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WEST AFRICA — *Progress and Promise*

By G. D. King

AN ITINERARY of nine weeks' duration throughout West Africa can be both an exhausting and exhilarating experience. To revisit a territory which one knew thirty years ago and to see the development and progress that has taken place in so many phases of life, is indeed an amazing revelation. It is true to say that in West Africa today, great developments in education, health service, and industry, have taken place and have almost revolutionized the whole field.

Our mission programme throughout the whole West African Union, gives one the impression that we have entered upon that period spoken of in the Spirit of prophecy when the "final movements" shall "be rapid ones." It has been my privilege during these recent weeks to visit every mission field throughout the union with the exception of Northern Nigeria, which I visited just over two years ago. The total impression that has been left upon my mind as I look back upon the itinerary in East and West Nigeria, in the Gold Coast, in Sierra Leone, in Liberia, and the Ivory Coast, is that the Lord is greatly blessing the witness of His servants and that a rich harvest is not only now being gathered in, but that the potentialities for greater ingathering and a fuller development of our work are tremendous.

It is, of course, impossible in a short article to crystallize in detail these impressions that have been received, but there are certain definite developments which are factual proof that the harvest days for West Africa are right upon us. There is

today in Africa a great upsurge of educational desire and the local governments in almost every territory are striving most earnestly to meet this, by providing educational facilities hitherto considered impossible.

This has faced the mission societies not only with a great opportunity, but with a tremendous responsibility to meet the urgent demands as soon as possible. As never before, the educational departments of the various governments, are looking to mission societies to provide educational facilities in all parts of their territory. To a large extent this is also true of the medical service, and the opportunities for developing hospitals and clinics are pressing in upon us with such rapid succession,

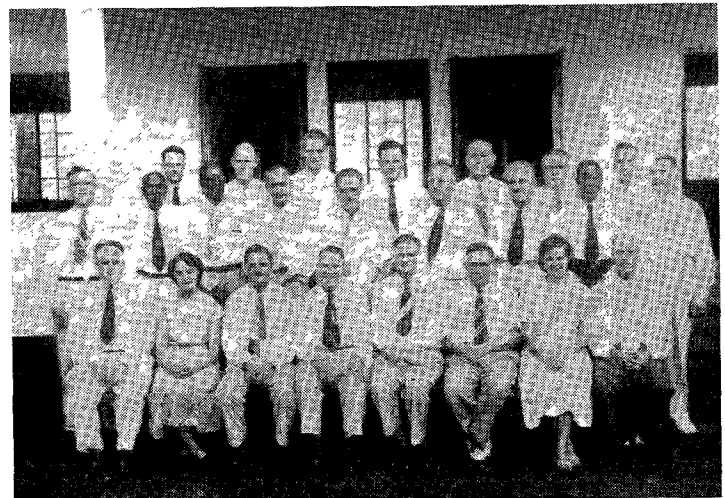
that it seems impossible to cope with the demand.

So as far as our own work is concerned, there is in every field throughout West Africa a pressing problem of stepping into the open doors which are presented to us and, in many instances, it is encouraging to note that the local inhabitants are desirous of securing Seventh-day Adventist attention to the needs in preference to others that might be available. Consequently there is a double urgency that our programme should be "stepped up" in such a way as to reap the harvest that now awaits us for the finishing of the work in this important and interesting territory.

The visits to camp meetings, constituency meetings, and committee meetings,

West African Workers

Front row, left to right: D. V. Cowin, Miss K. Grant, J. O. Gibson (President), A. F. Tarr, G. A. Lindsay, G. L. Anniss (Secretary-treasurer), Miss R. Munderspach, D. L. Chappell. *Back Row:* E. Keslake, H. Wilson, E. E. Hulbert, G. N. Banks, H. J. Welch, G. M. Ellstrom, R. W. Coon, A. J. Mustard, J. A. Hyde, J. J. Hyde, H. S. Pearce, W. G. Till, S. A. Nagel, Jun., A. J. Dickay, Jr., R. Downing, and W. J. Newman.



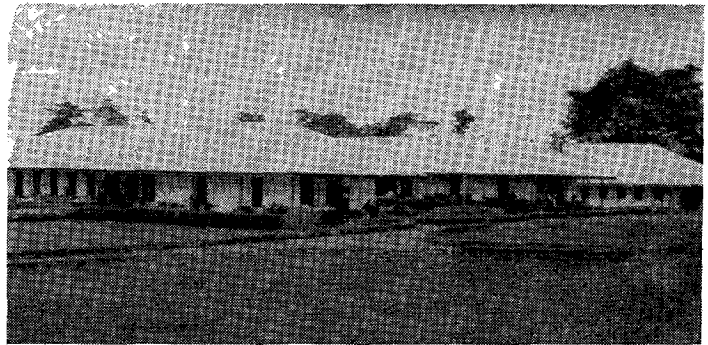
continually emphasized the fact that our African believers and African workers are themselves astir to meet the needs of their own field and they are themselves giving sacrificially, not only of their means, but of their sons and daughters who are being prepared in our own schools for service in the cause of God in their homeland. Indeed, one most impressive feature in Africa today, is to see the development that is taking place in our own African leadership and one is encouraged to believe that an increasing responsibility will be placed upon the indigenous workers of West Africa during coming days.

The recent development in West Africa of our publishing work and of our Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School, will undoubtedly mean much in the programme of evangelism throughout the whole field. The Bible Correspondence School now established at Ibadan in West Nigeria, is coping with an increasing number of applications and, in order to keep pace with the volume of work, they are rigidly-enforcing a restriction against accepting applications from any school boy below the grade of standard six. In spite of this restriction, about 17,000 applications for lessons were processed during the year 1953. As in most fields, one great problem which faces the brethren in this phase of evangelism, is effective follow-up work which must be done in order to reap the full harvest from the many active interests that are now reported.

During the course of my itinerary there were four great occasions which again outline the development that is taking place in West Africa, and each one of them emphasizes a particular phase of our denominational programme in the evangelization of the territories we are called upon to enter. These events were as follows:

1. The Opening of the Advent Press at Accra, Gold Coast.

Ile-Ife Hospital—side view of three clinic units: male medical and surgical unit; female medical and surgical unit; obstetrical unit. Note the overflow patients on the porches.



2. Nurses Graduation Exercises at Ile Hospital, West Nigeria.

3. Opening and Dedication of the Secondary School Building at Bekwai, Gold Coast.

4. Dedication of the New Church in Monrovia, Liberia.

A fuller report has doubtless been given of each of these events, but again it is impressive to note that each one of them is indicative of a particular phase of our work and indicates what might be termed a "well-rounded development" of our mission programme in West Africa.

In our West African Publishing House at Accra, we now have an institution that stands as a worthy edifice to the great publishing programme which we are carrying forward in our world work. It is indeed a building that brings great credit to our mission and its opening means a tremendous step forward in our publishing programme in the West African Union. Brother H. S. Pearce has worked energetically and wisely in the establishment of this institution, and the product that is now being turned out will be a credit to our cause and undoubtedly will mean much to the evangelistic programme throughout the whole field. At the opening ceremony, The Honourable Dr. Nkrumah, Prime Minister of the Gold Coast Govern-

ment, declared the building open and gave a most appreciative speech, not only concerning the Advent Press, but also of our whole mission programme throughout the Gold Coast and West Africa. Considerable newspaper publicity was given to this occasion and indeed the development of our press publicity work throughout the West African Union is bringing us into increasing favour with the reading public.

The Ife Hospital in West Nigeria has now become a well-established medical institution with a high reputation and it is becoming a difficult problem to cope with the influx of patients which continually press in upon the doctors and staff. An outstanding feature of the work of the hospital is the nurses' training school which is graduating both male and female nurses, who go forward from this institution as worthy representatives of the Advent cause and of the nursing profession. At the graduation exercises held over the week-end of January 30th and 31st, seventeen nurses received their diplomas, having completed the course in general nursing. The aim and motto of the class was indicative of their earnestness and consecration to the cause of God, for they had chosen as follows:

MOTTO.—Triumphant Over Trials.

AIM.—Assisting the Great Physician.

The evident earnestness of this fine group of African young people will long remain in my memory, especially remembering their expression of a sincere desire to carry the message of a risen and soon-coming Saviour to their brethren in darkness.

Dr. S. A. Nagel, Jun., and his associates are doubtless making a great contribution to the finishing of the work of God in Africa, and to them there must be great satisfaction as they see these young people following their example into the field of service.

Our training school at Bekwai, Gold Coast, was first established in 1932 and its primary purpose at the time was for the



A colporteur displays his books while on trek.

training of evangelistic workers. Since then, great developments have taken place in the field of education and courses are now being offered for the training of teachers with government recognition, and on February 5th the new Secondary School building was formally opened by the Honourable Kojo Botsio, minister of Education and Social Welfare of the Gold Coast Government. In his speech the minister declared that there was a great need for a balanced education to be given to the children of the Gold Coast. He mentioned with appreciation that the educational programme of the Seventh-day Adventist Mission at Bekwai called for a scheme of industrial education as well as mind training and religious instruction. This new building is a further evidence of the great progress of our work in West Africa and will stand as a memorial to, and the propagation of, the great ideals of education propounded by our denomination in all parts of the world.

Our mission programme in Liberia received something of a set-back during the years of World War II, but since 1946 a most progressive programme has been launched under the leadership of our coloured brethren from America. At the present time, Pastor C. D. Henri, who is in charge of the field and is located in Monrovia, is giving earnest attention to every phase of our denominational work. While visiting Liberia, it was a great privilege to see our splendid school at Konola, where the principal, P. E. Giddings, is not only following a full teaching programme but sets an energetic example to both students and staff in the up-building of the institution. Time will not permit me to speak of our visit to Basa where Brother and Sister Hughes are in the midst of the building programme of their own home and of extending the work that has been well established by former missionaries. In Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, the dedication of our new church building took place on Sabbath, February 20th. This building occupies an excellent location on one of the main roads in the city of Monrovia. It will be a worthy house of worship for our Monrovia believers and will also be a constant reminder to the citizens of Monrovia, that with the "Love of Liberty" there should also be the "Love of Worship."

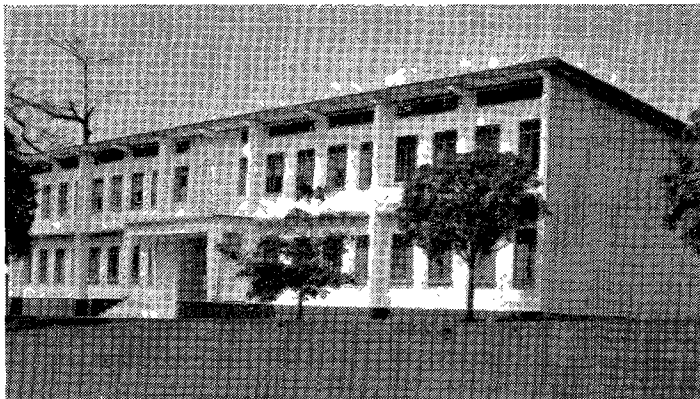
West Africa is indeed showing great signs of "Progress and Promise." Again one thinks of the promise of development in the difficult but interesting field of the French Ivory Coast, where already a promising beginning has been made in our

publishing programme with two consecrated African boys selling hundreds of our papers and books and arousing interests that undoubtedly will bring an eventual harvest of souls to the kingdom of God.

This is the picture that leaves an indelible impression upon one's mind as one contemplates the itinerary throughout the

whole of the West African territory. Pastor J. O. Gibson and his associate workers are endeavouring to meet the pressing demands that are made upon them and we in the homeland must do all we can, both by sacrificial giving and by prayerful support, to stand by them in the great programme they are following throughout West Africa.

The new Secondary School, Bekwai, Gold Coast.



BEKWAI SECONDARY SCHOOL

By N. C. Maberly, *Headmaster*

DISTINGUISHED men of affairs and humble children of God voiced unanimous praise and approval of the new Bekwai Secondary School as they assembled on February 5th for its dedication and official opening. Symbolic of Adventist educational progress throughout the world, this magnificent establishment is destined to give great impetus to the work of God in this field.

The dedication service, which began at ten o'clock in the morning, was highlighted by an inspiring address by Pastor G. D. King from the Division office in England. Pastor King clearly emphasized the purposes of such institutions and the type of education that should be given in them. The new Secondary School was to prepare students for all phases of life through complete education of the head, the heart, and the hands. He reminded all present that progress such as witnessed here at Bekwai has been made possible through the sacrifices and loyal efforts of the pioneer missionaries who first paved the way into this country. For his closing text, Pastor King very appropriately chose Revelation 3:8: "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." The doors of this school are now open wide to the youth of our church and to all others

willing to take advantage of the opportunities to be found here.

The official opening ceremony was performed by the Honourable Minister of Education for the Gold Coast Government, Mr. Kojo Botsio. Mr. Botsio greatly praised the mission for the progress it had made, and added that the erection of this large school without Government aid should be an example to all other people interested in freedom and self-help.

Pastor J. O. Gibson offered the dedicatory prayer and Pastor A. J. Mustard was chairman for the occasion. Others taking part in the programme were Pastor H. J. Welch, Principal of the Seminary; Pastor J. C. Vetter, Gold Coast Educational Secretary; Pastor H. D. Wilson, of Sierra Leone; Pastor S. B. Essien, and the associate president of the Gold Coast Mission, Pastor C. B. Mensah. Also on the platform were the Hon. Mr. Boakye, M.L.A., and N. C. Maberly, the newly appointed headmaster of the Secondary School.

Musical items provided by the Kumasi church singing band and the Bekwai Middle School were greatly appreciated and added colour to the day's activities.

As the college students sang "All hail the power of Jesus' Name," the offering

plates began to resound to the sacrifices made by the many churches represented. Several local chiefs came and gave very generously toward the completion of the school building. A total sum of £300 was contributed, making it possible to begin plans for the building of dormitories and other facilities urgently needed to make the school a complete educational unit. As yet it has been impossible to include space or equipment for manual training and science classes. It is hoped that before long sufficient funds will be available to make possible this very important phase of training.

The sixty-six students now enrolled, and all those who will follow in years to come, will be greatly indebted to the Northern European Division, the West African Union, the Gold Coast Mission, and all other contributors who gave so liberally to make this £10,000 project possible.

The new secondary school building at Békwai belongs to the members of the Seventh-day Adventist churches in West Africa and they may be justly proud of the fine institution which they have helped to build. It is primarily for the training of Adventist boys and girls, and the continued prayers and support of every faithful member are needed so that from these classrooms workers for God will go forth to find their place in His vineyard.

Jesus, My Lord

*Jesus, the Name that set me free,
When sin's dark fear imprisoned me;
Boldly I sought Thy throne in prayer
For grace that lifted all my care;
Thy goodness—Oh, the wondrous
thought!*

Found me and my salvation wrought.

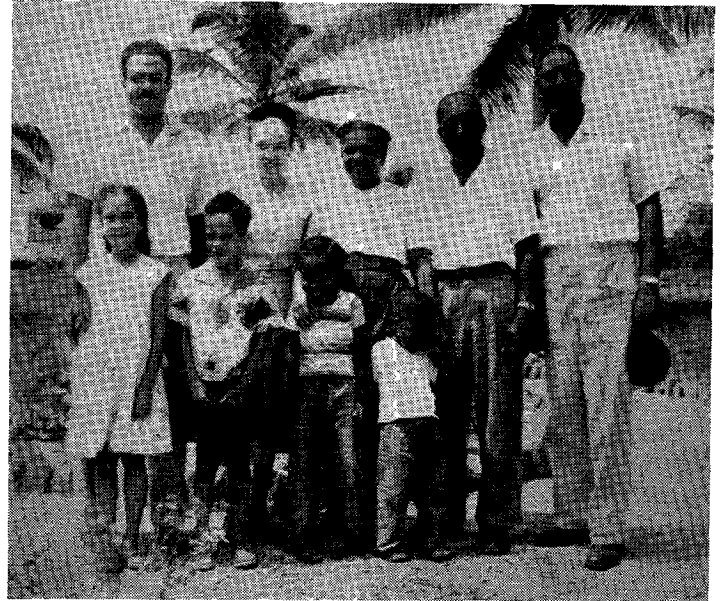
*Lord Jesus, Friend and Master mine,
I rest within Thy love divine;
My yearning spirit longs to feel
Thy joys that doth life's sorrows heal;
Amid the trial and the fray,
Thy presence is my constant stay.*

*Jesus, my Lord, my Prince, my King,
Of Thee my tongue shall gladly sing;
On clouds of power Thou wilt descend,
Thy glorious voice the heavens rend;
Haste Lord! my waiting heart prepare,
Eternity with Thee to share.*

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

Overseas Workers in Liberia

Left to right— C. D. Henri, President. Mrs. Henri and family. Mrs. Giddings and family. P. E. Giddings, Departmental secretary. R. W. Simons, Secretary-Treasurer.



Seed Sowing at Konola, Liberia

By P. E. Giddings

THE FARMER'S responsibility is to sow the seed, not just to spend his time wondering if the seed will grow should he decide to sow it. It is true that there is much he can do to encourage growth, but the miracle of growth and producing does not primarily depend upon him. This is equally true of the spiritual farmer. His duty is to sow the seed of God's Word, to encourage growth in all ways possible; but he must realize that he depends upon God for results. This lesson came to me forcefully recently.

The head man on one of the large rubber plantations had been paying occasional visits to our mission station, but not, however to our services. He came for help along other lines or other interests. Many times he came to find out the meaning of rather unusual English words.

I soon noticed that many of these words were taken from the Bible. I encouraged him to bring the book from which he got these words so that I might explain more fully their meaning. He immediately told me that this was against the practice of the church he had joined while he had attended a mission school several years previously. The very fact that the Bible was forbidden made him curious to find out why. He soon found

out that the Word of God was able to make him wise unto salvation.

Though he was invited to church many times, it was several months before he came, and when he came he did not come alone. It was the Sabbath before Easter one year ago when this man brought seventeen of his tribesmen with him. He had been instructing them each week from the Bible. He had been relaying to them the studies he had received.

These eighteen persons have been faithful in attending the Sabbath school up to the present time and have formed one of our most progressive classes with regard to their daily lesson study, the raising of financial goals, and the regular paying of their tithes. Today they are all receiving instruction and are awaiting baptism.

This group is responsible for at least one visitor every Sabbath and this accounts for the growth in number from eighteen to twenty-two. The old father of this headman having heard of his new faith is very desirous of having us open a mission station in his town which is near the French border. He is the chief in this section and has made us to know that his people, the Gio tribe, are ready to receive the Word with great joy. Though we cannot make the seed grow, we can and must sow it.

MISSIONARIES—WEST AFRICA

WE HAVE much pleasure in appending a list of the names and locations of our missionaries in the West African Union Mission. Some of these workers have served in their respective spheres for many years; others are new appointees just taking up their responsibilities. We invite your prayers on behalf of these workers who carry forward their work under varying conditions and amidst difficulties. We commend them all to your prayerful support.

Home Base	Name	Present Location
Denmark	Miss Rosa Muderspach Pastor and Mrs. N. B. Nielsen	Union Office, Accra, Gold Coast Aba, East Nigeria
Estonia	Miss Amanda S. Nuka	Ihie, East Nigeria
France	Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Buzenet	Bouake, Ivory Coast
Great Britain	Mr. and Mrs. L. Acton-Hubbard Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Anniß Pastor and Mrs. C. A. Bartlett Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Clarke Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Farrow Mr. and Mrs. W. G. A. Fletcher Miss V. L. George Pastor and Mrs. E. E. Hulbert Pastor and Mrs. J. A. Hyde Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Hyde Mr. and Mrs. G. Meredith Pastor and Mrs. W. J. Newman Pastor and Mrs. H. S. Pearce Mr. and Mrs. J. Rigby Nurse Margaret Sharp Pastor and Mrs. W. G. Till Nurse Beryl M. Turtill Nurse Sylvia W. Turtill	Jengre, North Nigeria Union Office, Accra, Gold Coast Otoon, West Nigeria Freetown, Sierra Leone Aba, East Nigeria Ihie, East Nigeria Union Office, Accra, Gold Coast Accra, Gold Coast Jengre, North Nigeria Ibadan, Nigeria Accra, Gold Coast Aba, East Nigeria Accra, Gold Coast Kumasi, Gold Coast Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria Jengre, North Nigeria Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria
New Zealand	Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Maberly	Bekwai Training School, Gold Coast
Sweden	Mr. and Mrs. S. Gustavsson	Ibadan, West Nigeria
U.S.A.	Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Brendel Pastor and Mrs. V. C. Brown Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Chappell Pastor and Mrs. R. W. Coon Pastor and Mrs. D. V. Cowin Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Davenport Pastor and Mrs. L. R. Downing Pastor and Mrs. G. M. Ellstrom Pastor and Mrs. J. O. Gibson Pastor and Mrs. P. E. Giddings Pastor and Mrs. C. D. Henri Pastor and Mrs. D. H. Hughes Pastor and Mrs. E. Keslake Nurse Frances L. Martz Pastor and Mrs. A. M. Moyer Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Nagel, Jun. Dr. and Mrs. D. Peterson Nurse Esther M. Rose Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Simons Pastor and Mrs. J. C. Vetter Pastor and Mrs. H. J. Welch	Ihie, East Nigeria Bo, Sierra Leone Union Office, Accra, Gold Coast Ibadan, West Nigeria Union Office, Accra, Gold Coast Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria Ihie, East Nigeria Abidjan, Ivory Coast Union Office, Accra, Gold Coast Konola School, Liberia Monrovia, Liberia Basa, Liberia Bo, Sierra Leone Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria Bekwai Training School, Gold Coast Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria Konola School, Liberia Kumasi, Gold Coast Kumasi, Gold Coast

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GOD LEADS OUR
AFRICAN TEACHERS

By D. V. Cowin
*Educational Secretary, West
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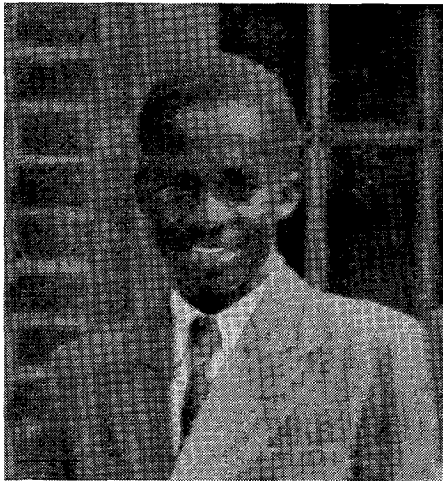
MICHAEL MOSES, a staff member in our Nigerian Training College and a teacher of many years' experience, had as one of his ambitions, the obtaining of a university degree in order to prepare himself for better service in the Lord's work. Through a period of years he had worked hard on his studies, on an external basis, even while he was serving in various schools of the Adventist Mission. In all of these studies and plans he was able to make reasonable progress, and finally there came a time when it was necessary for him to leave the college in order to carry on his higher education.

Early in the year 1952 he made application to the principal of Fourah Bay College in Freetown to be enrolled as a student on the degree level. Several of the mission workers, including D. V. Cowin, the Union Educational Secretary, interviewed the registrar and principal of that college on behalf of Teacher Moses. The Lord saw fit to open the way and Moses was accepted as a student. In fact, he was accepted because of his good academic record, on a basis in which he would be permitted to attempt to finish his degree course in three years instead of the usual four. Recognizing that this was an unusual blessing, Teacher Moses set to work from the very beginning, in September of 1952, with a will, and studied very hard. During all of this time he took every opportunity to speak and to testify for Christ before his lecturers and fellow-students. He did much missionary work and distributed many pieces of Adventist literature.

Upon various occasions, workers from the Sierra Leone Mission and from the West African Union, joined Teacher Moses in friendly talks with his tutors. One problem which was uppermost in the minds of several was the one involving the possibility of examinations being scheduled for the Sabbath day. During the whole year Moses was given no encouragement when he raised questions about this matter. It was made a reason for earnest prayer on the part of Teacher Moses and his friends. Then the day came when the

timetable of examinations was posted, and of course, Moses looked closely to see whether he was in for further difficulties. But, the Lord had smoothed the way because of earnest prayers. It had been customary in this university to place a portion of the examinations on Saturday. But the thing that made Moses so joyful just at that time was the fact that none of his examinations had been arranged for the Sabbath.

Immediately, Teacher Moses went to some of his instructors and expressed gratitude for their thoughtfulness in helping him to work out this question.



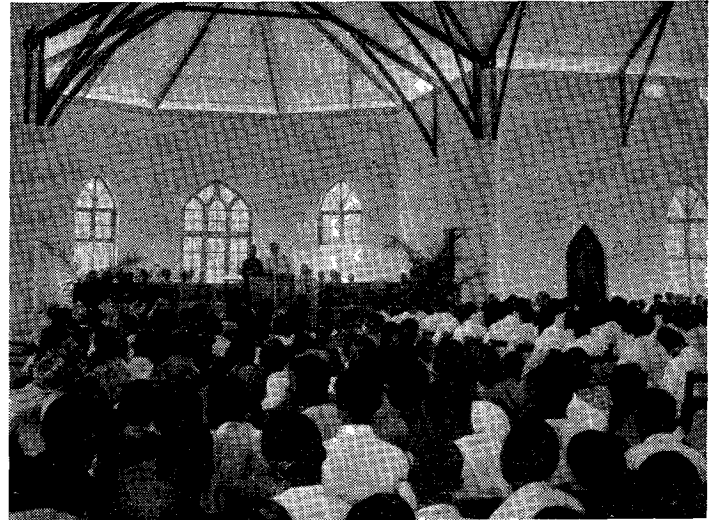
Michael Moses

One of Teacher Moses' lecturers said, "This is what we call great luck, but you Seventh-day Adventists call it a miracle of God." Teacher Moses responded by saying: "Our God has been extremely good to us and I wish that we may ever remember His goodness and always go the way He would like us to go."

We are very happy to report that Teacher Moses was unusually successful in these still examinations, which were arranged on the degree standard. Out of four subjects in which Teacher Moses was examined, he received the highest mark in his class in two. In the third subject he was among the highest, and in the fourth, his most difficult subject, he received an average grade.

We express gratitude to God for His blessing in helping Teacher Moses and all our young people to prepare themselves for broader service in the field, and also gratitude for help in working out these very trying problems.

Interior of the beautiful Forsythe Memorial Church, Ihie, East Nigerian Mission.



Ihie Investiture, East Nigeria

By Mrs. Rowena F. Futcher

OUR INVESTITURE Service towards the close of 1953 brought to a fitting climax months of interesting and concentrated study on the part of many of our Missionary Volunteers, in the completion of their Progressive Course requirements.

Investees from the Training College, Secondary School, and Practice School, together with students and visitors, assembled in the Forsythe Memorial Church and, in spite of the intense heat, a spirit of reverence and worship prevailed.

We were happy to welcome Pastor A. J. Dickay, Associate President and MV Leader for East Nigeria, as our special speaker. Pastor D. V. Cowin, visiting us from the Union MV Department, assisted. Praise to God was given in special music prepared by a girls' trio, and a group of Master Guides.

In his talk, Pastor Dickay told us that our mission in life should be to "work the works of Him that sent" us, "while it is day: for the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4. In this connection he reminded us that we are labourers together with Christ—a strenuous work. We are also "ambassadors for Christ"—a work of important responsibility, needing a Christ-like character. Pastor Dickay exhorted us to band ourselves together as an army of youth, and to march forward to finish the work of God in the earth.

At the close of this address, the Senior and Junior Pledges were given by the Investees. This was followed by the Presentation of Insignia to 192 candidates:

10 Sunbeams, 12 Busy Bees, 59 Friends, 19 Companions, 54 Guides, 38 Master Guides. All stood to attention while Pastor Cowin solemnly delivered the charge, and every head was reverently bowed as he gave the consecration prayer. In response, the Investees then sang a hymn of consecration, "I surrender all," and our service closed as Pastor A. E. Brendel welcomed the newly-invested MVs into the ranks.

Although our Progressive Course work did not commence in East Nigeria until 1946, since that time progress has been rapid, and young people have been keen to qualify themselves in Progressive Course work.

We can rightly claim to be the first Mission in the whole of West Africa to invest Master Guides, for in 1946 three of our Mission workers—Pastor Onwere, Mr. Esiaba, and Mr. Moses, received their insignia. The following year Mr. Esiaba joined our College staff and led the first College class in a two-year study period, culminating in an investiture of 27 Master Guides in 1949. This plan of including Progressive Course work in the College curriculum has been adhered to, and we are happy to report the following investitures of Master Guides:

1950 — 35 Master Guides
 1951 — 40 Master Guides
 1952 — 43 Master Guides
 1953 — 38 Master Guides

With you, we pray that these earnest

young Missionary Volunteers may continue to hold the torch of truth aloft as they leave this training ground, that their

faithful witness may bring many out of heathen darkness into the glorious light of God's saving grace.

ADVENT YOUTH ACCLAIMED ONE OF SWEDEN'S GREATEST CONDUCTORS

By E. L. Minchin

"BRILLIANT! Sensational! Inspiring!" So said the musical critics in fourteen Swedish newspapers recently, concerning the conductor Herbert Blomstedt, a Seventh-day Adventist youth of Stockholm, Sweden.

On February 4th, Herbert made his break through into the musical life of Sweden when he conducted the Stockholm Symphony Orchestra in the crowded Concert Hall. It set the musical world of Sweden talking. The newspaper *Aftonbladet* reported:

"Herbert Blomstedt was the thrill of the evening, yes, why not—the sensation. . . . The packed house greeted the guest conductor and the soloist with a storm of applause. Herbert Blomstedt is already among our foremost Swedish conductors, if not even the foremost. A red-letter day in the history of the Symphony. Besides the everywhere highly praised musical knowledge and artistical merits which Herbert Blomstedt has shown himself to possess, he has a marked ability not only to inspire the musicians, but actually to hypnotize the audience who sat as if in a trance."

Best of all, Herbert is a loyal Seventh-day Adventist. His father, Pastor A. Blomstedt, is the respected leader of our Voice of Prophecy work in Sweden, while his mother, a gifted musician, has had a strong influence in the development of her son's musical talents, as well as his religious principles. Herbert has unfurled his flag and the musical world knows of his unswerving allegiance to his religious convictions. The *Svenska Morgonbladet* of February 5th, had these headlines:

"Sabbath Commandment Hinders Artist from Signing Advantageous Contracts." It was a report of an interview with our young brother who said:

"I am a Seventh-day Adventist and cannot work on Saturdays with rehearsals and the like, and cannot give concerts on Friday nights. I cannot be untrue to my convictions. I do not covet success, but I am nevertheless happy over the success I have had. My Christian faith has buoyed

me up in many difficult experiences and, of course, I cannot compromise in such things which to me are a matter of conscience."

Another paper stated:

"Herbert Blomstedt is an unusual person in more than one way. He is a Seventh-day Adventist, which has several times created unusual problems for him. . . . The Sabbath for him comes on Saturday. Several years ago his written state examination came on his Sabbath. Herbert had to sit locked up all day long in the school garret until finally, after sundown, he could take hold of the task which his classmates already had finished during the day."

I had the privilege of attending Herbert's second concert in the Stockholm Council Hall recently. He conducted the Symphony Orchestra to the pianoforte accompaniment of Shura Cherkasky, one of Europe's greatest pianists. There was a story to this concert which thrilled me. It was held on a Sunday night. Cherkasky sent word that he wanted two rehearsals, one Friday and the other Saturday. Herbert sent word that it was impossible for him to rehearse with the orchestra on Saturday. It looked as though the concert might be cancelled. On a previous Sabbath morning I met Herbert

at our church, for you see, on the Sabbath day he takes an active part in the young people's meetings and the Sabbath services.

Herbert asked me to pray with him that the Lord would overrule. He said confidently: "Something will happen, I know it will." Next day he met me with a smile saying: "Something has happened. Although Cherkasky had appointments elsewhere, he has replied that he will now arrive on Thursday and we shall have our rehearsal before the Sabbath."

God longs for the love and witness of our talented youth. He has need of faithful representatives in the musical and cultural circles of our countries. Speaking to such youth God's servant says: "Balanced by religious principles, you may rise to any height you please." Like Joseph, Esther, and Daniel, they will, by their faith and their devotion to high religious principles, proclaim the truth among a class of people not usually reached.

As I watched our young brother conducting so brilliantly that Sunday night, I thanked God for his loyal and humble heart and lifted a prayer that the Great Musician would keep him so, and use his witness to bring a knowledge of the truth to those whom he is now able to influence.

News Flash

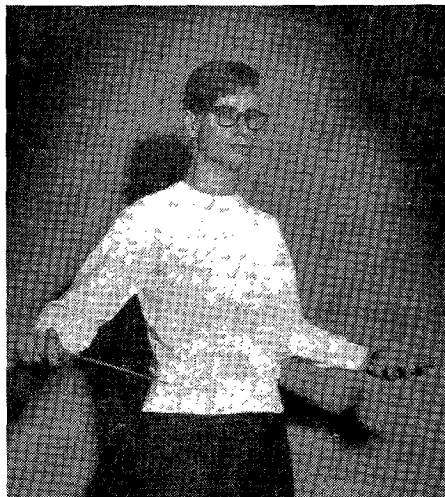
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V. L. George has been released by the British Union Conference to fill this call and leaves by air for Accra on April 13th.

In response to a call for an experienced worker to serve as factory supervisor in the Advent Press, Accra, Brother Glynne Meredith and his wife and child will sail from Liverpool on May 20th next. These young people are well known at Stanborough Park, where each has taken an active part in the life of the Stanborough Park community in recent years.

At the time of the annual business meeting in January of the West African Union Mission committee, a call was placed with our Division committee for a male nurse to connect with the Jengre Hospital to aid Dr. John Hyde in that growing section of our work. Brother Lionel Acton-Hubbard has accepted a call to take up this work and expects to proceed to Nigeria in mid-July, following his marriage to Miss Ursula Vine, daughter of Pastor A. C. Vine of Watford.

E. B. RUDGE.



Herbert Blomstedt

NEWS FLASH

THE SPRING meeting of the Northern European Division executive committee concluded its business at Stanborough Park, Watford, on the afternoon of March 30th. Among those present on this occasion were Pastors C. Gidlund, A. Lohne, A. Y. Rintala, F. J. Voorthuis, and Dr. A. Andersen, representatives of the various sections of the Scandinavian and Netherland fields. A very profitable time was spent in the course of these meetings, as matters of general interest to the work were discussed and decided upon.

Many brethren on their way to the General Conference session in San Francisco from various fields have been visitors in London. Among these were Pastor and Mrs. H. White from the Coral Sea Union, Australasian Division, Pastor T. C. Lawson, president of the Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference, Pastor W. E. Battye, president of the Trans-Tasman Union, Pastor R. Gane, Publishing Department secretary, Australasian Division, and Pastor and Mrs. D. Sibley of the North New South Wales Conference, Australia. On March 25th Pastors R. S. Watts and E. A. Moon, president and treasurer respectively of the Southern African Division, together with their families, reached London *en route* to the General Conference session. They spent a few days in London before joining the *s. s. United States* for New York. Another welcome visitor to our Division office was Pastor R. H. Pierson, president of the Southern Asia Division. He is accompanied by Mrs. Pierson and their son. They too are proceeding to America to attend the forthcoming session.

Our Division treasurer, G. A. Lindsay, and wife, sailed on the *Queen Elizabeth* on March 31st for New York on their way to Portland, Oregon, where they plan to spend a few weeks vacation with Mrs. Lindsay's aged father. On their way across the States they plan to spend a few days with their sons in Tennessee. We wish for Brother Lindsay and his wife, who have spent more than thirty years in service in Northern Europe, a very pleasant and happy family reunion.

In the course of the next few days, the Division president, A. F. Tarr, the secretary, E. B. Rudge, and the departmental secretaries, G. D. King, E. W. Pedersen, E. L. Minchin, T. J. Bradley, and L. M. Hamilton, will also be on their way as



F. Voorthuis, President, Netherland Union, lays the foundation stone of the new church in Rotterdam-South.

A NEW CHURCH FOR ROTTERDAM-SOUTH, HOLLAND

PASTOR F. VOORTHUIS, president of the Netherland Union Conference, sends the glad tidings that on Friday, January 26, 1954, at 11 a.m. the foundation stone was laid of the new church in Rotterdam-South. The builders hope to have this church completed by September of this year. The church proper will have a seating capacity of 400. There will also be smaller halls for the youth and children. A unique feature will be a special room at the rear of the church for mothers with babies and small children. This room will be sound-proof with a glass wall through which the preacher can be seen. The room will be provided with loud-speakers.

The church as the artist views it promises to be a very beautiful building, and our believers in Rotterdam-South are eagerly anticipating the completion of their new sanctuary which is being erected to the glory of God. ED.

delegates to the General Conference session.

Pastor C. B. Mensah, associate president of the Gold Coast Mission, West Africa, is due to reach London on April 15th and will proceed the next day to Holland to attend a youth-congress planned for April

16th to 19th at Utrecht. About the same time J. O. Gibson and family, and G. L. Annis, president and secretary-treasurer of the West African Union Mission respectively, will also be reaching London on their way to attend the General Conference session in San Francisco.

After spending a period of very profitable service in the Southern African Division, Pastors B. L. Hassenplug and family and H. R. Turner and family, spent a few days in London *en route* to their homes in the United States. Each of these brethren shared a service with Pastor G. E. Vandeman at the New Gallery, London.

Dr. Stanley Guest, a recent graduate in medicine, has been appointed to service in our hospital work in West Africa, and will proceed to that field toward the close of the year. We wish Dr. Guest and his wife the rich blessing of the Lord as they take up their service for Him in this needy field.

Miss Margaret Sharp, S.R.N., S.C.M., of Dundee, Scotland, a graduate from the Bible Instructors' Course of Newbold Missionary College, sails from Liverpool on April 22nd on the *m.v. Apapa* to connect with the nursing staff of the Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria, West Africa.

In response to a call from the West African Union for stenographic help, Miss (Turn back to page 7.)

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