabbath in the year, preferably in the autumn, and

2. That the Publishing Department lay plans to provide suitable material

for a programme on the literature ministry to be used on that day.

## THE LITERATURE MINISTRY IN OUR SCHOOLS

IN VIEW of the need of raising the standard of the colporteur vocation in the minds of our believers and young people, and

IN VIEW of the fact that so many of our youth enter the canvassing field during the summer period with a view to obtaining a scholarship, and

IN VIEW of the desirability of giving our young men and women a thorough training, not only in the doctrines of the message and those phases of study which will enable them better to give the message for this time, but also in the principles of organization and departmental work,

*We Recommend*, 1. That arrangements be made in our educational institutions for a special course in Gospel salesmanship as one of the regular courses of study,

2. That at the close of the school year a special institute be held for at least a few days.

3. That the teacher in charge of the class in salesmanship, if at all possible, be one who has had some experience in the canvassing ministry.

4. That at the institutes at the close of the school year, we request the Union conference to arrange for at least one of the conference presidents to be present.

5. That every teacher in the college be requested to encourage the young people before they leave for the colporteur field, and where possible, to attend the colporteur institutes conducted at the school.

## STUDENT COLPORTEURS DURING THE SUMMER

*We Recommend*, That special arrangements be made to provide adequate help for, and supervision of, our young people who enter the colporteur work for the summer vacation.

## PUBLICATION OF RUSSIAN LITERATURE

WHEREAS there is an urgent need of strengthening the proclamation of the Advent message among the millions of Russians throughout the world field by a more efficient and economic publication of the Russian literature, and

WHEREAS the largest Russian population outside the U.S.S.R. is in the territory of the Northern European Division,

*Voted*, 1. To request the General Conference to give favourable study to the question of centralizing the publication of all the Russian literature.

2. That they grant us the privilege



of publishing the Russian literature in our publishing house at Warsaw.

THE BIBLE IN LATGALIAN

WHEREAS repeated appeals are coming for the Bible in the Latgalian language, and

WHEREAS the Bible is not yet available in that language,

*Voted*, That the Northern European Division negotiate with the British and Foreign Bible Society in London to have the Bible printed in the Latgalian language.

FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S MANUAL

WHEREAS calls have come from time to time for information which would be helpful to the local field missionary secretaries in their work of instructing and supervising colporteurs,

*Voted*, To ask the secretary of the Publishing Department of the Northern European Division to prepare manuscript for a Field Missionary Secretary's Manual, and that this be brought out in the languages of the field.

LITERATURE SALES GOAL, 1933

*Voted*, That the literature sales goal for 1933 in our Division be \$250,000, and that this amount be apportioned among the various unions as follows:

Baltic Union .....	\$17,000
British Union .....	100,000
East Nordic Union .....	40,000
Polish Union .....	12,500
West Nordic Union .....	80,000
East African Union .....	1,500
Nigerian Union .....	1,500
Ethiopian Union .....	500
Gold Coast Mission .....	500
Sierra Leone Mission .....	400

HARVEST INGATHERING GOAL

Study was given to the financial goals for the Division for 1933, and the following was

*Voted*, That the Harvest Ingathering goal for 1933 for the Division be the same as in 1932, namely, \$105,000 at the normal rate of exchange, and that this amount be apportioned to the fields as follows:

Baltic Union .....	\$9,300
British .....	45,500
Polish Union .....	5,200
East Nordic Union .....	14,000
West Nordic Union .....	24,500
East African Union .....	1,800
Ethiopian Union .....	500
Nigerian Union .....	900
Gold Coast Mission .....	1,100
Sierra Leone Mission .....	700

SABBATH-SCHOOL GOAL, 1933

*Voted*, That the Sabbath-school goal for 1933 be set at \$77,000 at the normal rate of exchange, and that this be apportioned as follows:

Baltic Union .....	\$5,430
British Union .....	24,600
Polish Union .....	4,300
East Nordic Union .....	12,500
West Nordic Union .....	23,300
East African Union .....	4,600
Ethiopian Union .....	335
Nigerian Union .....	900
Gold Coast Mission .....	700
Sierra Leone Mission .....	300
Cameroons .....	35

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER OFFERINGS

*Voted*, To favour the plan of allowing the young people to allocate their offerings received at the Missionary Volunteer meetings as follows: Alternate offerings to home and foreign work.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WEEK

WHEREAS it has been demonstrated that in conferences and churches where Missionary Volunteer Week has been carefully planned for and observed, many of our young people have been converted and reclaimed for God's cause, and

WHEREAS there is great need for such revivals among our youth in the churches of every conference,

*Voted*, That conference committees provide ministerial help, as far as possible, during this special annual season of devotion and decision for the churches where the needs of the youth seem the greatest, and

(a) That the ministers remain for the entire week with the churches where they are assigned, thus making it possible for them to win the confidence of the youth and lead them to make definite decisions for Christ.

(b) That in all our ministry for the young, topics be presented that will help them to meet their peculiar problems.

(c) That in churches where it is not possible to send a minister, the church elders and Missionary Volunteer leaders be encouraged to study carefully the helps provided in the conference papers and conduct the meetings during the week on behalf of the young people that all of the youth of the conference may be given the needed help.

(d) That the reading especially prepared for Missionary Volunteer Day be READ in all our churches, in order that the interest and sympathy of all churchmembers may be awakened on behalf of our young people, and that all may be led to unite their efforts for the conversion and salvation of the youth who have not surrendered their hearts to God.

EVANGELISM

IN order to bring before the fields the need of stronger efforts along evangelistic lines for the coming year, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS the fast fulfilling signs of the times give unmistakable evidence that we are rapidly approaching the end of all things earthly, and the advent of our blessed Lord, and

WHEREAS we have reached the time for the swelling of the loud cry of the message when the earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord, and

WHEREAS since the launching of the movement for larger evangelism two years ago unprecedented gains have been made in our church membership in all the world, indicating that the Spirit of God only waits for

the co-operation of an awakened, willing church to finish the work and to cut it short in righteousness, and

WHEREAS soul-winning and actual gain in membership is to a large degree the real measure of success in the work of God,

*We therefore recommend*, 1. That during 1933 the movement for larger evangelism be pressed forward with all possible energy and determination.

2. That conferences having unoccupied territory make a survey of their field and place a part of their evangelistic force in such territory, with a view to extending the influence of the message and raising up churches in new places, suggesting that ministers having special talent for public evangelism be chosen and set apart for full-time service in this work.

3. That conference officials definitely study with departmental leaders, heads of institutions, and church pastors how to make their work definitely soul-winning in character, setting soul-winning goals before their respective organizations at the beginning of the year.

4. That the goal for increased membership for the Division for 1933 be 2,500.

5. That all Union and local organizations set increased membership goals for 1933 equivalent to a gain of ten per cent on the membership December 31, 1932.

6. That all ministers and elders who have the responsibility of receiving new members into our churches be urged to follow the plan of carefully instructing them in preparatory classes that they may thus become fully established in the faith before being accepted into church fellowship.

TRAINING OF TEACHERS

WHEREAS our mission fields are constantly calling for better qualified teachers and other missionary workers, and

WHEREAS there exists an urgent need of offering our young people better educational opportunities by means of which they may qualify for the teaching profession, and

WHEREAS the necessary facilities for the training of better qualified teachers, and offering our youth the necessary opportunities to assist them in preparing for the teaching profession are greatly lacking in our training schools,

*Voted*, 1. That in schools offering instruction in advance of the four-year course of study (High School) as outlined by the Northern European Division, steps be taken to provide for the teaching of some subjects in education, these subjects to be specified later.

2. That the Northern European Division co-operate with the British Union conference in making it possible to operate a normal department at Newbold Missionary College beginning with the school year 1933-34.

3. That in order to ensure the necessary strength in the proposed normal department in Newbold Missionary College, if the funds can be secured, the following be provided: (a) A fully-qualified normal director, (b) A well-trained critic teacher, and (c) A day school to be operated in connection with the normal department of the college.

4 That the prescribed normal course be worked out by the College giving such a course, in counsel with the Educational Department of the Northern European Division.

#### EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE MISSIONARIES

WHEREAS there is need of greater care in the selection of missionaries so as to secure the highest standard in qualifications for the several lines of foreign mission service, and

WHEREAS our training schools need to share more concretely in the training of workers for our missions abroad,

*Voted*, 1. That all regular missionaries appointed to foreign service be graduated from one of our training schools offering not less than the four-year (preferably the six-year) course of study as outlined by the Educational Department of the Northern European Division.

2. That in the case of students from the Continent who are looking forward to foreign mission service, they be required to spend at least one year at Newbold Missionary College, acquiring a more thorough knowledge of English and certain subjects in education, especially adapted to working in British territory. In the event of a missionary going to French territory, he (or she) be required to spend at least one year in France, acquiring a working knowledge of French.

3. That we ask the organizations involved in the training of such young people to assist in making this possible by meeting the school and travelling expenses of the appointee on the following basis: The Newbold Missionary College assists by charging only half tuition rates, and the balance of these expenses be shared as follows: The student one-third, the Division a third, and the Union from which the student comes one-third, suggesting that their share be divided equally between the union and the local conference from which the student comes.

#### SABBATH-SCHOOL RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS the Sabbath-school is the spiritual chain that binds Seventh-Day Adventists the world over into one common brotherhood, with one programme, one lesson, and one aim, and

WHEREAS there are many church-members in the home fields who are not enjoying the blessings of the Sabbath-school,

*Voted*, 1. That every conference worker and church officer co-operate with the local conference Sabbath-school secretary in an endeavour to enlist every churchmember in the Sabbath-school or its home department.

2. That every church be instructed how to carry on the home department of the Sabbath-school, and that the Sabbath-school secretary or superintendent make it his duty to visit every home department member at least once each quarter, making that visit a deeply spiritual one.

3. That each conference regularly seeks to ascertain whether or not each member has a lesson quarterly, and further, that the conference provide a copy to any who are not in a position to purchase for themselves.

4. That in our institutions, where some are compelled to be on duty during the Sabbath-school, we encourage the use of "On Duty" cards.

5. That our travelling ministry be asked to carry and present to the home Sabbath-school the "Sabbath-school Traveller's Card."

#### BIRTHDAY OFFERINGS—INVESTMENT FUND

RECOGNIZING the fact that the mission offerings are decreasing at a time when they are most needed, and

REALIZING that the Sabbath-schools are expected to raise a large percentage of these offerings,

*Voted*, 1. That greater emphasis be placed upon the privilege of giving a birthday offering.

2. That the possibilities of the Investment Fund be emphasized in every conference, and that the Sabbath-school Department be asked to compile Investment experiences which can be sent out to the churches as suggestions.

#### PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES IN OUR SANITARIUM WORK

WHEREAS we recognize the Bible and the *Testimonies* as our sure guide, more sure than ever-changing science, we would express as our conviction on the question of principles and objectives in our sanitarium work, the following:

1. Proclaiming present truth to the world.

2. Helping the sick and suffering, particularly also our own members, for whom some provision should be made so that they can receive medical care at our sanitariums.

3. Spreading the light on the health question.

4. Creating an interest in the principles of healthful living.

5. Teaching the people not only how to treat sickness by means of natural remedies, but also how to prevent sickness.

6. Breaking down prejudice against the truth.

7. Training nurses and other medical workers.

#### SPIRITUAL LIFE AND STANDARDS IN OUR MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

WHEREAS the spiritual development of the young people in our health institutions is of vital importance, and

WHEREAS caring for the moral welfare of our youth is an essential part of their education as medical workers,

*Voted*, 1. That careful investigation be made into the character and spiritual ideals of the young people received into our health institutions.

2. That every effort be made to maintain the spiritual life and experience of our youth,

(a) By encouraging attendance at the Sabbath-school, by enrolment in the Missionary Volunteer Society, and diligent effort in local missionary activity.

(b) By conducting suitable devotional meetings and encouraging the youth to take an active part in these exercises.

(c) By placing before the youth the privilege and opportunity of being faithful to God in the payment of tithes and offerings.

(d) By emphasizing by precept and example the need of being whole-hearted in the service of God, shunning the theatres, cinema shows, and all worldly sports in various forms.

(e) By doing everything we possibly can to bring into our health institutions an atmosphere of Christian kindness and love, and also providing facilities such as suitable reading-rooms so that our youth might be preserved from the evils of this time and be led to a deeper consecration of their lives to the service of God.

#### PREPARATORY TRAINING OF NURSES

WHEREAS there is great need of raising the educational standard of the young people entering the nurses' courses in our sanitariums, and

WHEREAS the demand of the present time is for well-trained medical workers, and

WHEREAS our medical institutions earnestly desire candidates for the nurses' courses who have been trained in our own educational institutions,

*Voted*, 1. That we work to the general plan of accepting into the nurses' course young people who have been through our own training schools.

2. That such young people be accepted who have attended our own educational institutions for at least three years or should it be deemed advisable to accept others, that they be expected to produce credits which are equivalent from other institutions.

3. That until this plan can be put into full operation, we ask our educational institutions during the next three years to furnish at least fifty per cent of the young people re-

quired by the sanitariums for the nurses' training courses.

#### MEDICAL WORK—ABYSSINIA

A STUDY of the medical work in Abyssinia was introduced by reading a letter from M. J. Sorenson, superintendent of that field, in which he wrote that the contracts for the new Maternity Hospital given to us by the Emperor have been signed. Dr. Andersen reported on his trip to the field, and spoke of the encouraging prospects of the medical work in that Union. J. J. Strahle also reported experiences relative to the negotiations which Dr. Andersen, Chr. Pedersen, M. J. Sorenson, and he had made with the Emperor, which led to the splendid donation of the Maternity Hospital to our work, and it was

*Voted*, 1. To approve of the contracts which these brethren had negotiated, and

2. To express our appreciation to M. J. Sorenson for his persistent efforts which had resulted in the signing of the contract by the Emperor.

#### TANGANYIKA—TRANSFER TO CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION

THE Fall Council of the General Conference took action concerning Tanganyika as follows:

1. "That Tanganyika be transferred by the Northern European Division to the Central European Division and Liberia by the Central European Division to the Northern European Division, provided the financial phases pertaining to this transfer can be worked out by the Budget Committee.

2. "That in the transfer of mission territory between the Northern European and the Central European Divisions, the Northern European Division be permitted to retain from its 1933 Budget allowance to Tanganyika an amount equal to the regular appropriation granted in 1932 to the Liberia Mission by the Central European Division less a reduction of six per cent.

3. "That the difference between the 1932 budgets (less six per cent voted to Tanganyika and Liberia by the respective divisions) revert to the General Conference.

4. "That for 1933 a special appropriation be made to the Central European Division to assist in carrying the work in Tanganyika equal to the amount that shall revert to the General Conference from the Northern European Division, with the understanding that help from the General Conference from special appropriations shall, if necessary, extend to a period of four years."

While feeling sympathetic with the Central European Division in their desire to secure the return of their former mission territory and realizing the added advantage which the return of this territory will be to them

in raising mission funds, we nevertheless feel to express our deep regret at the loss of this territory from our field, and the missionaries in Tanganyika from the working force of the Northern European Division. However, since these actions have been taken by the General Conference, after we had made a full statement of our views in the matter, we feel to submit to their decision, and it was

*Voted*, 1. That we accede to the recommendation of the Fall Council in the matter of the transfer of Tanganyika Territory to the Central European Division.

2. That we accept Liberia from the Central European Division as part of the mission territory of the Northern European Division, with the understanding that the budget worked out by the Central European Division for 1933, less six per cent, be granted to the Northern European Division.

#### REORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN MISSION TERRITORY

WHEREAS at the recent Autumn Council of the General Conference changes were made in our mission territory in Africa, which relieves us of the responsibility for Tanganyika on the East Coast, and passes over to our care Liberia on the West Coast, and

WHEREAS it seems desirable that all our mission territory, even that which is unentered, be grouped into Union missions,

THEREFORE we adopt the following plans:

1. That all the countries, colonies, and island groups in the mission territory of the Division in Africa be organized into Union missions.

2. That the grouping of these fields and the names of the Union missions be as follows:

- (a) *East African Union Mission*, comprising Kenya Colony and Italian Somaliland.
- (b) *Ethiopian Union Mission*, comprising Abyssinia, Eritrea, British and French Somalilands, the remainder of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan not included in the Uganda Union Mission, and the Island of Socotra.
- (c) *Uganda Union Mission*, comprising Uganda and the provinces of Bahr el Ghazal, Mongalla, Sobat, Pibor, and Upper Nile of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.
- (d) *Nigerian Union Mission*, comprising Nigeria, the French colony of the Niger, and the Islands in the Gulf of Guinea.
- (e) *Gold Coast Union Mission*, comprising the Gold Coast, Ivory Coast, Dahomey, and the Upper Volta Colonies.
- (f) *Sierra Leone Union Mission*, comprising Sierra Leone, Liberia, Gambia, French Guinea, and the French Sudan colonies.
- (g) *French Equatorial Mission*, comprising that part of the French

Cameroons north of latitude 10', and the colony of French Equatorial Africa north of latitude 10'.  
3. That this arrangement of re-grouping go into effect January 1, 1933, it being understood that no extra expense in mission operating is involved.

Superintendents of these newly-formed fields were appointed as follows:

East African Union, S. G. Maxwell.  
Ethiopian Union, M. J. Sorenson.  
Uganda Union, V. E. Toppenberg.  
Nigerian Union, W. McClements.  
Gold Coast Union, J. Clifford.  
Sierra Leone Union, H. J. Gronert.  
French Equatorial Local Union, Ruben Bergstrom.

#### UNION COMMITTEE MEETINGS—FREQUENCY—ATTENDANCE

STUDY was given to the frequency of meetings of the full Union committee, and it was

*Voted*, To recommend to the Unions in the home field that they work to the plan of having two full meetings each year, and that the Union committees of the mission fields have one meeting each year. It was also understood that a representative of the Division be present to attend at least one of these meetings when the Unions audit the salaries of the workers in their fields.

#### DEPARTMENTAL WORK—MISSION FIELDS

*Voted*, To counsel that in the African Missions the home missionary and missionary volunteer activities be combined, and that as rapidly as possible, leadership be provided for the extension of the departmental work in these fields.

#### G. E. NORD—DIVISION COMMITTEE

IN order to bring to the Division Committee further representation from the field, and in harmony with the constitutional provision for the election of members to the Division Committee,

*Voted*, That G. E. Nord be elected as a member of the Division Committee, his term of office to extend to the General Conference 1936.

#### ORDINATION OF H. ROBSON AND F. MUDERSPACH

*Voted*, That pending the recommendations of the East African Union, H. Robson and F. Muder-spach be ordained to the Gospel ministry, and that steps be taken to have these brethren ordained when our representatives, with C. K. Meyers and H. F. Schuberth, are in East Africa.

#### TERMINOLOGY FOR MISSION FIELD LEADERSHIP

IN order to arrive at uniform terms for use in the Year Book, when referring to our leadership in the mission fields, the following was agreed upon:

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## The Publishing Convention at Stockholm

BY J. J. STRAHLE

A VERY happy group of delegates assembled in an upper room of the Excelsior Hotel to attend the first publishing convention of the Northern European Division. With the many varied conditions obtaining in our Division territory it was imperative to bring together our leaders of the publishing work for study and counsel. Our coming together to exchange ideas and develop plans brought great courage to those who attended the convention.

The cardinal points of the convention were, "to make the publishing department a greater soul-saving agency, and to instruct and lead our colporteurs into greater service for the Lord." The splendid papers and talks given during these meetings were based on actual experiences in the field. The delegates were alert to learn how certain work had been accomplished. This lively interest that advantage might be taken of every helpful suggestion submitted, was truly inspiring. All present entered into the spirit of the convention whole-heartedly. Each gave what he could, and endeavoured to absorb all the help possible from his associate workers, so upon returning to their posts of duty all were better fitted for their parts in the work of God.

From the lips of those who attended the publishing convention was heard the following: "I wish more of our workers could have attended this most wonderful meeting." Again such words as these were uttered: "I thank the Lord for the wonderful privilege of attending this convention and for what I have seen and heard. It is my earnest determination to do my best for the Master when I return to my field."

The closing meeting was the most impressive of all, when every worker gave himself anew for service. Every one resolved to go back to his field to enlarge the work of the Lord. Our leaders of the publishing department are planning greatly to increase their number of colporteurs and to train

them to become workmen whom God can use to win souls to Christ. Recommendations were passed to bring about uniformity of work throughout the Northern European Division field. The evidence of God's Holy Spirit working in our midst during the convention has greatly strengthened our courage. With consecrated leaders to "arise and build" great things will be done for God through the literature ministry.

### Special Days, 1933

THE Winter Council took action suggesting that the schedule for special days and campaigns for the Division be as follows:

Sabbath-school Rally .....	January 21
Christian Home Day ...	February 4
Missionary Volunteer Day	March 4
Missionary Volunteer Week .....	March 4-11
Big Week Rally Day .....	April 15
Big Week Campaign ...	April 15-22
Medical Missionary Day ...	June 3
Educational Day .....	August 5
Harvest Ingathering Rally Day .....	August 26
Duration of Ingathering Campaign ...	August 27 to Oct. 7
Colporteur Day .....	October 21
Week of Prayer ...	December 2 to 9

It is granted that where Union committees think it advisable they may feel free to arrange earlier dates for the Harvest Ingathering and Big Week Campaigns.

We trust that these special appointments will prove occasions of rich blessing to all our people.

E. D. DICK.

### The Business of the Council

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Leader of the Union Mission—Union Superintendent.

Leader of the Local Mission—Local Superintendent.

Leader of the Mission Station—Station Director.

#### EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Voted, That the Education Committee for the Division be as follows: E. D. Dick, W. G. Murdoch, G. E. Nord, H. L. Rudy, H. M. Johnson.

#### USE OF TEA AND COFFEE

WHEREAS the use of tea and coffee

is quite common among our believers and workers in certain countries in the homelands, as well as in the mission fields, and

WHEREAS the *Testimonies* and also science points out that tea and coffee are injurious stimulants which, when used freely, excite and harm the nervous system,

Voted, 1. That we request our believers to consider carefully the evils caused by the use of these stimulants, and to follow the light which has been given us in this matter.

2. That we request our ministers and Bible-workers to instruct our believers thoroughly in the health principles, especially advising against the use of tea and coffee.

3. That we appeal to our workers at home and abroad to give careful consideration to this so that they may not only preserve their health, but also be an example in healthful living to the people among whom they are working.

#### APPRECIATION—EAST NORDIC UNION

Voted, To express our appreciation to the East Nordic Union for their assistance in securing the splendid accommodation for the Council, and also for the many kindnesses shown in connection with our visit to Stockholm.

#### INVITATION—WEST NORDIC UNION—WINTER COUNCIL 1933

AN invitation was extended to the Council by L. Munderspach, of the West Nordic Union, that the Division Council for 1933 be held at Oslo.

### Another Fallen Comrade

THE end came without warning. Within a few hours of his sudden death Brother Jens Olsen was apparently in his usual health and full of courage and good cheer. He died on December 10, 1932, the closing day of the Week of Prayer. A large number of our readers will remember Brother Olsen as one of the auditors of the old European Division. Before that he was manager of the Danish Publishing House, and later also manager of the Publishing House in Oslo, treasurer of the Danish Conference and also the Scandinavian Union. For over forty years our brother worked faithfully and indefatigably. He rests now for a little while until that glad day of reunion when all tears shall be wiped away.

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