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Time for Concerted Action!

By J. O. Gibson

"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work. Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes; and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:34, 35.

Yes, fellow workers, the time of the harvest is here. It is not a year ahead or even months or weeks. The harvest is ripe to-day. To-day is the time to work. We should say with Jesus, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4.

Certainly the conditions in the world today, in its unsettled, warring condition, proves to us who know God's work, that the end of all things is at hand. Yea, "the night cometh." We must work while it is day.

Paul in his letter to the Romans emphasizes this point. He says, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of our sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Romans 13:11. This was written to God's people. He accuses them of sleeping. Are we in God's church today taking a little sleep? In times when the destiny of the world is at stake, when millions are dying in sin, are we sleeping? God forbid that we should remain in slumber. Now is the time to awake. Now is the time to move forward. God's followers should "move forward as one". We should all rise and follow our leader Christ Jesus. He

says that His meat is to finish the work.

Fellow labourers and believers, let us rise in concert. Let us work together, following our great Leader. Let every worker and every member realize the solemnity of the times in which we live. Let our one aim be to bring the message of salvation to those who sit in darkness. If we move forward in concert under the power of the Holy Spirit, we can move the world. Ask for that Power. Pray for that Power and move forward—today.

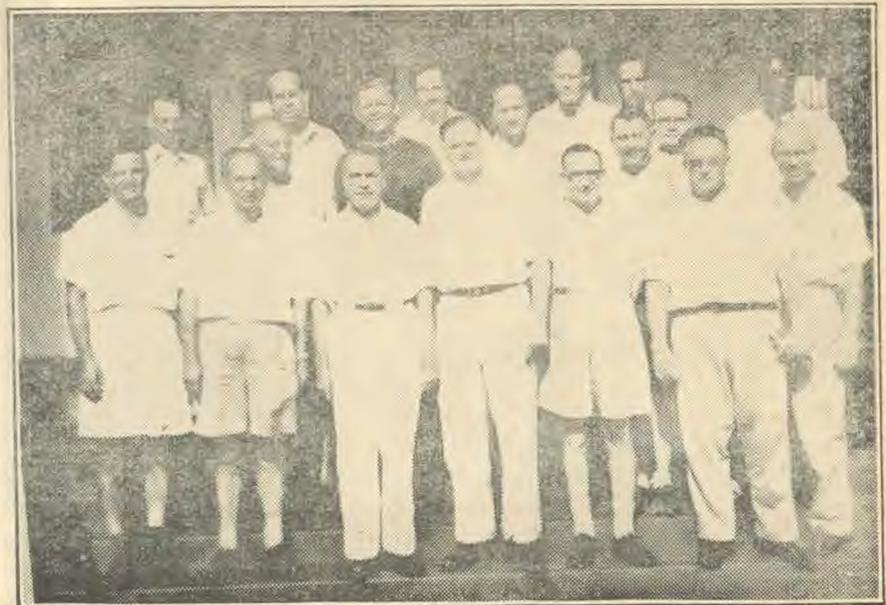
Wanted—A New Name

By D. L. Chappell

In March the Union Committee voted, "That suggestions for a new name for The Advent Press be obtain-

ed through the medium of the "Messenger" and that the Union Publishing Committee consider the suggestions submitted and that the name selected be referred to the Northern European Division for approval."

This action was brought about by the complaint of some of the colporteurs against having "Advent Press" printed on the Publishers' Guarantee-Receipt pads which they use for taking orders for books. The colporteurs do not like to tell the prospects that the books are printed by Adventists for fear of the prospects being prejudiced. Having the word "Advent" printed on the order pad which the prospect signs is, as the colporteurs feel, just asking prejudiced prospects to refuse to buy. For the benefit of the colporteurs, therefore, the Union Committee voted



Persons attending annual meeting of the West African Union Committee, Accra, March, 6-15

that a new name be selected for The Advent Press.

What would you like, for the press serving the West African Union, to be called? We shall be glad to consider your suggestions.

Please send as soon as possible your suggested names to: D. L. Chappell, P. O. Box 1016, Accra, Gold Coast.

Thank you kindly.

Greetings

By G. L. Anniss

I am very happy through the medium of our "Messenger" to be able to pass on a word of greeting, to all of our workers and members in the West African Union. It has been my privilege to work in West Nigeria for the past few months and come to know many of our people. Now that I have been called to the Union Office, I shall look forward to the time when I shall be able to visit other fields in the Union and so become acquainted with more of our people and see the work that is being accomplished.

As your Secretary-Treasurer I will of course, be interested in the financial side of our work and trust that I shall be able to render good reports. This however, will only be possible if we are all faithful in our obligations to God, and are liberal in our offerings to His work.

We have recently concluded our Union Committee meetings and while reports show that much progress has been made, we were reminded that there is still a great work to be accomplished here in West Africa.

Many parts of this great field have not yet heard the Adventist preacher. It is the duty of those who have been blessed with the truth, to pass it on to others. We may not all be preachers or teachers, but we can all help in some way to assist in the spreading of this message. Let us all discharge this responsibility faithfully.

In closing I would like to quote the following words of Paul, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might," Eph. 6:10.

Over the Top in Ingathering

By D. L. Chappell

You will be glad to know that the total Ingathering funds received throughout the Union in 1950 was

Mission	1950 Goal	Reported	Under	Over
East Nigerian	990	606. 3. 5	383. 16. 7	—
Gold Coast	1645	2,486. 10. 3	—	841. 10. 3
Ivory Coast	65	43. 5. 11	21. 14. 1	—
Liberian	205	368. 15. 11	—	163. 15. 11
North Nigerian	110	1. 5. 2	108. 14. 10	—
Sierra Leone	360	253. 1. 9	106. 18. 3	—
West Nigerian	625	444. 13. 11	180. 6. 1	—
Union Totals	£4000	£4,203. 16. 4	£801. 9. 10	£1005. 6. 2

A sincere "Thank You" to every one who had a part in this Ingathering victory. I deeply appreciate your untiring efforts to reach your goals. Hats off to the Gold Coast and Liberian Missions. They not only reached their goals, but they passed them with wide margins. Well done, brethren. May God grant that every mission will pass its 1951 goal this year.

It would be interesting to know the individual accomplishments of each one who participated in the Ingathering Campaign, but I do not have that information, except for three sisters in Monrovia whose work Pastor Banks mentioned in report. These three ladies, Sisters Rachel Crowe, Arinza McGill, and Sarah Bishop, are worthy of commendation for the faithful work they

£4,203. 16. 4, which was £203. 16. 4 over our Union goal! Truly, the Lord has blessed our labour for Him and to Christ we give the glory.

Below is a breakdown of the funds received:

did in collecting 47 and 42 dollars respectively. They worked long and hard and God blessed them abundantly.

Write out your Ingathering experiences and send them to me and I will endeavour to get some of them published in future issues of the "Messenger."

By "Thinking only of Ingathering victory as we laboured for Jesus in Nineteen-fifty" we went over the top in Ingathering last year. We need an inspiring slogan for our 1951 Ingathering campaign. What would you like it to be? As soon as you can, send to me your suggestions for a slogan for the 1951 Ingathering campaign. The more suggestions we have, the better slogan we can select.

Again I say, "Thank you kindly" for your *Ingathering Victory* in 1950.

A Word of Appreciation

By A. Ahuchaogu

It pleases me much to thank the colporteur evangelists in the East Nigerian Mission for the skill with which they have applied themselves in their work during 1950. Although having worked only seven months in my present department, I have seen what they were able to achieve. I am impressed and at the same time grateful for the way in which they have discharged their duties thoughtfully, skillfully, and tactfully.

I appeal to them to put forth even greater endeavour in 1951, and further more, to lay their burdens on the Lord and to ask Him for wisdom with which to carry on their work successfully, retaining the high qualities of work for which they are known.

FIELD ADVENTURING

Here's how to Adventure: 1. Go two by two. 2. Carry your Bible, free papers and special Voice of Prophecy enrollment cards. 3. After a friendly introduction ask, "May we step in a moment?" 4. Inside, visit briefly on a casual basis, and watch for an opportunity for a spiritual approach to the family. Present the paper and develop interest in the Bible course. 5. Secure enrollment. 6. Suggest having prayer for the home. 7. As you leave mention the Voice of Prophecy broadcast where appropriate. 8. Record the result of your visit on the Territory Card, and your plans for appropriate follow up. 9. Tell your Pastor and your Church about your experience.

Annual Report of the North Nigerian Mission

By Dr. J. A. Hyde, M.D.

During the year just ended, we in North Nigeria have seen progress in every sphere of our activities, and we would like to give to God the praise due to His name. Much more could have been done had we been more faithful and energetic, but in spite of our failures God has worked mightily in our behalf especially by making openings for us into new sections of this large field.

For the first three months of this year, Dr. Hyde was on furlough, and his place as Superintendent was taken by Mr. D. J. Clarke, kindly lent us by the Gold Coast Mission. He did much to stimulate a spirit of evangelism and personally led out in some of the village efforts. At the beginning of the year we also welcomed to our staff two new teachers, Mr. A. O. Oheri who had returned from the Nigerian Training College and Mr. I. G. Kipiri our first local boy ever to pass the standard VI examination, who joined us as a probationary teacher. During the year also there were other staffing changes, Mr. and Mrs. Dickay returned to Ife for further training, being replaced by Mr. I. Azuogu of Ife Hospital. There was also one new evangelist and one new dispensary attendant added to the staff.

Evangelism

Evangelism here in the North has been mainly in the form of village evangelism, house to house work, and medical evangelism. We have not been able to arrange for a full scale evangelistic effort in Jos but we must once again try to do so in 1951. When Mr. Clarke was in the field he encouraged the workers in their efforts and helped in the training of them. This has led the evangelists to press even more strongly their request for a European evangelist to help and train them. During the year, we have been overwhelmed by God's goodness in making openings for us, two in Zaria Province and one in Bauchi. In

one of these openings arrangements have already been made for a medical evangelist to be sent in from among the dispensary attendants, and in the other two cases negotiations are still proceeding with the Muslim authorities. Two of these openings were the direct result of contacts made through the medical work, and the third was made by the witnessing of one of the school boys who had come from that area seeking education and who we had sent down to Ibadan to take standard VI. During his primary education period, he had also been instructed in the Higher Education—that of the Spirit, and on a visit home he was able to raise up a new company of over twenty adults. He has now returned to the South to take his nurses training at Ife Hospital.

We were very happy that at the time of Pastor Cowin's visit to North Nigeria we were able to organise a church of twenty-six members at Cokobo. With further transfers and baptisms this church now has a membership of over thirty. This is the first church to be organised in the North Nigerian field since a Mission church was organised two and a half years previously. Church organisation is very difficult in this field as the membership is very fluid. We may have a company of twenty one year and a following year without losing any members by death or apostasy the number may be reduced to one or two. Nevertheless we hope that by judicious selection of fairly permanent companies we may be able to increase our organised churches to four or five within the next few years.

For the first time since the opening of this mission, our baptised membership has gone over one hundred and fifty. This is not a large number and in fact is considerably less than many fields baptise at a single session, but in this hard field it represents some achievements. We are aiming to reach the two hundred mark by 1952, at the latest. This may seem a low goal but with these primitive peoples they must spend at least two years in the Baptismal

Class so that the 1952 figure is really for converts already obtained.

The figures may be summarised as follows:

	1948	1949	1950
Sabbath School			
Membership	356	342	455
Hearers Class			
Membership	54	142	62
Baptismal Class			
Membership	41	74	63
Baptism	9	17	8
Baptised Membership			
Dec. 31	127	144	151

Missionary Volunteer Work

The Missionary Volunteer work in the North Nigerian Mission has always had a warm place in our hearts. In the past the M.V. work has been mainly in the form of aggressive evangelism, but on the return of the Superintendent from leave it was decided to get along with the Progressive Courses. At the time of Pastor Cowin's visit we had the first Investiture in the history of the North Nigerian Mission and another one was held four weeks later. Thus we now have in Northern Nigeria 3 Master Comrades, 2 Comrades, 2 Companions, and 40 Friends. In 1951 we already have 25 studying for the Friend badge, 30 for the Companion, one for the Comrade, and 3 for the Master Comrade. This rush of progressive course work, however, has not made us forget our aim to bring the Gospel to all the world in this generation, and Patrol clashes are always taking place between members of the "Soldiers of Christ"—the Hausa title, and the enemy. If we could participate in a youth camp in West Nigeria in 1951 we might try to run one ourselves in 1952.

Education

Education is that department of our field which does not show immediate results, but on which the future of all the other departments depends. Here in the North we have been building up our school a new class each year until at the end of 1950 plans were laid for the building of a new class room and the commencement of a Standard V school at the

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Farewell Message

By W. and M. McClements

In a few hours I leave Accra by air for England, and I wish to send a brief message of farewell to our fellow-workers, both African and European, as well as to our many church and school members of the West African Union. It would take a long time to write a personal letter to each of you, so I avail myself of the opportunity of writing through the medium of the "Messenger."

By the time you read this you may already know that we expect to take up pastoral work in England. At the time of the Division meeting in Skodsborg, Denmark, we received a call to lead out in the Ethiopian Union, but unfortunately the doctors would not pass Mrs. McClements as fit to live and work in that land because of the altitude. This is a disappointment to us, but we must abide by the overruling providences of the Lord in such matters.

Thirty-one years ago I arrived in Nigeria. The work was small then; it was possible to visit the little churches in two week-ends. Things have changed since then and we rejoice in what God has done through His workers and believers.

I often recall the years of small things when we had but few workers and inadequate budgets and practically no equipment, but with God's blessing and the faithful labours of consecrated men like J. Clifford, W. G. Till, L. Edmonds, J. J. Hyde, C. A. Bartlett, W. T. B. Hyde and their wives and women like A. S. Nuka, and R. Munderspach, together with our African pastors and workers. We have now left the day of small things behind. It seems to me that there are great days ahead for the Advent church in West Africa now that we have a much larger staff of young enthusiastic missionaries and a growing army of African workers.

We are sorry to leave West Africa and its people whom we have grown to love so much. It has been our home for the best part of our lives, as we responded to the appeal of our leaders to make West Africa our life work. Though we go to take up other work our hearts will be in

West Africa. We cannot forget you, but will pray for you that the Lord may keep you ever faithful and make you one and all fruitful in soul-winning as He sets His hand for the finishing of the work in West Africa. We will follow with deep interest the progress of the message in this Union.

A change in leadership is good for the field and we would solicit your earnest and loyal support and co-operation for the new Union leaders.

May the Lord keep us all faithful to His great cause until the work is finished and we meet in the Kingdom.

Paris Congress Enthusiasm in Northern European Division

They are coming from Iceland, from the Arctic Circle, from the fjords of Norway, from beautiful Finland, from Sweden, Denmark, from the land of the wooden shoes, from the highlands of Scotland, from England, from colourful and ancient Ethiopia and from tropical West-Africa—thousands of them to join their fellow Missionary Volunteers from a score of other countries in Southern Europe and to clasp the hands of hundreds of earnest youth from Germany in Central Europe. Many more will join them from North-America and other more distant lands.

To what place are they coming? To Paris, of course, from July 24th to 29th. To the greatest gathering of Advent youth in the history of our work in Europe.

Everywhere enthusiasm is growing. Everyone, young and old is talking Congress. Our parting words everywhere are, "I'll see you in Paris." They are coming by air; by boat, by bus, train, car, and bicycle. Our previous estimate of the possible attendance is too low. How small our faith was! Nothing can quench the fire alight in the hearts of God's youth. They are on the march. Pray for them and their leaders as they meet in Congress to lay plans and gather inspiration to go out to old Europe and strike heavy blows for God.

And so, dear friends "We'll see you delegates too—in Paris!"

The Church Officers

By J. I. Robison

The Elder

In the work and organization of the church, except where a local pastor has been provided by the conference or mission, the office of elder stands out as the highest and most important.

The local church elder, in the absence of the pastor, is the religious leader of the church. The elder should be capable of conducting the services of the church. It is impossible for the mission to supply ministerial help for all the churches; consequently, the elder must be prepared to minister in the Word and doctrine. However, he should not be chosen primarily because of his position in the world, nor because of his ability as a speaker, but because of his consecrated life and ability as a leader.

The elder, as are all other church officers, is elected for one year. Election to the office of elder is not in itself a qualification to serve in all the functions of the office. Before entering upon the work of administering the church ordinances, the elder must be ordained. The ordination service is not performed by the retiring elder, but by an ordained minister who holds credentials from the mission and who is in good and regular standing in the denomination. Having been once ordained as a church elder, it is not necessary for one to be ordained again upon re-election or upon election as elder in some other church, provided that in the meantime the individual has maintained a good and regular standing in the church.

The work of the church elder is confined to the church electing him. It is not permissible for a conference committee by vote to confer on a local church elder the status of an ordained minister by asking him to serve other churches as elder. If there exists the need for such service, the mission committee may recommend to the church or churches requiring the service that they elect him and ask him to serve them also. Thus, by election one individual may, when necessary, serve more than one church at a time. The only way men may be qualified for serving the church at large in the capacity of elder is by ordination to the gospel ministry.

In the absence of a pastor, the local elder is not only the spiritual leader of the church, but he is responsible for fostering and directing all branches and departments of the work. The Sabbath-school work, the Missionary Volunteer work, the missionary activities of the church, the interests of the church school, and every other line should claim his attention and receive his advice and encouragement. He should sustain a helpful relationship to all other church officers.

In cases where the mission committee assigns an ordained minister to labour with a church, he should be considered as the ranking officer. The local elder becomes his assistant. Their work is closely related; and they should, therefore, work together in harmony and co-operation. The minister serving the church regularly as pastor usually acts as the chairman of the church board. The pastoral work of the church should be shared by both.

When an ordained minister visits a church, it is to be expected that the local elder will show him proper deference by inviting him to occupy the

Qualities of a Good M.V. Leader

The successful M.V. leader must know God personally, and being a genuine Christian, he will seek to win the unconverted youth for Christ. The M.V. leader is to be the youth evangelist of the church.

A qualified M.V. leader is an organizer. He will try to enlist every Missionary Volunteer in all organized plans of missionary endeavour sponsored by the M.V. Society.

The best leader calls executive committee meetings. No organization can run without plans, not even the M.V. Society. The leader who wants to be successful calls his committee together regularly to plan, not only the meetings, but all the other activities of the society.

A progressive leader studies how he can improve his leadership. He studies M.V. Leaflet No. 4 "Duties of Officers in the Senior M.V. Society," and puts it into practice.

A strong leader uses diligently the suggestions and the programmes in the "Church Officer's Gazette", and the M.V. programme kit.

The true leader of youth promotes the devotional activities—Bible Years, Morning Watch, and Character Classics.

A good leader encourages and promotes the reading of the M.V. Reading Course books.

In short, the desirable qualities of a good M.V. leader are: consecration to God, willingness to co-operate with the church leaders, and the ability to enlist the aid of other youth for promotion of the missionary activities of the society.

pulpit. This also applies to unordained workers sent by the mission.

Under no circumstances should a minister, elder, or other church officer invite strangers or any unauthorized persons to take any service or to speak in or take part in a public way in any service or meeting of the church. Everyone worthy of the confidence of our churches will be able to identify himself by producing proper credentials. All others should be excluded.

Liberian Mission Report 1950

By G. M. Banks

The leaders, workers and members of the Liberian mission were happy to express heartfelt thanks to God for His unmeasured blessing in Liberia as the year 1950 came to its close. We cannot feel that there was any worthiness on our part that could have merited the expressions of His love that have been ours in the last year. We praise Him for His goodness and His divine plan for the soon finishing of His work in the earth.

The year 1950 got underway in real earnest with the opening of a soul-stirring evangelistic series of meetings in Liberia's largest gathering centre. These meetings were conducted by Pastors Henri and Banks in the Centennial Pavilion in Monrovia. God blessed from the start and practically every night we were favoured with large audiences; on many nights the hall was flooded to overflowing. Our great Gospel truths were presented to Liberia from the pulpit, on the screen and in song, such as had never been witnessed before. There was wholehearted co-operation on the part of all our members in the Monrovia area who gave us full support as co-workers in these meetings and the harmonious results were always apparent. People came from many parts of the nation during the time of the meetings and at the close of the year baptized converts could testify that the meetings had brought the gospel home to them. We are not able to say how many more in Liberia will one day be baptized who heard the truth first in these Pavilion meetings?

Colporteur Report for January, 1951

Name	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
East Nigeria:			
Onwubere, N. M.	88	18 17 0	20 12 6
Miscellaneous	14	12 1 0	12 1 0
Gold Coast:			
Amoah, A.	133	110 4 0	62 12 0
Agyei, D.	128	5 0 9	2 11 9
Agyakwa, E. A.	99	21 0 9	8 19 9
Acuah, H. Y.	113	8 0 0	9 4 0
Brown, E. L.	136	133 8 0	58 18 0
Clarke, C. A.	177	73 15 0	7 10 0
Daitey, A. N.	183	104 5 0	32 18 3
Enim, M. A.	69	17 15 0	8 15 6
Gyebie, J.	59	13 6 6	0
Kontoh, J.	166	2 5 0	2 5 0
Mensah, A. F.	120	38 10 0	2 8 6
Nkansah, E. D.	54	7 0 0	4 10 0
Odiabene, E. Y.	125	44 1 0	69 18 6
Ofori, S.	48	6 8 6	7 0 0
Quaten, J. A.	178	12 1 9	1 9
Seraku, T. O.	61	32 5 0	20 0 0
Miscellaneous	64	71 2 3	41 1 6
Liberia:			
B. nal, John	87	92 5 3	4 9 1
Stevens, Jonathan	82	100 14 5	2 19 4
West Nigeria:			
Nwaogu, James	46	2 6 10	9 6
Otubolade, John	187	18 6 6	8 19 6
Union Totals for January	2417	£ 944 19 6	£ 418 5 5

Note: Only those colporteurs who work 40 hours or more during the month are listed by name.

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North Nigerian Mission Report

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beginning of 1951. We now have an enrollment of 77 pupils, as against 52 at the end of 1949. This department has also made contribution to the souls won, for, besides the boys who have become members through its teachings, and the active way in which the teaching staff participates in evangelistic work, the new group of over twenty converts at Gure owes its existence to the work of a boy who found the message at the Jengre School.

Medical Work

This has been a most successful year for the medical work. There have been many disappointments. It was not possible to complete the ward buildings during Dr. Hyde's furlough, and this year we have also been held up for lack of ward equipments. But owing to the generosity of friends in Nigeria, as well as in England and the U.S.A., orders have been placed and instruments received which should take the edge off the acute shortage, and we hope the ward will soon be open. Many enquiries have been received from official and private sources as to the date of the opening of the ward. The powerful Moslem Emir of Zaria, ruler of about one million people, has asked to be informed of the date of opening as he would like to travel the 160 miles between us in order to be present. Incidentally this ruler's comments on missionary work in general is illustrative of the attitude of the Northern chiefs, and of the need of using the Medical work as the opening wedge in Moslem areas. He said, "Why do not the missions these days concentrate more on medical work. Its always schools, schools, schools, and when they get the schools all they turn out from them is unrespectful rebels, disobedient to parents and disrespectful to the chiefs. If you want a dispensary in my area, you shall have it, but schools, No." Of course, he classified this statement by saying that he has no allegations to make against Adventist education, which I ex-

plained to him was that of hand and heart as well as head, and was very pleased when I quoted the Bible instruction with regard to our attitude to the powers that be,

During 1950, for three months of which the Medical director was absent, there were 14,592 patient attendances and 99 operations, both major and minor. In this same period 16,649 persons heard the Gospel preached to them in the morning Dispensary worship period. Many of those were Moslem, and from areas where we may not preach, on pain of having our immigration certificates revoked. Who knows what God will do with the seed thus planted? During this time also we took in, in direct charges for Medical care, over £225, double our previous best. The patient attendance figures for the past three years are given as follows:

1948 11,792

1949 8,975 (Dr. on leave for half the year)

1950 14,592 (Dr. on leave for three months)

The Future in the North

Ambitious plans will be laid before the 1951 West African Union Committee which will turn the North Nigerian Mission field from an understaffed, unorganised, unequipped backwater, into a well staffed, well organised and well equipped unit of which the Seventh-day Adventist Mission may be

proud. These may be summarised as follows:

1. The immediate provision of a European family to take charge of the evangelistic work and much of the administrative work.

2. Provision for overseas nursing help should be made in the not too far distant future. If this nursing help could be well trained in Physical Therapy much help towards the cost would be received from payments for the treatment of European cases.

3. An adequate wage should be paid to the African workers within the Union scale.

4. North Nigeria to become an organised mission.

5. Jengre School to be built up into a Senior Primary Std. VI school with adequate boarding departments for boys and girls. New buildings and equipment will be needed.

6. The medical work to be transferred to the hospital site, and an administrative and operating block built soon and a second ward later.

7. The doctor to be relieved of non medical station routine duties and the mobile medical unit to become a reality.

8. The European evangelist should try to run an effort in Jos in 1951 and in some large town in North Nigeria each year.

9. That an extension evangelistic training course be provided for our vernacular evangelists very soon.

We are sure that these plans will meet with sympathetic consideration. We have shown what God can do in spite of lack of equipment. We ask for a new vision of Northern needs, and new power to meet them.



Pastors Tarr and Lindsay meet church delegation at Mission headquarters, Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Report of The Advent Press, 1950

By H. S. Pearce

In making our Report for the year 1950 we wish first of all to thank God for the portion of success with which our efforts have been crowned.

It has been a keen disappointment to all the workers that the fine new plant visualized at our last Union Meetings has, through uncontrollable circumstances, not materialized. We hope and pray that God will overrule so that the land question may be speedily settled and our plans reach fruition.

Our total income for the year was two thousand nine hundred and six-

ty-four pounds (£2,964)—less than the previous year by two hundred and twelve pounds (£212). We have endeavoured to follow the injunction given at the last year's Union Meetings, that we should discontinue doing outside jobbing work. This year we have not accepted work from outside commercial firms, etc., but have accepted some from other Mission Societies in order to keep our staff occupied.

It is interesting to note from where in the Union the business of the Press has come.

DENOMINATIONAL WORK

Voice of Prophecy	....	....	£ 1,110.	0	11
West Nigerian Mission	....	....	335.	1	9
East Nigerian Mission	....	....	145.	2	9
North Nigerian Mission	....	....	5.	5	9
Gold Coast Mission (Book Salcs)	....	....	49.	3	2
Ife Hospital	....	....	253.	15	0
West African Union Mission	....	....	202.	4	0
Colporteur's Supplies	....	....	57.	6	6
Total Denominational Work			£ 2,157.	19	10

NON-DENOMINATIONAL WORK

Baptist Mission	....	....	£ 735.	10	6
Miscellaneous Jobs	....	....	71.	0	0
Total Non-Denominational Work			£ 806.	10	6

The gain for the year amounted to two hundred and seventeen pounds (£217). While the figure is not large, when we consider that an expenditure of two hundred and forty-one pounds (£241) was made on freight, etc., on donated machinery, and absorbed in our operating, we feel that we have good cause to be thankful.

It may be well to point out that owing to the hold-up in the building programme, the Publishing House has not been handling the Bound Book business for the Colporteurs, this having been cared for by the Union Office. Should they make the same generous gesture as last year and credit us with the proceeds of the Book Orders our net gain will indeed be an encouraging one.

1951 is a year full of Golden Opportunities. The countries are

ripe for the Gospel Literature, an ever-increasing army of Colporteurs stand ready to distribute the message, and we, the staff of the Advent Press are anxious to fulfil our part. May God ratify our plans and grant us all His Holy Spirit, that our truth-filled books and papers may cover West Africa like Autumn Leaves cover the paths of the forest.

TRUE EDUCATION

"Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse, and manifest a deep interest in this work; for now as never before, Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death."

"Counsels to Teachers," p. 165.

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When Pastor Henri returned to Lower Buchanan at Grand Bassa he found that interest from the Monrovia meeting had spread to Bassa and since he had already planned an evangelistic series for Bassa he plunged in immediately. There was immediate response and nightly he found his school auditorium filled to capacity. So much so that he had to divide the meetings, speaking to the English speaking group on one night and to the native people through interpreters on the next night. At the close of the year baptized converts from the meetings could also testify that they had been a success in soul winning.

The school year for Liberia was also a successful one. The first semester began with an enrollment of 70 students at Konola, 176 at Bassa day school and 90 at Monrovia day school. During the course of the school year a number of these were converted and were baptized in the closing of the year baptisms. Our great handicap in our schools is a need for well trained national teachers and christian national leaders. This emphasizes again the importance of Konola as a well equipped training centre for Liberia. Brother Giddings and his family have done well here in their leadership. But they need more help to carry on the programme.

At least one other foreign family should be at Konola to keep the programme going. Under Brother Giddings' leadership the compound has been transformed and made to appear as a representative S. D. A. school compound. The beautiful new boy's dormitory was practically completed and ready for dedication by year's end. A revised curriculum, more in harmony with our S. D. A. school plan, has been developed which has greatly increased the teaching load. Also 9th and 10th grade courses have been added to hold our boys in training and move them into our needy worker's vacancies. Pastor Henri will have to leave Bassa and come to Konola to carry on the school work for lack of another family at Konola. Brother Giddings

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points out that Konola also needs more material equipment such as desks, black boards, chairs, beds for the dormitory, etc.

Our two newly ordained native pastors, Pastors Helbig and Hallowanger are both doing commendable work and proving themselves soul-winners. Pastor Helbig was blessed to baptize 10 in his first baptismal service and Pastor Hallowanger 13 in his first baptism. We are praying for these brethren that God will continue to increase their usefulness in His service.

As we look back across the year we can thrill in recalling wonderful evangelistic meetings that were held, the M.V. rallies that convened when Pastor Cowin came our way and the scores that were interested in different parts of our field during his stay. There were interesting closing of school programmes in all three of our schools that spelled success for another year and the soul-winning blessings God gave to us in baptisms, were nothing short of miraculous. For instance Brother Dean was a Methodist pastor far in the hinterland. Several years ago he came to Monrovia to attend a conference for his church. He had been a successful worker, building up his churches so he was proud to come to the conference. But in the home where he stopped in Monrovia he found some new books he had never seen before and found them deeply interesting. One was called "The Great Controversy", one "The Messiah in His Sanctuary" and other Bible lesson books of smaller size

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and a few of the small "Crisis" Series were there also.

These books interested him more than his conference and when he was ready to leave he asked his host for permission to borrow one of the books, but the host willingly loaned him all of them as he was not interested in them. This was the beginning of Brother Dean's march toward the truth. Later, after studying these books many months he renounced all his former religious affiliations and began to teach the new found faith he had discovered in God's Word. He finally reached our evangelists and asked to be taught and guided in what he was learning. As he learned he taught others and encouraged them to join with him in building a new church where only the Bible truth would be taught. A few months ago we had the blessed privilege of baptizing Brother Dean and 56 other converts whom he had won into our wonderful truth.

In Grand Bassa a school principal for the Government school was baptized along with the government-kindergarten school specialist, who had just completed her training in America. These, were two of the Community's outstanding leaders and of course their baptism created a real stir. In Monrovia a young lady who has taught for two years in our schools finally decided the truth was not just to be taught but to be lived so she was baptized. Another young lady, wife of a prominent young government custom official, took her

Church group and new building
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stand in face of serious family objections. She was convinced of the truth at the Pavilion meetings and in face of embarrassing objections was baptized into the truth. There are many other equally thrilling stories of the converts baptized, but space will not allow us to review all of them. Suffice it to say that in all, we witnessed the baptism of 128 newly won converts for the truth in the closing months of 1950 and since then several more have been baptized. Baptisms around the field for 1950 were as follows: Sarwin 57, Lewer Buchanan, Bassa 29, Palmberg 10, Liiwa 13, Konola 3, Monrovia 16.

We set our Ingathering goal at 1,000 dollars. This was a bit higher than what the Union had set but I am happy to say that with the full returns we reached the 1,000 dollar mark.

I am happy to report that there has been a substantial increase in our tithe, tuition income, and Sabbath-School offerings over the previous year. We are grateful for visits made to our field by our visiting Brethren from the Union, Division, and General Conference, at different times during the year, and for the good that has resulted from their visits. We are grateful to all who are helping to push the Liberian Mission on to the completion of its task. But most of all we are grateful to share with our fellow believers around the field and also the entire world field the great privilege of being co-labourers together with God in this closing hour of the world's history. We ask that you pray for Liberia as you pray for the other Mission fields.

