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C. E. MOSELEY VISITS WEST AFRICA

OUR workers, constituents, and friends will be glad to learn of the whereabouts of Elder Moseley, newly elected associate secretary of the Colored Department of the General Conference.

Elder Moseley left New York City for West Africa Monday morning, nine o'clock, November 19, on the Pan American Constellation, Flight 150. I herewith submit excerpts from letters received from him after his arrival.

November 25. "I arrived safely at Freetown on Wednesday after spending Tuesday evening and night in Dakar. I was met by Elder Keslake, who immediately showed me about Freetown, where the D. B. Simonses were stationed. We met the local pastor, Elder Terry, a fine man, saw the abandoned hospital, and took a view of the church building and the house where the Simonses lived.

"Today I am more than 150 miles in the interior at a place called Bo. Mission headquarters are here, and the place is quite well kept. It took us part of two days to reach here by motorcar.

"I preached my first sermon to the believers here in Bo through an interpreter, and the people received the message well and requested a copy of it. Those in attendance numbered about one hundred. The native leaders here are trained men and present the message well. This is a Mohammedan country, and there is opposition to the truth we

love. In spite of it, the Lord is blessing, and the work moves on. Sabbath school was conducted in three languages: Two in a native tongue, and the other in English.

"I witnessed a lively MV meeting Friday night, which proved these people to be wide awake and very alert. This is not a heathen country. Most people speak some English or understand it, but only a few can read or write it. There are problems aplenty here, as one could expect. Some will require much help from the Lord to solve.

"As I write, this is Sunday morning, and on another mission station the drums are beating, calling people to services. I will be moving into new parts within the next hour."

I will now share with our readers a letter received from Monrovia, Liberia, December 18:

"I am about to wind up my stay here in Liberia after visiting the principal mission stations. I was met upon arrival by Elder C. D. Henri. He took me to Konola, where he was holding over the work of the school until the Giddings returned. Elder and Mrs. Philip Giddings had now arrived in Monrovia, but could not leave until they had received their goods from the ship. This took time. When Elder Henri took me to Monrovia on Friday, the Giddings were just ready to proceed to Konola. I spent the Sabbath with the Bankses and the Monrovia church. There is a fine company of believers there. At the morning service I spoke to the

church assembled in the mission chapel; it was filled and overflowing. At 3:30 p.m. there was a baptism of twelve persons out in an ocean inlet. It was an impressive scene, of which I took some pictures. Later that day the newly baptized members were received into the church in fellowship.

"On Tuesday, Elder Banks had an audience with the president of the republic. I went along and was well received. The president spoke well of our work here. He knows each of our workers in this field. Tuesday evening we went 140 miles inland and visited our Liiwa station. This was a bush station deep in the jungle. We left the car at a point and in the moonlight walked over a narrow trail four miles to the station. On the way we saw leopard and small animal traps. We learned that on that trail seven goats were killed by leopards a week or so before our arrival. We met with some workers here and spent the night. Friday I accompanied the Henris to our Bassa station some miles down the coast. We have a splendid work here. Bassa is a small town but some of the country's best live here. Some of these are members of our church. We spent the week end here speaking to our believers. The Henris are doing an outstanding work in this area.

"Leaving Bassa, I spent a few days with the Giddings at Konola mission and school. This is an extraordinary
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COLORED WORK IN THE SOUTHLAND

By D. A. DELAFIELD

Associate Editor, "Review and Herald"

Two of the conferences in the progressive Southern Union are colored conferences. The South Atlantic Conference has a membership of about 5,700. The South Central has approximately 3,000 members.

While visiting the South recently I had occasion to speak in our churches in such centers as Birmingham, Alabama; Atlanta, Georgia; and Louisville, Kentucky. In all these large churches I found excellent accommodations for worship, and in all of them a delightful fellowship was enjoyed with our brethren and sisters.

The spirit of soul winning that fires the hearts of our evangelists in these fields and of their loyal partners, our lay evangelists, finds expression in large and fruitful public campaigns. Our preachers, who are often men of outstanding public speaking ability, draw large crowds of people.

While in Mobile, Alabama, one Friday evening I attended a meeting conducted by E. E. Cleveland, Southern Union Conference evangelist, now employed by the South Central Conference. A large crowd had gathered to hear him speak in a most unusual tabernacle—a canvas canopy snugly fitted to a steel framework, capable of enduring the most severe winds and of housing a large audience. Fifteen or sixteen weeks had slipped by since this campaign began, yet the people were still coming, and a good harvest had been reaped.

A beautiful new brick church is now in process of construction to house the church in historic Mobile, where a substantial membership already exists and where over 120 new believers have been gathered in recently.

Other evangelists are baptizing as many or nearly as many. Faithful laymen are bringing their relatives

and friends to the public meetings, helping to gather in a great harvest of souls. In Birmingham, C. S. Myles, pastor of the large and attractive Birmingham church, with only a Bible instructor and a tent master, recently pitched a tent and began meetings. He had a limited budget of several hundred dollars. The first Sunday night 285 were present, 500 the next. The following Sunday night 652 attended. The climax came a week later when 1,200 packed the tent and sat in seats around the circle of the canvas auditorium. A substantial baptism of fifty-two followed this effort. Doubtless one hundred or more could have been won if more workers had been available to follow it up.

Reports of baptisms among our colored workers frequently command the entire space on the back page of *The Southern Tidings*. This page, which carries the running title "Evangelism in the Southern Union," keeps ever fresh in the minds of the constituents in the Southern field the fact that evangelism is their first responsibility.

While in the Southern field I paid a visit to the large and beautifully located Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital. Commanding an impressive position on a gentle slope overlooking the Cumberland River, just outside of the city of Nashville, Tennessee, is unquestionably the best institution of its kind in the South. Under the capable direction of Dr. C. A. Dent, medical director, and A. Warren, business manager, the institution has established an enviable record among the colored people throughout the Southern States and in other places as well. A beautiful new brick chapel is being erected on the sanitarium property.

The earnest labors of colored workers and laymen in the South,

under the leadership of H. D. Singleton and H. R. Murphy, conference presidents, are recognized and encouraged by the Southern Union Conference leaders, who are urging on the development of all phases of the Lord's work in these fields.

I also had occasion to visit the Northeastern Conference, and spoke in the large Bethel church in Brooklyn and the Ephesus church on Manhattan Island. There we have large and thoroughly representative Seventh-day Adventist congregations. The Ephesus congregation of nearly thirteen hundred members is one of our largest churches. Evangelism is the keynote of progress among our colored brethren in New York City and throughout the Northeastern Conference, from the conference officers down through the lay workers. Indeed, as I have had opportunity to speak to G. E. Peters, General Conference field secretary, and North American Division secretary for the colored work, I learned that throughout the forty-eight States and Canada there is a great forward surge of soul-winning activity among our colored brethren and sisters. This is a good sign, and the records prove the statement. There are now close to thirty thousand colored Seventh-day Adventists in this country and Canada.

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Evangelism and Divine Revelation

Yet the work among the Negroes of North America, who number over twelve million, is still unfinished. Our united and prayerful interest in this large and fruitful field of evangelism is demanded by the solemn times in which we live and the shortness of the hours left for labor. In vision the messenger of God witnessed a stirring scene. She saw a group of colored people discussing a great program of evangelism for the South. They said:

"We do . . . not question the need of missions in foreign lands. But we do question the right of those who claim to have present truth to pass by millions of human beings in their own country. . . . Why is it that so little is done for the colored people of the South? . . . We lay this matter before those who profess to believe the truth for this time. . . . Why have you not a deeper sense of the necessities of the Southern field? . . . In all your plans for medical missionary work and foreign missionary work, has God given you no message for us?"

"Then He who has authority arose, and called upon all to give heed to the instruction that the Lord has given in regard to the work in the South. He said: 'Much more evangelistic work should be done in the South. There should be a hundred workers where now there is but one. 'Let the people of God awake!' "

—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 224.

There has been an awakening in the South, but if all of us would make the work of evangelism in this fruitful field an object of prayer and personal interest, we would see a phenomenal growth in membership in our colored conferences within the next few years.

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"COMMON sense is seeing things as they are and doing things as they should be done. . . . Most people who are credited with rare judgment merely have developed the uncommon gift of common sense."

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"THE time to make friends is before you need them."



Evangelist E. E. Cleveland, Assisted by L. G. Newton

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Mobile Evangelistic Effort

By E. E. CLEVELAND
Evangelist, Southern Union

WE are deeply grateful to God for the presence of His Holy Spirit in the Mobile evangelistic campaign. To date 130 precious souls have been baptized in that meeting, for which we thank God!

The members of our evangelistic staff deserve special mention for their faithful and efficient service: Mrs. E. E. Cleveland, pianist and Bible instructor; Miss Lillie Todd, soloist and Bible instructor; Mrs. H. L. Cleveland, Bible instructor; Mrs. B. B. Rowe, Bible instructor; and the associate evangelists E. J. Humphrey, L. G. Newton, and H. L. Cleveland.

In connection with the meeting a welfare program was conducted in which needy families received help. With the aid of the editor of the newspaper, this program was launched. The public cheerfully supplied the different items. Hundreds of pounds of clothes were distributed; beds, stoves, and food were carried to the needy; also a sizable

amount of cash was given to worthy people. Six families, victims of disastrous fires, received valuable aid through this program, which did much to break down prejudice.

A radio broadcast in connection with the meeting helped much to sustain the interest. Heard every Sabbath afternoon at four-thirty over station WKAB, this program climaxed eight years of continuous broadcasting by the writer.

The pastor of the Mobile church, A. D. Shorter, was most cooperative in every way to make the meeting a success.

As we look back on 1951 we thank God that He has sustained us physically through nine months of preaching in open air, and rewarded us with 246 souls for the year. We humbly solicit your prayers that we will receive of the grace of God more fully in 1952 than in the year just past.

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Let me live in my house by the side of the
road
Where the race of men go by—
They are good, they are bad, they are weak,
they are strong,
Wise, foolish—so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat
Or hurl the cynic's ban?—
Let me live in my house by the side of the
road
And be a friend to man.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION

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Report From the President

ALL the workers of the Central States Mission gathered at the Paseo Branch of the YWCA on November 27 for an inspirational workers' meeting. It will be of interest to know that we baptized 181 souls for the eleven-month period of 1951. During the year 1950 we baptized 106. During the workers' meeting we polled the workers as to how many souls would be baptized during the month of December. According to their reports, we will have 34 additional baptisms for the month of December. This will give us a total of 215 souls for 1951, which will more than double our accomplishments for 1950.

We are truly thankful to our heavenly Father for the splendid achievements in the winning of souls, but I am glad to state that God has blessed us financially also. At the close of November our tithes showed a gain of \$14,241 above the same period of time last year. From all indications we will close the year with more than \$15,000 gain in tithes. This is most interesting when we stop to realize that our gain in tithes this year will equal almost one half of what the total tithe amounted to the year before this field was organized into the Central States Mission. The tithe paid by our colored believers a little better than five years ago amounted to \$35,000. This year we are not very far from \$100,000. We can truly exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" because His blessings have been manifold. Our workers are going forward and our work is onward and upward.

Union conference officials assisting in the workers' meeting were Elders M. V. Campbell, D. E. Reiner, and Brother W. B. Mohr. Also present was W. R. Wollard, from the Omaha branch of the Pacific Press.

Elder Campbell's survey of evangelism, as reflected in the Central States, was revealing. His report was made up from questionnaires sent out to newly baptized persons. Outstanding was the fact that many converts credited laymen as either primary or secondary factors in their being led to Christ.

Evangelism

CLIMAXING a season of successful evangelism, Elders J. G. Thomas and R. L. Woodfork conducted a baptismal service Sabbath, November 24, at the Kansas City, Kansas, church. Twenty-four persons were baptized, including a family of four. Pastor J. L. Butler, Mrs. E. V. Porter, and Mrs. Anna Jackson assisted in the effort. The twenty-four baptized at this service make a total of 63 persons won to the cause of Christ under the inspirational guidance of Elder Thomas during the season.

New Arrivals

WE were happy to have with us for this special service in the Kansas City, Kansas, church Elder and Mrs. H. T. Saulter, who have just recently arrived in our territory. Elder Saulter has come to serve the field as secretary-treasurer and Book and Bible House manager. He will soon be visiting the other churches in our territory.

F. L. BLAND, *President.*

Central States News Items
Investment Baby

DURING an Investment program given in the Kansas City, Missouri, church last April, the twelve-pound son of Brother and Sister William Kanion was chosen as an investment by a large number of members. They were to give an amount for each pound the baby gained during the year. Sabbath, December 9, the Investment reports were received, and the baby's weight was announced. Seven pounds had been added to his weight, and the members began to tell the amounts they had invested per pound. From ten cents to one dollar was reported. Over \$75 was received by Mrs. Bernice Reid, su-

perintendent, and Mrs. L. M. Barnes, Investment secretary for the Sabbath school. Sales, new coins, and other devices were used to bring the day's report up to \$150. Sister Jennie Wilson led the list with \$11 in new dimes. Elder D. B. Reid is pastor of the Kansas City, Missouri, church.

Backslider Wins Seven

GOD laid a burden upon the heart of one of our faithful laymen to visit a former member who had given up the truth. Several visits and much prayer proved a blessing to this sister, and she revealed to her visitor that she had often felt a longing to return to the fold of God. Encouraged by this, the member asked her prayer band to call this backslider's name in their daily petitions. A few weeks later this woman gave her heart to God and took her stand again for this blessed message. A new experience came to her. She had a deep longing for souls that she had never before experienced. She started at once to work for her family. Her husband, though at first reluctant, was so impressed with the change in his companion that he gave up a job he had held for twelve years, to be true to God's last-day message. Soon the mother had won her two sons and a daughter. The fire of truth kept burning in her heart, and she began to work for her sister's family. The brother-in-law was very defiant, and left home when his wife and daughter accepted the truth. This, however, did not discourage our sister. She spent many hours in prayer for him. The power of God in a humble vessel was too much for this man to withstand, and when our sister and family were ready for baptism, her sister's family was ready also. Now all eight are rejoicing in the truth in less than five months of earnest work and faithful prayer.

A Timid Soul

A TIMID sister filled with a love for souls prayed that God would help her become a worker for Him. She was impressed to begin visiting her neighbors. It was surprising how easily the words of truth rolled from her tongue as she talked

to them. One man was ill and had no one to care for him. Our sister prepared dinner for him, and her kindness touched his heart and opened up the home for studies. Now weekly she teaches four men who gather with the man who was ill to hear God's great truth for our day.

Their interest encouraged this timid sister, and she found two other openings for studies. In relating the experience she said, "Before beginning my studies I always explain that I don't know much about the Bible, but I want to share with them what I do know." Her sharing of faith has resulted in three weekly Bible classes with eight interested listeners.

MRS. E. VAN NOCKAY PORTER.

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Eastern States Federation Meets in Philadelphia

THIRTEEN of the societies represented in the Eastern States Federation met at the Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist church on Sabbath for an all-day youth meeting.

By nine o'clock the youth of the area began to stream into the church. Sabbath school, conducted by the host society in Philadelphia, was expressed by the youth and adults alike as having been well planned.

E. I. Watson, principal and manager of the Pine Forge Institute, gave the morning message. Five young people came forward and gave their hearts to God, and more than 600 stood for reconsecration. The Camden young people's choir, directed by Mrs. Estelle Raynor, rendered beautiful numbers.

At three o'clock in the afternoon 14 candidates were baptized. All but one were from the Pine Forge Institute. It was, in the words of one of the spectators, a beautiful and impressive sight. The ceremony was conducted by M. A. Burgess, pastor

of the Ebenezer church, and J. T. Powell, Bible instructor and spiritual leader at the institute. "What a positive and forceful demonstration for Christian education," exclaimed Elder Watson.

The Missionary Volunteer program was arranged by the Chester society. Rayfield Guinyard, local elder, showed skill in the presentation of a dialog on the second coming of Jesus.

Our host society presented a picture taken from real life. The Federation president, Irvin Glenn, whose work has been greatly appreciated, was re-elected unanimously to serve in 1952.

L. W. Brantley, newly elected associate Book and Bible House manager, remarked that the patronage of the books displayed was a good indication that our young people are subscribing to our literature.

The conference MV secretary, Addison Pinkney, in making his deductions of the Federation remarked, "Without question this was our most spiritual meeting."

A. V. PINKNEY, *Press Sec'y,*
Allegheny Conference.

Evangelism at Uniontown, Pennsylvania

THE message triumphed in the face of opposition in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, as churchgoers came to the big tent.

Elder J. Gershom Dasent was the capable and faithful evangelist, assisted by Pastor Charles Brooks, Mrs. Troymae Arrington, Mrs. Claire Saucier, and the writer. Many have testified of the force and authority attending the addresses of Elder Dasent, and have gone away praising God that they have been permitted to hear the words of truth spoken nightly.

At the outset there were pressures from two sources: (1) from another organization, which tried to thwart our plans by trying to set up equipment on the grounds before we did, and (2) from a man of Catholic belief, who, through continuous agitation, tried to hinder our program. Neither of these has been anything more than a nuisance, however, for God's work cannot be hindered.

On the Sunday night when the Sabbath was presented, a large audience was in attendance. The choir



Pine Forge Faculty (front row, left to right): Miss Ethel Smith, C. M. Golbourne, Mrs. Ruth Watson, Principal E. I. Watson, Mrs. Margaret Johnson, E. A. Goulbourne; (standing) Mr. and Mrs. Robert Handy, Mrs. Hallie Hartie, Miss Marian Gresham, J. T. Powell; (not shown) Mrs. Velma Brown

of the Ethnan Temple Seventh-day Adventist church gave a full half-hour program of lovely music and song. There was one thing that was peculiar to the effort, and that was the fact that the attendance was negligible until it was made known that the company were Seventh-day Adventists. The larger audiences did not begin to come until after the Sabbath was presented.

Up to now about thirty have shown a deep interest in the truth and have been in regular attendance. The greater number have already begun the observance of the Sabbath. We are expecting a good number to unite with the church in the near future.

The meetings have been a great blessing to the believers of Uniontown, and they cooperated one hundred per cent in making the effort a success.

ROLAND W. NEWMAN, *Pastor.*

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Evangelism in Chicago

HERE in Chicago we have every evidence that God has set His hand the second time to recover the remnant of Israel. The past summer the pastor of Shiloh, Elder T. M. Rowe, opened an Airdrome Bible School at 46th and St. Lawrence avenues. Invitations were printed advertising this school, and offering a full, free course in the doctrines of the Bible. These were faithfully distributed by the members of the church among relatives, neighbors, and friends.

From night to night as one sat and saw men and women from the various walks of life coming to this school, one was again reminded of the truthfulness of the words of the servant of the Lord: "All over the world men and women are wistfully looking to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the

kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 109.

Below are a few of the many comments and prayer requests that accompanied the students' test papers during the Bible course:

"I hope to learn more about the Bible as a result of taking this course. Please pray for me."—Catholic housewife.

"I thank God I have chosen to be among those that assemble together to learn more about the Scriptures and law of Jesus Christ. Pray that I may grow stronger each day as I study."—Gentleman in business.

"Pray for my husband that as he helps me to get my lessons, that he too will be convinced and convicted concerning the truth of God's Word as I am. Remember us both in prayer."—Housewife.

"Pray for my mother and grandmother that they may understand the decision I am about to make as a result of this Bible school."—Student nurse.

"I thank God for this Bible school. It has broadened my understanding in the Holy Scriptures."—Catholic housewife.

"Thank God for answered prayers. We are studying the Word of God in our home for further answer to prayer. I am thankful to God for this Bible school."—Housewife.

"I thank God that my search for truth is answered as a result of the study of these lessons. I have found joy and happiness beyond which words can express."—Law student.

"Please pray that my life may be a beacon light to my husband, that he too may observe the Sabbath of the Lord with me."—Notary public.

"I am viewing the Ten Commandments with more interest than ever before. Thank God for this privilege."—Public school teacher.

"I am determined that where He leads me I will follow. Pray for me."—Board of Education stenographer.

"It was rather late when I finished my lesson last night. I had an urge to talk to God about myself. I got on my knees and prayed, but it seemed to me that my prayer was not ascending. I wonder if Satan was in my

way. How can I overcome this?"—Doctor's wife.

"I praise God for His miraculous truth and for the great peace that it brings to my heart."—Catholic housewife.

"Pray for my family, that we may be kept together as I make my decision as a result of the study of this Bible course."—Catholic housewife.

The comments and prayer requests of these seekers for truth are evidences that there are hundreds wistfully looking to heaven, waiting for just such an invitation as this Bible school offered. This was the second Bible school that Elder Rowe has conducted here thus far this year (1951), and he expects to surpass his goal for 1951 of one hundred souls.

At the close of the Bible school there was a very impressive graduation exercise. First, there was a very timely address, followed by the presentation of diplomas. The class in turn showed their appreciation to the instructor, Elder Rowe, by presenting him with a gift and expressing their desire that when sheaves are garnered in that day, that not one of the graduates of this Bible school would be missing.

Pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to use those who are willing to work untiringly for Him, that the work may soon be finished, and the church now militant may become the church triumphant.

DOROTHY C. SMITH,
Bible Instructor.

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Congratulations Miss Laster!

ON October 12, Georgia Laster, a member of the West Long Beach, California, church, flew to Philadelphia to participate in the Marian Anderson auditions. She competed



Miss Georgia Laster

with more than 200 contestants from 48 States, and won the first prize of \$1,000.

Miss Laster first came into prominence when she won an Atwater Kent audition in 1948. She won first place at the National Association of Negro Musicians, and in 1950 she also won first place in the U.C.L.A. Young Artists' Competition.

Not only is Miss Laster a concert artist, but she is also a missionary worker. We learned that in the summer of 1951 she gave a concert at the Rupp Memorial Auditorium in Lynwood, California, and gave the entire proceeds to the West Long Beach Seventh-day Adventist church (where she holds membership) on the building fund. She also believes in the Share Your Faith program. While flying to Philadel-

phia for the audition, she gave out literature on the message to the passengers. Her religious zeal was so manifest that the stewardess referred to her as a preacher.

It is gratifying to note that Miss Laster does not hesitate when invited to use her musical talent to the glory of God, even on brief notice. This was obvious at the 1951 Laymen's Congress when she was requested, by one of the speakers, to furnish appropriate selections for his address. This Christian artist responded quickly. Her renditions were well received and reproduced on the Congress' filmstrip.

In the near future she plans to tour the United States and then further her studies in Europe.

Congratulations, Miss Laster!

G. E. P.

Northern California Youth's Rally

YOUNG people from Oakland, Richmond, Berkeley, Stockton, San Francisco, and Sacramento met in Oakland to participate in a regional youth rally. Brother Hansen R. Mitchell, youth leader of the Market Street church in Oakland, led out in the activities of the rally.

The week-end activities included Friday night and Sabbath services and a social in the evening at the youth center in Berkeley.

Friday evening Glenn Fillman, Missionary Volunteer secretary for the Northern California Conference, spoke. Sabbath morning J. R. Nelson, of the Pacific Union Conference, gave an interesting message. On Sabbath afternoon, after several choral numbers by the Market Street Youth Choir and the combined choirs of the San Joaquin and Capital churches, B. R. Spears, conference evangelist, presented the challenge to the youth. M. C. White, pastor of the Beacon Light church of Richmond, led a consecration service, where hundreds dedicated their lives to work for Christ.

Before the day was over, plans were being laid for future youth rallies to be held in the area. The youth of northern California are on fire.

O. A. TROY, JR.

C. E. Moseley Visits West Africa

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place, and compares with the best in the area. This is the coming school in Liberia for our work, and it is evident that the Lord is richly blessing. The workers are of good courage and aggressive. Plans are unfolding in this difficult place."

On January 8 Elder Moseley writes again from the Gold Coast:

"Here in Gold Coast we have just completed the first constituency meeting to be held in West Africa. It was well attended and drew native workers and overseas personnel from all over the field. This gave me the opportunity to see and meet at one time all the chief native pastors, teachers, and evangelists. They are a fine lot of able men; some very outstanding in ability and achievement.

"The meetings were conducted in a most profitable and spiritual manner, and much valuable help came to the native and overseas workers alike. Some evangelistic counsel was given also by Elder Bradley, an evangelist from Australia. I served on nominating, credentials, and plans committees, and am happy to report that on every committee and board native pastors served.

"It would have done your heart good to have witnessed the progress made here. I spoke three times, including the Sabbath midday hour. We had a fine time on each occasion.

"All our Liberian workers were at this constituency meeting, and were re-elected. All elections went off smoothly. I am kept so busy of late with meetings that I have had little time for writing.

"Will write more next time. Pray for us out here."

G. E. P.

We are counting on an early report from each conference for the next issue of THE INFORMANT. Thanks.

THE ADVENT REVIVAL WAS A LAY PREACHERS' MOVEMENT

By HENRY F. BROWN

To an impartial student of the sources of Adventist history it is evident that the Advent revival of the early part of the last century was largely the work of laymen, both in America and in other lands. The story of the preaching of the first angel's message in the Scandinavian countries is well known. "The preaching of the first message in Sweden excited much opposition, and the experience of those who took part in the movement is full of interest. The message was brought to this country from England. In the province of Orebro it began to be proclaimed in the year 1843, by several laymen, called 'ropare.' These preached with great earnestness that the hour of God's judgment had come, and a wide-spread interest was aroused among the people. In the fall of the same year, two young men were moved to give the warning. The people assembled in great numbers to listen to their preaching, and the meetings were continued both day and night, sometimes in a private house, and sometimes in the woods. Many were aroused from their careless security, and led to confess their sins and to seek mercy and forgiveness in the name of Jesus."—MRS. E. G. WHITE in *Historical Sketches*, pp. 202, 203.

The young men were imprisoned and severely beaten, but on being released began to preach again, insisting that the Holy Spirit moved them to give a warning message. "The clergy of the state church opposed the movement, and through their influence some who preached the message were thrown into prison. In many places where the preachers of the Lord's soon coming were thus silenced, God was pleased to send the message, in a miraculous manner, through little children. As they were under age, the law of the state could not restrain them, and they were permitted to speak unmolested. The movement was chiefly among the lower class, and it was in the

humble dwellings of the laborers that the people assembled to hear the warning. The child-preachers themselves were mostly poor cottagers. Some of them were not more than six or eight years of age. . . . He put His Spirit upon the children, that the work might be accomplished."—*The Great Controversy*, pp. 366, 367. (See M. E. OLSEN, *Origin and Progress*, p. 101.)

"A great awakening commenced among the people. Many drunkards became sober men; thieves returned stolen property, and confessed their sins; forgiveness was asked for wrongs done. A work was accomplished such as no preacher with learning and great talent could have effected."—*Historical Sketches*, p. 206. Loughborough says that this same movement among the children was seen to some extent in Norway and Germany. (See *The Great Second Advent Movement*, p. 140.)

In other lands laymen carried the message of Christ's soon return also. Kelber, of Bavaria, was a school-teacher (*Origin and Progress*, p. 98); Ramos Mexia, of Argentina, was a landed farmer; Prof. and Mrs. O. S. Burnham, of Kaloa, Isle of Kauai, Sandwich Islands, were schoolteachers, and reported in *The Midnight Cry* of October 12, 1843, that they were proclaiming the Advent doctrine in that faraway spot, and "a company of believers were worshipping with them."—*The Great Second Advent Movement*, p. 106.

Captain A. Landers, of Liverpool, published a book in 1839, entitled, *A Voice to Britain and America, in a Scriptural Statement of the Second Advent of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ*. He did his part to warn the English-speaking nations, and bring to the attention of the world the fulfilling prophecies of Daniel. (*Ibid.*, p. 88.)

There were other earnest laymen in England who united with Edward Irving in announcing the message far

and wide. "Irving with Hatley Frere and Henry Drummond called a great prophetic conference for the study of the prophecies in the country home of Drummond in Albury Park. There were forty-four present, the larger number of them ministers, but some, like Drummond, men from the Parliament, or the army, or other laymen who were earnest Christians."—A. W. SPALDING, *Pioneer Stories* (1942), p. 93.

In Germany and Russia particularly was the announcement of the first angel's message the work of laymen. Conradi reported in the *Review and Herald* of December 13, 1892, as follows: "The light shown in Germany, and publications showing the application of the 2300 days were circulated everywhere. A religious awakening followed, especially in Wurtemberg, and as persecution arose, hundreds of families went to Southern Russia, and there spread it among their own countrymen who had moved there many years before. As the pastors closed their churches, with few exceptions they would hold their 'Stunden,' or 'hours' of meetings in private houses, and hundreds were converted. . . . A Russian farmer was converted in these 'Stunden,' and then began the same work among the Russians."

In America, William Miller, with whose name the movement is associated, was a farmer fifty years of age when he felt the burden of telling to others what he had discovered in his studies. He had been a captain in the United States Army during the war of 1812. Olsen says of him, "The outstanding pioneer of the doctrine of Christ's approaching second advent, was William Miller, a Baptist layman."—*Origin and Progress*, p. 107. On the fourteenth of September, 1883, the local Baptist church of which he was a member granted him a license to preach. (See *A Brief History of William Miller*, p. 127.)

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