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# The M.V. Congress

LOOKING back upon our M.V. Congress, we realize how providentially its arrangements were ordered. Political circumstances grew more and more threatening. Many letters came in from parents asking if we thought it was really safe for the young people to travel abroad. Some who had been registered decided not to run the risk. We were ready at any moment to call off the appointment, but there seemed room for hope of the congress assembling according to plan. It did assemble, ran its course, and ended on the appointed day. Our young people had hardly returned to their homes when the different countries started to call their nationals home from other lands.

We were grateful, while together, that God had made the convention possible, and now we are more than ever grateful that be-

### By W. T. Bartlett

fore the war broke out, we were able to hold this exceedingly interesting and profitable congress. What would we not give to-day to learn that the six dear delegates who were present from Poland had escaped the destruction that has settled over that unhappy country!

Three Master Comrades came from Lithuania, and eighteen stalwart missionary volunteers from Estonia. There was also a goodly representation from Finland, and a small group from Iceland. Latvia would have sent a number, but these were hindered from coming. Altogether we were 400 strong. At Sabbathschool there were 450 present.

Our agenda had been carefully drawn up with a view to giving careful and full study to every phase of the missionary volunteer There were three daily work. sessions of the congress: the first dealt with all the various departments. The second session in the afternoon was devoted to the problems of young people, and this session was largely given over to the young people themselves. The third session of the day dealt with plans for the future in the various activities. We made a careful search in all the fields for those who could contribute anything of value in the studies, and the result was a great volume of earnest and practical thought covering every feature of missionary volunteer work. The gathering was intended to consist of present and future leaders in the missionary volunteer army, and we certainly had very strong representation.



A fine group of young people who attended the recent Youth Congress in Denmark.

The ten young Norwegians who cycled to the congress.

Near the close of the congress we listened to plans drawn up by the various Unions for a fouryear advance, and it was thrilling and inspiring to listen to the plans as they were outlined to us. In those plans we were able to visualize the giant strength and resolute purpose of our missionary volunteer army in this Division. In spite of the interruption and dislocation inevitably caused by war, we are confident that in most of the fields we shall witness a mighty advance during the next few years.

The weather was rather broken for the first half of the period, and this interfered with outdoor features to some extent. However, we managed most days to have our swimming exercises and gymnastic drills. One day we saw a thorough display of life-saving methods for the apparently drowned. One day was given over to a coach excursion to the Himmelberg, a historic eminence in the heart of Denmark. When the weather improved, we held some of the sessions out of doors, and on the last evening we gathered around a huge bonfire. A musical programme with some speeches, and a presentation of written messages in the nine languages to the secretary, was concluded by joining hands around the bonfire while we sang two verses of "God be with you till we meet again."

On Sabbath afternoon we broke up into seven parties, which were conducted <sup>°</sup> by local guides to various beauty spots in the neighbourhood, where selected instructors gave talks on God's work in creation. This was a very happy and profitable Sabbath afternoon, wound up by an hour's joint testimony meeting in the hall.

Every morning we gathered in groups out of doors for the Morning Watch. The final event of the day was in the hall, when musical



D. A. Ochs and wife.

items were rendered, followed by a lecture on some interesting and important subject. We were favoured with a great variety of talent. Brother W. E. Read was present for a part of the time, and Doctors W. H. Teesdale and M. E. Olsen were present throughout. We were also glad to have Brother Francis Clifford with us from the South African Division. Above all we were blessed with the continuous and unfailing help of Brother D. A. Ochs, one of the General Conference secretaries of the Missionary Volunteer Department. He is an ideal young people's leader, and to him the Missionary Volunteer Congress owes a great deal of its success. Sister Ochs also gave us good help. There was an investiture service at which a large number received the Master Comrade and Comrade insignia. There were also a few Companions invested.

The Vejlefjord School took care of us splendidly, and we owe a debt of gratitude to the workers at the school for all they did to make the congress so enjoyable an occasion. The morale of the army was wonderful throughout. Everyone who contributed did it with his might. I came away with unbounded confidence in the future of the army, led as it is everywhere with such consecrated ability and enthusiasm.

One feature that ought not to be forgotten was the visit of ten young Norwegians, who, under the care of Brother Kr. Hogganvik of Oslo, were touring Norway and Denmark on cycles. They gave us an excellent hour's entertainment with their singing and the record of their adventures.

### Nchwanga Training School

BROTHER EMANUEL PEDERSEN, of Nchwanga Training School, Uganda, writes in a personal letter:

"You will be glad to know that things are well at the school. December last we had twelve boys sitting for their government examination, and they not only passed, but even were told they all were an exceptionally high standard for that type of teachers. Realizing the kind of material they were when they came in, we are thankful to God for what He has done for us. The school is crowded; we have boys sleeping in all kinds of places, and yet I have had to say No to many that wanted to come. The conditions we work under are rather trying; but we still cherish the hope of something better to come.'

### God's Help in Latvia

#### BY F. OLTIN

LATVIA as well as the other Baltic countries is situated in the midst of Europe, half-way between the Eastern and Western lands, whose inhabitants are all much influenced by the spread of atheism. But God be praised, the religious life in Latvia has reached a high point of development, and the different religious confessions have it in their power to build strongholds for truth, to fight for God and the Bible.

After many changes in the work of our conference in Latvia we can exclaim :- "Ebenezer !" Indeed the Lord God has helped His church wonderfully. The annual conference this year showed a good picture of our work in Latvia. Our conference consists of twenty-eight churches with 2,997 members. We have twenty-eight mission workers to-day, whose work has been blessed by God, and 152 new souls have been added.

God has blessed also the faithful members of our conference, and the past year was our best in gifts, tithes, and other funds.

Our annual congress was visited by Brethren G. E. Nord and T. T. Babienco from the Division, and Brother E. Mägi from the Estonian Conference. Brother Nord spoke on Sabbath about the great things God has done in Africa through His people. Our people were very glad to hear these messages after so long a time. Earnest prayers showed the spirit of unity and the leading of God's Spirit during the congress session.

In this year we had also our youth's congress at the Suschenhof Mission School, June 22nd to 25th. It was the best congress in Latvia's history. There were about 1,000 present to study Bible truths and the problems of the youth. We are very grateful to God that Brother D. A. Ochs could be present as a representative from our General Conference. His practical Bible studies were a great help to our youth. On the Sabbath day he spoke to the juniors. Many took their stand on the Lord's side and twenty-one were joined to the Lord in baptism. We thank heartily our General Conference as well as the Division for sending us such good help.

Brother E. Mägi, the president of Estonia Conference, and Brother V. Strohl, the leader of the work in Lithuania, also brought good help to our youth congress, and our churchmembers were very glad to see again the leaders of our neighbour conferences.

God has been with us till the present moment and we are confident that He will lead us in the future also. May the Saviour purify us wholly for His glorious appearing.

These meetings led us to a united consecration for the work of the message, and a burning desire to spend our lives for the preaching of the message committed to us.

The Advent Message in Kenya

BY W. W. ARMSTRONG

THE Karura Mission is situated seven miles from Nairobi, the capital of Kenya Colony. Being in close proximity to a town brings some disadvantages. There are no African towns in Kenya and the natives are used to a rural life in small villages. But to-day many Africans are wending their way to the towns in hope of making money. Many are sadly disappointed and get into difficulties. They learn the vices of town life, and, in consequence, mission work near to a town is quite a different thing from work in a native reserve. On the other hand, there are advantages. One can get into touch with the more intelligent natives and there is a better chance of obtaining some good workers for the Lord.

Three years ago I was brought into contact with an educated Kikuyu who held good government certificates and who had spent quite

a long time teaching in government schools. At the time I was introduced to him he was taking a special course in Nairobi in typing and book-keeping. After having spoken to him several times he expressed a desire to have weekly studies with me on various points of our message. Finally he accepted all points of our faith, and after his course was finished he went back to his home some fifty miles away, and began to teach his people of the new-found truth. He raised up a good company there which has now grown to a good church. Then we called him to head up our school work at the mission. But the urge to preach had become strong within him, and he left to go to a new district 100 miles away to preach the message. He received no pay for this work. but worked month after month supporting himself. He has raised up two good companies in that area. Recently I received a letter from him written in English regarding his present and future work. I thought I would send this letter to the SURVEY family as an indication of the spirit that takes hold of some of our believers when they embrace the truth. I send it in the exact words as I received it.

"By the power of God I shall try my best to work for God who has given me strength and made me His servant. I shall work from the Tana River round Karatina until Chuka. We shall work for Jesus until we die in His work. [He was travelling with a companion.] It is better to die in the battle than to die in our houses. Christ was pierced and died on Calvary cross for our sins. We therefore should die for our brothers who have been put in Satan's prison. By the power of God we shall release them that they may feel liberty from Satan.

"It is the duty of all Christians to work and finish the work which we have been given to do. Then Christ will come and take us to heaven where He has already prepared a place for us.

"If we love Christ we shall like to dwell with Him and long to be taken to heaven. Therefore we must work by the help of the Holy Spirit and finish the work given to us by God. Religion is most understood when

best testimonies that can be given

as to the way the message inspires

some of our African believers. The

writer of the above letter has now

gone to our newly-started evan-

gelical training school. He expects

to go through the full course of

two years and then return to take

up the work he has chosen of tak-

ing this message to his own people.

We ask an interest in your prayers

for these dark-coloured people who

are trying to finish the work in

this part of the field.

This letter is perhaps one of the

most practised."

"In Embu and Chuka we beseech to work and give light to all those who want to be saved and want to follow the wonderful words of God. By the power of God we shall not tremble, but we shall bear in mind that Jesus dwells in us and will encourage us to work without fear. We shall not mind dangers when we remember the lost sheep which Christ wishes us to bring into His flock. The Lord is coming soon.

"The time is up for all Christian soldiers to go into the battle for the benefit of God's flock. We shall be given eternal life as our reward.

### Progress in Nigeria

#### BY W. MCCLEMENTS

READERS of the SURVEY will be glad to know that the third angel's message is spreading and taking deeper root in Nigerian soil. It is even crossing the border into Dahomey, where a small interest has been reported by one of our Yoruba workers. Much seed sowing has been done and a harvest of souls is being gathered in.

During 1938 we received 517 souls into church fellowship by baptism. This year another 637 have been baptized, and a few more will be added before the end of the year. To-day we are happy to report a church membership of over three thousand. Twenty-four new Sabbath-schools were established during the period under review, with an additional membership of 2,400. Our total Sabbathschool membership now numbers more than 15,000. Over 3,000 are in our baptismal classes preparing for full membership. The outlook is encouraging, and for all that has been accomplished we praise the Lord.

We have not been without perplexities and dangers. Prices in the produce markets collapsed, depression set in, and our tithes and offerings suffered. This has brought some embarrassment to the field, but we are thankful to the Division for the timely assistance rendered. Our local income is showing an upward trend this year.

Our church has been subjected to the cunning attacks of the great deceiver. A fanatical "spirit movement" came in like a flood and threatened the unity of the church in Ibo country, but the Spirit of the Lord has lifted up the standard and saved His people. Similar movements have wrought havoc in other missions in the past, but the Advent message has been as a hedge around God's people.

At the beginning of the year a month's Bible School, in which Elder W. T. Bartlett from the Division led out, brought great blessing to the large company of Ibo workers who attended. Those who had been under the influence of the spirit movement regained their bearings as the Scriptures were studied from day to day. This course of Bible study was a spiritual feast to the workers. It brought a deep satisfying experience to them. Brethren and sisters, we can rejoice in the Advent truth for these times. We have been deeply impressed with its influence and power in preserving our work intact throughout this spiritual crisis.

It was a happy occasion at our recent campmeeting at Aba when two of our faithful Ibo workers were ordained to the Gospel ministry. Philip Onwere and Robert Wosu have both given evidence of their calling to the ministry. They have been loyal workers and faithful soul-winners for many years. Other young men are developing satisfactorily. This is an encouraging aspect of the work in Nigeria, for if we are ever to carry the truth to all these provinces and cities we must have strong African workers able to carry responsibility.

While striving to carry the banner of truth into new areas we are endeavouring to consolidate the work already done. Our large body of unbaptized Sabbathkeepers calls for much care and instruction. We are filling up our baptismal classes, and the Missionary Volunteer work is being reorganized by Brother W. Newman. With the young people fully organized and trained strong wings will be given to the work in this expansive field.

There is an insatiable desire for education in Africa to-day, and an attempt is being made to give as many as possible of our African boys and girls a Christian education. Several new schools have been opened during the past twelve months. A dormitory has been erected at Awtun to accommodate Adventist boys from the surrounding districts. This makes provision for many children who would not otherwise find the way to enter one of our schools. At Elele, in the South East Mission, we have raised our school from lower elementary to higher elementary status and placed Pastor J. J. Hamilton in charge. A dormitory has been erected in close proximity to this school for boys from the different language areas who wish to avail themselves of a Christian education. The plan is that they provide their own food while the mission provides the dormitory accommodation. The girls' school at Aba has had a rather chequered history, but we are thankful that it is functioning once more under the care of Sister M. Morgan who came to our field last March.

Two or three weeks ago we received requests from two Yoruba villages to come and open schools. At Osengere we had a few Sabbath-keepers eighteen years ago, but they went over to the C.M.S., and we had almost forgotten that such a village existed. Now the village has grown large and the chief has sent to us to come and open a school. The village people have promised as much good land

as we require and are busy at present erecting a building to serve as school and church. They have undertaken to equip the school and pay in advance for the Adventist teacher.

The people of another village, where our boys preached regularly some years ago, and where we had secured land but had to abandon the project of building a church because of the lack of interest on the part of the people, have called us and cleared the land for the erection of a school. They, too, are preparing to gather funds for the support of an Adventist teacher. To such calls we can only respond when the people making the request are able to support the teacher.

During 1938 our workers gave over 11,000 treatments. We have a good dispensary at Jengre, and several small dispensaries are operated on the other stations. We are glad for what is being done to relieve human suffering, but it is not enough. Soon we hope to commence on our new hospital. Ten days ago we went to Lagos and were present as one of the trans-African aeroplanes arrived from the East coast. We watched this bird-like object with greater

interest than usual as it approached Lagos, banked gracefully over the lagoon and glided down softly in front of us. A few minutes later Dr. G. Madgwick from our Kendu hospital in East Africa stepped cut and greeted us. He had flown over to counsel with us and assist in finding the best location for the hospital. We plan to establish this institution in the Yoruba country, and we feel most grateful to cur fuithful brethren and sisters in Europe and other lands who have made this project possible by their liberal offerings.

A number of changes have taken place in our European force. Brother and Sister A. C. Vine and family have returned to England. C. A. Bartlett and wife have accepted a call to the Gold coast where Brother Bartlett will become principal of our training school at/ Bekwai. Sister R. Muderspach has come from the Division office as our Union secretary-treasurer. Brother and Sister B. Walton have taken up work in Elele District and Sister Morgan, formerly of Kenva, has become principal of the girls' school. We pray that these workers may experience much of the Lord's blessing in their new spheres of labour.

# The Nigerian Missionary Volunteers

BY W. J. NEWMAN (M.V. Secretary)

It has been a real inspiration to meet with our thousands of young people as we have conducted Missionary Volunteer Conventions in the various districts of Nigeria. Little difficulty has been experienced in calling the people together. Some have come long distances. Three (illustrated in the picture) walked twenty-five miles to attend the Umuahia convention.

One young member related how he had been giving Bible studies to a teacher of another mission, and this worker had been using the information as the basis for his Sunday sermon.

At one place after the convention we cycled to a town six miles away and preached to the people, all the chiefs being present. They readily consented to our young people visiting them every fortnight. Already we have two people interested, a spark which must be fanned into a flame.



Photo by W. J. Newman A promising M.V. at Emii, Nigeria.



Photo by W. J. Newman Three M.V's who walked twenty miles to attend a convention.

In the Aba district it was planned that groups of Missionary Volunteers should visit any district where the evangelist was experiencing difficulty, thus breaking down prejudice and making way for the Advent message.

We have arranged our own Study and Service League, which covers memory work, an examination in Bible doctrines, and an active part in missionary work. The women who cannot read are allowed to memorize the texts in a Bible study and then repeat them to the women in the market or on the farm. Thus all can help in fulfilling Matthew 28:19.

Our membership will not be so large as hitherto reported, as we have changed the conditions for membership. One condition is that all members must either be baptized or ready for such during the year. This will eliminate many of our previous M.V. members, but we feel that the new ruling will strengthen the work and bring still greater fruit.

Although we are thankful to God for the way our young people are working, yet the results bring great responsibilities upon the leaders of our work, and, indeed, upon every member in the home field. Interests are aroused, churches built, then come the requests for teachers which we cannot yet answer for lack of means. How long must we continue to say "no" to these people who are hungering and thirsting after truth?

# News from the North-West Mission

#### BY W. G. TILL

It is about 100 years since the Gospel was first preached in Nigeria, and to-day there are many societies at work in this land. In many parts we find those who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof in their lives. Many only join a church for the loaves and fishes. Others are quite content to follow what they are told, and when admonished to search for themselves what God says for these last days, they reply that they do not want anything new, for God has said, "That which ye have already, hold fast till I come." Against this spirit of indifference and self-satisfaction we find it difficult to work among the Yoruba people. However, we do thank God for the few who are honest in heart, and for those who are listening to the message and turning from the world to join with the people of God.

Each year during the dry season our workers spend some time in active evangelistic efforts. Last January one party held an effort in a town where they met much opposition. When they preached in the open air a big noise was made so those who wished to listen could not hear. Then some of the leaders tried to drive away those who listened.

Our workers kept on under difficulty and sang their hymns of praise to God. When the people were driven away on one side; they preached to those who remained on the other. So the seed was sown under difficulties, and when the workers left there was apparently nothing to show for their labours. However, some seed fell into good g-ound, and is bringing forth fruit. One man with a strong character was interested and desired to search out the truth. Though his friends reasoned with him and urged him, yet he finally

decided to keep the commandments, saying, "Now I have found the true religion." We were all made glad when the report came that eleven persons are walking in the light. On our last visit to the town the chief readily granted a plot of land upon which a place of worship could be erected, and as another torch of truth is kindled, we earnestly pray that the light may spread.

Another worker relates an experience to show that God helps those who work patiently for Him. In the town where this worker is located a great deal of opposition has been manifested. However, he has worked away quietly, and has been winning the hearts of the people by giving simple treatments. People have been coming from miles around to get help. Recently the wife of a teacher. who had been opposing our work, was taken ill and all kinds of remedies were tried without good results. At last the teacher came to our worker and begged for help. Help was given, and after prayer and treatment the woman recovered. This manifestation of the spirit of Jesus was a wonder in the eyes of the people; they said they could not understand why our worker should want to

help those who had opposed him and his work. We pray that by this experience the hearts of some may be reached.

In llorin, the ninth town in Nigeria, with its 47,400 inhabitants, encouraging signs have been seen. This town is Mohammedan and the law forbids Christian activities inside the town walls. However, we have been encamped outside for some time. Recently we saw one of the chiefs who rules over a portion near the edge of the town, and he invited us to come and make a school for the children in his area. He was willing to grant us a plot of land just outside the wall where we could erect a school building. The Emir of the district was also sympathetic, and we are hoping that in some way we will be able to find the means to start this school which would be an entering wedge into this Mohammedan area.

The signs in the world tell us that soon Jesus will be here, and the recent earthquake which was felt in this area has stirred the hearts of many. Though the work is difficult we are not discouraged. We know the work is to be finished by the power of the Holy, Spirit, and we wish to be used and found faithful in finishing the task. We pray for our brethren in all parts, and ask an interest in your prayers.



oto by W. J. Newman M.V. Convention, Umuahia, Nigeria.

BROTHER L. A. VIXIE is now on his way home from East Africa, and finding it difficult to secure any kind of travelling accommodation. He is at present at Cairo, and may have to fly home from there.

BROTHER G. E. NORD is in Scandinavia attending Home Missionary Institutes. The churches in the two Nordic Unions and in the Baltic countries are working faithfully. At the time of writing the East Nordic Union has passed its Ingathering goal, and other Unions are well on the way.

### Still Onward in South-East Nigeria

#### BY L. EDMONDS

WE rejoice in the steady growth. and expansion of the Advent cause in this great country. New companies of believers are being added to the faith and greater areas are being covered with the message. The towns and villages into which we have carried the joyful news of the Advent hope have yielded the most encouraging returns for the labour which has been expended. This year we did not follow our usual custom of holding one large baptism at our headquarters at Aba, but the candidates were baptized in their own districts and so created a wider sphere of interest. Much credit is due to the district leaders and teachers for the careful preparation of these candidates. So far this year we have baptized over 600.

To-day we have churches in towns to which in times past we were refused an entry. At Okrika, one of the most important and thickly populated islands of the Delta, the chiefs in council made a decree that no one should allow any Adventists to come, and that anybody lending a canoe or helping to pull any believer of this sect to the island would be severely dealt with. When I visited this part I did not know the degree to which the opposition was organized. Quite unconsciously I made an effort to gather the people together so that I might preach to them, but was surprised to find a great hesitancy on their part. Nevertheless God was with us and the seed was sown that day. Since then one of the chiefs has been converted and has become a great friend of the Mission, giving his house freely for the use of any who may wish to unite in worship with us. The believers, whilst only fifteen in number, are strong in faith. Land has been secured and cleared ready for the erection of a church. The building will only be constructed of mud and must of necessity stand in striking contrast to the magnificent cathedral which has so long been the pride of the island, yet we foresee in the near future a bounteous revelation to the inhabitants of Okrika of that greater glory which is to shine through the Word.

The new work among the Ibibio tribe is very promising, yet sad to say, it has been impossible to answer many of the calls owing to lack of funds. If only we had the means to place more evangelists in this virgin territory the number of believers could be doubled in a few months. In one of these towns, called Nji, there is already an enrolment of 235 Sabbath-school members, and in six other companies an aggregate following of over 700. The people are keen to learn the message, and hardly a week passes but we are faced with fresh inquirers from new towns. Many among this tribe are traders and our converts carry the message into distant parts. Recently word reached me from a town nearly forty miles away concerning an awakening due to the labours of one such trader. Some of these interested people have been Christians for years and are able to read the Bible for themselves. So keen are they to learn more that they are willing to meet the expense of an evangelist themselves.

We pray for wisdom as we face these conditions, that we in His light might do His will.

### The World Hath Hated Them

#### . BY DAVID ATOLAGBE

"I have given them Thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

How true are these words of the Master in our district here today.

Our school in Awtun, Nigeria, is mostly filled with the Oba's and the chiefs' sons, of whom the writer is one. The expectation of our fathers was that we would duly come out of the school as clerks in the service of our native administration and of the government, but now, seeing one with another follow on teaching lines, and that for the Adventists who are said to be less recognized by the Government, has disappointed them a great deal. We are still having the majority of these chiefs' children in our school, though a few of them have been removed to non-adventist schools. They all gladly become Sabbathschool members and the older ones enrol as Missionary Volunteer members. We are trying hard to bring up these young souls in the way of the Lord so that they will not go into the world.

The father of a grown-up pupil desired to send him to a Roman Catholic priest for schooling. The child fervently prayed, and we prayed, too, that the father's will should not be done. Since then the father has dropped the subject and the child is fast advancing in his elementary education.

Our nonconformity with the world is the main cause of the disagreements with us. Now the chiefs are asking the C.M.S. to come with their school which they promise to support financially from our N.A's treasury.

In 1936 we had an influx of some of these chiefs' children from a N.A. school. Soon afterward a C.M.S. pastor moved them away to his own school ten miles distant, but two of them came back again. One of these children was crying because another boy said that he was not an Adventist. Not long ago we had a J.M.V. test in Bible doctrines, and this boy topped the school. He has a great desire to be a missionary. The same boy has also done much toward the conversion of three others.

In our last evangelistic effort the school children helped the workers. The school band was the means of gathering hearers.

In the last Harvest Ingathering season, the school, soliciting with the school band, collected  $\pounds 2$ .-14s. 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d.

Last week, from the school garden, we had a yam harvest, the tithe portion of which, when sold, amounted to one shilling and sixpence.

While yet in the world, being

sanctified through His truth, may the Lord show us how to live and do His work in the world.

### The Ivory Coast

#### BY J. CLIFFORD

IT was recently our privilege, in company with Brother E. R. Colson of the Division, to pay a visit to the believers in the Ivory Coast. This entailed a journey of over eleven hundred miles, for this country is as large as Great Britain, and the groups of believers are widely separated.

Since this was the first visit some of the members had received from a European missionary, they were naturally overjoyed to see us. But we were interested to see that wherever we stayed the heathen people were always eager to meet with us, and to hear the message. At each place visited, Abengeru, Abidjam, Agbawu, and Tiemelekro, numbers of non-adventists came to the services, and asked if we could not stay longer to teach them from the Scriptures.

We found the believers standing firm, and meeting regularly for worship. As usual they had their tithes put by ready for the visiting worker. They are true and loyal, in face of difficulties. In one place false accusations had been made against the local leader, and he was called to the Commandant's office to receive orders to discontinue preaching. But his opponent failed to attend the court to justify the accusation, and our brother is allowed to continue.

At present there is no mission worker in the whole of that large field. Steps have been taken to train Africans who know the languages used by these people. A European missionary is greatly needed to develop and build up the interests in this field. God in His providence has lit four lights in that country. We ask you to pray for the light-bearers, and to do your part to send a missionary there to hold up their hands and to extend the work.

#### A Fortunate Disaster

#### BY S. SAO-LAMINA

I BECAME acquainted with a family consisting of sixteen or more persons, who had the privilege of hearing the Word of God preached in front of their compound, but they had no desire to attend Sabbath-school. One Sabbath day the father of this family was employed to rethatch the roof of a neighbour's house. While he was working there a mist came over him, he was confused, and had the misfortune to fall from the roof,

people.



Our believers at Tiemelekro. Ivory Coast.

being much injured both on his head and sides.

When I was called upon to give some first aid I reproved him for his disobedience and reminded him of the privilege he had of hearing the Word of God at his own door. A few days later he recovered from his injuries. Over a year has passed, and I am glad to report that the parents and children of this family are all attending Sabbath-school, and that one of the older sons has been baptized. Sierra Leone.

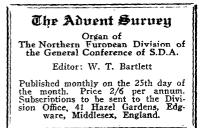
BROTHER READ has received a letter from Pastor E. B. Rudge of

the Australasian Union Confer-

ence containing the following:

"I have returned from a visit to our New Guinea field, and to our aboriginal mission in North Queensland. In both these sections we made contact with individuals who have been wonderfully lifted and changed. I was interested in one man I met in New Guinea, who is now a teacher in our mission day school there. When the message found him, several years ago, he was employed in a branch office in the town of Rabaul at a salary of £52 per year. He became burdened to share the responsibility of giving this truth to his own

"This good brother sacrificed his position at  $\pounds 52$  a year to work for the mission for about 10/- per month, which is the prevailing mission salary among mission bodies generally operating in New Guinea. The spirit of sacrifice and the claims of the message are still the same upon men as they were in the early days of this work."



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