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The General Conference

By W. E. READ

THE General Conference held at San Francisco this year will long be remembered by those who were privileged to attend. It was one of the most remarkable meetings the Advent cause has ever held. It is true that some parts of the world field were not represented, but when one views conditions in the earth to-day, it was amazing to see the number of people that came and the fields that were represented.

Over the week-ends there must have been 15,000 people in attendance. It was a wonderful sight to walk into the large Auditorium about half an hour before the Friday evening meetings began and see every seat taken and the people joining in the song service which preceded the evening devotional exercises.

On the Sabbath we needed extra accommodation and the brethren had provided for that by engaging the Opera House quite near to the Auditorium. That seated about 3,000 people and on Sabbath was packed full. Excellent publicity was given to the General Conference proceedings. The daily papers in San Francisco and in Oakland featured the meetings with columns of news. Two or three of the papers arranged for four-page pictorial inserts on one or two occasions during the session and these were sold by thousands all over the country. The *Review and Herald* bulletins give the full official account of the General Conference, and one would hope that a complete set of the twelve bulletins would reach all our believers who are able to read the English language. The editors have done a wonderful piece of work; the writers seemed to catch the very spirit of the conference and in their articles have sought to pass on the atmosphere of that remarkable gathering.

What a privilege it was to meet so many old friends, workers with

whom one had been associated during the years. It was certainly a great meeting-place. The spirit of the conference was unique; in fact, from the time it began until it closed a quiet spirit of devotion pervaded the whole assembly. What joy filled our hearts at the morning devotional meetings! As soon as the hour came to begin, several thousands of the

group gatherings. Really they were seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

The evening meetings were given over to reports from the world field, and what reports we had! One might easily anticipate some note of discouragement to be sounded, or an over-emphasis of difficulties from certain lands. It is true that there are perplexities; hardships and difficulties abound on every hand, and they have intensified during the past two years. These were mentioned, but not a note of discouragement, not one note of defeat, was sounded. Instead, difficulties came as a challenge to the Advent people to rise in their God-given strength and go forward to do exploits in His name. Notwithstanding restrictions, the removal of populations, and perplexities due to invasion, the year 1940 seems to have been a banner year in the history of the Advent cause. Before we went to the General Conference we had listed up many things in our own Division and had confidently asserted that 1940 would go down in our history as the most wonderful we had ever experienced. But as we listened to the reports from China and India, other parts of the Far East, South Africa, Inter- and South America, and from the islands of the sea, it was evident that our believers in all the world were sharing in the wonderful blessings that 1940 brought to the work of God.

In my contact with the brethren on the other side of the Atlantic, whether at institutions where we have large gatherings of our people, or in our churches large and small, I have been deeply impressed with their loyalty to the cause of God and their largeheartedness, particularly in relation to our world missions programme. Our brethren over there

NOTICE

THERE will probably be no issues of the ADVENT SURVEY for some months. Owing to the isolation of many of our fields, the Division organ can hardly serve the purpose we had in mind when we began to publish it several years ago. From time to time, however, we shall send out certain items of information concerning the fields under our care, and for some time, at least, this will be sent from the General Conference headquarters at Washington, D.C., either in duplicated sheets, or in printed form. The plan of procedure will be decided in the near future.

It would be much appreciated if copy could be sent in as heretofore, but addressed to the undersigned at our temporary headquarters at Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

W. E. READ.

people were in their places. Then came solemn, urgent, and heart-searching appeals from the servants of God. Following the Bible study the congregation broke up into several groups, each retiring quietly to its own specified room. Appointed leaders directed the various groups in praise and testimony, and what blessings came to our hearts in these

have been looking at the world field. They see difficulties developing here and there. They see restrictions in sending money out from various countries. They see that our believers in many lands, who raise mission offerings out of a deep love for missions, are not able, due to the peculiar regulations in this time, to send funds to our mission fields. Over and over again you could hear our believers say, "We must do more. We must get under the load to a greater degree than ever before. We have already gotten one or two goals in the Ingathering this year, we must go out and get two or three goals more, for we cannot let our missionaries down." We have a

loyal and noble body of believers and we thank God for them.

Now the delegates who came to the General Conference are, in the main, back in their homelands. Others are travelling the high seas, making their way to distant lands. What a wonderful meeting! What wonderful prospects for the future! Amid the perils of these days, amid all the restrictions and difficulties, amid all the trials of these latter times, let us ever remember that there is a God in heaven who delights in times of adversity to show His people what He can do. Whatever may come, whatever difficulties may beset the work, its triumph is assured in the name of the Lord.

Journey Mercies

BY W. E. READ

IN such days as these we feel deeply grateful to the Lord for His protecting care in times of danger, and especially so amid the perils of the mighty deep. Since the outbreak of war there have been so many evidences of divine leading and heaven's providential care that we have marvelled at times at the wonderful workings of our God.

One important thing to settle at all times is that we are doing the will of God. We should know this to be a fact in the work of God, and we should know it in our individual experience. This is one of the privileges of the child of God at all times, for the Lord definitely promises to guide His children and to lead them even in detailed affairs of everyday life. The necessity for this becomes more apparent when one contemplates going into danger areas and making journeys that are fraught with peril on the right hand and on the left. To-day, moreover, dangers lurk beneath as well as above. Literally, we travel in the very midst of perils.

It was remarkable how calm an assurance the Lord gave just before making the recent trip to the General Conference. Two extracts from the Testimonies brought courage to our hearts:

"Whether on the land or on the sea, if we have the Saviour in our hearts, we have no need to fear."—*"Desire of Ages,"* page 336.

"The path where God leads the way may be through the desert or the sea, but it is a safe path."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets,"* page 290.

How precious the promises of God become at such a time as this!

How comforting the assurances of the Lord have been to all our dear people in the air-raids and in other hard experiences during the past two years! You can easily imagine how we would tie to such promises, especially when "rocked in the cradle of the deep."

The journey across the ocean was made in but little longer time than in pre-war days, and on the whole it was a good journey. The company was congenial and the ship's officers did everything possible to make us comfortable. Preparations were made, however, for every emergency. It was necessary at times to sleep in our clothing. We carried a life-belt always. We took it to meals, we took it to the lounge, we carried it with us when we walked on the deck, we had it by us when we went to sleep.

One morning, when we were some distance from the shore to which we were bound, there was excitement on board. Sirens sounded, immediately passengers and members of the crew came running up the stairways to the boat deck. A submarine had been sighted. When we looked out, there it was on the horizon following us, evidently travelling at its utmost speed. There was no breakfast that morning. Everything took second place in the face of this emergency. From the human viewpoint it seemed only a matter of time before the craft that was chasing us would catch up with us; then one could imagine the rest. What comfort and peace come to one's heart in such an hour, when one knows that he is where God called him to be.

How one traces the leadings of the Lord. How one recalls the answers

to prayer which directed in the decision to make the journey. Vital questions press on the mind. One prays with strong desire to know that all is right with the Lord, and for grace to meet the final issue. But out of this emergency developed a unique experience, for while thus praying, somehow the burden came upon our hearts to make request for deliverance, that God would intervene and bring relief, and succour us in the danger in which we found ourselves. Moments passed, the sky was clear, visibility was excellent, there was not a thing to be seen apart from our own steamer and the following craft. Ere long, however, in the direction in which we were travelling, smoke appeared on the horizon. Some ships came into view, and almost before we realized it a wonderful panorama opened up before our gaze; a large convoy bound for the British Isles. It had come right across our pathway. With what joy we all hailed it! It was some distance away, but it was a wonderful sight, and how thankful we were for its appearance in our hour of need.

We have a wonderful God. So faithful and true to His promises! How He hears the cries of His children, and how He brings deliverance just at the right time! Why did that convoy come at that particular moment? Why not half an hour later? No sooner had the convoy passed, than down came a mist and enshrouded our steamer so that we hardly had a ship's length visibility from that time until we steamed into the harbour.

This experience brought a text vividly to mind—a text which, on the face of it, has little application to our days:

"Then we departed from the river Ahava (* * *) on the twelfth (* * *) day of the first (* * *) month, to go unto Jerusalem (* * *); and the hand of our God was upon us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way." Ezra 8:31.

So, there is a song in our hearts to-day of praise to the Lord for His wonderful keeping power. How we look back with joy upon the two extracts quoted above, for the comfort and assurance and blessing they brought in this hour of need! All praise be to our redeeming Lord.

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WITH a total of more than £12,000 the British Union Conference has passed all previous Ingathering records.

Some Changes at the General Conference

BY W. E. READ

DUE to the world situation it was evident that some changes would be called for when the brethren gave consideration to the needs of the world field. A few years ago, when thinking of Europe and some of the perplexities that had arisen, arrangements were made for a new Division to function. This bore the name of Central Division, Section II. It had its headquarters at Washington and filled an important need in caring for a number of fields for which provision could hardly be made otherwise. As the brethren considered present conditions at the time of the recent meeting in San Francisco, it was decided to disband Central Division, Section II, and now other arrangements have been made for the better supervision of those fields.

Some other divisions have been much affected by recent developments. Some parts of the Far East were given consideration, also the situation now existing in Europe proper. There was a general feeling, however, that this was not the time to rearrange these Divisional boundaries, for the international situation was not sufficiently clear to make changes that would give any prospect of permanence. So far as Southern Europe is concerned, the officers were re-elected, and everything left much as it has been during the past few years. So far as we are concerned, however, a skeleton organization was planned. There were but three persons named definitely as the result of the work of the General Conference session and also of the Executive Committee. The writer was re-elected president, Paul Knudsen was elected as secretary-treasurer, and W. T. Bartlett was elected by the Division Executive Committee as field secretary.

Now this will call for the Division's activities to be operated for the time being at least, from Washington, although Brother Bartlett will hold on here at Edgware and care for our property and other matters as they may develop from time to time.

So far as the departments are concerned, these will also be cared for from Washington, although only tentative arrangements can be made to care for them in this time of emergency. The Home Missionary,

Publishing, Ministerial Association, and Religious Liberty Departments will fall to the chairman; the Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath-School Departments will be cared for by the secretary-treasurer. The Educational Department will be shared by the president and secretary. In this way we hope to care for the details of the work until such time as other developments may be made in the organization of the work.

Our mission fields in Kenya and Uganda will, for the duration, be cared for by the Southern African

Division. Postal facilities have been seriously affected due to conditions, and the problem of visitation has become well-nigh insoluble. Hence it was felt that the brethren in Southern Africa, who can visit at the present time, should be asked to supervise the work in these two important mission fields. This will give the brethren in Kenya and Uganda the benefit of counsel from men of long experience in the work and provide also for a general supervision which we all appreciate in our work at all times.

West Africa remains with us in the Division and arrangements were made also for the Southern Cameroons Mission, known as the Equatorial African Mission, which has been under the care of Southern Europe for so many years, to be cared for by us for the duration.

Newbold Missionary College

BY W. G. MURDOCH

IN these days of difficulty and distress, we are made to feel very thankful to God for the instruction which has come to us from the servant of the Lord to locate our schools out in the country. We greatly appreciate the foresight of the Union committee which, under the guidance of God, found this quiet retreat where we are able to continue our most important work of Christian education.

We have just completed another very successful school year at Newbold Missionary College. The enrolment was gratifying, and the dormitories well filled with a group of earnest young people.

The two Weeks of Prayer were seasons of deep spiritual refreshing, and before the year closed we were pleased to see all the students who were not already churchmembers, baptized. The chapel hour, worship periods, the various student organizations, the Sabbath services, and the instruction from godly teachers, all contributed to the deepening of the students' spiritual life and the enlarging of their vision of God's great ideal for them.

Certain attainments of the year surpassed anything we have seen hitherto. Thirty-five young people obtained benefits from the summer colporteur work. One hundred and fifty-six pounds was obtained in one day in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and well over one hundred

pounds' worth of literature was sold on the Sunday of the Big Week.

Eighteen young people were successful in completing their College course, and received their diplomas on May 11th. Already some of them have entered conference employ, and others are engaged in the literature ministry. Sixty students have now been in the canvassing field since graduation, and many have already made sales sufficient for a scholarship.

The library was increased by a number of recent publications, especially in the field of teacher preparation and training. The Department of Education started but one year ago, and is making satisfactory progress. We plan to open in September a Newbold Church School. This will enable prospective teachers to receive their practice teaching here at the College.

The industrial departments never had a better year. In response to the nation's need, the College farm and garden are endeavouring to increase their production. To do this our greenhouse capacity has been enlarged by an addition of 3,380 sq. feet. In this additional space 4,300 early lettuces were produced, and there are now 3,300 tomato plants growing. It is hoped that seven tons will be gathered during the summer.

In the outdoor gardens there will be an abundant supply of fresh vegetables. Sixty young apple trees have been set out to increase the orchards.

On the farm seven acres of potatoes, and sixty acres of grain give promise of a good harvest. The farm machinery has been greatly increased. A Fordson tractor and an Oliver double-furrow plough have proved valuable assets. A hay-loader, elevator, and side delivery rake were also purchased. The seventy head of dairy stock are admired by farmers in the neighbourhood. With the milking machine, sterilizer, and refrigerator plant the dairy is well equipped.

The leather and textile industries are now on a sound financial basis, and supply a large amount of labour to enable students to earn their expenses. These departments made 19,000 pairs of socks, 14,000 bags, and 6,000 gas mask carriers during

the year. Approximately two and a half miles of zip fasteners were used in the bags.

We believe that Newbold Missionary College will play a still larger part in the training of young men and women for service. The time demands that we hasten the cause of Christian education. There must be no delay in giving our young people the necessary preparation. To this end we at Newbold consecrate all the powers with which the Lord has endowed us. In these distressing times we would express our thankfulness to God for His protection and care, and for the rich blessings which have made this report possible, and we would render to Him the praise and honour due to His holy name.

waters. Then, too, there are the thousands of children who attend their own meetings. We must plan to do more for them. At Laguru, one little girl, two years old, repeated the memory verses so well that both believers and heathen were astonished. It resulted in seven or eight children being sent to Sabbath-school by their heathen parents.

Brother Gillett has been doing good work among the Ibibio people. He has been handicapped, however, by being compelled to live at Aba. Now his two-roomed house has been finished, he should soon be able to move out to his station at Urua-Edim. Seventeen companies are now listed down there and there are many other interests where the people are longing for evangelists to come and teach them. We have 1,100 hearers. The people are poor, very primitive, and spiritism prevails on every side.

Items from Nigerian Union in 1940

BY W. McCLEMENTS

DURING the year our church membership showed a net gain of 171, made up as follows: South West mission thirty-five, North West mission fifty-eight, North East mission seven, South East mission sixty-eight, European three.

The Sabbath-school membership has increased by 587. Nine new Sabbath-schools were raised up. During the year fourteen Sabbath-school conventions were held in all parts of the field except Elele. The Investment Plan was introduced and received a hearty welcome. We added four out-schools, making at present eighteen, with an enrolment of 749.

The Union showed a gain of £213. 9s. 8d. in tithes and offerings. The gain in African tithes and offerings was £142. 2s. 8d.

During the year some very helpful advisory councils were held.

The camp meetings on the Aba side were well attended, and a good spirit prevailed throughout. Practically all the people of the large church at Akpa, who were led away by the Spirit movement, have now returned to our ranks and the numbers are increasing. I was greatly impressed during my recent visit to Ibo country by the number of elderly people, especially women, who are being converted and baptized. It appears to be a very common experience to have elderly women come to church with their jujus to be burned. The Spirit of God is certainly moving on their hearts. It is good to see the happy countenances of these old folks as they come up from the baptismal

Ordination Service

ON Sabbath, March 22nd, Brother Ruben Bergstrom, who has been pioneering the Advent message in Northern French Cameroons since 1931, was ordained to the Gospel ministry. The service took place in the school chapel, Oke Bola, Ibadan, Nigeria.

Brother Bergstrom has been greatly blessed in his labours among a very primitive people. Mighty victories have been won over heathenism and superstition in that section of the great vineyard. Brother and Sister Bergstrom are laying a good foundation for the third angel's message in Northern Cameroons. About six hundred are now attending Sabbath-school and new stations are being established. W. McCLEMENTS.



The administration block and operating theatre of the new Nigerian Hospital.



These two fine wards of the new hospital will accommodate thirty-six patients.

New Nigerian Hospital

WE have just received from Brother W. McClements pictures of the buildings erected at Ife, in the Yoruba country, to serve the purposes of a hospital. In this issue of the SURVEY we are reproducing two of the photos; one shows the main block with a back or inside view of the administration buildings, including the operating theatre to the right; the other shows two wards, fifty feet apart, each of which will accommodate eighteen patients.

Brother McClements writes: "The work is going on very nicely at Ife. I took the snaps last week when passing through from Ibadan. It was difficult to get comprehensive photos because of the rank growth of vegetation, but everything is looking very good thus far, and we hope to get it finished and commence work early next year."



School Successes in Nigeria

BY J. J. HYDE

A CLASS of eleven Nigerian young men recently graduated from what serves their Union mission as a training school. They passed a Government examination and are now certificated elementary school teachers.

It was my privilege, recently, to have them under my care while my brother, W. T. B. Hyde, was spending a furlough in the Washington Theological Seminary. And I know them to be sincere, honest, forward-looking young Christian men. They will be a tremendous help to our cause in Nigeria as they commence their work in our elementary schools.

Starting at the bottom they will lay sound and true foundations in the hearts and minds of those lads and lasses who will themselves soon

be in our Central and Training Schools.

I should like also to mention that two of our teachers who have qualified to sit for the examination by six years' satisfactory teaching in elementary schools have received the Government's next highest certificate, passing with a comfortable margin of marks.

If I had needed convincing, my few months with the class that has just graduated would have removed any doubts I might have had that Nigerian youth are very keen on getting a good education and giving good service.

There are Nigerian doctors and surgeons holding British qualifications, lawyers and judges, engineers, surveyors and architects, all holding British or American degrees. Even Nigerian women are doctors, gynecological specialists, and barristers-at-law. Young Nigeria is aiming at high marks.

The Nigerian Union committee and the Division committee are endeavouring to offer our Nigerian young people a fuller and more satisfying education, and so turn their ability and enthusiasm to account for the salvation of the souls of their countrymen.

Plans have already been approved and we pray that those plans may soon be realized in fact.



Letters From Friends

PASTOR J. CLIFFORD writes:

"My wife and I have just returned from an extended itinerary in the Central Province. Until last year we had only one company of believers in this province. Last year our lay-members visited there and raised up a second company. While

Brother Markeh is waiting for permission to enter the Ivory Coast, we have put him in there to establish these new members, and we found a second company being gathered out with his help. Some fifty miles farther on, at Akim Swedru, near Oda, lives an isolated brother. Here we held public services and three more people decided for the truth. A Sabbath-school has been started and we learn that thirteen adults were present beside children, so we hope this may prove to be the fourth company in this province. As we have no teacher to spare we are asking our lay-members to visit this interest regularly, and paying their lorry fares to enable them to do it.

"Yesterday two of the teachers and I took a stiff journey into the Adansi hills, south of Lake Bosomtwi, to visit an interest which had been started by our Kokofu members. There were just six young people who had accepted the truth. They first heard of it by attending one of our Harvest Thanksgiving services last autumn. They were busy at work on a neat little church building. After the chief and his people had attended the service we held under a shady tree, the chief came to me and said that he would help our members to finish the church building and then he would come to ask for a teacher to open school in his town, because he knew that the message we preached was the truth. He added that if we had no money to pay a teacher he himself would pay the teacher if only we could supply one."

Pastor W. G. Till writes:

"The work in the North West mission has gone along well during the last year, and I am glad that the workers have been doing their work faithfully although I was not able to visit them as I should. The year 1939 had been the best year for increase of membership with fifty-eight baptisms, but 1940 has passed it with an increase of twelve, making the total baptisms seventy. We thank God for this, and pray that the increase may soon be greater. Good results have also been seen financially and we desire ever to increase in this way.

"Our little company at Ife have been made sad by the death of the worker I brought here from the North West mission. While I was busy with the bricks and mortar, he was able to look after the spiritual needs of the people. Now he has gone to his rest. He was taken quite suddenly with pneumonia. When I returned from a visit to Ibadan I found he was sick, so I took him to

Report of the Northern European Division

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	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Baltic Union	1	81	...	...	...	5,098	62	...	110	5,224	3,640	\$ 1,114.20	0.05	166.93	...
British "	2	90	151	154	45	5,915	113	44	167	5,334	3,657	\$ 45,143.71	0.60	7,493.29	...
E. Nordic "	3	93	...	...	...	5,534	63	40	194	4,413	3,544	\$ 117,640.70	0.26	4,091.16	...
Polish "	4	161	...	...	...	4,427	63	...	249	4,964	3,888	\$ ...	...	...	...
"W. Nordic"	5	141	177	58	53	7,141	56	22	174	5,982	4,559	\$ 33,201.90	0.28	7,464.18	7.66
Union Totals	566	332	217	99	-4	28,115	370	106	894	25,917	19,288	\$ 97,100.51	0.37	19,215.56	7.66
French Equa. Miss.	6	1	...	...	...	35	9	...	7	533	628	\$ 35.90	0.11	14.74	...
Gold Coast Union	7	16	16	4	8	1,159	46	1	86	4,771	3,045	\$ 750.60	0.05	211.58	...
Kenya	8	41	134	80	14	5,706	296	3	250	16,127	13,577	\$ 1,254.80	0.02	635.46	...
Liberian Mission	9	2	...	...	...	137	18	...	17	286	252	\$ ...	...	...	...
Nigerian Union	10	41	...	...	...	3,355	146	19	203	15,524	12,365	\$ ...	...	...	...
Sierra Leone Miss.	11	13	...	...	...	501	26	...	33	1,394	781	\$ 243.20	0.04	105.55	...
Upper Nile Union	12	12	22	...	22	463	46	11	33	973	792	\$ 248.60	0.05	119.34	...
Mis'n Tot's 3rd Qtr. 1940	126	172	84	22	24	11,356	587	34	629	39,608	31,440	\$ 2,533.10	0.03	1,086.67	...
Grand Totals 4th Qtr.	692	504	301	121	20	39,471	957	140	1,523	65,525	50,728	\$ 99,633.61	0.28	20,302.23	7.66

*Lith. 2 qrs. "1 and 2 qrs. †Estonia: May only; Lithuania: May, June, and July. ‡Adjustment February Report.

Ilesha where the Wesleyan hospital is situated. Two days later a telegram came to say he had gone, and so I went to bury him there. This has necessitated the closing down of the Sunday night lectures, but I am able to keep the Sabbath meetings going. A request has been sent to the South West mission that they will supply another worker to carry on the work begun there."

The Elder Women

BY J. J. HYDE

You may have remarked that when Joel prophesied of the outpouring of the Spirit upon all flesh, the young men and women, the old men and servants are specified but not the old women. Truly, Paul exhorts Timothy to treat the older women as mothers, and Deborah spoke of herself as a mother in Israel. But unless an older woman has an outstanding personality, even to-day she usually finds her fame in that of her husband and sons. She herself is frequently quite overlooked.

Thus it came about at our station in N. Nigeria that when discussing the candidates for a forthcoming baptism, one of our strong young local officers said, "My mother, Sir, would also like to be baptized." I was almost surprised.

This old lady was the mother of a large family of boys and girls, almost all of whom were Christians and married to Christians. She was frequently at Sabbath-school, but not so frequently at the Bible classes. She could not read.

I knew her best as a kindly busy old lady, going hither and yon as various of her sons and daughters and their families were sick or busy and needing her help. Perhaps what had most prevented me from realizing that she wished to be a Christian was the fact that she was the elder of two wives of a heathen man. Her home, therefore, was rather more a heathen than a Christian one.

Hence my surprise when I heard her son say, "My mother humbly asks if she might be baptized. She is sorry that her age has prevented her from learning to read, but she attends worship each morning and evening and learns the memory verses and is wishing to serve Jesus. If you are unable to baptize her because of her ignorance, she wishes me to say she will serve Jesus nevertheless. But if you could . . . ?"

I did.

And to-day she is still standing firmly to her baptismal vows, the mother, mother-in-law, or grandmother to a score of Christian young people, and the ever-ready helper of any one in need.

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THE scene is in Northern Nigeria. A missionary is standing in the swift, muddy waters of a rain-swollen stream. On the bank high above him are a company of Christians. Beneath his feet are large rocks. It is difficult to find a spot where missionary and baptismal candidate can both find a foothold. In the water also stands an African Christian to pilot the candidates around the hidden rocks.

Down the bank comes an African woman. An old woman — her

wrinkled skin revealing a shrunken form. She wears no clothes—has never worn clothes, and being a widow, without anyone to support her, is never likely to wear clothes. Her dress is the dress of the country—two bunches of leaves. Her hands lack fingers, toes are missing from her feet, sores and the scars of sores can be seen upon her legs. She is a leper. She should not be touched.

But she has given her heart to Jesus. She has passed a period of probation. She desires to be baptized. She enters the water.

She is baptized.

And the group of Christians sing:

"Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.
Because Thy promise I believe—
O Lamb of God, I come."

Yes, just as I am. . .

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Gold Coast

WE have just returned from a visit to Accra, where Brother Stokes and I have been making arrangements for working this town in a definite way. One of our senior workers speaks the Ga, the language of the Accra people, and has a burden for the work there, so he is moving down this week to engage in soul-winning work, as well as to care for the few members we already have in that place. Then we have worked out plans for Brother Stokes to spend time there at the end of the summer, and to hold a good evangelistic effort. We anticipated some difficulty in finding a suitable hall

for the Quarter Ended December 31, 1940

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	
49.00	2.71	0.80	72.68			274.44	566.56	0.03	50.8			1	
2,595.63	3,926.50	30.42	308.33	248.58	93.60	93.02	14,789.37	0.20	32.8	165.77	4,989.25	30,999.99	2
16,615.24	18.00	2.89	199.88	115.80	11.52	2.57	20,925.46	0.31	118.6			18,647.13	3
104.50	21.55	1.03	1,856.70	89.10	183.69	1,562.32	11,290.73	0.10	34.0	5,065.62	2,056.07	19,711.02	4
19,364.37	3,968.76	35.14	2,437.59	321.88	288.81	1,932.35	47,572.12	0.18	49.0	5,231.39	7,045.32	69,358.14	5
62.44			1.40				14.74	0.04	41.0			246.95	6
212.04	1,241.64		708.78			1.50	2,799.42	0.04	223.1			126.22	7
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25.12			0.58			7.90	139.15	0.02	57.2				10
19.17			2.94			27.60	169.05	0.03	68.0			225.91	11
318.77	1,241.64		713.70			37.00	3,397.78	0.04	134.1			3,325.33	12
19,683.14	5,210.40	35.14	3,151.29	321.88	288.81	1,969.35	50,969.90	0.14	51.1	5,231.39	7,045.32	72,683.47	

†July, August, and September. *March, April, May, and June.

for holding large public meetings, but the Lord led us to one of the chiefs who has become very friendly, and has given us the use of his court room free of charge for public Gospel services. The place is well provided with seats and fitted with electric light, will accommodate 200 to 250 people comfortably, and is in a central part. It is a better place than some of the buildings we thought we might be forced to rent. The problem of a place for Sabbath meetings will have to be faced later, for buildings are extremely scarce in Accra, since so many were damaged by the recent earthquake and then demolished, but we have faith that the Lord will assist us to fill this need.

J. CLIFFORD.

When God Intervened

BROTHER W. J. NEWMAN reports a personal experience in Ingathering work:

"My first call was on a wealthy, educated African who had two years previously given me two guineas. After talking with him for some time he told me he would have to consult his wife first and would then let me know.

"This was a bad start for I know that an African would not be guided by what his wife said. However, I made no move to go but continued to talk with him concerning the signs of the times.

"In the middle of our conversation he remarked that it would be mean to send me away without anything, went to his desk, and placed

in my hands a bundle of notes, amounting to £10. 10s.

"How grateful I was to the Lord for His marked intervention. This man has practically all of our subscription books, and has now paid a year's subscription for the *Signs of the Times*."

A Paramount Chief's Testimony in Sierra Leone

BROTHER S. BROBERG sends along the following, written by a chief.

"Many years ago when I was a very poor man, I became acquainted with Pastor Lynch, an Adventist minister. He told me about the Advent faith, and tried to persuade me to attend his meetings in order that I may learn the will of God. Reluctantly I gave my consent, and started doing so.

"Soon my friends got to know about this, and they began making fun of me. They thought it foolish of me to allow myself to become interested in Christianity. Their ridicule was very hard for me to bear, and so after a while my interest in church services grew less and less.

"But one night I had an impressive dream. In my dream I saw a European and a Christian African. They sat and talked with me for a while about religion and the Christian faith. At last when they rose to go, the European said to me: 'Continue to attend the Adventist meetings. Do not give up. The Adventist church is God's true church on earth, and if you want to be saved you must obey her teachings and have faith in God.'

"I woke up from my dream greatly impressed, and there and then decided to continue in the faith in spite of what others may think of me. From a very poor status the Lord has raised me up to the rank of Paramount Chief among my people. Since I became a chief, the Muslim and Catholic priests have been trying hard to draw me away from the truth. But the words I heard in my dream are still in my heart, and so nothing will take me away from Christ and His true church. I want to see Jesus when He comes, and to be saved in His kingdom."

Departmental Work in Kenya

PASTOR S. G. MAXWELL sends a condensed report of a Departmental Convention held at Gendia, February 23-25, 1941, attended by the Luo and Kisii evangelists and departmental leaders, also the available Europeans.

On February 23rd we discussed objectives of our Sabbath-schools; problem of the missing member; daily study records; Investment plan; goals and charts.

On February 24th the time was devoted to the Missionary Volunteer work, covering such points as African youth problems of to-day; leadership for our societies; genuine reports; Bible year plan; progressive courses.

The convention closed on February 25th with a study of Home Missionary work, dealing with the churchmember a working member;

work for the women; programme for parent's meetings; co-operation in evangelism; the colporteur in the churches; reclaiming apostates; Harvest Ingathering opportunities.

Here are some of the resolutions adopted:

That no teacher be allowed to teach his class without having attended the teachers' meeting.

That the Sabbath-school teacher be encouraged to look up his missing class members and to accept the responsibility of caring for every member of his class.

That at the end of each quarter the Sabbath-school committee examine all the names on the register, dealing as necessary with faulty members, choosing men of wisdom and tact to visit and, where possible, regain the missing members.

That our Christians should be warned against moving out from our villages, for by so doing they place their children in the companionship of the heathen.

That all evangelists endeavour to lay upon the leading lay-members in the churches the many smaller burdens connected with the work of the church which they should carry so that the evangelists can devote themselves more fully to evangelism.

That because there is evidence of little or no missionary work being carried on by adult members in many churches, we resolve to revive again the missionary spirit at every opportunity, such as by preaching Sabbath by Sabbath and by going out with them in village preaching.

That two African women be chosen from each of the three missions in South Kavirondo to come once a quarter to Kendu Hospital for instruction and also to help in choosing suitable subjects for the women's programmes.

That the church committees be asked to re-examine the names of all the members in the church register, and to inquire into every case of slackness or backsliding. That suitable church officers be chosen to labour with the backsliders in a prayerful and earnest effort to win them again for the church

Greetings from the Division Workers

BY W. E. READ

It was a real pleasure on my recent visit to the other side of the Atlantic to renew acquaintance with the brethren who had worked with us in the Division during the past General Conference period. As we all know, due to the exceptional circumstances which developed, it became necessary for them to return to their homeland, and to endeavour to fit into the work in the land of their nativity.

It so happened that, prior to the General Conference session, quite a number of important matters called for attention by the Division Committee, and inasmuch as the members generally were so scattered, and but few of our leaders from any of the Division bases could attend the General Conference session, the officers at Washington arranged for these scattered brethren to constitute a committee of counsel until the General Conference should meet at San Francisco.

It certainly brought great cheer to us all to sit around the table once more and join in a study of some of our Division problems. Such items as arranging for our reports at the General Conference, also future arrangements for our young men students, who had been attending our colleges, had to be given careful attention. We had several meetings together and it might be mentioned that, among these brethren, we had with us a representative from one of our unions and also one delegate from one of our mission fields to join with us in counsel.

Shortly after reaching the United States I made contact first of all with E. R. Colson. He and his family are located at Atlantic Union College in Massachusetts. Brother Colson accepted an appointment as business manager at this institution at the time of the last Autumn Council, held at St. Paul, Minnesota. At the time of my visit they were getting really settled down in their new home. Several cases recently arrived from England were on the verandah not yet unpacked. They certainly seemed to be happy in their new work.

On reaching Emmanuel Missionary College I found Sister Vixie and the children. They had a nice little apartment where they were staying prior to their departure for South Africa. Brother Vixie was away visiting in the Eastern States at the time I called at Berrien Springs, but

later I met him at the General Conference. Some months ago he was placed under appointment as field missionary secretary for the Southern African Division, and during the early days of July was booked to sail for that field. No doubt they have now reached their new field of labour and are getting under the load of their new tasks.

Calling at Union College in Nebraska I contacted Brother Nord and his family. They had located in the vicinity of this educational institution, so as to give their children the benefits of home life while attending the college. Brother Nord had been busy since reaching the States visiting various parts of the field in the Ingathering and other interests. At the time I left America, however, his future work had not been definitely decided. A number of appointments that were not made at the time of the General Conference were left for the Executive Committee to work out.

Going still farther west I spent a few days at Walla Walla College in the State of Washington and here met Brother and Sister Robison. When Brother Robison left Edgware he went to Washington, D.C., and for some time attended the Theological Seminary. Responding to an urgent call from the General Conference, he accepted an appointment as Bible teacher at Walla Walla College. He and Sister Robison have undoubtedly enjoyed their stay over there and have agreed to continue for another year.

Shortly after reaching San Francisco I saw Brother Babienco. He left the Division office much earlier than the others, on account of citizenship and health reasons. For about a year he had quite a hard time physically, and really his case demanded careful medical attention. However, I found him as bright and cheery as ever, and seemingly fully recovered from his various physical disabilities. He is now located in Canada and carrying a heavy load of evangelistic work in the Central Provinces.

These brethren still carry our Division fields on their hearts. They made many inquiries about our workers in the different fields and wish all to know that they are remembering them in prayer that the Lord would bless them abundantly in these times of difficulty and peril.

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