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More Evangelism

By M. G. Duploux

It was the privilege of the writer and Pastor Cowin to attend the Winter Council of the reorganised Northern European Division. The Council was held in Denmark on the premises of one of our sanitarium at Skodsborg. This sanitarium has the reputation of being one of our finest medical institutions, and it well deserves it.

Besides attending to the regular business of such Councils, much time was given to spiritual uplift of the workers gathered together in Skodsborg. The delegates were all impressed with the seriousness of the hour. As we hear of wars and of rumours of another world war, we could not help but wonder how long the angels of the Lord would hold the winds of strife and allow us to carry on the task which has been entrusted to us of preaching the last gospel message to this world. We all felt the need of rededicating ourselves to the Lord and pray for an immediate outpouring of the Spirit of God. As Elder Branson pointed out, we need not to wait for the time of the latter rain of the Holy Spirit. This time has come, it is here with us. It is up to us to ask for it in a personal way, to believe that we can get it and we shall receive it.

In view of this it was felt that during the year 1951 we should lay plans for greater evangelism—while we are anxious to carry on the other phases of our work, we should push the evangelistic work more than we ever did before. I am

thankful that in anticipation of these recommendations that last December we were able to finish the year 1950 and start the year 1951 with a strong programme of revival meetings, evangelism and lay preachers' meetings. You will be interested to know that as a result of a lay workers' institute in the Gold Coast, that a number of lay members pledged themselves to the task of bringing 1500 new converts during the year 1951. We trust that they will keep their pledge

in mind and that at the end of the present year, they will have reached their goal. We like to hear of similar pledges from other fields, don't you?

The Northern European Division President, Elder A. F. Tarr, and the Treasurer, Elder G. A. Lindsay visited all our mission fields and institutions during the month of February. Following their visit in the different countries of this Union, the annual meeting of the West African Union Committee was held from the 6th to the 14th March. Pray that God will bless the decisions that were made at this time that a rich harvest of souls may result in West Africa.

Parents and Educators

By Henry K. Owusu

Our ideas of education today are taking too narrow a range. Education today is failing in its divine aims. It is not developing harmoniously, the physical, the mental and the spiritual powers. Instead of directing pupils to God, education of our day is developing in our youths the desire of accumulating riches and treasures in a spoiled world where ambition and cruelty supremely reign. It is making them go blindly after selfish and temporal interests. The spiritual powers of our youths are debased and in their place are springing up lascivious passion, unlawful practices; in fact the fruit of sin is being manifested in them. What is to be done to check this?

When Israel fell into this tragedy, God re-established the model schools to prevent the out-spread

Tithe

A SERIOUS SIN

Withholding the tithe—holding back a part—is regarded by God as a sin as serious as the sin of Ananias and Sapphira.

"But there are those who are guilty of the same sin as Ananias and Sapphira, thinking that if they withhold a portion of what God claims in the tithing system, the brethren will never know it. The motives and purposes of man cannot be hidden from Him. He has left a perpetual warning to Christians of all ages to beware of the sin to which the hearts of men are continually inclined. Although no visible marks of God's displeasure follow, the repetition of the sin of Ananias and Sapphira now, yet the sin is just as heinous in the sight of God and will as surely be visited upon the transgressor in the day of judgment; and many will feel the curse of God even in this life. When a pledge is made to the cause, it is a vow made to God and should be sacredly kept. In the sight of God it is no better than sacrilege to appropriate to our own use that which has been once pledged to advance His sacred work"—
"Testimonies," Vol. IV, pp. 469,470.

of evil. The schools of the prophets so we call them were organised in the way as God directed the first parent-teachers. The divine principles were honestly followed and as a result the mental, and the spiritual welfare of the youth were developed. The nation as a whole, as far as the Israelites kept to that divine standard of living, was promoted to a high standard; for men qualified in the fear of God were trained to serve as counsellors and leaders. Thus Israel as a nation promoted her prosperity,

The world today is sick, it needs more honest leaders and counsellors who are to act in the fear of the Lord, and to promote the prosperity of the nations. This is the only medicine that can cure it. These men are to be trained up by you. They must come from your schools and homes.

Since God established the Eden School and made it a model of true education, he has ever entrusted this business to you, as a school master, you as teachers, and you as parents. Abraham did his part well by training up his household in the fear of the Lord. Elisha, the manager of the schools of the prophets, has left records for you as your guide. Jesus the Master Teacher has left the best of teaching principles and methods to guide you. God now therefore looks to you to carry on His divine work. Teachers, masters, managers, parents, you are responsible for this task! This is the work you must do!

Teachers might think their pupils are already born with the fruits of evil, and might find it impossible to correct them. It is not too late to mend. Meet these as they are. Jesus chose the worse students and made the best out of them. Following the methods of Jesus, it is very easy to train up these grown-up students. Do not call them "matured." They are only made mature by the pervading evils. "A worse student is the best teacher's problem." It was such experiences that made Jesus a wonderful and a famous teacher. Make it your aim dear teachers to direct every student you meet, old or young, strong or feeble, to God.

Parents, you are responsible for the early stages of the children we teach. We build upon the foundations you have laid. In days of old, pupils who were admitted into the schools of the prophets were pious, studious and intelligent. The parents of those students gave the first training and qualified them for the schools. The teachers and parents contributed to the training of the honest leaders and counsellors of Israel.

It is the same task today that we have to accomplish together with the teachers. The teachers look to your children to be pious intelligent and studious. With the help of God they are going to build upon these beautiful three foundations and make your children good people to work for Jesus to win souls and to present them without blemish to God. God wants good and reliable ambassadors, and your children are to be trained to be just this.

To provide for such, your children in their early years must be taught.

1. The fear of the Lord as a foundation of education.
2. Meekness and humility.
3. Purity, diligence and temperance.
4. Faithfulness in little things.
5. Courtesy
6. Co-operation
7. How to pray.
8. How to use the hands in useful labour.

A little of each of these established in your child, will be developed greatly in the christian school and your child will be a wonderful worker for the Lord.

If there was a time when good and loyal labourers were needed it is today. It is now time that every real Seventh-day Adventist teacher braced up and had an active part in the training of such labourers. Before a teacher can teach his lessons effectively, he must of course know his lessons well. The Seventh-day Adventist teachers are indeed to show themselves approved. The teachers who were employed to teach in the schools of the prophets were themselves pious not only versed in divine truths but had themselves the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The teachers of today must also have such qualities before they can accomplish what is required of them.

What made Jesus a mighty teacher was that "What he taught He was". Oh, if all teachers were to be what they teach. But we must all try to be what we teach. We must reveal Christ to the children we teach. Our pupils must see Jesus in us.

Nearly 2000 years ago, Jesus came to live with us in flesh, but today He lives in spirit with us. Is Jesus found in your class-room? Do you teach Jesus in all your lessons—Hygiene, Mathematics, General Subjects, History, Science, Nature Study? The Bible can help you do this.

May the Lord assist us all to do this great task in these days of need.

Brief History of the Gold Coast Mission

By J. K. Amoah

Many of our young people who share the Adventist Message in the Gold Coast do not know when this special denomination began in our own country. I write this with the view of helping our young workers and members to study how this work started

In the year 1894 there were a few believers at Appam on the Coast who were keeping the Sabbath through reading matter sent out by the International Tract Society. This group was first visited by E. L. Sanford and R. Rudolph. They were driven back by fever. In 1895, another group of workers came settling at Cape Coast Castle. These were also driven after a year or two, with some dying on the homeland.

Another time, Elders Babcock and French, pioneers of our West African work made an attempt to settle for permanent work. But Mrs. French was fatally stricken with fever and died at Axim, and her grave is with us to day. The husband was compelled to leave in 1910.

In Axim, we had a fine pioneer school where Pastor Essien and others attended, from Kikam. As these Kikam citizens were attending our school the message found

its way there miraculously and served as a nucleus for our work in the Gold Coast. As you all know there was a very good and strong senior school at Kikam which trained many of our Nzima workers for the Ashanti Territory. We are glad to say that Pastor Garbrah our oldest African pastor worked at Kikam. Our history would be incomplete without Pastor Garbrah, who laboured untiringly as a teacher, evangelist and writer. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry in the year 1921, and retired in 1936. Pastor Garbrah is loved by all who know him, and enjoy his fatherly advice.

In 1914 Elder W. H. Lewis entered and toured the country choosing Agona Ashanti, seat of idolatry as his headquarters and there he erected buildings. An accident disabled Elder Lewis, and he was compelled to leave later. Between 1918 and 1919 a Macedonian call was made for the Gold Coast and since the work was under the Northern European Division, missionaries like Langford, Baker and J. Clifford came to our aid. Many came and went away but much is to be said on behalf of Pastor Clifford who for many years served as Superintendent, and devoted himself and worked wholeheartedly on behalf of African interest.

During the year 1933, the work in this field was organised with its headquarters at Bekwai. At the same time our work in Koforidua began with full swing under Pastor Stokes, who took charge of our Press. Through his enthusiasm and cooperation with reliable African workers our first Twi Advent Hymnal was put out in 1938.

The work was retarded owing to a shortage of mission workers. We continued employing non-Adventist misfit teachers to teach in our schools which was condemned by the Spirit of Prophecy. This was taken into consideration by the field committee that unless a training School is opened our work will never progress. As a response, our present seminary began with a handful of students in 1939 taught by Pastors Essien and Clifford. The first principal Pastor Bartlett was called from Nigeria to foster this school.

I would say Pastor Bartlett contributed a lot to this school. A very capable and energetic man who laid out plans for the extension of the school.

The two year Post Primary teacher training course was inaugurated in 1945 with an enrolment of 14 and as this group of workers graduated many others were encouraged to take their turn.

This College is making tremendous progress under Pastor Welch the new principal, and it is hoped under the blessing of God that it will be one of the leading colleges in the country.

The work in the Gold Coast began with a sad story, the Lord has been leading His work and people, and today many are enjoying the "Blessed hope" as a result of the sacrificial work done by the pioneers. Shall we not do our best to form part of the Gold Coast history of the Adventist workers? There are many unentered towns and villages, what are you doing to help? The work is now in our hands to prove our worth. Shall we not preach the Gospel to all people in our own country? The command is "Go ye therefore and teach all nations".

Significance of Christ

By A. Maurice Moyer

Christ was not only Creator of this world but He was the Creator of the universe (John 1:3). As a worthy Creator of the universe, He was also the sustainer of the same (Heb. 1:3). Christ has a unique relationship with the Father, "I and My Father are one" (John 10:30). Man was fashioned into the image of God by Christ himself (Gen. 2:7). Man had an intimate connection with God which is shown by God conversing face to face with man. (Gen. 3:8). Man by sin, separated himself from God. The character of God remained the same; love, mercy, justice, etc., but man's character degenerated, thus the relationship between God and man was severed.

Man in his degenerated state was hopelessly lost in sin. Christ, the Creator of man, became the

At-one-ment thus making a connection between God and man. Through this connection man could, if he so choose, be restored to a right or original relationship with God. Christ as the At-one-ment for man revealed to man and the universe God's love and mercy. Through Christ we have an understanding of God. Christ is the only means we have of having a knowledge of God. Taking on the human form Christ became the example of right living. (Christ our righteousness).

Christ during His ministry was engaged in reconciling man to God by example of His life and by His teachings. His main object was to change man's attitude toward God. It was not necessary for God to change His attitude toward man; His attitude always remained the same. Man's attitude toward God has, through sin, been destroyed.

Christ's work in heaven as an intercessor is two-fold. He is interceding on our behalf before God, but He is also interceding with man. Christ is continually wooing the hearts of men to respond to ways of right living. When man, by accepting Christ, is obedient to the intercessory spirit, he is reunited to God and remains so as long as he retains this right relationship to God.

The Colporteur Speaks

By J. I. Erondu

Some time ago, I called at the home of a man who knew me to be an Adventist, and to my disappointment, he refused to accept my books or to listen to me. I left his home disheartened, but I couldn't dismiss him from my mind. I prayed daily for this man.

After a week or two I returned to his house with my books. He was surprised somewhat by my coming again, but this time he was more courteous to me. In due time I had his order for "The Bible Speaks."

As I often do, I sent this prospect's name in for the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course, and he is now enjoying the lessons as well

as other books which he bought from me.

He has accepted the Adventist teachings and the last time I was with him he said that he wanted to join our church. This made me happy and I thought of that statement in "The Colporteur Evangelist," page 80, which reads, "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."

My daily prayer is that God will impress more church members to take up this sacred work of getting before the public our good books.

Greetings

From the Delegates Assembled At Winter Council, Skodsborg, Denmark to the Advent People in the Northern European Division

The committee of the Northern European Division together with representatives from Great Britain, the Netherlands, West Africa, Scandinavia and the Brethren W. H. Branson, C. L. Torrey and K. J. Reynolds from the General Conference, as our special counsellors, assembled at the annual Winter Council to re-organize the Northern European Division and lay plans for the work of the future, send greetings and encouragement to all our dear brethren and sisters in this Division.

We have been here at Skodsborg Sanitarium, Denmark, for a number of days. The seriousness of the present time and the solemn messages we have listened to at this council have given us a new vision of what the Lord expects from us. The hour is late. World conditions testify that the close of probation looms ahead. Multitudes are perishing without a saving knowledge of the gospel, and will not hear God's last message of mercy unless the remnant church in concerted action quickly lightens the earth.

It is made clear to us by the Lord's messenger that if the Advent people fulfil certain conditions they will arrest the attention of a world plunging blindly on to doom. We read:

"If Christians were to act in

concert, moving forward as one under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."—"Testimonies" Vol. 9, page 221.

To us it is clear that the "one Power" is the Holy Spirit. "The accomplishment of one purpose" can mean nothing less than the finishing of God's work on earth to "act in concert, and move forward as one" is a clarion call to all God's children. This call challenges adult church-members, youth, and children everywhere to mobilize and co-ordinate now their resources, talents and efforts in a concerted unparalleled and worldwide evangelistic campaign. To our supreme objective we should subordinate every other interest.

In view of the lateness of the hour, and this call from Heaven for united and co-ordinated action under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and recognizing that the outpouring of the latter rain cannot be given in its fullness until all sin is put away, shall we not surrender our hearts fully to the Lord.

We want to work unitedly toward the immediate objective of doubling our world membership.

The ministers urgent task is the gathering in of the lost. We call upon church officers to assume greater responsibility in the effective operation of the church, and trained laymen to be directed in neighbourhood evangelism.

Standing as we are at the opening gates of the eternal world, when all earthly possessions will perish, we urge our members now to support the cause of God by a faithful stewardship of the means which God has placed in their hands while such means can be used for the salvation of souls.

We fully believe that the Laodicean message should sound in our churches, resulting in a genuine revival of primitive godliness. All of us need such an experience, a humbling of our hearts before the Lord. We need victory and power in our lives. Jesus stands at the door of the heart and wants to come in. This is our greatest need. When our hearts are filled with

His love, we shall have that wisdom that winneth souls, yielding an increasing fruitage for the kingdom of God. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is therefore our supreme personal need. For this we must seek and pray, and believe that God is willing to bestow this blessed heavenly gift in all its fullness. The need of the world demands it—The promise of God has pledged it—The call of the hour requires it—We must not fail.

NEWS NOTES

The enrolment in the church schools in our Union now exceeds 8500 pupils. This shows a good growth over a year ago.

A new feature of the Bekwai Training College and Senior School is the girls' boarding department. Approximately 25 girls are enrolled and three of these girls are taking the two year teachers' training course.

Miss J. Mohlman has arrived at Bekwai and has taken up her duties as Girls' School director.

Brother Duploux returned to Accra on 8th January after his trip to the Division Meeting.

Pastor W. E. Nelson, Field Secretary of the General Conference, visited in the West African Union in January.

Brother and Sister Moyer of the Bekwai S. D. A. Seminary visited in Accra with the Chappels in January.

Brother J. D. Meade, of the East Nigerian Mission is busy now conducting an evangelistic effort.

Pastor McClements spent some time in Accra early in February. He was arranging his affairs in preparation for his transfer to Ethiopian Missions. Every one wishes for both Brother and Sister McClements God—speed as they proceed to their new field of labour.

Brother Chappell and group trekked 19th-21st January to Obutu village, near Accra, for a week-end of evangelistic meetings.

Dr. Wagner is returning soon to continue his work as staff member at Ife.

Twenty-two students were graduated from the three year nursing and the mid-wifery courses at the Ife Hospital on the 21st January. Mr. Cowin attended the exercises.

Both of the Training Colleges at Bekwai and Ife sent out good classes at the end of December for service in the various missions.

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A Message

To the Ministry of the Northern European Division from delegates assembled at Winter Council, Skodsborg, Denmark

At the Skodsborg Sanitarium, we, the delegates attending the Winter Council of the Northern European Division, send greetings to the workers in every field throughout the division territory. We would take this opportunity of re-emphasizing the message given by Elder W. H. Branson at the Council meetings. This may be summarized under three headings.

Our Responsibility

The word of God prophesies that prior to our Lord's return, the Elijah message will be proclaimed throughout the world. That means the gospel is to be preached in the power and spirit of Elijah. As we view the tragic and lost condition of mankind, and sense our impotence in this momentous hour, we ask, "Where is God's Elijah?" Our responsibility is to dedicate ourselves to God and to His cause. We need by living and abiding faith to lay hold on the mighty power of the Spirit of God. Ask, and ask in faith. "The Spirit awaits our demand and reception." These are the conditions of which the latter rain will be poured out. The crying needs of the nations today demand a wholehearted consecration on the part of the entire worker force of the Advent movement. This is our responsibility.

Our Response

As we look our work squarely in the face, and acknowledge our need for spiritual power, our response should be "Here am I, send me." We wish to appeal to our workers everywhere to lay aside every weight and sin that clogs and hinders their soul-winning witness, in order that the fulness of God's Spirit may rest upon us. The earth is to be lightened by the glory of God's truth for these last days, and we must open our hearts fully in order that the grace and power of the latter rain may fall upon and refresh us.

Our Reward

When we respond to God's gracious provision of power, we shall then see the gospel of the kingdom preached as a saving witness unto all nations. It will be our privilege to say, as Jesus said, "We have finished the work which Thou hast given us to do." This should ever be kept before us as the divinely appointed objective. Let us then confidently accept the responsibility laid upon us by the Lord, let us respond by yielding our hearts and claiming the fulness of the Holy Spirit and so pressing on to finish quickly the work of God both in the world and in our lives.

Winter Council Delegates

Should Twin Babies Be Left To Die?

By R. Meze

On the 20th of November, 1950 a woman living near Ibibio E, Nigeria gave birth to twin babies male and female.

They were kept unwashed for four days. Arriving there with my wife, we made water hot and had them washed.

The mother and the babies were overlooked and shunned by the husband and relatives. After bathing them I was asked by the father to have them as mine. I was startled, thinking that he was joking. I wanted to know why he offered them to me, and the reply was that they forbid twin children in their village and that they never kept them alive.

These children were badly treated so much so that the male died that night. The next day I went to visit, and to encourage them. I found that the members of the compound had run away leaving the dead child and the mother alone.

The woman refused my rendering her any help. "I will not live to hear that I am a twin mother and to see the remaining child surviving" said she. That created a great sympathy in me to accept the offer. Our Lord says in the gospel of Matt. 25:

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Our membership will be interested to know, I am sure, that the first "Voice of Prophecy" broadcast was made in Ibadan on the 21st May 1950. The response seems to have been very enthusiastic on the part of those who heard it. One University Student said, "The singing is a sermon in itself."

We hope to get on other stations as time goes on, and so another new way of getting our message before the people of West Africa is being opened up. Please pray for the Radio work.

Reports are to hand on last year's work reveal the following interesting figures. These figures have already been circulated in our promotion material for Voice of Prophecy Day, but in case some read this paper who will not have heard those figures, we reproduce them there.

Total students contacted:	1,750
Given Bible Studies by workers:	721
Attending Sabbath School or Church:	166
Enrolled in Hearer's Class:	95
Enrolled in Baptismal Class:	75
Baptized:	39

Figures do not tell the whole story, however, and we believe that there are many others who have been benefited by the lessons, and will eventually take their stand for the truth when the time of testing comes to the honest in heart.

Pray and give of your means to help this great soul saving work. It is going to play a large part in finishing the work in Africa, as in other parts of the world.

Share Your

FAITH

Unusual Conversions In Liberia

By C. D. Henri

Again the words of Scripture prove true. "My word shall not return unto Me void."

Years ago a faithful worker whose name we do not know, but doubtless the late I. W. Harding sold or distributed many of our small books in Liberia. Nearly four years ago, one of these books came into the hands of a locally ordained Methodist minister living some 25 miles in the interior. He began to study and the sunlight of God's truth began to shed its life giving rays on his heart. As page after page revealed its wonderful words, this man eagerly accepted it and began to teach his congregation. The Spirit of God was with him, and most of the people took their stand for the Sabbath and the other truths.

One of our members travelling in that section, discovered the group, and word was passed on to our evangelist and finally our mission station. For the past two years, they have been in the baptismal class. Evangelist Scott just closed a series of picture sermons for them, using a kerosene projector and Schuler's films. This is the first time such a meeting has been held in the interior for the native people. The response was wonderful! During the latter part of the year we will be expecting to baptise, by God's grace, forty or fifty "brands from the burning," the direct fruit of a truth filled little book!

Health Restored After Twenty Years of Sickness

By D. B. Alabi

The following is an experience of one of our newly converted members in Igbobini-Okitipupa, an island where work had recently begun.

He is an important and wealthy man on the island. He was attacked by an indescribable disease which paralysed both arms and legs. He was subject to pain and pure rigidity. As a popular element on the island, many friends who were professional quack doctors visited to treat him in their backward and ineffective ways. Although, as it should be, gave no relief whatsoever.

After many years under the agony of the disease, a friend of his brought an experienced quack doctor to him. After diagnosing the disease, according to his deceitful knowledge, he prescribed that "As you are a wealth person, the sickness has afflicted you in order to rob you entirely of your wealth. Therefore, the immediate cure will be for you to be bathing with six bottles of dry gin thrice a day, i. e. six bottles in the morning, six at noon, and six in the evening (18 bottles a day). No sooner than you have begun this the disease will be cured." To this the sick man replied, "So long I shall recover, well, I choose to eliminate my riches than to be suffering under this pain indoors." This was the order that he executed for months without any effective recovery.

At last, he was removed to a certain hospital in Lagos. Here he spent another £70 without any improvement. Then the doctor requested another £3 for another operation to which the sick man objected and decided to trace his steps homewards. The sick man later remarked that after his return numerous quack doctors with medicine visited him and to their charges he saw his pennies fly away. His wealth had been exhausted and the day that he would die was his eager expectation.

At this hopeless state of his, a friend who had lately returned from a certain journey heard of his sufferings and visited him. Without

doubt he explained how helplessly he suffered. Then the friend's advice was "If you can obtain £5 for operation excluding your fare and feeding, I shall take you to the hospital at Ife. So he was urged to borrow the sum of money. Without any more hesitation and delay, he was hurried to Ife hospital.

The Adventist doctor there prescribed injections. The sick man nodded his head and said to his friends "I have received uncountable number of injections but could not avail. Let us wait for a week and see, if there is no improvement, then return home. It was strange to him to see that he completely gained the health that he had lost for twenty years in a fortnight. He remarked that the corporate life of the hospital is impeachable. The Spirit of God abides in the Hospital. The doctor and his associates give not only drugs but constant and fervent prayers; I wish such could be opened in my island."

He has returned home already and with the Advent message and through him God's work is getting on the island. His best slogan now is, "I thank God for giving me all that I have been requesting; that is to withdraw from me the keeping of Sunday and to replace it with the opportunity of Saturday's observance as God's Sabbath day.

Twin Babies

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40; "Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

I was sorry when one of the chiefs said that since the birth of Christianity in their town they had never kept twins.

The little baby girl is here in the S.D.A. Mission compound to be a lesson to these people who are in gross darkness. The people have regarded twin mothers as defiled beings, and their children are never kept alive.

I sincerely solicit your prayers on behalf of this adopted daughter of the Lord.

A Christian Nurse In A Worldly Hospital

By E. A. Osundina.

I am a Nigerian from the Yoruba tribe, and a nurse, trained and qualified at the S.D.A. Mission Hospital Ile-Ife, Nigeria. In the early part of the year 1944, I registered with the Nursing Council of Nigeria. After eight months service as one of the charge-nurses in the above named Hospital the appointment was terminated. But I wish to acknowledge to the readers God's wonderful providence.

I left Nigeria for the Gold-Coast on 3rd April 1950 by "RMSS" Accra, which landed me safely at Takoradi-Harbour after about twenty-two hours voyage on the Atlantic ocean. However through God's grace, I arrived at my station, Tarkwa on 5th April 1950 by train.

Although it was not in my plan to seek for a nursing position for I had left Nigeria purposely to trade in the Gold-Coast, but in one way or the other the plan was changed. Less than six weeks after my arrival at Tarkwa, God provided me with a nursing position.

To be a nurse had ever been my daily proposal since I left school. Indeed my wish was granted, and now I am undoubtedly a nurse, a Christian nurse. I was not worried much again about the Sabbaths, since I was permitted to be a student nurse in the S.D.A. nursing school at Ile-Ife Nigeria, until I left Nigeria for the Gold-Coast early this year, after I became qualified as a nurse,

To be frank I went on duty on the first Sabbath-day during the week I was employed. Now I knew then the difference between the kind of business done at Ile-Ife hospital, Nigeria on the Sabbath-day, and the kind of business I should do here in the hospital. Anyway my seven hours' work for that day came to an end.

During the second week of my employment, I could not risk to have the same experience repeated. My brother and I prayed about it

for three days, that if it pleased God I might be given Sabbaths off every week, and finally the Ward-Master, Mr. George was interviewed on this respect. His answer was "So long as every nurse is given one day off every week. I see no reason why you should not have yours on Saturdays".

Recently, Mr. George the Ward-master left under an unavoidable circumstance, and this brought about the assignment of a new Ward-master. The new Ward-master knew that I was a Sabbath keeper, but was not willing to grant me the Sabbath free.

As I knew that I should take everything to God in prayer, I prayed that this man would allow me my sabbaths off. On the Saturday following, I went to the Church and related this trial to the members. I asked them all to join me in prayer and also to pray for me in their homes. In fact I told the members that I would like to give up my job rather than to lose my salvation. Prayer was offered on my behalf that Sabbath-day. The members assured me that they would remember me in their daily prayers. The recent outcome showed me that truly they did pray and God answered their prayers.

Fortunately, that very week the Dr. said that he should like the nurses in the European hospital to be permanent. Since then there has been no more trouble. This also is from God, and shows God's love for me, and also that He hears and answers His children's supplications.

Colporteur News

D. L. Chappell, Union P.D.S.

Twenty-five colporteurs, sixteen of whom had never attended an institute, spent nine profitable and pleasant days at the Gold Coast Colporteur Institute held at Bekwai Training School December 18-27th. Brother L. H. Davidson, local mission

publishing department secretary, and the writer gave the regular instruction while Brethren Welch, Moyer, Amoah, Gibson, and Vetter rendered valuable assistance in the form of spiritual and inspirational talks.

The colporteurs set the following goals for 1951: 26,465 hours; £6,530 in deliveries; 600 new converts; and 62 new colporteur recruits.

Elder G. D. King, Northern European Division publishing department secretary, is planning a visit to our Union field in 1951 at which time he will study our publishing work, prospects and problems, throughout the West Coast.

In a small way, colporteur work has been started in Sierra Leone, Liberia, and West Nigeria. A number of students are canvassing during the school vacation in Liberia while in Sierra Leone both student and regular colporteurs are now canvassing. In West Nigeria only one full-time colporteur is working. Since these missions do not have local publishing department secretaries, these consecrated men are working alone. They solicit a special interest in your prayers in behalf of their new missionary venture for Christ.

During 1950 the West African Union colporteur evangelists worked 18,246 hours; took £6,146. 2. 5. in orders; and delivered £4,222. 17. 6. worth of Truth-filled books. Assuming that an average of three persons were canvassed each hour worked, we are encouraged to know that the colporteurs invited approximately 50,000 people to search the Scriptures and learn more fully of Jesus, the soon coming Saviour. Wouldn't you like to join them in this soul-saving work during 1951? Write to your Mission Superintendent for particulars.

NEWS NOTES

Brethren McClements, Duplouy, Stearman, Walton and Cowin attended the Northern European Division Committee Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December.

Mrs. M. Duplouy is receiving medical care in the S. D. A. Hospital in Gland, Switzerland.

Pastor J. K. Amoah has just been invested as a Master Comrade.

Three students from Sierra Leone are studying in Bekwai Seminary this year.

Pastor Amoah reports that they have just completed their Bekwai district camp meeting, held at Abodom. Twenty-eight companies with 1500 members and 11 singing bands attended. Fifteen souls were won. The offerings totalled £28.

Plans are being laid for an S. D. A. Youth's Congress to be held in Paris in July 1951. Youth from the Southern, Central and Northern European Divisions will attend.

Brother D. L. Chappell, who directs the Ingathering programme in the West African Union has participated in raising more than £661 (more than 100 minute-man goals) in 1950. At various times he worked by himself, and with the African and European brethren in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast and West Nigeria. The largest single donation was £20. Every one greatly appreciates what Brother Chappell is doing.

Thus far (19th January) only one mission, the Gold Coast Mission, has sent in an Ingathering report. They have raised more than £2000 which is £400 more than their goal as suggested by the Union Committee.

Brethren Tarr and Lindsay, officers of our Northern European Division visited in the West African Union from 4th February to 15th March. They attended the Annual Meeting of the Union Committee from the 6th to the 14th March.

The Union Committee is giving careful study to the educational work in West Africa, along the lines suggested by Dr. K. J. Reynolds who visited our field in November.

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Colporteur List

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Name	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
East Nigeria Mission:			
Ahuchaogu, A.	76	35 13 6	48 15 0
Ananaba, N.	22	10 0	2 7 6
Apiah, N. A.	35	2 6 6	2 6 6
Erondu, J.	467	77 18 6	681 2 9
Isikaku, A. O.	273	9 3 6	6 9 0
Jiakpo, J.	25	8 15 6	13 19 6
Nwogwugwu, M.	102	37 8 6	78 13 0
Onwubere, N.	670	302 12 3	241 9 0
Onwukwe, J.	417	82 10 0	29 9 6
Osarobey, A.	378	20 8 0	4 13 3
Osuokere, E.	330	41 10 6	25 3 0
Ubani, A.	829	64 5 6	34 3 3
Ugboaja, J.	393	178 10 3	88 5 3
Ukonwa, D. O.	254	1 8 0	11 3
Waribia, R. O.	137	1 4 0	8 0
Wusu, C. W.	479	29 5 0	14 16 0
Miscellaneous	4	1 1 0	11 13 3
Total for 1950	4881	894 4 6	671 5 0

Gold Coast Mission

Achampong, E. A.	193	32 19 0	22 15 0
Acquah, H. Y.	300	49 14 9	20 5 6
Ada, A.	57	8 4 0	5 19 0
Agyei, D.	147	8 14 3	11 19 0
Ajakwa, E. A.	361	153 17 0	23 6 1
Amoah, A.	334	246 6 9	207 16 0
Ampim, J. A.	120	21 19 6	19 0 8
Arthur, J. A.	85	10 6 0	29 3 0
Brown, E. L.	2010	1756 16 0	928 17 0
Campbell, A. K.	361	53 12 9	89 18 9
Clarke, C. A.	1460	299 8 0	328 6 0
Daiety, A. N.	1685	670 13 6	399 11 10
Damson, E. A.	44	7 10 0	7 10 0
Davidson, L. H. (P.D.S.)	183	131 9 6	317 12 0
Enim, M. A.	889	383 5 10	223 15 6
Fosu, Paul	97	17 10 0	8 18 0
Gidigidi, A. K.	67	17 14 0	17 14 0
Gyebie, J.	739	151 3 9	85 13 3
Kagbe, T. G.	86	16 5 0	30 2 0
Kamara, J. A.	103	37 19 8	25 9 0
Kontoh, J.	664	6 13 0	7 17 10
Kwaku, D.	56	7 8 3	2 19 5
Mensah, Frank	508	119 5 0	32 7 6
Mensah, P. K.	13	7 17 0	6 6 0
Myers, John	64	39 2 0	39 14 0
Nkansah, E.	243	38 15 6	15 15 6
Obin, S. K.	2	2 9 3	2 9 3
Odiabene, E.	1036	295 1 0	108 8 1
Oforie, S.	413	33 10 0	12 12 0
Osei,	60	19 6 0	19 6 0
Owusu, D.	67	9 2 0	4 11 0
Owusu, S. K.	209	106 13 0	60 10 8
Quaten, J. A.	133	24 0 0	35 14 4
Welch, Mrs. Howard	14	50 4 0	23 17 0
Wilson, E. T.	136	32 8 6	27 16 9
Kumasi Auxillaries	30	14 1 6	14 1 6
Miscellaneous	396	355 7 8	324 18 9
Total for 1950	13,365	5,236 12 11	3,536 7 6

Ivory Coast Mission:

Miscellaneous	—	15 5 0	15 5 0
Total for Union in 1950:	18,246	6,146 2 5	4,222 17 4
Total for Union in 1949: (old rate)	786	2,019 10 2	1,403 2 6
Increase in 1950:	rate) 17,460	4,126 12 3	2,819 15 6

Note: Deliveries were three times as much in 1950 as in 1949.