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Blessings from the Coming Week of Prayer

By A. F. TARR, President

ONE of the inestimable benefits of being a Seventh-day Adventist is the privilege of sharing with many thousands of fellow believers, the world around, in the blessings of an annual Week of Prayer. It seems so fitting that as we approach the closing days of another year we renew with gratitude the many evidences that have been ours of God's guiding, protecting hand.

Not only does a review of these blessings awaken gratitude in our hearts, but it also constitutes an assurance that the One who has led us in days gone by will continue to guard and guide us in the days ahead. Each succeeding year seems now to be calling for an increasing measure of trust. The way before us—from a human point of view—seems overshadowed with unprecedented uncertainty. But how comforting the reminder that the path we follow is illumined at every turn by light from the very portals of heaven itself. It is a light which, accumulating through the centuries, seems focused upon the very generation and day to which we have come. Prophets, thousands of years ago, portrayed with unerring accuracy the very things we see transpiring today in the world around us. And with equally startling accuracy there has been graciously vouchsafed to our own church through a later manifestation of the same gift of prophecy, a more detailed and close-up view of those stirring conditions now marking earth's closing days.

All of these benefits seem to crowd in upon our minds during these annual weeks of prayer, and they remind us of what godly, earnest lives we should be living who believe these things, and whose pathway has been so gloriously illumined.

In this respect the Week of Prayer is a period of stock-taking of our own individual lives as well as of our church. It brings us to our knees in our homes and in our churches, in earnest heart-searching for the reason for past failure, and for larger power to reach that standard of Christian living that Jesus expects of us before His coming.

We are directed in that heart-searching by especially prepared messages from watchmen whom God has appointed to guard the affairs of His people, and to warn of the coming dangers. These messages can only be of help to us as we read them in our homes or attend the meetings where they are read. Or, preferably, would it not be possible for us to do both? As weak spots are revealed

in our lives it is our responsibility during the Week of Prayer to put them away and to determine by God's grace never to indulge them again. Only by so doing can this coming Week of Prayer be the blessing to us that God intends it should.

One of these weak spots that we may not have sensed as we should, and which will be emphasized in at least one of the messages this week, is the measure of sacrifice we are making to speed on the work of God. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has, through the years, been noted for its generous giving. That an organization so small and so relatively poor should give so liberally has been a matter of astonishment both to the world and to the membership of other churches. Without doubt this reputation was well deserved in the past. Our members did give out of all proportion, humanly speaking, to their financial ability. But with the passing of the years and the changed economic conditions, the question does now arise whether, aside from tithe, our gifts have risen proportionately with our earnings. This is a subject that it would be well for us to ponder as we enter another Week of Prayer. Have we been as liberal with God as He expects us to be in these closing days of His work? Or are the cares and attractions of this world claiming a larger share than once they did?

On the closing Sabbath, November 24th, the great offering of the year is to be taken. This is an offering that, in various parts of our Division, has in past years been spread over two different periods; the Week of Sacrifice which has come about the middle of the year, and the Annual Offering which has come on the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer. It is our earnest hope that the amalgamation of these two offerings will bring no less but rather much more into the mission treasury. We invite every worker and member to enter into a real season of sacrifice, giving no less than a full week's income, and if possible adding to it what was formerly given as an annual offering. We believe that a sacrifice like this will, apart from its blessing to our mission fields, cause rejoicing in the courts of heaven and bring a richer, fuller experience into the individual lives of the givers.

May God bless the membership of the Northern European Division during this coming Week of Prayer, and enable us all to gain new victories in our own personal lives, and to give more generously toward the support of our quickly closing work.

“Ask for the Old Paths!”

By E. B. Rudge

ONE of the enduring memories of the Paris Youth Congress was the place of honour accorded the pioneers of the Great Second Advent Movement by the builders of the various programmes.

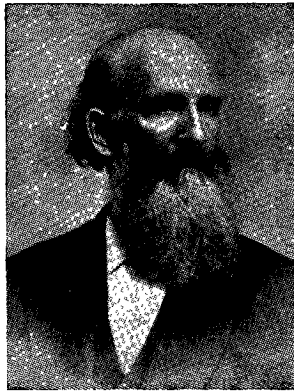
This high regard is well merited. Our debt to the pioneers is beyond all question, for did they not—under the guidance of God’s Spirit—develop a system of unshakable doctrine founded on the Word of our God? And remember, the Master said, “The Scripture cannot be broken.” The adequacy and permanency of this system of doctrine, or “platform” of faith given us by the pioneers, came directly through the leading of the Lord, as is so clearly expressed in *Early Writings*, page 259.

It is a great honour, as well as a sacred duty, to safeguard this revelation of the will of our God. “Let none seek to tear away the foundations of our faith—the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work, by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for more than fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way, that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid; but this is a great deception. ‘Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid.’”—*Gospel Workers*, page 307.

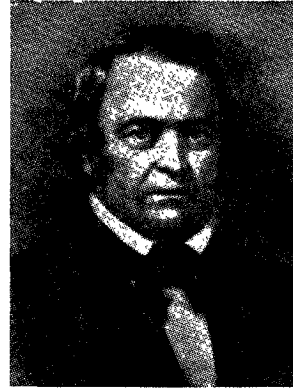
A fact of unusual interest was the youthfulness of these pioneers. The average age of fourteen of the pioneers was twenty-seven to twenty-eight years. The oldest was Elder Byington, aged fifty-seven years, and the youngest Ellen Harmon, aged seventeen years. Eight of the fourteen were under twenty-two years of age. These were the men and women who, under God’s guidance, through the stress and strain following the “disappointment,” by diligent and prayerful study, gave to us our system of doctrine, or “platform” of faith.

These teachings our pioneers summarized as follows, and affectionately spoke of them as the “Ten Pillars of Our Faith”:

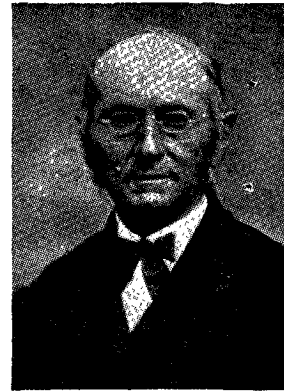
1. The Second Advent.
2. The Law of God.
3. Righteousness by Faith.
4. Life Only in Christ.
5. Nature and Destiny of Man.



James White



William Miller



Joseph Bates

6. The Three Angels’ Messages.
7. The Sanctuary and the Judgment.
8. Spiritual Gifts.
9. Health Reform.
10. Systematic Benevolence or Tithing System.

Here is set forth the completeness of God’s way of salvation, and His special message for our day. Pillars one to five point the way to personal salvation in Jesus Christ. Pillars six and seven provide for the collective body of believers—the church—the special truths we are to proclaim today, and which mark us as God’s peculiar

people in preparation for the day of His coming. Pillars eight, nine, and ten provide special guidance in things spiritual, physical, and financial, an additional evidence of God’s love to His remnant church, all needed in these last days for the successful finishing of God’s work in the world.

All these teachings are founded on the sure Word of our God. As we review them briefly and recall their significance, realizing afresh their completeness of teaching, as well as the fact that they represent the “faith once delivered to the saints” in bygone centuries, we are led to sense the

The Advent Pioneers

By Stanley Combridge

They were the called of God who left their occupation—
From every walk of life they gladly came
That they might freely give, to every tongue and nation,
The fullness of God’s truth—such was their aim;
Nor from that urgent task did toil and loss withdraw them
Nor did the threat of man prove such to overawe them.

They counted o’er the cost. With talents they were gifted
That would have helped them make their mark at last;
Before the eyes of men their names might have been lifted
And o’er their heads a wreath of laurel cast;
Full honoured by the world and maybe crowned with glory—
This might have been their lot and this their famous story.

They chose the humble way of self-annihilation,
Spending and being spent, the truth to give;
Forward in love they went with glad determination,
Knowing that God’s approval would outlive
The smile and praise of men, Oh, how this thought did speed
them—
On, ever on they pressed, they looked to God to lead them.

So let us walk the self-same path of full surrender—
Making the claims of God our foremost thought
Until the earth is lit with the third angel’s splendour,
Taking no glory for the work we’ve wrought;
Willing to labour on mid trials and derision—
There is no greater work, nor yet a nobler vision.

blessedness of Jeremiah's counsel: "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Jer. 6:16.

This was exactly the experience of our pioneers. They asked for the old paths to be shown them in a time of spiritual stress and bitter disappointment. They found the old ways. They walked in them. They found rest for their souls and hope and peace for their troubled hearts.

As often as we recall this band of noble

men and women and all they accomplished for God and man, may we determine to follow faithfully in their steps. Like the pioneers of our faith, let us constantly bear in mind: "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history. We are debtors to God to use every advantage He has entrusted to us to beautify the truth by holiness of character, and to send the messages of warning, and of comfort, of hope and love, to those who are in the darkness of error and sin."—*Life Sketches*, page 196.

The NORTH AMERICAN LAYMEN'S CONGRESS

By Jesse O. Gibson

I HAVE just returned from what I believe to be one of the grandest meetings that the denomination has ever had. It was the North American Laymen's Congress which was held at Grand Ledge, Michigan. I arrived shortly before the first meeting. The Michigan camp-meeting had just ended.

The first item of interest was the marching in of the "120." This group, symbolizing the 120 disciples who worked so faithfully at the time of Pentecost, was composed of many laymen from all parts of the country. These laymen were all dressed in their work clothes—some doctors, nurses, farmers, mechanics, miners, printers, and in fact, from all of the various walks of life. Right from the start we could see the tremendous potential power of these laymen who surrendered their lives to the cause of God.

Following these various groups who came in by unions, each preceded by their union banner, came the overseas groups. They were not large overseas delegations, but representatives from Inter-America, Southern Europe, Northern Europe, and South Africa. After the procession Elder T. L. Oswald, the General Conference Home Missionary secretary, made a short speech and then unveiled the congress panel which is a picture of Christ followed by a group of laymen, with Christ pointing to the map of North America which had written on it the one word, "Go!" I think I am safe in saying that everyone present felt a new urge to go forth and spread the Gospel as never before.

Words of welcome were given by the

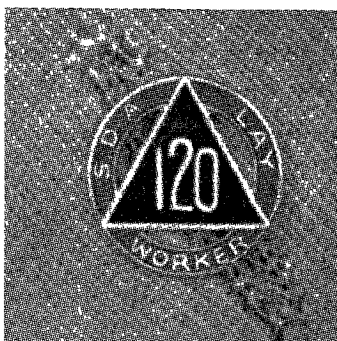
general, North American, union, and local conference presidents, after which Elder Oswald gave the opening address. Our hearts were all stirred as he laid before us the great task yet to be done and a challenge to the laymen to arise and unite their efforts with the Gospel ministry. From day to day some of our great leaders such as Elders W. H. Branson, E. D. Dick, D. A. Ochs, H. T. Elliott, H. L. Rudy, L. K. Dickson, and many others presented in a very vivid way the large part which the laymen will have in the finishing of God's work. A great deal of time was spent in workshops, and excellent instruction was given in performing the various types of work which the laymen can do. One of the highlights of the congress was the visit of one of the state senators and the lieutenant-governor. Both of these men spoke very highly of the work of Seventh-day Adventists and of their high ideals.

On one afternoon all the laymen joined together and went out field adventuring. Previous to their going out, announcement had been made in the paper and also over the radio. Many homes, therefore, were ready to receive the visitors when they arrived. From the reports that come back it seems that more and more the attention of the world is being drawn to the message which has been entrusted to the Seventh-

day Adventist people. During their afternoon visit some two thousand homes were visited and in more than one thousand of these the laymen had prayer with the family and over seven hundred were enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Courses.

Space will not permit giving in detail a report of all the activities, but the grand finale came on Sunday night. The various unions presented their candidates for the award of the "120" emblem which is a new emblem on a round pin with a triangle in the centre and the figure 120, the three sides of the triangle representing the minister, the church officers, and the laymen. These pins were presented to the laymen who had brought in one or more souls into the church membership. I did not get the exact number, but I believe there were more than a thousand who received this pin from the various unions of the North American Division. Elder Oswald gave the charge to this group, after which Elder Ochs gave the consecration prayer. This was followed by a very stirring message and a great challenge to the unfinished task by Elder Dickson. The closing event was a great torch-lighting ceremony. At the beginning of the meeting everyone in the audience, the total number approximately eight thousand, had been given candles. Elder Branson gave a few brief remarks and explained, among other things, how easy it would be for us to double our membership. He said that we must do more than that, but to double it is very easy. All we need to do is each one win one. If we do less than this, we are not doing anything.

A torch which had been made from one of the trees on the grounds of the Washington, New Hampshire, church which was our first Seventh-day Adventist church in North America, was then lighted and handed to Elder Branson. He, in turn, lighted the candles of the ten union conference home missionary secretaries and they passed on the lights to others. In one minute and fifty seconds the auditorium which had been dark was lighted with the approximately eight thousand candles. Elder Branson then led the way followed by the other General Conference and local conference home missionary secretaries and marched out into the darkness. Our hearts thrilled as we realized by this demonstration a little more fully the great responsibility of the laymen and their response to the challenges which had been set forth. Many laymen were seen clasping the hands of fellow laymen in pledging anew their determination to devote more and more of their time to the spreading of the Gospel.



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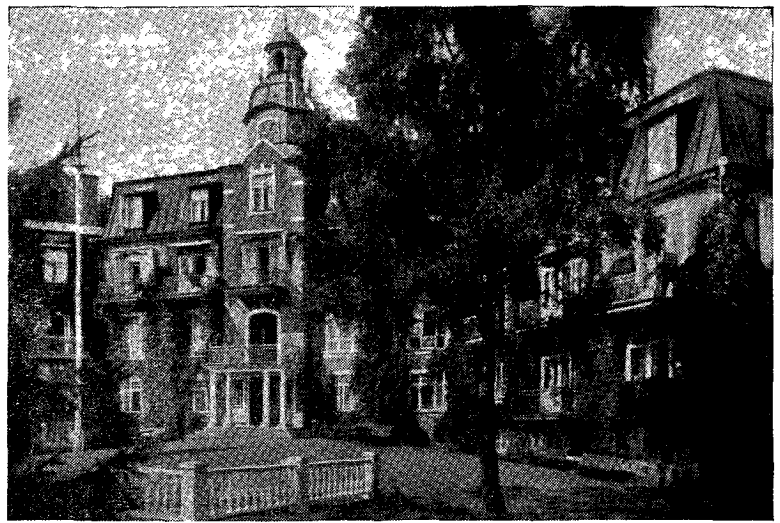
Twenty-fifth Anniversary

By A. F. Tarr

VISITS to Scandinavia are always interesting. This last one was no exception. In company with G. A. Lindsay, our first visit was Hultafors Sanitarium, which was on the eve of celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, the date of this celebration being September 3rd. Guests came from many parts of Scandinavia, and one, Pastor G. E. Nord, who had had so much to do with the institution's establishment, came from as far away as Denver, Colorado. Industrial leaders and others from the surrounding community were also present, and many floral and other tributes from past and present patients testified to the esteem in which the institution was held. They also added a very happy atmosphere to the halls and lounges, where the functions took place. Dr. I. Unhall, the sanitarium superintendent, had, with his staff, arranged a very interesting programme of events, first in the spacious drawing-room and then in the church, and then in the dining-room; at each of these gatherings many speakers voiced the gratitude of the assembly for God's protection and care that had been over the institution since the days of its precarious beginning.

Hultafors Sanitarium is situated among woodland on the steep slopes of a high hill, and overlooking one of Sweden's most beautiful lakes. From these delightful surroundings it has shed a spiritual light into the farthest parts of Sweden. Appreciation of this influence was expressed by many of the leading guests during our gatherings together. One nearby neighbour, who had watched the institution from its very beginning, said that in its development his fondest dreams had been realized. The sanitarium had become what at its very beginning he had wished it might but had scarcely dared hope it would.

An interesting event in connection with the celebration was a presentation that was made to three of the staff members: to Dr. Garbey, the assistant medical director, to Brother Gustavsson, first fireman, and to Brother Hansson, the engineer. These had all served the institution from its very beginning twenty-five years ago. One of the speakers who at the evening banquet voiced his sincere appreciation of the work of the



institution, was the president of the Medical Association in whose area it is situated. The sanitarium has a patient capacity of about 140, and this has frequently been stretched to the utmost. A long waiting list of would-be patients testifies also to the very enviable reputation which the institution enjoys.

Brother Lindsay and I left Hultafors by train for a brief visit to Skodsborg, where a meeting of the West Nordic Philanthropic Association had been called. Here we found the institution filled with patients who were benefiting from the good treatment of the Physiotherapy Department; the delicious food from the kitchen, and the kindly attention of doctors and nurses. Dr. A. Andersen and his associate workers are maintaining the sanitarium at a high standard of efficiency, and are likewise exerting a wonderful spiritual influence on their patients.

Continuing our journey by train to Oslo in Norway, we spent two very profitable days with the West Nordic Union committee. We also spent a day at Onsrud Mission School, attending a meeting of the board. From Oslo Brother Lindsay proceeded to Nyhyttan, while the writer remained in Oslo over the Sabbath. In the beautifully renovated Akersgaten church several hundred members met for the services. The very happy, friendly handshake of all when we said good-bye was something long to be felt and remembered.

The membership of this church has been made larger by converts from an effort recently conducted by Elder Alf Lohne, who only a few months ago was president of the East Norway Conference, and who is now president of the West Nordic Union. Brother Lohne, at my request, has told me some of his experiences in connection with his meetings which began on January 14th.

He had moved to Oslo in November, 1950, having not long before been appointed president of the East Norway Conference. He hunted all over the city for a suitable place in which to hold his meetings, but no suitable hall was available except one that was free for two hours on Sunday afternoons beginning at four o'clock. That seemed the only time when no one else wanted to use the hall. Brother Lohne hesitated about spending conference money on a public effort under such conditions, yet there seemed to be no other place and not even our own church building, which was then being renovated, could be used at the time.

He called the conference committee together and sought their advice. The brethren felt that under the circumstances it would be well for him to secure the hall, for even if the public did not attend, they felt that our own members needed the benefit of our meetings. After much prayer Brother Lohne decided to accept their counsel. To his astonishment, when the first meeting was held on January 14th, the hall was crowded to capacity. It remained crowded until the end. Long queues of people waited outside the hall from one to three hours before the doors were due to be opened.

Right in the middle of his effort there were three Sundays on which the hall could not be granted him. By an extraordinary development, a theatre next door became available on these very three Sundays, and at the very same time. There were no Sundays either before or after that he could get it. It seemed a most providential opening. He transferred there for the three afternoons and the theatre, a larger building than the hall, was packed. On the first Sunday 1,200 pressed in where there were seats for only 800. On the second and third Sundays, because of fire hazards, the

police restricted entry to only those for whom there were seats.

An interesting feature in connection with this theatre was that the rental charge was 1,800 kroner, and the collections brought in 1,770. Besides the collections a substantial amount came in from the sale of literature.

In these meetings Brother Lohne was assisted by two Bible instructors, one who had had previous experience, and one who had not. He could have wished for more, particularly as being president of a large local conference he had many duties besides these meetings. In consequence he had to work day and night, but as a result of this effort thirty-four persons have thus far been baptized. We rejoice with Brother Lohne over the marked way in which God blessed his service.



Queues of people seeking entrance to Pastor Lohne's effort.

"LET'S GO TO GIEMA!"

By Edgar Keslake

LET'S go to Giema!" So we take the train from Bo, our mission headquarters, and travel to Kenema, forty-six miles distance. There we must join a lorry and travel another nine miles to our destination.

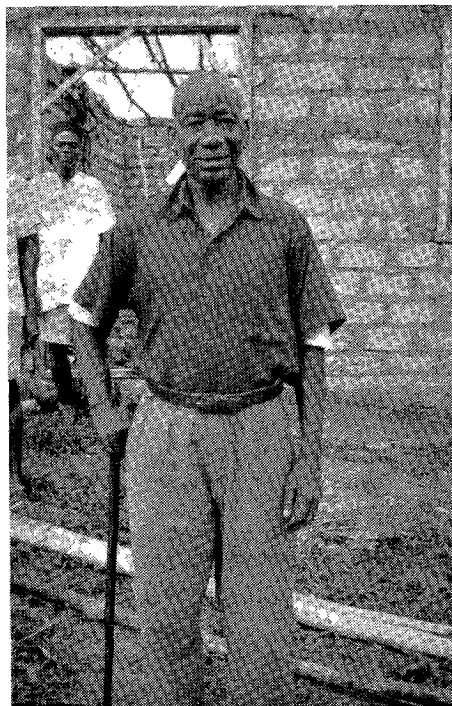
The train winds slowly along its way. At no time can one have a panoramic view, due to the proximity of the hills. Rains are about to come and so the farmers have burnt the dry vegetation preparatory to planting rice. Scorched earth is everywhere.

The trip is leisurely enough so that we can take it all in. At Yamandu the stop is long enough so that Victor, who was with me, can go into the town to take a better look at the chimpanzee held in captivity. All the way little monkeys disport themselves by jumping from limb to limb of the trees as the train passes. At Baoma we were fascinated by the costume worn by two members of the Bondu society—a society into which all heathen women are inducted in Sierra Leone.

Four hours and twenty minutes later we leave the train and find a lorry to take us on to Giema. It would be a short trip were it not for the delay at the hand-drawn ferry for crossing the river. Travel throughout Sierra Leone is aided and impeded by many of these ferrys.

Just before entering Giema we pass the

S.D.A. Mission school. The old building lies in ruin, but just behind stand the walls of the new school, roof high. When completed it will be as fine a mission school as will be found anywhere in Sierra Leone, yes, even in the whole West African Union. Even the Catholic priest in charge of Catholic mission schools who recently visited Giema as a member of a survey group for grading all mission schools in



Paramount Chief Dassama invested as a Friend.

the Protectorate spoke of it very highly. He not only remarked about the building but mentioned that as far as other things were concerned Adventist schools seemed to have more than other mission schools.

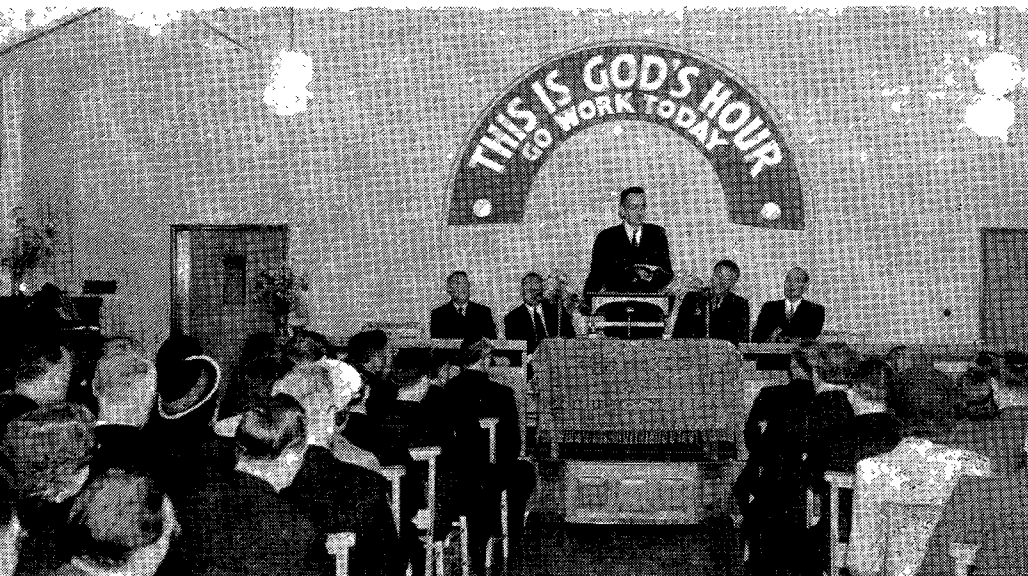
It is next to impossible to visit Giema without having an M.V. investiture service. Mr. T. E. Harding, the district leader, is a very active M.V. worker. And so are Keeler Brown, the headmaster, and Alfred Braima, the assistant teacher.

So of course in addition to other things which occupy the attention of the superintendent when he visits a station, there was an investiture service.

Mr. Harding himself was invested as a Master Guide, Teacher A. Braima as Companion, four as Friends, and one as a Sunbeam. Had it not been for the fact that the school is on vacation many more would have been invested.

While no investiture service is commonplace this one was unique. Among those invested as a Friend was Paramount Chief Dassama. He hopes to continue his studies until he succeeds in becoming a Master Guide. It was a real pleasure to the writer to welcome him to the class of Friends and an inspiration to all our members in Giema.

With a nice new church dedicated only six months ago and a splendid new school in the making, the work in Giema is most encouraging. This year Mr. Harding is able to devote his full energies to evangelism unhampered by school duties so we look for a larger work in this district of Sierra Leone.



On the rostrum: Pastors A. F. Tarr; A. L. White; G. E. Vandeman (speaker); W. W. Armstrong; T. J. Bradley.

British Union Workers' Institute

IN THE city of Derby, not too far from the heart of the industrial north of England, a Ministerial Institute was held from August 29th to September 4th for the British Union workers. In bright sunshine, over two hundred servants of the Lord converged upon this interesting city from England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. Official visitors among us were Pastors G. E. Vandeman and A. L. White from the General Conference; and Pastors A. F. Tarr, E. B. Rudge, A. Varmer, and T. J. Bradley from the Division. One or two evangelists from the Continent who had been attending the summer school at Newbold were also able to be present. The institute was ably led by Pastor W. W. Armstrong, the British Union president, and the sweetest fellowship was noticeable among the workers from beginning to end.

Pastor Vandeman, who was with us as the representative of the Ministerial Association from the General Conference, led us in a most refreshing series of talks entitled "Reaching Hearts." His excellent advice in practical soul-winning achievements was greatly appreciated by every worker present. Pastor White brought to us also a series of talks on the Spirit of prophecy in a powerful way and greatly confirmed our belief in the writings of the servant of the Lord. Many of those moments of divine leadership in the early years of this movement were recounted vividly, and we lived again in the days when the audible voice of God's chosen

one was directing and counselling the Advent movement clear away from its dangers.

The devotional periods and prayer seasons were entered into most fully by all the workers, and the keenness with which these meetings were shared was evidenced in the almost one hundred per cent attendance at all of the sessions.

An interesting feature of this institute was the arranging of various panels of workers to discuss and answer difficult Bible problems under the heading of "Can You Explain?" Some of the questions were of the evergreen type, but others were of the more studious kind and undoubtedly the answers gave us real food for thought.

The programme was very carefully planned so as to provide instruction on evangelistic problems, doctrinal problems, and spiritual problems and as the institute came to a close in a beautiful service of revival and communion, all felt that we were going back to our year's work better equipped and in a spirit of deeper reconsecration, than heretofore.

God was certainly with us and the 1951 Derby Institute will go down in the history of the British Isles as one of the most profitable meetings of that nature ever held. From the Division office the greetings and prayers of us all go out to every worker who took part, praying that the outpouring of the Lord's Spirit, which was there in large evidence, will continue and increase until our task is happily finished. T. J. BRADLEY.

GOLD COAST WORKERS' and TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

By D. V. Cowin

MONDAY evening, April 30th, found the church on the campus of the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary at Bekwai, Ashanti, crowded with most of the 160 workers and teachers in the Gold Coast Mission. It was the occasion of the annual ten-day workers' meeting and teachers' institute. These leaders had come by train, by lorry, and on foot from such places in the mission as Nzimaland in the south near Takoradi on the coast, Kete Krachi in the east in Togoland, Tamale in the Moslem country of the northern territories, and Ashanti for the central part.

The writer keynoted the programme of the entire institute period by using as a sermon theme the text, Titus 2:13, 14, which says: "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Pastor P. H. Stearman, acting mission superintendent, and J. C. Vetter, departmental secretary, worked closely together in mapping out the topical arrangement of the various lectures, discussion periods, demonstrations, worship and recreation periods. Invitations to certain specialists were accepted and as a result the training institute was brightened by the presentation of particular topics by District Commissioner A. Bulwinkle, Education Officer C. M. Matê, Principal H. J. Welch, Asst. Principal A. M. Moyer, Girls' School Director Joyce Mohlman, and Education Officer G. H. Davidson.

The report of the mission treasurer was found to be most interesting and brought to light certain very challenging facts. The baptized membership of the mission which was 1,947 in the year 1948 grew to 3,042 at the end of 1950. Similarly, the Sabbath-school membership grew from 7,738 to 10,159. The tithe increased from £3,056 to £4,675. There were found to be over 6,000 persons in the Sabbath-schools who are not baptized. Seventy-seven per cent of the members in the baptismal classes were actually baptized during the year 1950. The mission was divided into ten districts.

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M.V. WORK AT BEKWAI

By H. J. Welch

THE Lord came very near to the workers and students here at Bekwai as we worshipped together in the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer. The programme was especially planned with the youth and children in mind. The services of the entire staff were enlisted for personal work and prayer band leadership. In the college, Assistant Principal A. M. Moyer and I carried the burden of presenting two messages each day. The theme of the series of talks was "Knowing God and His Love." Liberal use was made of the material from the *Church Officers' Gazette*, supplemented with other material as seemed best. Services for the children in the Practice school were conducted by Pastor J. K. Amoah and Headmaster E. K. Mensah.

Before the week had closed all the students in the college and all boarding students in the senior school had given their hearts to the Saviour either for the first time or as a renewal of their consecration. Sins were confessed and wrongs were made right. Many expressed a desire to prepare for baptism. On the last Friday night a praise service was held in which there was rejoicing over victories gained. Sabbath morning the entire church joined with the students and teachers in a reconsecration of life to the service of God. We thank God for the marked presence of His Spirit at this time. Truly we rejoice as we see the fruitage of Christian education in the lives of our youth and children here.

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IT WAS my privilege to be present at a very interesting Investiture Service at Bo, Sierra Leone. This mission field is unique in that it is our one field in West Africa with an African in full charge of the Missionary Volunteer work in the field. Brother

E. V. Watson, M.V. secretary there, had the programme all arranged well in advance of my arrival.

During the processional four Sunbeams, nine Friends, and three Master Guide candidates marched in and took their places. Many good reports had previously come about the fine progress of the M.V. work in Sierra Leone. When the group marched in, one good reason for its success was very apparent—the president of the mission, Pastor E. Keslake, and his wife were both candidates for Master Guide investiture, and his two children were among the ones to receive investiture into lower classes. This keen interest on the part of the field leadership is without doubt one of the factors of the success of the M.V. work. The M.V. secretary had a very fine pro-

gramme arranged with many good talks, stories, and explanations of the work covered in the various classes. Music tactfully interspersed with the other features made a very interesting programme.

Pastor and Mrs. Keslake wore the new suggested uniform for the field. It consisted of an ivory coloured shirt or blouse and light tan trousers or skirt. The trousers had a red cord sewed into the seam. The overseas cap of tan with the red border was worn by Brother Keslake, and Sister Keslake had designed a hat of the same material, but specially designed for the girls. They were very attractive uniforms.

The interesting programme lasted about one hour and was brought to a close by the very appropriate hymn, "Thy way, not mine, O Lord," and the benediction.



Group attending the Asmara, Eritrea, Colporteur Institute.

IN MISSION LANDS

FROM Pastor G. D. King comes the following word: "You will probably be interested in the enclosed pictures sent us from Ethiopia by Brother W. S. Jensen of the colporteur groups attending the Asmara, Eritrea, and the Akaki, Ethiopia, Colporteur Institutes. As you know, in addition to his work as secretary-treasurer, Brother Jensen has been appointed publishing secretary for the Ethiopian Union and is endeavouring to get the colporteur work well established. Brother Jensen writes as follows: 'We have had very good

institutes both at Asmara and Akaki. In Asmara we had thirty colporteurs and in Akaki thirty-six, and the Lord blessed in a rich measure.'

"Brother Jensen goes on to say that the colporteurs who have been working in Addis Ababa have had great success, and if all the workers throughout the union were to do as well, the stock of five thousand books would soon run out. It certainly is encouraging to know that in that field this good start has been made and that there are such splendid prospects before this important aspect of our denominational programme in Ethiopia."

NEWS FLASH

PASTOR A. F. TARR who is at present in America attending the Fall Council, plans to return to headquarters on November 19th. The Division committee will be in session from November 26th to December 4th.

Pastor G. E. Nord of Denver, Colorado, U.S.A., who for many years served as president of the East Nordic Union and who was Home Missionary secretary for the Northern European Division at the outbreak of the war, has been visiting the Scandinavian field. He was invited by the Hultafors Sanitarium in Sweden to attend its twenty-fifth anniversary early in September. Elder Nord laboured untiringly for the erection of this institution

and was a powerful force behind it for many years. Pastor Nord returns to America in November.

Brother Alf Karlman, Division auditor, left for Ethiopia on October 15th and will be away for about a month.

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REMEMBER

THAT the WEEK OF SACRIFICE this year coincides with the WEEK OF PRAYER. Let all make the most of this important week. We need the power of God as never before in order to be able to do the great work that lies ahead of us. We also need to have a sacrificial spirit so that we may give to the uttermost to make possible a much greater work. God uses men—He also uses our means. We ask every worker in every conference and institution to honour God with a week's salary when the offering is taken up on November 24th, the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer and Sacrifice. G. A. LINDSAY.



Section of Group attending the Institute.

Gold Coast Institute

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There were 38 day schools being conducted with an enrolment of more than 2,500 pupils. More than 50 branch Sabbath-schools were in operation.

Words of genuine appreciation were often heard, for the officers of the college had made their facilities for housing and food service available, without reservation, in order to care for the large group of guests.

The end of the training period came all too quickly. One by one the workers wended their way back to the separate stations after offering prayers of determination to accomplish even greater things for God in the new year.

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British Ingathering — Highest Ever

WE HAVE just completed the final figures for our Ingathering Campaign and are thrilled to report another record achievement. During the five weeks of April 29th to June 2nd over sixty per cent of our entire membership took part in the door-to-door collection. The percentage would have been higher except for government regulations which prohibit young people under sixteen, and in some areas under eighteen, from taking part. Year by year we have rejoiced to see the loyal co-operation of the members and the very faithful service given by many who might well have excused themselves because of age or infirmity.

In this field almost the whole amount collected comes in small donations of sixpence or less. Occasionally there are gifts of 10/- or £1, but these are exceptional. Our goal of £5 per churchmember—which means about £9 per actual col-

lector—calls on an average, for fifteen to twenty hours of active collecting by those helping in the work. To this must often be added as many hours again in reaching the territory. It is, therefore, with deep gratitude to God that we report the final figures for the fields below.

Despite a slightly shorter campaign time—just five weeks in all—this represents a *gain* of £1,093. 15s. 7d., and also a slightly higher per capita than in 1950.

It would be impossible to tell of the many remarkable individual achievements. We would mention, however, that no less than 371 individuals collected £20 or more. Of these sixty-one gathered in over £50, eight over £100, and four others over £150 each. For such loyal service we thank God, for "this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

E. R. WARLAND.

	TOTAL			PER CAPITA		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
South England Conference	16,982	15	4	4	14	0
North England Conference	12,603	0	10	6	7	8
Welsh Mission	2,755	11	6	6	0	1
Scottish Mission	2,227	2	3	6	3	9
Northern Ireland Mission	1,279	13	3	8	0	0
British Union, Total	35,848	3	2	5	8	7

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