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The Importance of Our Literature Ministry

By W. E. READ

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him . . . that publisheth peace; . . . that publisheth salvation," Isa. 52:7.

The writings of the prophet Isaiah emphasize the fact that in the last days a special message, a message of power, will be given to all the world in preparation for the coming of Jesus. We read of this in several parts of his prophecy. His appeal to the servants of God is very clear and definite. "Lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!" Isa. 40:9.

Toward the close of his prophetic ministry we find these further words: "Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him." Isa. 62:11.

This is the message that is to go to the ends of the earth, and we are assured that all flesh shall see the salvation of our God. The message will be preached or published in some way or other so that it reaches all classes of men in every country. Apart from the public presentation of the Word of God the prophecy seems to indicate that literature will be used. While the word "publisheth" in the text referred to above does not have the same significance as we attach to it to-day, yet it still remains a fact that the message of salvation is to be published in these days. The thousands of pages of tracts, pamphlets, magazines, and books of the Advent movement—literature containing God's last message for this time—is a definite fulfil-

ment of this prophecy. Not only men but women will be called to share in the giving of the evangel of peace to a lost world. We read: "The Lord gave the happy tidings; they are published by the female messengers, a numerous host." Psa. 68:11. (Leeser's Translation).

God has many ways of heralding the glad tidings of salvation to men and women everywhere. The inhabitants of earth are not only to hear but also to read; they will hear the living preacher, but they will read the books which contain the heaven-sent appeal for this time. Hence the publishing work is a very vital phase of the Gospel message in these last days.

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—"Colporteur Evangelist," page 80.

For many years we have talked about the loud cry of the third angel's message: we have hoped for it, we have prayed for it, and we have worked for it. It is the real longing of our hearts to see the message go with mighty power, and to see the earth ablaze with the glory of the message of God, and our publishing work is to play an important part in the closing scenes of the Gospel message.

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from

heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, page 140.

Others besides members of the Advent movement recognize the exalted character of the colporteur ministry.

The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon said: "There is no calling nor occupation more honourable."

The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone mentioned that: "The greatest public benefactor is the man who sells good books. The bookseller's vocation is as high as any in the business world."

The Rev. W. H. Rainey, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, writing from Peru several years ago, emphasized that: "The colporteur is not simply a book hawk nor a commercial agent. To be that would not be dishonourable, but he goes as a pioneer evangelist, a pathfinder, a scout of the great militant church of Jesus Christ. He goes where the pastor does not go. He goes to open the door for the pastor. Again he co-operates with the missionary. He goes to the town and visits every house, and gives a list of their names to the nearest pastor. Sometimes he calls the people together and preaches to them, so that when the pastor comes he finds a church all ready for him to organize.

"The pastor in turn co-operates with the colporteur. We have lost some very good men because missionaries and pastors, in place of encouraging and stimulating them, have discouraged them, treating their work as purely secular. They tell the poor man that he is just

a book hawker. He returns to the central station and gives up his pack. But the colporteur is really an evangelist. He must work alone a great deal of the time: he must travel the dusty roads in the boiling sun: he must climb the mountains: he must go down the rivers in open boats. Tormented by mosquitoes, he must bear the heat and burden of the day in order that the way of the missionary and the pastor may be made more easy. Let us recognize his work as true evangelism, and the colporteur himself as a real missionary, and thus dignify the task."

The assurance of divine guidance as given by the Saviour in His commission to His church belongs to the faithful colporteur as to the Gospel minister. When Jesus mentioned, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20), He had in mind those who travel the country roads, those who visit the farmsteads of the countryside, as well as the crowded cities of our land, besides those engaged in other lines of Gospel work. In all such journeys angels of God guide the feet of the consecrated colporteur.

"Under divine guidance, go forward in the work, and look to the Lord for aid. The Holy Spirit will attend you. Angels of heaven will accompany you, preparing the way."—*"Colporteur Evangelist,"* page 40.

"The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 6, page 316.

What an assurance this should bring to the hearts of all who are engaged in the publishing work! Each year thousands upon thousands of our message-filled books find their way into the homes of the people. They may be read once, then cast aside. They may be hidden away in the bookcase or even relegated to a disused attic, but some day it is certain that these books will be sought out and read in times of need. Through a careful study of their pages many souls will be born into the kingdom of heaven.

"It is true that some who buy the books will lay them on the shelf or place them on the parlour table, and seldom look at

them. Still God has a care for His truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read. Sickness or misfortune may enter the home, and through the truth contained in the books, God sends to troubled hearts peace and hope and rest. His love is revealed to them, and they understand the preciousness of the forgiveness of their sins. Thus the Lord co-operates with His self-denying workers."—*"Colporteur Evangelist,"* page 6.

The Waterloo Training School

BY H. L. RASMUSSEN

THE centre of our educational work in Sierra Leone is the Waterloo Training School. It furnishes ten years of education in general school subjects besides some teacher's and ministerial training and practice in carpentry. Seven years of successful study

of development, counting our blessings one by one, our hearts are enlarged with encouragement and gratitude to God for what He has done.

The enrolment has increased from one hundred and twenty-four to one hundred and ninety-seven, twenty-eight of whom are boarding students. We are much more grateful, however, that our enrolment in the secondary department has increased from four to nineteen students of promising dispositions. A difficulty in connection with the educational effort has been the disposition of the students to be satisfied with a smattering of "knowing book," which does not further God's cause.

During those years the curriculum has not only been simplified but much enlarged and strengthened to meet the need of the field. Additional classes in domestic and general science, methods of teaching and ministerial training, have achieved much toward this objective.

Besides a sincere spirit of Christian integrity prevailing in the school, and a loyalty to all phases of M.V. and church endeavour, we are able to report a steady growth among the students of delight and purpose in study. Especially our senior students have developed a firm desire of reaching the highest standard possible in preparation for service. In years past the urgent demand for workers has at times required students to enter the work before completing the training course; this we are now trying to remedy



Teaching staff at the Waterloo Training School (one teacher missing through sickness).

complete the elementary school, and three more years the additional secondary and professional instruction provided at present, manual training being given collaterally during the latter three years.

For the Christian worker it is not increment of salary, publicity, or commendation that entice to service, but the compelling joy of success—that of seeing the Lord's work grow and expand. And as we at the Waterloo Training School retrospect the last five to six years

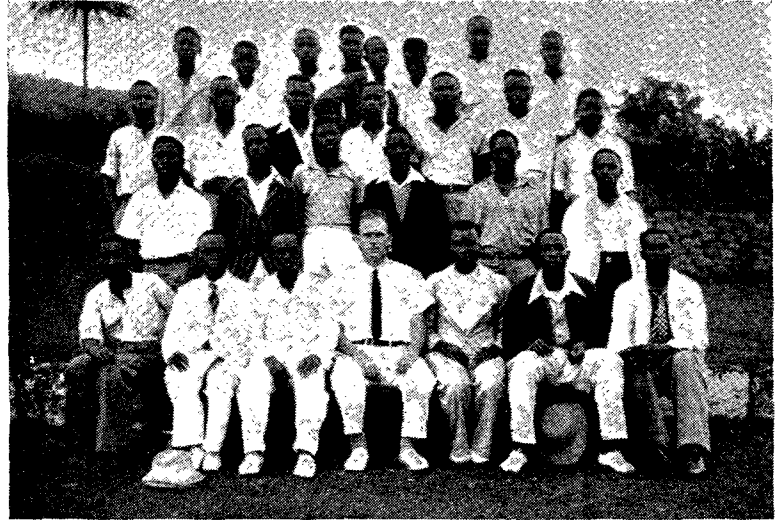
by recalling the younger workers to the school for further tuition.

There has also been material improvement; two new class-rooms added, and two others almost doubled in size, good book-cases in six of the class-rooms, a real bell, and a library of two hundred and sixty useful volumes, which we hope will grow.

While our seating capacity is still inadequate we are glad for the ten desks and forty chairs provided for the infants, and the twenty-seven dual desks for the standards. We might mention the maps, charts, and pictures which have been procured, the well-equipped little cupboard for science, the school clock, better and more blackboards, and two typewriters with tables for students' practice; not to forget ten pounds' worth of tools for the carpentry shop.

The accommodation of our dormitory is bettered by the addition of twenty-five new beds made in the shop, the painting of walls, the building of a bath with two showers, and the arranging for a better and larger dining-room. The kitchen has been made rat-proof, and a proper chimney constructed. The students have greatly improved the grounds by means of drains, the making of a spacious playground, the planting of hedges, shrubs, and fruit trees.

Looking back and considering what we did not have and the



Principal and boarding students of the Waterloo Training School.

many things we now possess, we thank the Lord who has so richly blessed. Our dire need at present is of better qualified teachers consecrated to God.

The student group represents twenty-eight different villages throughout the land, fourteen tribes, and as many languages. It has been a joy to us that the graduates during those years have all

been placed in the work; in fact, all our workers but two claim the Waterloo Training School as their Alma Mater. Our greatest joy, however, comes when at the end of a school year a group of these precious students is consecrated to God and His cause by being buried in baptism. After all this is our main objective for which we labour and pray.

Setting the Members to Work

BY S. BROBERG

SIERRA LEONE is only a small country with a small population, about 1,874,000, but the Gospel must be preached, or somehow be

brought, to all these people. We must hunt them in the bush, on the mountains, and in the valleys. When we think of our few workers, the many people that must be won or warned and the short time in which we can work, we feel our impotency, but at the same time we look to the Lord from whom strength and efficiency come.

We have laid plans to strengthen the evangelistic work. All our workers, teachers and preachers, are aflame with the evangelistic spirit. We have been behind in putting our churchmembers to work. Recently we have placed more responsibility upon the Africans themselves so they may understand that the church and its activities—spiritually and financially—belong to and rest on the Africans.

There has been a steady increase in souls added to the church



European workers in the Sierra Leone Mission.

as well as in tithes and offerings. Last Harvest Ingathering goal was £80 and we reached £90. 15s. 10d. This year we have advanced our goal to £100.

In the Kono district, where about two years ago was a strong opposition against us, and where the Tranborg family buried a little one, to-day the work is going forward. We have there a Sabbath-school of thirty-three members and to our meetings are coming from two to three hundred souls. The seed was sown in tears but now we are reaping with joy.

Plans have been laid to release

our ordained men from school work for entirely evangelistic work, which we believe will bring good results in souls saved. We still need our present number of schools and we need more well-trained teachers, able to preach as well as teach.

Some of us (European) have recently had an unpleasant taste of malaria, but at present we are all well and of good courage. The substance of our praise to God is found in Psalm 103. Please pray for us, that the Lord's word and work may spread rapidly in this needy field.

Absentees Send Offerings

BY A. S. NUKA

OUR hearts have been constantly cheered by the earnestness of the Sabbath-school members at Samuel Town, a branch Sabbath-school, as to their duty to God. This school consists of about forty to fifty persons most of whom have not yet made their covenant with the Lord by baptism, yet they act as if they were old believers.

When the membership record is called, those present answer and also announce the amount they bring as their offering; when the name of an absentee is called the interest of all is alert, while one of the attendants announces the cause of his or her absence, at the

same time delivering the donation the absentee has sent. Very seldom it occurs that an absentee has not informed any of the members about the cause of absence, or has failed to send a donation.

It does one good to see the spirit that prevails in the school. Members are well informed of the welfare of their fellow-members and there is a feeling of oneness. This enables them to deal with one another fairly and frankly. If anyone has to be told to come oftener to the Sabbath-school, then it is said right there; if somebody is to be admonished for any other reason, that also is done on the spot.

Encouraging Outlook at Makali

BY S. F. DURING

THE outlook for the work at Makali is very encouraging. Just now the chief is putting up a church and school building for us, about 30x18 feet, covered with corrugated iron. This building will cost him about £60.

This chief has urged his people to give to the Mission, and he has taken the responsibility upon himself of paying the school fees for all the school-children for every year they attend. At present we have fifty children in the school, and the superintendent has promised an assistant teacher for next year. Then we can do more in the evangelistic work.

Though the churchmembers are few, sixteen in number, I can say that they are good souls. They pay their tithes faithfully, and all take part in the M.V. work. We have a Sabbath-school of twenty-six members and there is a good hope of getting more in, though it is a strong Mohammedan district.

While I am writing these lines, one of our churchmembers is coming with a bushel of husk rice as a tithe from his small farm. Easter Friday eight of the school-boys went and brought eight head-loads of husk rice as tithe paid by a Sabbath-school member not yet baptized.

God is Doing It

In a village in the interior of Sierra Leone we have a little church with beautiful pictures on the walls. The inhabitants of this district have, however, a very cruel society, whose members go about with painted and almost naked bodies, dancing and performing the cruel rites of the society. The candidates for initiation go for a month or two without wearing clothes but have to paint their bodies with clay. They are compelled to endure some very hard treatment until they are dismissed out of their sacred bush.

Once when the last performance took place some of the men entered our church and stole and spoiled all our fine pictures, and tried to spoil our church also. But though there is much wickedness the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of these men. The following year we were able to baptize four young men in this village, who had given themselves to Christ. Now these people are receiving the message and are very interested in it.

J. N. VANDI.

RECENT visitors to the Division office have included J. E. Weaver of the General Conference Educational Department, and G. Gudmundsen of Onsrud School, Norway (formerly of Ethiopia). Dr. Weaver spent a few days in England on his way back to America after spending some months in Southern Europe. He visited two of our schools in the London area and the Newbold College during his visit. Pastor Gudmundsen is *en route* to Washington where he will spend a year attending the Seventh-Day Adventist Theological Seminary.

L. E. FROOM, of the General Conference Ministerial Department, has been in London for several weeks doing research work at the British Museum Library on the Advent movement in the British Isles during the great spiritual awakening in the years just before 1844. Pastor Froom gave a series of very interesting lectures in the Holloway Road church on this subject during the week-end, September 23rd to 25th.

W.T.B.

God's Power Versus Secret Societies

ONE of the native workers has written the following account which Brother Broberg sends on to us:

Of all the secret societies in Sierra Leone, the Wonde and Porroh perhaps rank as the most feared and mysterious; of these two the Wonde is perhaps the more cruel in its customs.

Candidates are admitted during the months from December to March. First a place is cleared in the bush, then a young baby is killed and buried in the middle of the "sacred bush," as they style it. Other ceremonies, as wicked, are necessary to the preparation of the bush. In this society there are six important groups: the most wicked is the Lamumui. These groups fight to get as many as possible of the candidates on their side. This fight sometimes causes death because fifty men are pulling you in every direction. If you happen to fall into the hands of the Lamumui, they will take you to the water and immerse you until you become unconscious. Then you will be left for some time, and when revived you will be immersed again. If you are not strong enough to undergo these ordeals you will

die. After your death, you will be carried to the bush and perhaps eaten up; some part of your body may be used to mix medicine of which all present will partake.

Then the dance starts. A fire is made and the Ngumbu group dances round it. The heads of this group have a kind of whip which is placed in the hot ashes. After this whip has been made quite hot then those who are not dancing properly will be flogged with it.

When the society meeting ends, the members eat nothing save potato leaves for three months. If it happens that any member breaks a law, he is bound and hung up. Then he is fined £1 to £5, or even £10, as the law requires. After this money is paid the rope that he was suspended with will be cut and the member, whether old or young, will fall to the ground.

The power of the Gospel message is now changing the hearts of these people. This society which the Government had vainly tried to stop is losing its power, and some tribes have abolished it. From all parts of the protectorate the call is now heard: Come over and show us the way that leads to better life.

"My nephew was a palm-wine seller, and used to be a heavy drinker. As a goldsmith he used to cheat his customers, selling them base metal for gold. His habits were rough and careless, and he had many charms on his body. But the Adventist Church has made him a different man.

"When at first they tried to influence my two wives to become Christians I was very angry at them. But seeing the great change that has been wrought in their lives, I finally decided not to hinder them. Now I am glad that my wives have become Christians, for they are altogether different from what they were. Very often I feel like going to the church with them to listen to the teachings that can have such a powerful effect upon people. But the holy Koran forbids it, and if I do the priests and all true Moslems will be angry at me."

The two wives of this man are now members of our Sabbath-school and Hearers' Class, and his son is attending our day school. He allows the women to keep the Sabbath and makes provision for their tithes and offerings. Let us hope and pray that some day he, too, may find the Saviour and receive deliverance.

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God's Protecting Power Manifested

BY A. J. HARDING

On the 29th day of March, 1938, at 11 p.m., when all the inhabitants of the town in which I am labouring had gone to bed, suddenly a great fire broke out in the house of one of our believers. The whole town was awakened by both the ringing of the church bells and by the usual cry Fire! fire! Men and women hearing these alarms, jumped from their beds, got hold of some useful implements, and were seen running to the spot; some with ladders on their shoulders, others carried buckets on their heads loaded with water. After an hour of hard struggle the fire was put out but three large houses were consumed. Early in the morning when all the different house owners were mourning the loss of their properties, our brother came in their

A Moslem Testifies to the Gospel

BY H. WILSON

A TREE is known by its fruits. So also is the Advent message. There are many who because of prejudice will not listen to the message, and others ignore the truth because of indifference to everything spiritual. But none can resist the testimony of a transformed life and a holy character. The following is, in substance, the testimony of a Moslem:

"I am a Moslem, and our priests tell us that we must never enter a Christian place of worship during service, nor allow ourselves to be impressed by the words of a Christian preacher, however eloquent or powerful his words may be. We must in no way assist Christian missionaries in their work; rather we should use our

influence against them. But I cannot help liking the Adventist church because it changes the lives of people. Some of those who are now members of the Adventist church here in Bo were once bad people. My uncle's wife and my nephew are two of these. My uncle's wife had no control over her temper, and when she was under the influence of palm wine she would insult her husband and everybody else in the compound. To-day her life is changed, and one can hardly know she is the same woman. She has given up smoking, drinking, swearing, and other bad habits, and is now a quiet, chaste, sober woman. She has made things right with everybody, and now we all love her.

Report of the Northern European Division for the

Name of Conference or Mission	No. Churches	Baptism and Vote	Apostasy	Death	Net Gain	Present Membership	Evangelistic Workers	Colporteurs	No. Sabbath- Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Tithe	Tithe per capita	Sabbath-School Offerings	Weekly Offerings		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
N. E. Division							14										
Baltic Union	1	118	35	153	3	-121	5,359	63	29	105	5,099	3,174	\$	3,118.40	0.10	632.84	8.26
British "	2	88	63	24	25	10	5,767	123	87	159	5,894	4,087	\$	36,000.20	0.51	6,723.14	
E.Nordic "	3	99	290	22	27	244	5,325	63	117	181	4,480	3,461	\$	16,363.00	0.25	3,697.69	
Polish "	4	144	179	32	11	132	3,566	56	31	166	4,229	3,021	\$	4,350.30	0.10	1,066.89	
W.Nordic "	5	141	251	30	27	205	7,035	65	75	174	6,435	5,091	\$	24,052.10	0.27	5,698.59	2.01
Union Totals	590	818	261	93	470	27,052	384	339	785	26,137	18,834	\$	83,884.00	0.28	17,819.15	10.27	
French Equa. Miss.	6					25	6		3	72	121	\$	\$	143.39	0.79	3.63	
Gold Coast Union	7	10	66	2	2	62	1,080	42	2	73	3,897	2,498	\$	492.70	0.05	206.65	
Kenya	8	32	63	124	23	-98	4,984	290	10	238	15,358	15,095	\$	1,101.60	0.02	1,213.46	
Liberian Mission	9	2	4			4	91	14		17	309	236	\$	99.60	0.17	36.31	
Nigerian Union	10	20	23	10	5	6	2,444	121	8	171*	14,612	11,791	\$	866.70	0.04	540.61	
Sierra Leone Miss.	11	2	66	5	6	55	486	25		25	1,207	878	\$	210.40	0.04	100.23	
Upper Nile Union	12	3	10	5	1	5	366	39	2	32	963	811	\$	520.10	0.17	172.42	
Mission Totals	69	232	146	37	34	9,476	537	22	559	36,418	31,430	\$	\$	3,434.40	0.04	2,273.31	
Grand Totals	659	1,050	407	130	504	36,528	921	361	1,344	62,555	50,264	\$	\$	87,318.40	0.22	20,092.46	10.27

midst to inspect his house. To his surprise he found that even the very paint on his only box where he kept his Sabbath suits was not touched. It was a real astonishment to all who saw this box opened and all the suits found just as they were before. Our faithful Brother Gibrilla leaped in their midst praising and glorifying God, as did the lame man at the Beautiful Gate. He, too, ran to the church to give thanks to the Almighty God. God is good to His people and in many ways encourages them to be faithful.

Impressions Again From Little Things

BY J. B. LEIGH

I LEFT our training school at Waterloo for the mission field and served under Dr. Myers at Matamp. Besides other duties I put in a few minutes every morning in the dispensary before school hours. There I learnt to give simple treatments, and to extract teeth. Doctor gave me his forceps when he was leaving for home. I thought what use can I make of these? Shall I not get myself into trouble? Soon a pitiable case came. I made the attempt and was successful. After that I had courage to treat one case after another.

At Yeleh, where I was asked to manage alone for the first time, I treated several toothache cases, and one in particular that I was

warned not to touch. The individual had been afflicted by the Porroh society; he had been in trouble for three years; the skin around the tooth had become infected and the tooth was projecting outside. The case was more for a doctor than for a mere teacher. Anyway I decided to treat it. I first washed the spot with a solution of Lysol, then carefully placed the forceps at the root of the tooth; with a firm grip I held the forceps and shook the tooth here and there to no avail; on the third attempt, I succeeded in extracting it. Of course, I cannot describe the severe pain which accompanied such drastic treatment, and the wonderful relief that followed. I soon cleansed the place, and covered it with lint and cotton, treating it as an ulcer. Within a few weeks the poor fellow recovered. This made a great impression upon the people, and brought more results.

At Yeleh again I was forbidden to build the mission house at a certain spot on account of evil spirits. I insisted and put up the building on the prohibited spot. Afterward the people were impressed because I stayed on that spot without any worry.

We need to have the Spirit of God abundantly in us; otherwise we would allow Satan to rule us, and then we can make no impression that will raise the hearts of the people upward.

Experiences Which Confirm Faith in Christ

BY J. B. LEIGH

ONE of our believers planted a large peanut plot and he reaped a good quantity, while his neighbours' plots were destroyed by worms, rats, and squirrels. He believes that God protected his plot because he is paying tithe.

This same brother one afternoon saw in the hand of his dear little child a very poisonous snake, about a foot long. The child was playing complacently and ignorantly with it; but fortunately nothing happened to the child. It threw the snake down before its father who killed it. The father, as a result, was able to win his wife through this wonderful protecting love of God. He told it everywhere.

One brother was in an overloaded steam launch with over sixty persons. The sea was boisterous. He and another man were forced to leave the launch with their loads and were left in a small town to the mercy of strangers. Immediately the launch left. Three miles away it sank and over twenty were drowned, others half dead were drifted ashore by the tide. This member came back with great joy over God's power extended to save him. It made an impression on the hearts of those who are non-Christians.

Sierra Leone.

Quarter Ended June 30, 1938

Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offering	Miscellaneous Offerings	Week of Sacrifice	Young People's Offerings	Other Gifts	Big Week	Total Offerings	Total Offerings per capita	Percentage of Offerings to Tithe	Total Contribu- tions for Home Missionary Work	Total Contribu- tions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Sales	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
.....	2.15	.....	507.49	4.77	0.37	623.83	1,779.71	0.06	57.1	71.57	303.16	4,558.16	1
2,126.02	.....	36.53	113.05	146.70	61.97	1,758.90	10,966.31	0.15	30.5	222.78	4,503.80	27,311.28	2
60.57	3.86	511.17	2,869.87	106.04	4.99	1,604.03	8,858.22	0.14	54.1	1,716.97	1,481.15	25,083.20	3
7.80	1.07	16.86	676.22	60.91	.....	248.79	2,078.54	0.05	47.8	23.25	227.81	2,023.48	4
167.69	12.28	198.07	2,987.66	166.04	5.98	1,512.22	10,750.54	0.12	44.7	1,047.00	1,928.21	23,017.91	5
2,352.08	19.86	762.63	7,154.29	484.46	73.31	5,747.77	34,433.32	0.12	41.0	3,081.57	8,444.13	81,894.03	.....
.....	.....	.....	19.05	.....	.....	2.37	25.05	0.14	17.5	.....	.....	.....	6
72.81	9.56	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.79	329.81	0.03	66.9	.....	.....	531.40	7
20.45	.....	.....	4.36	.....	.....	.....	1,238.27	0.02	112.4	.....	.....	157.79	8
11.95	22.64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70.90	0.12	71.2	.....	.....	.....	9
282.76	33.54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	856.91	0.04	98.9	.....	.....	1,148.69	10
34.19	37.96	.....	106.41	.....	.....	.....	278.69	0.06	132.5	.....	.....	.....	11
98.48	118.48	.....	138.86	.....	.....	1.85	530.09	0.18	101.9	.....	.....	203.54	12
520.64	222.08	.....	268.68	.....	.....	45.01	3,329.72	0.04	97.0	.....	.....	2,041.42	.....
2,882.72	241.44	762.63	7,422.97	484.46	73.31	5,792.78	37,763.04	0.10	43.2	3,081.57	8,444.13	84,035.45	.....

Baiama in Sierra Leone

BY M. S. CONIE WILLIAMS

BAIAMA is a fine little town containing about 200 houses. It lies about 262 miles from our headquarters at Waterloo. Missionary T. Tranborg and his family came here in 1935 to pioneer, and lost by death a little boy of five summers. Here they made their abode for some time for the purpose of establishing a mission station, but they were attacked by malaria and were forced to leave, never to return here again. In January, 1937, I was sent here to continue the good work they had begun. Thus far we have a small Sabbath-school of thirty-three in enrolment and a small registered school of twenty-three. The Konno language is still difficult for me. The people are heathens and given to witchcraft. The knowledge of a supreme God has just been brought into their minds by our missionaries. The United Brethren missionaries have been in this country for about twenty-five years, but never turned their face toward the Baiama chiefdom; these people were left in darkness almost forgotten. Their houses are poorly built with only one main door, without windows. I am glad to say that the message is appealing to them greatly, and gradually they are responding to it. In our evangelistic meetings we have 200 to 300 in attendance, and in our Sabbath-school not less than sixty.

When you are sending your petitions to the throne of grace, please remember these once neglected souls of Baiama.

The Conversion of Bulli

BY S. SAO-LAMINA

IN Mende country almost all the inhabitants are farmers; and if during farming season a worker wishes to visit a member or a non-member, he must go to his farm where he is always at work except on the Sabbath, if it is not the time to scare away the birds from the rice. On Friday afternoon a thought flashed into my mind that almost every family house in the town had been fed with the Word of God except Bulli's house. Then I made up my mind to see him and have a talk with him. After a short prayer was offered to the heavenly Father, I made my way to Bulli's farm where I met him clearing some sticks. After the usual compliment, I told him that I had purposely come to see him; at these words his attention was arrested and his cutlass was dropped down. "Friend Bulli," I continued, "If I had brought a bag of money into this town and shared it among the inhabitants without giving you a penny of it, how would you have felt?" "Oh! very sad," said Bulli. Then I disclosed to him that I had brought something which was far better than a

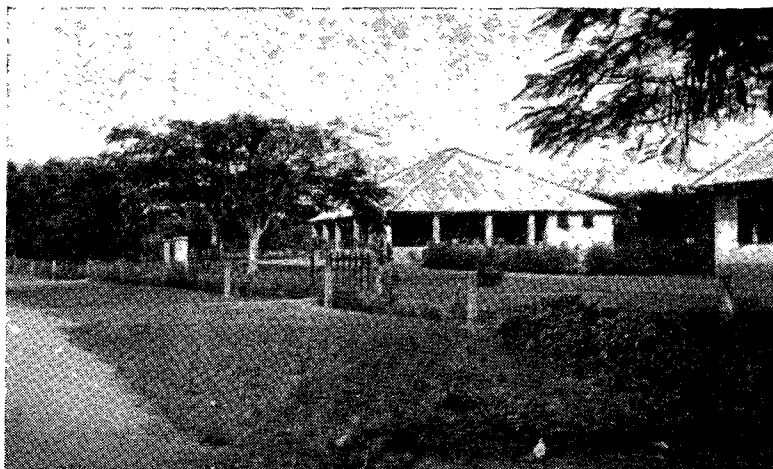
bag of money and that almost every one of the people in the town had had a portion of it. "And what is that?" he asked. Then I said, "The Gospel news." After a few explanations this man was glad to accept the truth, and you will be glad to hear that to-day he and his two sons, Braima and Lamboi, are members of our church and Sabbath-school at Nengbema. Sierra Leone.

"THE heart that is in harmony with God is a partaker of the peace of heaven, and will diffuse its blessed influence on all around."

At Rest

O. J. O. ROST fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, September 9, 1938, and was laid to rest at Drammen on September 17th. Brother Rost was one of our oldest ministers in Norway and among the early pioneers in Europe. Many in Norway thank God for his ministry. During recent years he has patiently endured much suffering and weakness. Our sincere sympathy goes to the mourners.

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Headquarters of the Nigerian Mission at Ibadan.

The Nigerian Training School

BY W. T. B. HYDE

TWELVE young men. A significant number we felt as we studied together Christ's methods of training His disciples for their great work. Twelve young men varying in age, experience, natural ability, and nationality, called aside from the world to spend three years in preparation for wider service.

Thus, once again, Nigeria has a training school in being. It is only another beginning, but we are confident that it will be helped to grow into a training school commensurate with the needs of 25,000,000 people for whom we must work.

To realize how deeply our mission leaders feel the need of better-trained workers, you must know of the sacrifices they have made that the school may reopen. With calls coming in from every side for more and more workers to foster the growing interests, both old and new, they have not only allowed the best of the boys leaving the higher elementary school to enter the class, but have released seven young workers who were already in the field.

Then Pastor Hamilton was brought in to assist in the training school for two or three years. After being connected for a number of years with our schools in the early history of our work in Nigeria, Pastor Hamilton spent twelve years in evangelistic and pastoral work before the call came to him to join us in the task of training the young workers.

Like the students in the schools of the prophets, our young men are being given a balanced education, and the physical side is not neglected. Already they have erected a kitchen and store, and later they will build a carpentry shed and bathroom. Just now they are making simple wooden beds.

We shall not spend much money on these temporary quarters, because we look forward with confidence to the realization of the hope that has been set before us of a new and well-equipped site.

And so we begin, determined to spend our three years in preparing for wider and better service for the Master. To be soul-winners is our first aim, whether we are to be teachers or preachers, and we ask your prayers for our success, especially in seeking, while still in training, to win souls from the great town of Ibadan that lies so close to us.

The North-West Nigerian Mission

BY W. G. TILL

How comforting it is to know that this work will not be finished by the power of man, but by the Holy Spirit.

In our field we have two outpost stations which are reached by different roads from the main station at Awtun. These outposts are about 126 miles apart, but a road

connects the two, passing through an area which has been occupied for many years by another mission antagonistic to us.

We had often desired to investigate this territory, but did not feel led to do so as we had no means for opening up work. However, a few months ago a call came from a man who had heard us preaching in the open air elsewhere; he wished us to visit him in his town, which was situated on the road mentioned above. We felt the Lord had called us. We were able to preach to the people continuing till midnight. When we left, the people begged us not to stay too long before returning.

After counselling together we decided that a worker must visit the new interest to give further help, and one was sent. Then word reached us, even before the worker arrived at the place, that four persons had begun to keep the Sabbath of the Lord. Recently we visited them, and found nine people observing the Sabbath, with others interested. We have had opposition from the Government, but after visiting the officials we believe that God will work for us, and that soon a piece of ground will be granted on which to erect a place of worship.

In one town where for eight years it was impossible to get a small piece of land to erect a place of worship, and where our members were persecuted in various ways, now we have the land we need, and twenty new members have been added to the Sabbath-school in the first six months of this year, making the total about one hundred.

In another town we had a few interested young men but some became frightened when persecution came and retreated, leaving only one young man to stand firm amid the ridicule for several years. Now the company has grown to about one hundred and has outgrown the present church building, so that plans are being made to erect a much larger church.

So we are encouraged as we see the Lord working, and as workers in this field we pray that God will help us to be faithful. Please remember in your prayers this part of God's vineyard with its more than 6,000,000 souls.