

A PRESSING NEED

by W. J. Newman

Manager, British Publishing House

FRIDAY, January 3, 1964, seems a long way off. Most may have forgotten the awful event which took place at The Stanborough Press. More than a third of our British publishing house was destroyed by fire. The editorial, art department, and manager's offices were totally destroyed, as well as the dispatch department with thousands of books ready to go out. Those who are able to visit The Stanborough Press will be vividly reminded that the scars still remain, and yet the work carries on. To be housed in five different buildings makes for administrative problems. We long for the day when we shall be in one building.

The deaths of our Production Manager and our esteemed General Manager, plus the fire, have been a great blow to our publishing house. At

such a time we look for counsel from the Lord. In reading Volume seven of the *Testimonies* where the servant of the Lord gave direction regarding the publishing work, it would seem there is a principle to guide us:

"Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision. It was designed to accomplish a specific purpose. . . . The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world; and in the accomplishment of this work our publishing houses are among the most effective agencies."—Page 138.

"Our publishing houses are God's appointed centres and through them is to be accomplished a work the magnitude of which is yet unrealized."—Page 144.

We are very conscious of this responsibility and recognize that the staff have worked very efficiently over the years, especially so since the fire. Now there is an opportunity to expand and continue the good work. In spite of the enormous expense, "of which the Lord knows," we are confident that in following the principle given to us by the servant of the Lord the publishing house will be abundantly blessed.

Much prayer and investigation have been made as to whether we should re-locate our publishing house. The final decision has not yet been made. Naturally, a major operation of this kind, or in rebuilding, will involve heavy expense. Although we did receive compensation from the insurance company it was not equal to replacement value. And further, we would like to take advantage of expanding, which is so necessary at this time. There-



The raging flames which destroyed the administrative offices and part of the factory of the British Publishing House at Watford.

fore we must look to God's people, as we do not find in past experience that the Lord works without them. The Lord is looking to us, "His chosen ones," to rally to the cause and give liberally, yea, more than liberally, so that funds will flow into His treasury to enable His bidding to be done.

"The spirit of willingness manifested by the people of Israel must have been most pleasing in the sight of God, for 'God loveth a cheerful giver.' It is not so much the amount given that counts with Him, but the spirit in which it is given."—*S.D.A. Bible Commentary* on Exodus 25:29.

The leaders of our work from the General Conference down to the local conference have very generously voted funds from the Missions Extension Campaign to enable the publishing house to be rebuilt. Without our prompting, one family has promised half the proceeds from the sale of a piece of land; another has promised £200. Just recently £500 has come in from another good soul. What will you do in this hour of need?

PLANS FOR THE KONOLA ACADEMY, LIBERIA

by LOUIS C. NIELSEN
Principal

LIBERIA, with an area of 43,000 square miles and an estimated population of some 1,500,000, has been independent since 1847 when about 20,000 freed American negro slaves returned to this part of the West Coast of Africa to establish their interpretation of American democracy. Their descendants now make up the majority of the ruling

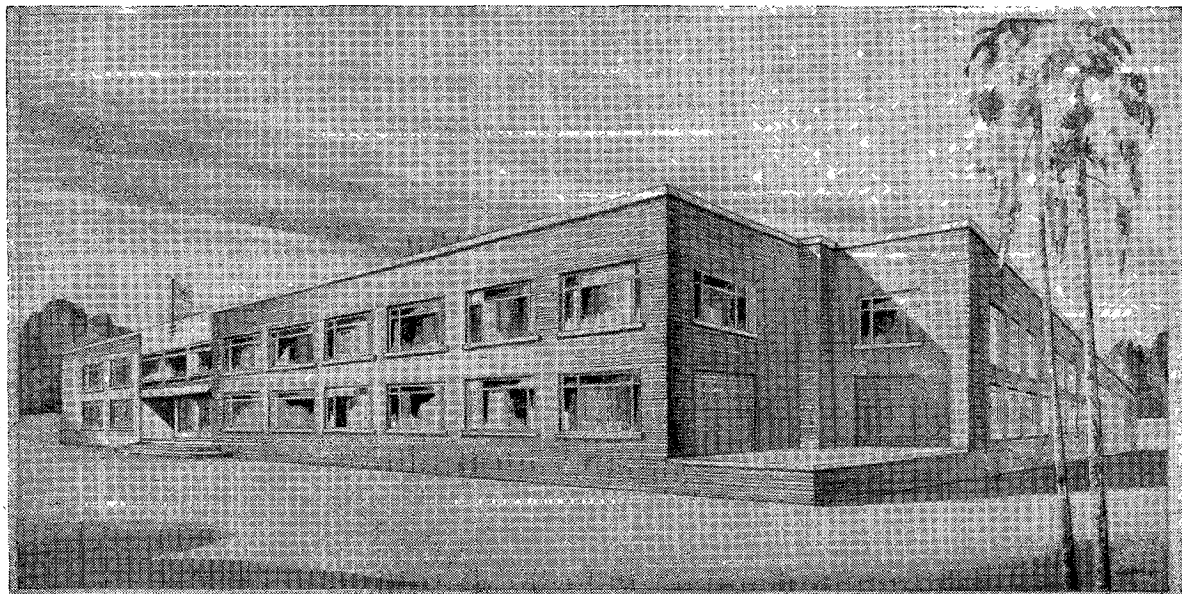
party while most of the population belong to one of the indigenous tribes. The industrialization and speedy educational development which we have witnessed in other West African countries have just begun in Liberia. William S. Tubman was elected president in 1943 and he seems likely to continue his presidency for as long as he lives. The people generally love him and it appears that he is trying to do more for the country than any of his predecessors.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Mission was established in Liberia more than thirty years ago, but up to this time only a small part of the country has been reached by the third angel's message. The Mission employs one Liberian ordained pastor and five to six evangelists, and there is a great need for Liberian mission workers. The Liberian Mission of Seventh-Day Adventists operates three elementary schools and a twelve-grade Academy at Konola, fifty-six miles from Monrovia on the main road.

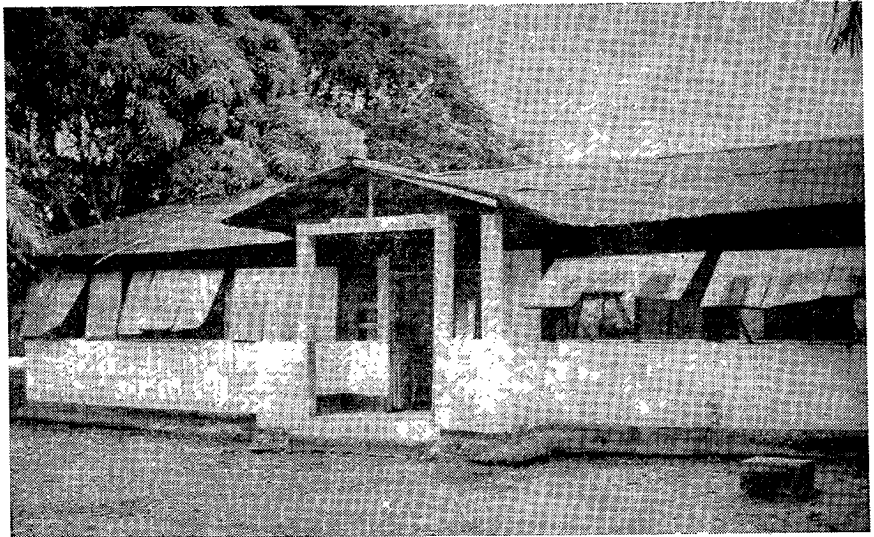
Due to the absolute absence of literacy among the majority of the people in Africa, educational work is a fundamental part of the missionary task. The small group of Seventh-Day Adventist missionaries cannot possibly ever hope to reach the multitude of people, and since it is a very costly proposition to send and maintain missionaries out here, our schools are charged with the responsibility to prepare indigenous preachers and teachers as well as the future leaders of the church in West Africa. In order to accomplish this we endeavour to operate schools on a high spiritual and academic level and with as adequate facilities as possible.

Konola Academy is recognized by the Department of Education, Republic of Liberia, and was recently rated as one of the best Senior High Schools in the country. A well qualified staff of fourteen

Artist's conception of the fine new publishing house which it is hoped to erect. Your Missions Extension offering will help toward its realization.



One of the old buildings
at Konola Academy,
Liberia.



African and overseas teachers instruct approximately 150 boarding students and a good number of day students. Many improvements have been made over the years, but the school still has great needs. In order to attract the best young people in the country it is imperative that besides a qualified staff and a balanced curriculum, we also can offer adequate boarding facilities.

At the present we rejoice in having excellent classrooms and appropriate dormitories, yet we do *not* have a modern hygienic dining hall and kitchen. Healthful living is generally considered an important part of our message, but it appears that we sometimes neglect to provide sanitary and adequate facilities for cooking and dining in our West African boarding schools. The time has come in fast-developing Africa when we must cease to cook on three stones and when we need to teach our students how to prepare a variety of wholesome food, prepared under hygienic conditions.

We are very fortunate in having an overseas teacher in cooking, sewing, health principles, etc., but she has no teaching facilities. Our plans for a new cafeteria include a classroom for Domestic Science. Konola Academy hopes to put into practice the principles we teach in the classrooms and we trust that you will help us by giving a liberal offering for Missions Extension.

When we, with your help, have completed our new kitchen and dining hall, we plan to use the present dining hall building as a classroom for vocational training, and at that time we shall be able to employ one of our Liberian teachers who recently completed a degree course in Industrial Arts. Therefore, besides helping us to provide better facilities for cooking and dining, you will enable us to offer much-needed training in practical trades such as carpentry, masonry, mechanics, etc. The school started an extensive farm programme during 1964 and was successful in establishing a poultry business with 2,000 birds, a cattle farm, and in clearing large tracts of land for vegetables and

fruits. We still need a tractor and some equipment in order to progress with this programme.

May God bless you as you give to help the underdeveloped and less fortunate countries, and by the grace of God we shall all be successful in finishing the Lord's work in West Africa.

EDUCATIONAL EXPANSION IN ETHIOPIA

by TRUNEH W. SELASSIE

Educational and MV Secretary, Ethiopian Union Mission

SOME of you may have heard about Kabana Girls' School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This school is one of the oldest schools in the whole city, and it was started way back in 1929.

In the early days Kabana was the best-known girls' school in the entire city and as such it attracted the attention of many well-to-do people and high ranking government officials. Practically all the daughters of such people trace back their early education to Kabana Adventist School.

During the years a large number of girls have gained a Christian education in this school. Many of these have been able to further their education overseas, and today you will find them in many government offices as well as in our own work, holding various responsible positions. Over forty of them have graduated as nurses in our Filwoha

MISSIONS EXTENSION DAY SABBATH, FEBRUARY 27th



Teachers and pupils outside the Kabana school, Addis Ababa.

nurses' training school. The wife of the Minister of Defence and the wife of the Minister of Foreign Affairs look back to Kabana Girls' School as their Alma Mater. Needless to say, the Kabana Girls' School of the past has definitely filled a purpose in our mission programme. But what of the Kabana school of the present?

About fourteen years ago, soon after the opening of the Akaki Boys' School, about twelve miles south of Addis Ababa, it was decided that the upper grades of this school should be transferred to the Akaki Boys' School. This was done, and Kabana remained a small elementary school, offering only up to grade four.

At the moment we are running six grades with three teachers; the total enrolment is sixty-five. Now it is only a day school, where in the past it was a boarding school; now it is a co-educational school, whereas in the past it was only a girls' school.

The location of the school is hardly ideal. There are four European and three Ethiopian families living on the same compound; in addition there is the printing press, also a school for the missionaries' children, and a number of guest rooms. So you will understand the place is more than crowded. It is obvious that under these circumstances there is no hope of building up a strong educational programme around the present Kabana school.

As many of the Adventist families live far away from Kabana they cannot send their children to our school. The majority of them live around Filwoha hospital because of their work. On account of this some have felt that the school is not meeting the objectives of a church school and have even suggested closing it down. Of course, this would be the easiest thing in the world to do.

But listen, friends, Addis Ababa is the capital of the nation, the centre of our work. We have about 400 churchmembers with children living in the city. Can we really afford to close down our Addis Ababa school? The children of our members must have an education. Where can they get a Christian education, the kind we believe in, if we do not

provide it for them? I think you know the answer to my question. There are excellent Catholic, Protestant, and government schools in this city which invite young people. Protestant schools of different denominations are expanding. Sad to say, at this very moment, there are many of our members' children attending government and other schools. What a shame on us! What an opportunity we are losing!

Some of them tell us the present school is not located where it can serve the Adventist families; others complain of the poor facilities we have in the school. While we do not agree with them in all respects, we realize there is much truth in what they say. However, I do not think this is any time to fold our wings and see our educational work die out in this important city; rather we should rise up, build, and expand.

Our plan is to move the present Kabana school to the Filwoha area where we have most of our members, build up a bigger and better school, and run it with definite objectives and with better facilities. If we fail to do this I can tell you we will miss a vital aspect of our work in Addis.

We know that the early years of a child's life are the most susceptible years. We cannot afford to send our children to non-Adventist schools, especially in those years. If we do this they may be lost to the work of God, and they may even be lost to the Kingdom of God. What will we answer when God asks in that final day, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?"

What we should have is an elementary and a secondary school, but we dare not ask for such big things because we know we have no funds. We only wish to build an elementary school which will be big enough to cater for the children of Adventist families.

Dear friends, would you not like to see a Christian education given to our young people in a Christian school? I know you would, and I am sure you will do your best to help us build up our educational work in the city of Addis Ababa.

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Baptism in Ipswich

THE first Sabbath of 1965 was a blessed day for those who were able to share the Sabbath services with us at the Ipswich church. In the afternoon there was the joyous experience of a baptism, when many of the Colchester members joined us. From the opening, when we invoked the Spirit's presence in the chorus, "Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me," there was a very deep sense of His presence in our midst, and how we longed that the same sweet atmosphere could linger with us always.

Brother Rex Riches of Colchester, addressing the candidates and congregation, spoke of the need of the power of Pentecost in our lives. If we ask for such power we shall not be disappointed; we shall know when we possess it; it will produce the fruits of the Spirit as outlined in Galatians, chapter five—were some of the thoughts from the message.

Two Ipswich candidates and one young man from Colchester were welcomed into fellowship by the respective ministers and were immersed by Pastor R. H. Smith. We remember these new members in prayer that God will help them to be faithful to the vows made by baptism.

Earlier in the day, in the Sabbath school hour, our superintendent, Mr. T. C. Brand, presented all members with a New Year present for Investment. We hope that all will invest the money for the Lord and bring in a good return at the end of the quarter to support the mission field.

A New Year message from Pastor Smith in the Sabbath morning devotional service reminded us of the never-failing promises of God and encouraged us for the uncertain days ahead.

May God help every one of us, new and old members alike, so to be filled with His Spirit that our only object and purpose in 1965 will be to serve Him to the full that we may all be united in His love.

B. DUKE.

A Year of Progress at Southend

SOUTHEND would like to share with the MESSENGER family blessings received during 1964. The year started well with the largest Ingathering total, nearly doubling the goal.

Three members were added to the church by baptism.

A young lady in our district not only won the local contest with her letter, "Why I read the Bible in 1964," but also the nation-wide prize of Laurence

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Olivier's records which were presented at the New Gallery.

Our Public Library accepted four denominational books for circulation.

Local papers accepted notices of our church services regularly, thus keeping our name before the public.

There was also a bumper order for Missions Extension Week, exceeding all previous records.

Thousands of Voice of Prophecy Cards were distributed in September and October.

Our Toy Service was well attended when the Children's Officer for Southend, Miss D. Ridd, spoke to us of the work done among the needy and unwanted children. She was thrilled with the wonderful number of toys, books, and clothes which members were so happy to give.

The welfare society, too, this year has seen more than 2,000 articles of clothing pass through their hands, and thanks are due to the grand team spirit that exists in the little society.

One member has made the floral arrangements in the church a dedicated work to the Lord, and their beauty and the warmth of our new electric heaters provided a wonderful welcome to our spiritual home each week.

Total moneys received from the small membership amounted to £2,2103 for 1964. Do you wonder we wish to share these blessings with you?

G. BICE,
Church Clerk.

Newbold College
ADVANCE NOTICE

Newbold College Choir

Directed by
R. W. Scarr, L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L.
will tour North England and
South Wales this Eastertide.

April 14 - 20, 1965

Watch the "Messenger" for further details

Croydon Ordinations

ON Sabbath, December 19, 1964, at the Croydon church, Pastor A. G. Tapping ordained three new deacons. They were Brethren Thomas Dean, Clinton Palmer, and Michael Sayers. Four deacons should have been ordained but Brother Ronald Luke was not well enough to attend. He will be ordained by Pastor Tapping at a later date. Assisting Pastor Tapping at the ordination were church elders L. C. Creer and T. H. Davin.

Pastor Tapping reminded the three men how the sacred office into which they were being ordained came into being, and spoke of the way in which it should be carried out, and of the example that they should endeavour to set.

Following the ordination, and a short sermon by Pastor Tapping, the ordinance of humility, and the Lord's supper were celebrated.

M. J. SAYERS.



SCHLEIFER-HARRIS.—It was in the setting of the new Cambridge Seventh-Day Adventist church that Gunter Josef Schleifer and Miss Lydia Harris exchanged nuptial vows on Sunday afternoon, June 14, 1964. The church was filled with relatives and friends who had come from near and far to witness the happy service, which was conducted by Pastor R. E. Graham.

The bride, looking radiant in a Duchess satin gown and diamante head-dress, was given away by her uncle, Mr. R. Redhouse. She carried a bouquet of lilies, peach roses, and lilies-of-the-valley and was attended by her sisters, Miriam and Hazel. These two bridesmaids were dressed in apple green brocade with matching head-dresses and gloves.

Mr. Karl Widmaier, from Stuttgart, a friend of the bridegroom, performed the duties of the best man. Mrs. Ida Redhouse, the bride's aunt, was the organist, while the responsibilities of

groomsmen were efficiently handled by Wilfred and Christopher Rath.

After the ceremony, some sixty guests were entertained to a buffet reception in the picturesque Garden Hotel on the banks of the River Cam. The many greetings telegrams and cards from all parts of the world reminded those present of the high esteem in which the bride and groom are held.

Gunter came to Newbold College from Austria and will complete his training for the Gospel ministry this year. Lydia is a

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Camp Hill Activities

DURING the month of December a mixed singing group visited various old people's homes, and sang carols, which were enjoyed by all. Fruit was left for the residents of the homes from the welfare department.

At one of the church services a Christmas tree was placed on the platform, and all members were asked by Sister Ruth Gwinnett, our welfare leader, to bring presents for children who were not so fortunate as our own. There was a good response, and the gifts placed around the tree were taken to the Erdington Children's Homes. They were gratefully received by the Matron, who has since sent a letter to our minister, Pastor V. C. J. Benefield, thanking all who sent the gifts.

R. BATCHELOR,
Press Relations Secretary.

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secretarial graduate of Newbold College, having served also as assistant preceptress in the young ladies' dormitory. It is hardly necessary to add that Gunter and Lydia met at Newbold and now their lives are linked in service for the Master whom they love. We pray that God will bless their mutual ministry wherever they may be sent to proclaim the Gospel. May their home be an example and blessing to all who come under its influence.

Roy E. GRAHAM.

ADVERTISEMENTS

"ESSEDAY." A new guest house for convalescents and dietary patients now open in the Bournemouth area. Qualified nursing staff to care for you. Details and bookings from the Proprietors, "Eseday," Delhi Close, Parkstone, Bournemouth.

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Mrs. J. A. CLEMENT would like to hear from any churchmembers who are planning to attend the W.W.C.T.U. Convention at Interlaken, September 1st to 10th. Write: 12 Holland Gardens, Watford, Herts.

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The Stanboroughs Maternity Home

Receives a Good Report

by Dr. H. O. Williams

Medical Secretary, British Union Conference

BACK in the autumn of last year we were approached by an organization known as The Association for Improvements in the Maternity Services. These people wished to carry out an inspection of our institution, as they were conducting a survey in the neighbourhood of the available maternity beds. It was with some trepidation that we submitted to this inspection, as it is well known in the appropriate circles that this organization is inclined to be very frank in its assessment of the institutions visited. None the less, an appointment was arranged, and a representative committee met at our institution on November 8th last, and spent two or three hours looking over the institution and submitting myself and the matron to a barrage of very searching questions.

We had a very pleasant afternoon, but it was with some anxiety that we awaited the publication of their report. However, when this document finally came into our hands, we were greatly encouraged by the assessment of our institution and its work by an entirely independent and self-confessedly critical body. I would like to give herewith a summary of this report.

"On Sunday afternoon, November 8th, a group of our members visited The Stanboroughs Nursing Home and were conducted around the Maternity Department by the Medical Officer, Dr. H. O. Williams, and the Matron. As usual, we asked many and varied questions, which were all answered most patiently and kindly by both the Matron and the Medical Officer.

"It was a most interesting visit, as The Stanboroughs is a private Maternity Home and, therefore, quite different in some respects to the hospitals we have visited in the past. They have their own Ante-Natal Clinic and like to see all mothers from the seventh month onward, even if they are attending another Ante-Natal Clinic, but this does not apply to those patients who will, at the time of confinement, be under the care of their own doctors. There are both single and double rooms—eighteen beds altogether, but they hope to extend this to twenty-four. The rooms are very pleasant, overlooking a large green park, and contain a double wardrobe, wash basin, telephone, bedside reading lights, and small cupboards next to the beds; radios can be hired at 5/- per week; all rooms are centrally heated. There are two bathrooms and toilets on the same floor. The babies are not roomed-in as unrestricted adult visiting is allowed and the staff feel there would be a risk of infection if the babies remained with their mothers. The Nursery contain-

ing eighteen cots is a separate unit situated opposite the private rooms.

"The whole Maternity Department is on the same floor. There is an 'Admitting Room' for mothers in the first stage of labour, containing a bed, telephone, and bell. There are two Delivery Rooms and one of these is equipped with a 'Handy' Resuscitator for the babies—there are very few of these machines in this country, possibly only four or five. The Medical Officer showed us how the Resuscitator operates; it serves the dual purpose of being able to suck out any excess mucus from the baby's air passages and mouth and also gives oxygen to revive the baby. The whole suction equipment can be put into a sterilizer and boiled. The 'Handy' Resuscitator costs approximately £100. There is no premature baby Nursery at present, but The Stanboroughs hopes to buy an incubator soon so that these babies can be kept in the Maternity Home. There are X-ray facilities and an Operating Theatre where Caesarian Section can be done.

"All mothers are allowed the use of a machine which delivers gas and oxygen during labour. Husbands are welcome to stay with their wives during the first stage of labour if they wish, but the staff have found it impractical to allow husbands to stay during the second stage.

"There is a choice of menus, which gives patients the opportunity of availing themselves of a vegetarian diet. We have had excellent reports from some of our members on the high standard of food served in this Maternity Home. All mothers are encouraged to stay for at least ten days, as the Medical Officer considers they need the rest.

"The Stanboroughs is the only Seventh-Day Adventist Nursing Home in England, but there are other hospitals all over the world. They also run various other projects, including an 'Anti-Smoking Clinic' in London. The Maternity Home experiences some difficulties in obtaining staff, but on the whole they do better than State hospitals. They pay the same wages as those received by State hospital midwives.

"Our general impression of this Maternity Home was that the patients are treated with much kindness and humanity, and the general nursing care is good. We consider that although this is a fee-paying Nursing Home, such standards should be available to every mother in a State-owned hospital or a private Home. It seemed to us that it is definitely a very pleasant and comfortable place for any mother to have her baby."