Bishop Theodor Arvidson of Stockholm, Sweden, Visits U.S.A.

Sändeborsten welcomes the opportunity to present to its readers, the Bishop of the Northern Europe Central Conference. It is the first time in the history of the Swedish Conference and of Swedish Methodism, that a native of Sweden has been elected to that high and responsible office in our Church. The Northern Europe Central Conference which elected him in 1946, includes, besides the Sweden Annual Conference, our Methodist work in Norway, Denmark and Finland. He will attend the Methodist General Conference in Boston in May.

We welcome Bishop Arvidson to the Chicago area as the Lexington Avenue Swedish Methodist Church of New York, and the Immanuel Methodist Church of Brooklyn have invited our distinguished visitor to their Churches in the former Eastern Swedish Conference area.

We are glad that it was possible for him to plan his visit to America early enough to visit a few of the Churches in the Chicago area, former members of the former Central Northwest Conference.

When we review his program in the East and here, we are prompted to ask all our people to pray that God may give him strength to fulfill this taxing program, so that he may be able to bring the uplifting and inspiring messages that are so needed, to all who shall be within hearing of them. To us it will also be a welcome voice from the beloved homeland. His itinerary here includes Chicago and Rockford, Illinois, and Racine, Wisconsin.

We take the liberty to print the following from “Bibelkvarnen,” the Lexington Avenue Church paper in Pomeroy, March 4, 1948: "It was in 1946 that Theodore August Arvidson was elected to the Bishopric of the Northern Europe Central Conference when the Church decided a native of Scandinavia ought to hold that position rather than a Bishop elected in the United States which was the custom. The selection of Bishop Arvidson was indeed a happy one and we of the Swedish Methodist Churches of America were glad and proud. He was highly qualified to receive the high honor in that election because of his rich background of experience and his leadership ability. Swedes, "Who's Who" reveals many facts about our friend, Bishop Th. Arvidson."

Theodor Arvidson was born at Jygga in the county of Kronoberg, October 16, 1885, and received his education (for the ministry) at the Theological School at Upsala as well as advanced study in England. He served as pastor of the Vårgårda Church as well as the Methodist Church at Osen. Then he held the superintendency of the Northern District of the Sweden Annual Conference before serving the great St. Peter Methodist Church. Then he again became a District Superintendent. From 1931 until his election as a Bishop, Rev. Arvidson served as Superintendent of the Conference Board Office and Book Concern.

Theodor Arvidson was elected ministerial delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church in 1934, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41. He also represented the Sweden Conference at the European Central Conference at Frankfurt on the Main in 1936. He was secretary of the Northern Europe Central Conference at Oslo 1924, and at Copenhagen 1925, and at Gothenburg 1926. He served as President of the Malmö-Youth Movement of Sweden 1920-22, and is serving as President of the National Peace Church Committee and Central Assembly since 1933. He succeeded Prince Oscar Bernadotte in 1947 as Chairman of the Evangelical Alliance of Sweden (Prince Oscar Bernadotte in tendering his resignation after 40 years service expressed his joy that Bishop Arvidson was willing to take up the burdens of that important work together with his many other duties.)

"Bibelkvarnen continues, "Bishop Arvidson has also been active as an author, having written "Methodism with its Doctrines, Organisation and Aims," "The Fullness of the Spirit and the Gift of the Spirit," "Sanctification," and he has also translated in the volumes of B. Stanley Jones into Swedish as well as several books of A. J. Russell, Leslie Weatherhead, Parker Smith and others."

We, in this Country learned with real Christian satisfaction, that the King of Sweden, Gustaf the 6th, took special notice of Bishop Arvidson's election to the high Office in the Methodist Church.

Let all our Swedish people who can, come to the services that have been arranged for Bishop Arvidson; come to the Churches where he is to speak and hear and meet him, and be benefited by the good tidings he will bring to us. We have not as yet learned if the delegates from Sweden to the General Conference, Rev. G. Henriksson, from Stockholm, and Rev. Bengt Bengtsson, and the lay delegates, Dr. Harold Lindahl from the University of Upsala, and B. W. Arvidson from Arborg, will visit our
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Communism shall be the following day in Shiahud, Ic. A more detailed story of his life will follow.

The regular meeting of the W. E. C. S. of Emmanuel Methodist Church on Sunday, January 30, Mrs. Herman Miller, in recognition of her services, was the recipient of a gift from the society of a beautiful table lamp, Mrs. Miller has served as President of the W. E. C. S. for ten years, and eight years as chairman of the East Side Cir­cle. The gift was made by Mrs. W. G. Weller, who spoke of Mrs. Miller’s serv­ice to the church and of the love and esteem in which she is held. Mrs. Max Weller donated a solo and a short address was given by the pastor. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Helen Anderson and Mrs. Ursula Bousquaet.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Emmanuel Swedish Methodist Church, has recently observed its 75th Jubilee with large audiences. The pastor Rev. C. G. Nairn has charge of all arrangements. This strenuous and active church will be given more space in next issue of Sandebudet.

Essex, Mich.

Central Church, Essex, is making plans for an imposing Easter service. Under the direction of Pastor Karl Hammar, all Sunday morning services are broadcast and heard throughout the upper peninsula. The Augustin College Choir presented a concert in

Our Churches in America. However, we welcome them as delegates to our General Assembly in Shanghai, and honor them as representatives of our Methodist Church in Sweden.

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None Items FROM THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Women’s Auxiliary of Evanston College Institute of which Mrs. Oliver A. Reppen is president, who is in charge of the ladies to attend a meeting at the home of Rev. T. O. Firing, 1 S. 4000 E. in March. Mrs. Westerberg will give special interest about their trip to Sweden.

M. T. B., Chicago

A successful preaching mission was held from Thursday evening, March 7th until March 9th under the direction of Pastor Eben F. Dahl. A number of visiting pastors brought memes of inspiration, directed toward a deepening of the spiritual life and the understanding of souls in Christian discipleship.

South Shore, Chicago

Special services will be held during Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, Pastor C. F. Carlson preached on the theme, “By What Authority” and on Easter Sunday the topic will be, “Easter, the Day of Victory.” A number of the Lenten services were devoted to leading up to the great Easter services.

Greene, Hubun Park

Feb. 21 was Layman’s Day and Mr. A. Leonardson preached on the program and Rev. O. B. Allen preached. The man also had charge of the service of the evening... The Church School is sponsoring a contest via plane arranged with the Midweek Message to find attendance, punctuality, Bible and memory work... On the evening of March 7th, H. J. Thorne, “Aunt Helen” of WMBI’s “Know Your Bible” program was with The Rev. Mr. Philip Maxwell of the Chicago Tribune spoke at the March Brotherhood Council Meeting... On Easter Sunday evening two festive services will be held, one at 11:00 a.m. and the other at 11:30 a.m.

St. Louis, Mo.

Methodists has lost a fine leader in the death of the Rev. Andrew Swenson here recently. Rev. Swenson went out from the Des Moines Church and made a splendid record in Minnesota, leaving church members of prominence in long and suc­cessful pastorate. He was a fine gospel preacher and an invincible pastor. During the last few months he knew in­cessive suffering. None but his closest friends knew that each day was a Gethseman of physical agony. His doctors did all that they could in surgery and medication. The last two years of his ministry only his heart and tremendous love for his work kept him going. He wished to be about the King’s business to the last and to keep him going. He wished to be about the

BISHOP THEODORE ARVIDSON’S VISIT TO THE MIDWEST

DURING HIS BRIEF VISIT THE BISHOP WILL SPEAK AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

Wednesday, March 31, 8 P. M.—Trinity Church, Racine, Wis.
Thursday, April 1, 8 P. M.—Bethany Church, Rockford, Ill.
Friday, April 2, 8:30 P. M.—Central Northwest Fellowship Banquet, Central Y. M. C. A., Chicago.
Saturday, April 3, 8:30 A.M.—Swedish Radio Service over WGES.
11:00 A.M.—Augsburg College Church, Chicago.
3:30 P.M.—Swedish Service, Bethany Church, Chi­cago. Music by SKF Male Chorus.
7:30 P.M.—Swedish Service, Bethany Church, Chi­cago. Music by Bethany Choir.
Monday, April 5, 10:30 A.M.—Church Committee Meeting at Elver Methodist Church, Barry and Kemmer Ave.
School of the Methodist Holy Week. The speaker on Wednesday at 11 o'clock. Glorious Easter music will be our guest come; and the church needs cleaning and redecorating. With similar re-decorating.

Three festive services will be held on March 7th ... The Christian Voices will have featured Gene stockholm. "Drink." Many

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BETHANY HOME AND HOSPITAL

Mrs. Sophie M. Carlson was born in Karlskoga, Sweden, January 13th, 1867. She gave her heart to God early in life, and became an active and faithful member of the Methodist Church. Coming to the United States in 1881, and the same year The First Swedish Methodist Church in Los Angeles was organized, she was among the names of the Charter Members. She was the mother of Sophie Olsen. Mrs. Carlson lived in Los Angeles until her marriage to Oscar Haman. The young couple moved to San Francisco where they joined the First Swedish Methodist Church. Their marriage lasted 52 years. Mrs. Carlson was blessed with two children, Edna and George E. While the children were still small, the angel of Death came and called brother Haman to be with Him whom He loved and served. It was not easy for Mrs. Carlson to be left alone with two small children. But Mrs. Carlson was a strong character, able and with great courage. She managed the business her husband had left with such integrity that she was able to give her children a good education. From the start, she and her children worked as partners. They also had excellent friends in the church. Oscar becamome one of the most beloved organizers and Sunday School teachers. George joined in the Sunday School and Escondido League just as the every his heart was broken. The Episcopal League of the First Swedish Methodist Church was soon recognized and became one of the most active and successful in the San Francisco district. The result was that George was elected President of the District Escondido League.

Mrs. Carlson was for about 38 years President of the W.F.M.S., and under her leadership they did some wonderful work. She was also a loyal and valuable member of the official body of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Edna Bukofzer, 1926, the three children of the late Rev. Mrs. Carlson, have lived in San Francisco most of their lives. In 1926, the family purchased their first home in the 81st block of the San Francisco district. They have been active members of the church ever since. Mrs. Carlson was a member of the Board of Directors of the First Swedish Methodist Church. She was a kind and gentle lady, and her friends will always remember her with love and respect. Mrs. Carlson was a member of the Board of Directors of the First Swedish Methodist Church. She was a kind and gentle lady, and her friends will always remember her with love and respect.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Carlson continued to work in the church and was active in many church affairs. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the First Swedish Methodist Church and was a kind and gentle lady. Her friends will always remember her with love and respect.

The New Building Project. After decades of dreaming and years of planning, work began in early summer. The building was

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Rew. Silas spoke words of appreciation in behalf of the assembly, to Mr. A. B. Green who had raised $600.00 for the new building project.

Rev. Edward Deane, a member of the Home Ladies Aid, expressed immense appreciation for the time and attention he had received since coming to the Home. He was formerly a professor at Columbia University and his name is in the "Who's Who."

Among other items of business transacted, election of treasurer was held. Upon recommendation of the nominating committee, Rev. T. J. Westergard, chairman, the following ministers and laymen were elected for a three-year term: Revs. Ivar M. Johnson, Edward Eversen, T. J. Westergard, C. Fridfeldt Carlson, Monsen, Oliver W. Rams, Richard Carlson, John E. Johnson.

The following trustees were introduced to the assembly: Rev. C. Fridfeldt Carlson, Rev. Laevan Axelson and Rev. Richard Waddell. They had been elected during the year by the Board to fill vacancies.

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REV. W. B. Salin was commended for his able and personal service by a standing vote of the assembly. Rev. W. B. Salin was in like manner given a similar vote of esteem.

Mr. Arthur Lennander, who recently had been elected president of the Linnean Aid Society, which ministers on Chicago's south side, was introduced to the assembly.

Mr. Oliver W. Rams was commended for his able and personal service by a standing vote of the assembly. Rev. W. B. Salin was in like manner given a similar vote of esteem.

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Rev. G. R. Allen and the singing of the doxology, C. G. Sandstrom, Secretary.

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Rev. C. G. Sandstrom, Secretary.

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Bishop Theodor Arvidson of Scandinavia Dies

Retired Bishop Theodor Arvidson, 70, who administered the work of The Methodist Church in Denmark, Sweden, Russia, Norway and Finland for seven years, died March 12 in Sweden. The Stockholm Area, of which he was bishop, comprises about 29,000 Methodists (full and preparatory members).

Born in Jerpaas, Sweden, Bishop Arvidson was educated at the School of Theology at Uppsala, Sweden, and then traveled and studied in England. He was ordained in 1909 and served as pastor of Methodist churches in Vaxjo and Stockholm. Later he was district superintendent of the Northern and Western Methodist Districts in Sweden and book editor of Methodist Publishing House in Stockholm. He traveled and spoke extensively in the United States, and translated many English books into Swedish.

In 1936 Bishop Arvidson was elected to the episcopacy, the second Scandinavian since 1876 to serve as bishop of the Stockholm Area. He was bishop of the area from 1936 to 1953, when he retired from that office and from the active ministry. He was president of the National Free Church Committee and chairman of the Evangelical Alliance, both in Sweden. In 1952 Bishop Arvidson visited India, where he dedicated Theodi Mission, a Methodist mission center built with funds contributed largely by Scandinavian Methodists and was named in his honor.

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died March 12, 1964
Scandinavians elect Dr. Arvidson a Bishop

The Rev. Theodor Arvidson, D.D., of Stockholm, Sweden, superintendent of the Methodist Church in Sweden, and a recognized leader of the nation's free churches, was elected a bishop of the Methodist Church at April 5, by the Central Conference of Northern Europe, it is announced by the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

He was elected on the first ballot of the conference presided over by Bishop Raymond J. Hade of Detroit, Mich.

Bishop Arvidson, who speaks English, German and Swedish fluently, is well-known in Methodist circles in the United States, having visited and preached in this country in connection with his membership in the General Conferences of 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940 and 1944.

Born in Jarpar, Sweden, the new bishop came from a Lutheran home, but early joined the Methodist Church in Stockholm. He was educated at the Methodist School of Theology, Upsala, Sweden, 1903-06. In 1909 he was ordained a deacon at Upsala by Bishop Earl Cranston, and in 1911 an elder at Stockholm by Bishop William Burt.

After successful pastorates in the Sweden Conference, he was appointed superintendent of the Western District with headquarters in Gothenburg, seat of Union Theological Seminary for all Scandinavia. Later he was elected book editor and manager of the Methodist Publishing House in Stockholm.

During the recent world war and until the collapse of Germany, Bishop Arvidson was the channel through which the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church kept in communication with Methodists in Denmark, Norway, Finland, and the Baltic states, as well as Sweden.
Bishop Arvidson is the author of "The Methodist Church," "The Fullness of the Spirit" and "Sanctification," in Swedish; and he has translated twelve other religious volumes from German or English into Swedish.
Bishop Theodor Arvidson, of Stockholm, Swedish-born Episcopal head of the Northern Europe Central Conference of the Methodist Church (American), will be the guest-speaker at


Bishop Arvidson was elected to the episcopacy in 1946 while serving as superintendent of Methodist work in Stockholm. He is giving a series of addresses in American cities, particularly in Illinois, where Methodists have undertaken special projects in his territory as part of the "Advance for Christ and His Church."

Bishop Arvidson is the Episcopal head of Methodist church and mission work in Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, the Baltic States, and of Methodist missions in Russia. During World War II he was in Sweden, and as editor and book agent, kept the Methodist Publishing House in Stockholm producing religious books. He has translated a large number of English books into Swedish, including most of the writings of Dr. E. Stanley Jones, the missionary and evangelist.

Born in Jerps, Skaraborg, Sweden, he was educated at the School of Theology, Uppsala, Sweden, and then travelled and studied in England. In 1906 he was ordained a minister of the Methodist Church and served pastorates in Vaxjo, and Ostersund, and St. Peter's Church, Stockholm. He was then successively superintendent of the Northern District of Sweden, superintendent of the Western District, book editor, and bishop.

Bishop Arvidson is now on his ninth visit to the United States. His last visit was in 1948 when he was a delegate to the General Conference in Boston. He is one of the best-known free church leaders in Scandinavia, and has served in many interdenominational posts. He is now president of the National Free Church Committee and General Assemblies; he succeeded Prince Oscar Bernadotte as chairman of the Evangelical Alliance in Sweden; is an officer of the Nordic Ecumenic Institute at Sigtuna; and chancellor of the School of Theology in Gathenburg.
Nordqvist's "Neo Reformed".

Nordqvist, August Janzeö, Bishop, Stockholm.
Born at Jörnsas, county of Skövdeborg, October 13, 1891.
Son of Rev. August and Emma Nordqvist, and his wife Eva, Christina born Åker.
After preparatory schooling he studied at the Theological School of Theology at Upsala, Sweden, 1903 - 1906; Conference Course of Study 1906 - 1911, at England.

Teacher of Viikki Methodist Church 1906 - 1909; Methodist 1909 - 1915; District Superintendent Northern District of Sweden Annual Conference 1915 - 1919; Pastor of St. Peter Methodist Church 1919 - 1944; District Superintendent Eastern District 1930 - 34; Superintendent of Conference Head Office and Book Concern 1934 - 36; elected Bishop of Northern Europe Central Conference 1944.

Rev. August Janzeö Nordqvist was elected first ministerial delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church 1956, 36, 38, 39 (United Conference, 40, and 41) and also represented the Swedish Conference at the European Central Conference in Bruxelles in 1957 and in London in 1958. He was secretary of Northern Europe Central Conference at Oslo 1958, at Copenhagen 1959 and at Stockholm 1965, serving as President of the Methodist Youth Board of Sweden 1950 - 56 and in serving on the Methodist Church Committee and General Assembly since 1945. He succeeded Rev. Oscar Skovstedt 1947 as Chairman of the Evangelical Alliance in Sweden and in serving many years member of the Evangelical Alliance Committee and of the Board of North American Institute at Algona. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Gustaf Adolph School of Theology at Upsala, Sweden, since 1924, and as Chancellor of the same school 1946.

Rev. August Janzeö Nordqvist has written "The Confession with Its Doctrine, Organization and Plans" (3 editions), "The Pulpit and the Spirit and the Gift of the Spirit" (2 editions), "Synodalia", and translated ten volumes of Theology into Swedish, as well as several books of A. W. Tozer, Leslie Barnard, Alamern, Marlow, and others.

Died March 10, 1964.
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