

# THE BRITISH UNION REPORT

Presented at the Winter Council, 1951



WHEN I gave my report at the Skodsborg council in 1950 I had been only two months in the leadership of the British Union Conference, and consequently could not speak from first-hand knowledge. Since

then I have been able to travel extensively throughout the British Union, and have become better acquainted with the field. I can now, therefore, report more authoritatively regarding the progress of the work.

### FINANCE

Financially, last year showed good increases in tithes and mission offerings as follows:

	1950	1951	Increase
Tithe	£83,351	£87,279	£3,928
Offerings	£15,285	£17,018	£1,733
Ingathering	£34,754	£35,848	£1,094

### MEMBERSHIP

During last year, 609 members were added by baptism, vote, and transfer, but when deaths, apostasies, and transfers have been accounted for, the net increase is 131. Deaths have been exceptionally heavy and are more than the apostasies. Our present membership stands at 6,797.

### CHURCH BUILDINGS

The following church buildings have been acquired during 1951:

*South England:* Stroud, and Wimbledon which is being rebuilt after its destruction by enemy action.

*North England:* York, Derby, Coventry.

*Scotland:* Dundee.

*Wales:* Rhyl.

Only 50 per cent of our churches are adequately housed. This is one of the "black spots" in the union, and we must remedy it as soon as possible. We have already planned for a number of church buildings and a youth hall to be erected or purchased during 1952.

### MEDICAL

We are glad to report that the Stanboroughs Hydro is getting "out of the wood." The patronage last year was steady, and showed a considerable improvement on the previous year. We are thankful to the General Conference for a gift of ten thousand dollars which has enabled the management to go ahead with the redecoration of both the interior and exterior of the building. A food hoist is in the process of being installed from the kitchen to the first floor, and certain space has been converted into further modern bedrooms with bathrooms attached.

We were very pleased to have a visit from Dr. Flaiz, who expressed his appreciation of the good work that has been done in this institution during the past year. We need to attract the better classes to the Hydro, but in order to do this we must add considerably to the present amenities. This

will be a matter for our further attention in the near future.

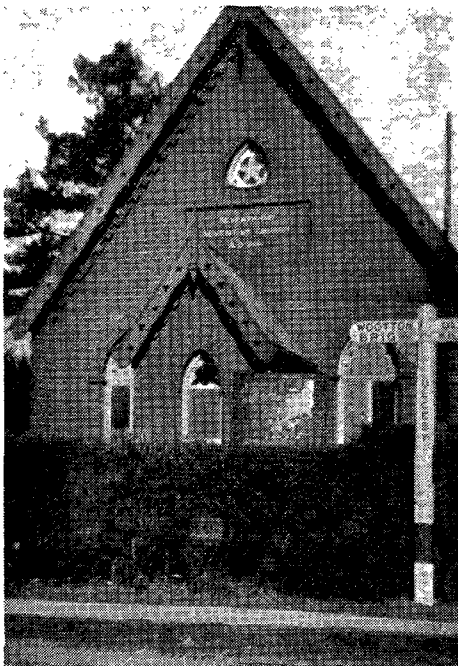
We are pleased to have Miss K. W. Whiteside, S.R.N., S.C.M., in our midst as matron of the Hydro. We feel sure that this institution will profit from her long and varied experience in hospital nursing and administration.

### RANELAGH HEALTH INSTITUTE

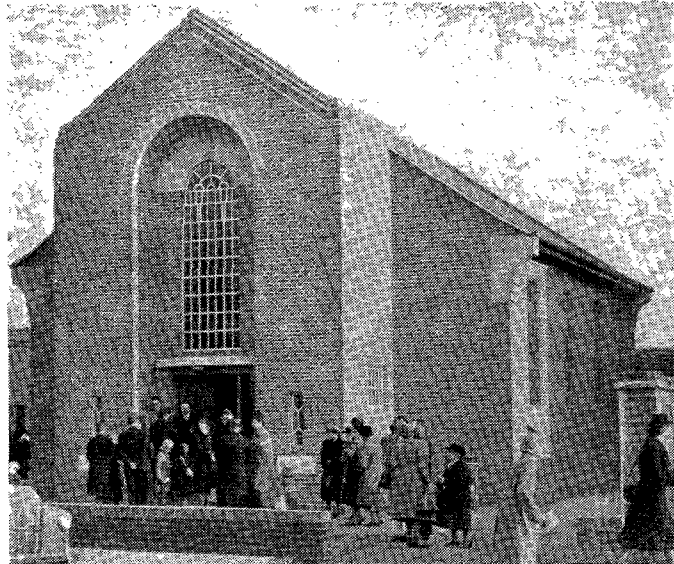
The Ranelagh Health Institute in Eire is already showing signs of fulfilling the purpose for which it was formed. Toward the end of 1951 special advertising was made to bring this institute before the notice of the public. We are happy to report it has produced remarkable results, bringing a considerably increased patronage. All patients are given a free copy of the *Good Health* magazine, and the *Signs of the Times* if they will accept it. Three patients are taking the Bible Correspondence Course and 1,300 enrolment cards have been sent out.

### HEALTH FOOD INSTITUTIONS

Late in 1951 G. E. Adair, manager of Granose Foods Ltd., left England to return to Australia, on account of his wife's health. We wish to place on record our appreciation of his sincere and energetic work while with us. He is succeeded by G. E. Norris who has had long experience in our health food work here and overseas.



*Left: Our first church in Britain, built and organized in 1885 in the village of Ulceby, near Grimsby. Sister White laboured here for some time and frequent mention is made of her in the old church log book.*

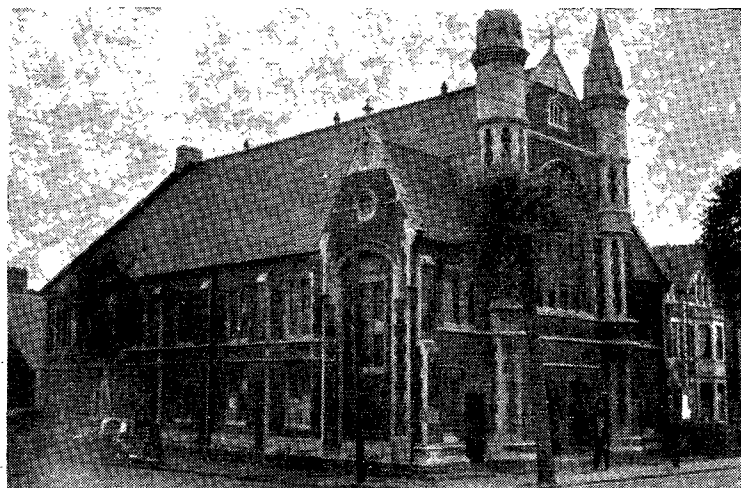


*Right: Our latest church in Wimbledon, dedicated on January 12, 1952.*

We are pleased to report a total sales figure of £97,948 for 1951 which is £15,818 in excess of the total sales for 1950. The management has already set as a goal for 1952 a total sales figure of £120,000. The increase last year is largely due to the direct van sales service. It is hoped to put an additional van on the road this year, thus making a total of five, all of which will operate in the London area.

**EDINBURGH SHOP AND CAFE**

This infant enterprise is growing fast and has a good influence in the locality. In 1951, 38,952 main meals and 19,121 subsidiary meals were served.



*St. Paul's Church, Cardiff, Wales.*

*This beautiful edifice was acquired in October, 1950.*

**LITERATURE WORK**

Here again we have splendid progress to report. The Stanborough Press Ltd. sells its publications in the home field and also overseas to such fields as Jamaica, British Guiana, Leeward Islands, British Honduras, India, and South Africa, as well as the mission fields within our own Division. In 1951 there was a total sales increase of £14,104 over the preceding year, or an increase of 24 per cent; also 118,709 books and 1,008,416 periodicals were sold. The work of this institution is increasing so much that it will be necessary in the near future to have more floor space and additional modern machinery.

We are glad to have a manager in The Stanborough Press who is definitely interested in evangelism. The art department of the publishing house has provided splendid designs in handbills for the evan-

gelists. Without question they have been a big aid in attracting larger audiences to our evangelistic campaigns.

The splendid work of our colporteurs is shown in the following figures:

	1950	1951	Inc.
Number of Colporteurs	98	114	16
Total Sales	£68,958	£83,062	£14,104
V.O.P. Enrolments	35	40	5
Souls Won	23	28	5

**EDUCATIONAL**

Again this year we can report that good work has been done at Newbold Missionary College and an excellent spirit prevails. In June last year the largest graduation in the history of the school took place. The class comprised eleven ministerial graduates, ten Bible instructors, and five teachers, making a total of twenty-six.

We are planning that the present system of aiding some needy students with cash shall cease. Instead, work of various kinds will be considerably increased. Already a number of profitable industries have been established, and plans are afoot for their expansion. The number of scholarships earned by the students last year was twenty-eight as compared with twenty-one in 1950.

One of our immediate tasks is to raise the College to senior status. The two problems before us are, however: (1) obtaining suitable housing for the faculty and staff, and (2) the erection of a suitable administrative block. Considerable repairs, decorations, and furnishings should be carried out at once.

**STANBOROUGH SECONDARY AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

The school at Stanborough Park is in

a healthy condition, although there is a need for better equipment, and a number of alterations and improvements should be made. Seventy-seven Adventist youth and children attend this school. Five of the young men who passed their final examinations last year are now continuing their education at Newbold College.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

Four other church schools in the South England Conference are in operation. It is expected that the first church school in the North England Conference will soon be opened, at Leeds.

EVANGELISM

Let us take a review of the fields within our union and note the kind of work that is being done in evangelism.

First a look at Wales where the work moves a little more slowly than in some fields. Our valiant members are scattered here and there in the hills and valleys. I rejoice to report that our workers there in the Principality are showing a keen evangelistic spirit and are putting their best into the work. In Cardiff, where Pastor D. J. Handysides is working, a first baptism of twenty-three has been conducted.

Turning to Ireland we find two mission fields. We would like to put on record our appreciation of the good work that Pastor A. J. Mustard did during his stay there. He has now left for service in West Africa, and in his place Pastor O. M. Dorland has accepted the leadership of the Irish fields. He is living in Belfast, instead of Dublin, as the larger part of our work is in the north of Ireland. One has to live in Ireland to understand the nature of the opposition experienced. It is very difficult to obtain halls, and the experience of the workers has often been that when they get a moderately good audience together, the people do not return subsequently because of the prejudiced statements made from other pulpits. Nevertheless I am glad to say that good contacts are being made and a number of Bible studies are being conducted in the homes of the people.

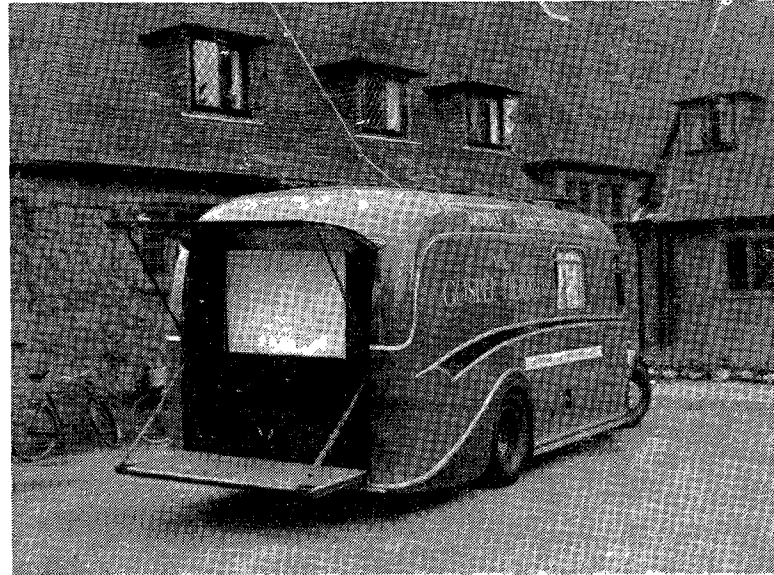
In Eire we have only one church, in the city of Dublin. Some good contacts have been made through the Bible Correspondence School known as the Christian Culture Correspondence Course, but the difficulty is that although the lessons may be studied, no test papers are returned. Pastor W. G. Nicholson, who is working in this city, is of good courage and is considering the possibility of running a public campaign right in this Catholic centre, al-

though he is aware of the nature of the opposition which will arise. Our confidence rests in the promise given us through the servant of the Lord that when the church puts on Christ's righteousness, it will receive power to cut its way through every barrier and obstacle.

Scotland, the third of our mission fields, is a land which has a splendid religious history, but unfortunately this fine spirit is on the decline especially in the big towns. We are happy to report that a splendid

campaign was held in Dundee, which largely contributed to the increased membership last year. Last autumn four young men began conducting their first efforts. One is having a regular attendance of about 150. Pastor T. S. Brash is breaking new ground in Ayrshire. The leadership of the Scottish Mission has recently been taken by Pastor B. F. Kinman who has spent many successful years in the north of England as an evangelist.

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The mobile unit open at the back for film projection and Gospel services.

## Mobile Evangelistic Unit in Gt. Britain

A NEW evangelistic plan has been put into operation here in the British Union. For some years we have been considering the construction of a mobile evangelistic unit which would operate especially in the smaller towns and villages of the rural areas. Lack of funds has prevented our carrying out this project until recently, when a generous donation of £1,500 was made by one of our members.

We are pleased to say that on September 9, 1951, we were able to dedicate this unit, and since that time it has been going from city to city where evangelistic campaigns are in progress.

The unit is equipped with living quarters for two, with all modern facilities. It also has an amplifying system, and a talkie film projection unit.

The way in which the unit has been used up to the present is as follows: It is parked in some convenient spot, and a

talkie film is run. At a convenient moment in the running of the film, the sound track is cut out and a voice advertising the local campaign meetings is heard. In this way our evangelistic services are advertised in an interesting way.

As soon as the spring comes we are planning to send this unit into one of the larger rural areas of Great Britain, to be connected with Voice of Prophecy spearhead campaigns in the small towns and villages. The unit will cover a limited circuit so that the same places can be visited several times. We believe this method will help us to evangelize areas which up to the present have had little attention, apart from that of the faithful colporteur. As money becomes available we hope to obtain more such units.

It is our earnest prayer that full advantage may be taken of the increased facilities we have to-day for the proclamation of the good news. W. W. ARMSTRONG.

Turning to North England our first thought is of the many large industrial cities which work in coal and iron and abound in smoke and grime. Nineteen million people are crowded into these cities. We have a few large churches in this conference, but the membership is found in many towns, making it necessary for a wide pastoral work to be done. Nevertheless I am pleased to report that the new president, Pastor J. H. Bayliss and his committee, are tackling this big problem very realistically, and they have made good plans for working many of the large cities in the next five years. At the present moment fourteen campaigns are in progress, but if ever we are to finish the work in these thickly populated centres, there must be much more help forthcoming.

As we turn to the South of England, our first thoughts are for the great metropolis of London. One section, with over three million people, has never had a campaign, and no Adventist lives there. London is a great problem. It has hardly been touched. No wonder Sister White said there should be one hundred workers in London where now there is one. We are grateful to the General Conference for the regular appropriation which has been given for the work there.

The largest campaign now being conducted is at Ipswich under the leadership of Pastor S. G. Hyde. At his nineteenth meeting 700 people were present. There are thirteen other campaigns in progress in the South England Conference.

A meeting of the evangelists in this Conference was held last year under the chairmanship of Pastor J. A. McMillan. It was wonderful to see how they responded to the appeal that Christ be preached more fully in the presentation of doctrine. I felt a new day had dawned as I saw how eager were these brethren to present a Spirit-filled message to the multitudes.

Evangelism is being vigorously prosecuted everywhere. At the present thirty-six campaigns are in progress. We are somewhat disappointed that the same amount of advertising to-day only attracts one-third of the number of people that it used to do before the war.

New and better ways must be found in attracting the public to the message they need and must hear.

One encouraging feature in the work of the evangelists is the number of conversions to Christ that are being seen. At one campaign I attended in London, the subject for the evening was entirely the story of the cross. A strong appeal was made at the close of the service for those who

wished to give themselves to Christ for the first time to stand. It was a moving sight to see people from every part of the large audience come forward and fill the first three or four rows of seats of that theatre. I believe this is the kind of work that needs to be attempted everywhere more than it is.

A number of our experienced evangelists were called to other lines of service or to other fields in 1951. They have been replaced, of course, by younger workers, and we are glad to say that most of the graduates of 1951, offering themselves for service, are now in the work.

There is a splendid group of young evangelists in this Union who are keen on their work and have considerable capabilities. But they need training for big city work and because of this we made earnest appeals for two experienced city evangelists to come into our midst so that these young workers may learn more fully the secrets of successful soul-winning. This is one of our great needs.

The picture of evangelism would not be complete without referring to the splendid work that is being done by the Bible Correspondence School. The enrolments for 1951 numbered 2,507, as against 1,827 for 1950. Of this number 726 came as the result of the radio programme. This is far more than double the number of radio contacts made the previous year. The test papers marked and graded in 1951 were 36,000 compared with 31,000 the previous year or an average of 700 per week compared with 600 per week in 1950. Baptisms for 1951 number 145. During the past two years 296 baptisms have resulted from this branch of evangelism.

New and better lessons have recently been prepared and we believe they are making a greater appeal. We are deeply grateful to God for the success of the work of this School and know it has a bright future.

I wish to refer to the wonderful workers' meeting held at Derby last year. Seldom has such unity of heart and purpose been seen. All left the council with the determination to do their best and to finish the work in Great Britain under the control of the Holy Spirit.

The times in which we live are ominous but the expressions of alarm heard everywhere should not move us. Our duty is to establish our hearts in faith and to be patient, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. In no way must we permit the paralyzing fear which is creeping over the world to find lodgment within our hearts. The hour has come when deep confidence

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## Do not miss the 1952 Summer Session

Newbold Missionary College



### SUMMER SCHOOL CAN BE FUN!

July 8th to September 2nd

**M**OST young people, having spent the winter in the classroom, would groan in the spirit, and audibly as well, at any suggestion of spending the summer there also. But for those who want to improve their efficiency in the use of English, a vacation period spent at Newbold College can be an exciting adventure in discovery.

Each summer upward of fifty young people from all quarters of Europe and North Africa gather at this school for specialized instruction in English for non-English students. In addition to the pleasant park-like atmosphere of the campus and its environs, group trips are made to places of historic and cultural interest which abound in the English countryside.

One cannot imagine a summer school, with all of its educational advantages, under pleasanter circumstances. If there is a "royal road to learning" it must run through Newbold College in summertime.

A postal card addressed to

The Principal,  
Newbold Missionary College,  
Bracknell, Berks., England,

will bring you all the details. Space is limited, so do not delay. You might be disappointed.

L. MARK HAMILTON.

# Firsts in the Ivory Coast

By G. M. Ellstrom, *President*

ABOUT 150 miles by car and a little over nine miles by jungle trail took us to our camp-meeting grounds. A well-constructed shelter of palm branches provided us with a very comfortable outdoor auditorium. Across the back of this improvised meeting-place as well as across the main village street were draped small banners made with the French national colours—red, white, and blue. We were welcome, and this was further emphasized by the comfortable accommodation provided for us as well as the abundance of good fruit.

A camp-meeting is the most important event of the year to the majority of our believers in the Ivory Coast. Many of them came 150 miles by lorry to attend. In spite of breakdowns and trouble along the way, all were happy during our three full days of camp-meeting services—even the local members who had to provide the food and shelter for all the visitors.

The days were full of overflowing with activity. Singing and marching up and down the village street began at 4 a.m. We missed some sleep, but had a glorious time.

All told, the attendance at the Sabbath service was 263. Not a large group perhaps, but the largest in the Ivory Coast up to this time and a group that made up for its small size by its enthusiasm. All were happy and they expressed their joy in song. During the meetings and between them there was singing such as you could never forget. An eight-piece band furnished us with good Christian music and lent enthusiasm to the singing and marching.

*The first church in the Ivory Coast.*

*In front of the neat little church building are the newly appointed officers.*



This was not the first camp-meeting, but a camp-meeting of firsts nevertheless. The church group at Yoroporia, where the meeting was held, was organized with a charter membership of twenty-five, the first organized church in this field.

Another first was the Investiture service held. The enthusiasm of this service will lead many more to join the Progressive Classes, so this is just the beginning of far greater things that will be done among the youth in the Ivory Coast.

There were twenty-two members added to the Mission through baptism. The tithes and offerings were the highest ever yet received.

We were happy to have with us D. V. Cowin, union departmental secretary, and also J. R. Buzenet who had just arrived to join the working force in the Ivory Coast. Their timely sermons and good counsel were greatly appreciated. We felt well repaid for having attended and are

looking forward to a greater and better camp-meeting in 1952.

## IVORY COAST MISSION BAPTISM

By D. V. Cowin

*Departmental Secretary, W.A. Union*

GATHERED together on December 8th, at the pretty little native Adventist church at Yoroporia in the Ivory Coast Mission were several hundred Adventists. The men, women, and children had come from the churches and companies throughout the field by foot, cycle, and lorry. Thus they were joined together in their annual five-day camp-meeting. It was a blessed occasion and a time of spiritual feasting and fellowship with one another.

On Sabbath afternoon the programme was climaxed with the baptism of twenty-five faithful men and women. A long line of persons led by pastors and candidates, wended their way from the camp-meeting booth through the tall forest to the village water-hole. All were singing hymns as they walked along. Several days before, the church leader, Jock, had dammed up the small stream in order to make ready a place for this most important church activity. It was an inspiring sight to see the believers standing in reverence around this font.

Pastor G. M. Ellstrom, the mission superintendent, led the way down into the water, and there where the rays of the sun shone through the trees upon him he

*The baptism of the members of the first church in the Ivory Coast.*

*A scene that brings great rejoicing to the missionary's heart.*





Members of the first organized church in the Ivory Coast.

stood. One by one the men and women came down to be buried in a watery grave. Softly, the large group of natives sang in their own tongues the hymns which are so appropriate on an occasion like this.

It was fitting that the entire group returned to the small church where the newly baptized persons were voted into the church and where the right hand of fellowship was extended to them.



## WEST AFRICAN YOUTH HAVE ANOTHER FIRST

By D. V. Cowin  
*M.V. Secretary, West African Union*

IT all began in November, 1950, when Pastor and Mrs. G. M. Ellstrom returned to the Ivory Coast Mission to lead the work there. They had served previously in that field and because of their deep interest in the needy people they willingly went back when asked.

Among the most urgent problems which faced them when they arrived in Abidjan was one involving the reclaiming and winning of the young people. In short, it was a question of leading out and of training in proper youth activities.

One might be tempted, under such circumstances, to suggest that our denomination has a wealth of material and plans for the youth, and that it is to be had in printed form. But that counsel, even though very good, did not solve the problem in the Ivory Coast, for the basic language is French, and the material available is limited. Only a very few of the

youth speak French, and fewer still read it. The native tongues in our churches are mainly Deeda, Bowli, Anye, and Abria. Very little, if any, printed material is available in any of these tongues. The people are almost entirely illiterate.

This all added up to the fact that the youth must be taught by word of mouth, in French, and then by translation, immediately into the native vernacular, if they were to know about the Adventist principles of youth leadership.

Brother and Sister Ellstrom set to work at once to conduct youth social activities. They began also to teach the M.V. Progressive Class work. This was just what the natives wanted and all worked with enthusiasm.

There came to this field next Evangelist D. K. Amponsah from the Gold Coast, who was most enthusiastic about every phase of the M.V. programme. Immediately upon arrival at the little church at Tienekro, he began to train a group of children, youth, and parents. Oh, how these native people loved to study the flowers, to tie knots, do the memory work, and to hear the Reading Course books read and translated for them.

Then it was announced that the Ivory Coast Mission would hold its first M.V. Investiture at the time of the annual campmeeting. The place was to be the Seventh-day Adventist church at Yoroporia. When the day came it was most interesting to see the little groups here and there reviewing their parts for the programme. Several women in the groups were native mothers and carried their babies on their backs.

The writer joined Pastor Ellstrom in the rapidly moving programme of the after-

noon when most of the requirements of the classes were explained to the attentive audience. Twenty young folk were invested, and as the insignia was pinned on, the torch of the M.Vs. was passed to each one. It was a solemn ceremony as each one accepted the charge which was given. Then all was over.

It had been done again. Another first had been marked up for the M.Vs. in the West African Union. There had been first camps, first rallies, first congresses, and first investitures in the fields of the union. There had been a first investiture of 1,000 persons. This day produced another first—the first Investiture ever to be held in the Ivory Coast Mission. And so the programme for the winning of youth moves steadily onward in this great field of opportunity.



## BEKWAI STIRRED BY ADVENT YOUTH

By D. Y. Asante, *Teacher*

DECEMBER 8, 1951, saw an impressive parade of Advent youth through the town of Bekwai, Gold Coast.

For many years the Adventist church in the town has received no recognition from the people, but has always been considered a group of ignorant and backward people. Its development in membership has, therefore, been very gradual indeed.

But the little company living on a hill about a quarter of a mile away from the town is not ashamed to lift up the banner of Emmanuel, the King of kings. The Lord Himself gave us the admonition before He ascended into heaven: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Matt. 5:14. In accordance with this instruction, small though we be in numbers, we are truly shining that the people round us may see, and so glorify the Father above. This parade of Advent youth was a strong challenge to the low estimate the people had placed on us.

To J. K. Amoah belongs the credit of the success of the action. He has set ablaze all the churches with the M.V. spirit, and the cry now is for student-teachers from our training school to push ahead the Progressive Classes which are all well under way. Our thanks go also to Miss Mohlmann who bore the heaviest part of the teaching and the making of the uniforms.

Advent Youth on the march in the town of Bekwai, Gold Coast.



Earlier, at the Bekwai camp-meeting held at Dominasi, a similar parade had been arranged in which no less than a thousand youth took part. This was the first parade of its kind in the district and it made a deep impression on all. Distinguished personages participating were J. C. Vetter, Gold Coast M.V. and Sabbath-school secretary, Mr. Adusei, our Paris delegate, Miss Mohlmann, Mrs. Welch, H. J. Welch, principal of the Bekwai Training School, A. J. Mustard, our mission president, and several visitors from the union. That every member present felt he was sharing his faith was indicated by the high enthusiasm with which we sang, "Jesus Is Coming Again."

The Bekwai parade was a sequel to the one at Dominasi. Members who took part exceeded 350. Upward of twenty Master Guides were present. Our banner, "We Share Our Faith," was borne in front and immediately following were Miss Mohlmann, Mrs. Welch, and Pastor Amoah, who marched as veritable soldiers of Christ.

The town was all excitement and crowds of people thronged the streets to watch this unusual spectacle. Applause resounded and praise flowed freely from every lip. When the Companions, who consisted mostly of ladies, gained the streets, the enthusiasm of the crowds ran high. Many paid great tribute to the smartness, orderliness, and the uniforms, while others thought we were only comparable to the army. There was only one difference: Whereas the army belongs to an earthly king, we belong to King Jesus.

And so for nearly two long hours the whole of the town was invaded by the Volunteers for Christ. Everyone heard the message borne by our song, "Jesus Is Coming Again."

Toward sundown we left the town for

our barracks on the hill, followed by a large concourse of people who were loathe to leave us.

After the singing of a hymn and a prayer by I. K. Ansong, asking that the Lord might bless the M.V. organization in its endeavour to win souls, this grand occasion came to a close.



### British Union Report

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in God, in His truth and in each other must strengthen our service. Before us in Great Britain is a gigantic task, for fifty million people await the enlightening message. And the hour is late—very late. Soon we may be embroiled in war of the most horrible kind which will paralyze all normal effort. To-day is not only the time for preparation but for doing great things for God. His power is illimitable and awaits our demand. We must stand prepared for its immediate reception. "Be ye ready," is the keyword for to-day. I believe hundreds are earnestly praying for great things to be done in these isles. May faithful toil bring a speedy answer to these prayers. One text comes forcibly to my mind: "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for Me?" Jer. 32:27. We may all feel the weakness of the flesh and comprehend the magnitude of the task before us, but it is for us to experience now that through weakness God can and will make His power evident. Nothing shall confound us. W. W. ARMSTRONG.



### Search Diligently

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if each worker earnestly would search them out. "Search diligently for perishing souls."

May God bless the Spring Ingathering Campaign to this end.

## SEARCH DILIGENTLY FOR PERISHING SOULS

By Axel Varmer

THE month of May is Ingathering time in the British and Netherland Unions. Ingathering means literally, "gathering in." In our work it is a term which we use to explain a gathering in of funds and of souls.

Thank God, funds are but a means to an end. Each year many precious souls find their way to Christ in lands afar as well as in the homeland.

The good hand of our God has been upon us in our Ingathering of money for God's cause on earth. Last year the British Union collected more than \$102,000, or a little more than two-fifths of the total amount for the Northern European Division. That means about \$15.09 per church-member. Since the war, 1951 was the best year in the Netherland Union, with a total of \$6,786.

Nehemiah faced a tremendous task, but "he did not depend on uncertainties. The means which he lacked he solicited from those who were able to bestow." The Lord has shown us the very same way to procure the means for our expanding worldwide missionary work.

Our Ingathering is but half done if we show concern only for the money. Every donor has a soul to be saved, and soul-winning should be uppermost in our minds while working.

#### HOW IT CAN BE DONE!

1. Every solicitor should be equipped with pencil and paper, ready to write down the names of interested people.
2. The most fruitful method of following up these interested people is by personal contact, and the best person to make the contact is the one who paid the first visit.
3. In making a return visit, take some appropriate tracts, papers, or books.
4. Follow-up work can also be done by mail, with a year's subscription to the union missionary periodical.
5. The distribution of enrolment invitations to the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, either by hand or by mail, is an excellent follow-up method.

In every home visited in the Ingathering Campaign, where even the slightest interest is manifested, a Voice of Prophecy card should be left.

Many more souls might be gathered in  
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# NEWS FLASH

THE president of our Division, A. F. Tarr, returned to the office on March 20th after an extended visit to Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Denmark.

Members of the office staff who have been out in the field recently include G. A. Lindsay, who has been visiting in the Scandinavian countries, and L. Mark Hamilton and E. B. Rudge, who have been visiting Ethiopia and Eritrea. These brethren are back in the office once again.

On February 19th, E. L. Minchin left London for West Africa, where he will spend several weeks visiting throughout that Union in the interests of the Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath-school Departments.

Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Flaiz reached London on March 4th on their way home to the U.S.A. Dr. Flaiz has been on an extensive visit to the Near East, and included in his itinerary were visits to Ethiopia and West Africa, where his counsel on medical problems has been much appreciated.

A recent visitor to Division headquarters was G. M. Ellstrom who, with Sister Ellstrom and son, Mervyn Lee, is proceeding home to the U.S.A. on furlough. Pastor Ellstrom is the superintendent of the Ivory Coast Mission, West Africa.

G. Berglund, recently appointed to the editorship of our church papers in Sweden, was a welcome visitor to this office on March 3rd. Pastor Berglund is on his way to spend a few months in special study at the Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

Rose Reuer, under appointment to the Zauditu Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa, paid a brief visit to London on her way to her new field of labour. Miss Reuer is to assist in the training school for nurses at our hospital in Addis Ababa. We welcome Miss Reuer to our mission family and feel confident that she will find an excellent field for service in her new location.

During the recent annual meeting of the Ethiopian Union Mission, committee actions were taken recommending for ordination Lester Rasmussen and Hugo Palm. Lester Rasmussen was set apart to the Gospel ministry at the Kubana Mission church, Addis Ababa, on Sabbath, February 9th, and Hugo Palm was ordained before a large group of interested people in our church at the Gimbie Mission on February 12th.

Erling Bjaanes, missionary from Ethiopia, left England together with his family for the U.S.A. on February 19th. Pastor Bjaanes is to spend several months at the Theological Seminary during his furlough period.

It will be welcome news to all the readers of the NORTHERN LIGHT, that the London University has conferred the degree of Doctor

of Philosophy on Philip Schuil, the principal of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological School, Huis ter Heide, Netherlands. The subject of the thesis that Pastor Schuil had written was, "The Seventeenth-Century German Protestant Hymn and its place in religious life and literary relations of Germany and England." We congratulate Pastor Schuil on this achievement and wish him God's blessing as he is devoting his life and service to the education of the Adventist youth.

## LONDON

THE greatest evangelistic plan in the history of the work in Great Britain is under way. The desire of decades is to become a reality. This autumn great London, with its nine million people, is to be attacked, evangelistically, from a central vantage point. The faith of the promoters visualizes the filling of the chosen rendezvous twice every Sunday night. The evangelist will be Elder G. E. Vandeman from the General Conference Ministerial Association, and he will be assisted by Pastor T. J. Bradley and a team of twenty-five workers drawn from every part of the British Isles. Behind the ministers and Bible instructors is a loyal, willing, and praying membership, who have already pledged themselves to distribute half a million of the newly designed Voice of Prophecy cards during the month of March. As the result of this missionary work we expect the staff of the Bible School to be faced with the problem of coping with an anticipated enrolment of perhaps 10,000 pupils, who should be "ripe" to attend the public campaign when it opens later in the year.

Naturally such a programme has called for heavy sacrifices on the part of all. Every conference and mission is contributing to the finances of the campaign, and The Stanborough Press and Granose Foods have made a handsome gift of £1,000 each. The College is rearranging its programme so that staff and students can join in two rally days for the distribution of cards in London. All are in the circle of fellowship for service. The whole undertaking, however, grows in immensity almost to the point of impossibility, the more one considers it. Our only hope rests in the complete consecration of all of God's people and their utter dependence upon the Holy Spirit to awaken and convict the great heart of London of its need for the Gospel message for to-day. We earnestly request your constant prayers in this great venture for God. W. W. ARMSTRONG.

Bjarne Röst, assistant Medical secretary of the West Nordic Union, has been spending some weeks in Denmark holding temperance rallies. He reports good attendances at these meetings.

The Tromsø Clinic is nearing completion now and the first patients are soon to move in. However, the official opening of the clinic will take place later in the year. As a result of the establishment of this clinic there is a growing interest in our health principles in Norway.

A CABLE message from Oslo, Norway, has just brought us the sad news that Pastor P. G. Nelson passed away suddenly on Tuesday, March 4th. The funeral was held on March 10th in Oslo.

This message came as a shock to us all. Pastor Nelson had just returned from the West Nordic Union auditing meetings in Skodsborg, and while there he showed no indication of being in ill health.

Pastor Nelson was fifty-eight years old when he passed away, and he has been a very active and faithful worker in the cause for many years. He has served as Bible teacher, editor, conference president, and until recently has been the president of the West Nordic Union for twelve years. Since the last union conference session Pastor Nelson has been connected with Onsrud Missionary Training School in Norway, as principal.

The cause has sustained a great loss in the passing away of Pastor Nelson. Our hearts go out in sympathy to Pastor Nelson's dear companion, and to his daughter, who are now left to mourn the heavy loss.

In the next issue of the NORTHERN LIGHT an obituary will appear.

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