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## Return to God His Own

### Tithing a Divine Plan

"God's plan in the tithing system is beautiful in its simplicity and equality. All may take hold of it in faith and courage, for it is divine in its origin."—*Test., V. 3, p. 388.*

### One-tenth Required

"He has required a tenth, and this He claims as the very least that man should return to Him. He says I give you nine-tenths, while I require one-tenth; that is Mine. When men withhold the one-tenth, they rob God."—*Test., V. 3, p. 394.*

### Tithe God's Interest Money

"The arrangement and provision for the spread of His truth in the world has not been left to chance. The tithe is the Lord's, it is His interest money, and it is to be paid regularly and promptly into His treasury. We are to render Him His own with gladness for His love toward us who are so undeserving of His mercy."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in "Signs," Jan. 13, 1890.*

### The Tenth is Sacred

"Like the Sabbath, a tenth of the increase is sacred; God has reserved it for Himself. He will carry forward His work upon

the earth with the increase of the means that He has instructed to man."—*Test. V. 3, p. 395.*

### All Belongs to God

"By faithfully obeying this requirement, we acknowledge that all belongs to God."—*Test. V. 6, p. 386.*

### God the Source of Every Blessing

"The system of tithes and offerings was intended to impress the minds of men with a great truth,—that God is the source of every blessing to His creatures, and that to Him man's gratitude is due."—*Pat. and Proph., Pac. Press Edition, p. 525.*

### To Pay Tithe on All

"As did Abraham, they are to pay tithe on all they possess and all they receive. A faithful tithe is the Lord's portion. To withhold it is to rob God. Every man should freely and willingly and gladly bring tithes and offerings into the store-

house of the Lord, because in so doing there is a blessing. There is no safety in withholding from God His own portion."—*E. G. White in MS 159 99.*

### Acknowledgment of God's Ownership

"Tithes and offerings for God are an acknowledgment of His claim on us by creation, and they are also an acknowledgment of His claim by redemption . . . the greatest of all claims, and the one that involves every other."—*Test., V. 6, p. 479.*

### God's Claims on All

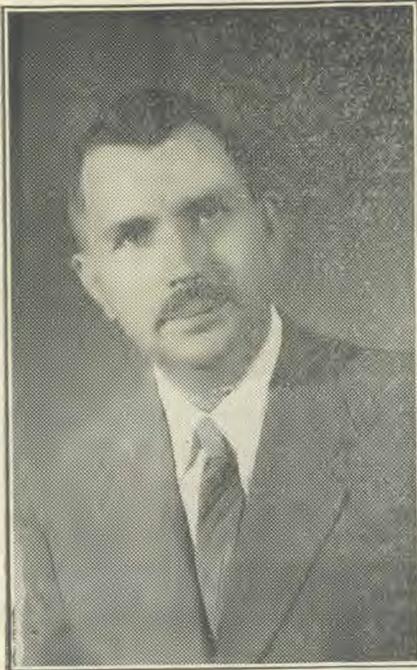
"The poor and the rich, the young men and the young women, who earn wages,—all are to lay by a portion; for God claims it."—*Test., V. 5, p. 382.*

### God's Contact With Us

"All should remember that God's claims upon us underlie every other claim. He gives to us bountifully, and the contract which He has made with man is that a tenth of his possessions shall be returned to God. The Lord graciously entrusts to His stewards His treasures, but of the tenth He says, this is Mine. Just in proportion as God has given His property to man, so man is to return to God a faithful tithe of all his substance. This distinct arrangement was made by Jesus Christ Himself."—*Test., V. 6, p. 384.*



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## East Nigeria

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### East Nigerian Mission

By W. J. Newman

East Nigeria is advancing. Plans have been made to conduct Evangelistic efforts in each of our seventeen districts. We aim to bring in 1500 new converts as a result of our labour. Evangelists and school teachers will work together for the winning of souls.

Already this year a large number of our adult Sabbath-school members have joined a baptismal class. Our aim is—Every adult Sabbath-school member a church member.

Baptism—A goal of 1000 has been set. So far we have baptised 178 this year.

We have 24 of our workers in training at Ihie.

The College has very kindly offered to assist in caring for the churches around her as well as supervising three districts. This has made it possible for us to send so many for training.

Five churches will be organized within the next month, others are preparing for organization.

#### Education

Early in February a new school was opened on a very sound basis. A splendid cement building with well made equipment was ready, free of debt. 130 children were admitted into Infants I & II. The plan is to add one class each year thus the children will grow with the school.

Our P. T. Class, which Mrs. Meade is so kindly teaching, has 29 excellent students. Our difficulty was to turn away the many who applied for admission.

Mr. J. Ukegbu, one of our Higher Elementary teachers, also a Master Comrade, has been appointed as our Visiting Teacher. This will fill a much needed post.

Our workers and members are keenly desiring a secondary school. Money is beginning to flow into the treasury towards such a project.

#### Missionary Volunteer

Pastor Meade is greatly strengthening the M.V. Societies in this field. An M.V. uniform has been worked out and will be in use within a few weeks. It will be worn during our Ingathering campaign. Plans are in the making for a large investiture to take place towards the close of this year.

We are exceedingly happy that Mr. M. Moses, one of our College tutors, has been chosen as our delegate to attend the Paris Youth Congress. We wish him and the others who go from West Africa God's blessing.

#### Finance

The finances of the field are encouraging.

For the first Quarter of 1951 an increase is shown in all offerings as well as tithe.

In spite of the fact that we are losing Pastor Ellstrom, our Educational Secretary, which we regret very much, and that Pastor Till is on furlough, we are determined to make progress in every phase of God's work.

Please pray for all the workers in this field that we might get wisdom and Heavenly power to accomplish the tremendous work that must be done in this section before Jesus comes.

## News Flashes From East Nigerian Mission

Recently Brother E. E. Hulbert of the Voice of Prophecy was able to visit Port Harcourt and to get the first programme started over the Diffusion System. Thus the message is being broadcast in this place and we expect good results.

Our greatest need is for evangelists, and we greatly appreciate the efforts of Pastor Ellstrom who beside carrying his regular duties, gave an Evangelistic Training Course to seventeen young men for four months. Now that Pastor Meade has arrived he is taking over the teaching work. From this effort we hope to gain a few who will become workers and who may later obtain further training.

Recently we had a pleasant trip into Ibibio country where Brother R. Meze is in charge. On Sabbath we had a busy but happy day conducting three preaching and two Communion services. We travelled seventy-five miles during the day and at the furthest point we were made happy to find that the light of Truth had been kindled there. One educated man who had known about the Sabbath for some time has now decided to keep the day holy, and closes his shop each Sabbath. He has a well-built house on the main road and allows a company to gather there for meetings. We pray that the work will develop rapidly in that large town of Uyo.

Brother Meze has done Harvest Ingathering in that area and when his canister was opened he had £2. 1s. 6d. He was delighted and quickly asked for his canister again so that he might continue to collect more from the public.

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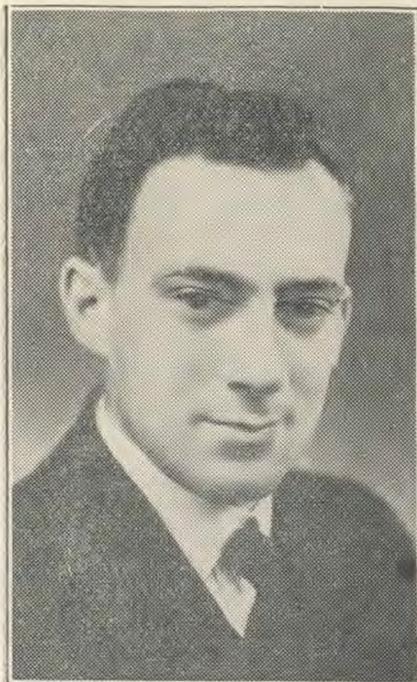
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### Evangelism In The Gold Coast

By P. H. Stearman

Adventist workers in the Gold Coast look forward to seeing a rich harvest of souls won to God's cause in this present year. A number of evangelistic campaigns are already in progress and many others are being arranged. During the month of August our small group of evangelists in the field will be augmented by teachers, who, at this time, being freed from their usual work in the schools, give valuable help in the conducting of evangelistic efforts. A number of healthy new companies were established last year, and one thousand souls were baptized. We are hopeful that the same may be true again this year.

During 1951, we also plan to make a somewhat new venture in this field by conducting a school of

field evangelism. Brother Moyer the Assistant Principal of Bekwai Training College, has been giving much time and study to the planning of this new enterprise which we believe will not only give excellent practical training to the younger evangelists taking part, but will greatly strengthen our work in the towns where it is conducted. The object of this school is to give very practical instruction to evangelists now in training at Bekwai, together with a number of others drawn from the field. Classes are to be held in the mornings and evangelistic services and house-to-house visitation in the afternoons and evenings.

Now that our Gold Coast Mission head-quarters have been established just three miles out of Kumasi we have open to us a new field for evangelistic effort. Mission workers from the office aided by church leaders and members from Kumasi have been able to raise up companies in three new centres nearby, and the Kumasi church members by their own initiative have recently established interests in yet another village.

Although we have a fine group of earnest and energetic workers in the field, yet we realise that the work of God can be finished only as each member becomes also a lay-worker. Again, though our teachers and evangelists unite each year in conducting evangelistic efforts, they can reach only a comparatively small number of towns and villages each year. We are looking to the churches to produce additional evangelistic teams from their membership and to go forward with the message. The watchword at this time must be, *Laymen, Arise! Evangelise!*

This responsibility has already been assumed by some congregations and they are having interesting experiences in their work for God. Sometimes threatenings have been made against these workers but in the end they have been able to rejoice as did Paul who said "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place."

In many places of this country new interests are springing up. By the out pouring of God's Spirit the work is decidedly onward in this land to-day.

Just now an experience, of one of our lay-workers named D. R. Danso, comes to my mind. One day an angry crowd of people approached his house. When he went out to enquire as to the cause of the trouble he was told that his young son had just burnt down the fetish house of the village and they had come to take the father as a sacrifice to appease the wrath of the gods. In the midst of tumult and noise a man's voice from the crowd was heard to say, "If the fetish god was powerful as you declare him to be, he should be able to save his house from burning." In the midst of the confusion our brother made his escape. Later his ten year old son told him of a dream he had had a few nights previously in which he dreamt an angel instructed him to burn down the fetish house. This episode caused many to question the power of the fetish god and to consider in contrast the love and power of the true God.

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### Prayer Can Bring Release

By Charles A. Wells

You often hear people say that life is getting to be too much for them. But life is always going to become too much for those who try to carry all the burden alone. God did not intend for man to bear the weight of life's problems without divine guidance and strength. So millions today are complaining of strain and tension, are seeking the assistance of medical science, are turning to the temporary relief of sedatives and alcohol or drugs when what they really need is to take God into their lives. For in prayer man can unload his burdens, and find release from those inner tensions.

Find the place of prayer, go there every day and you will find a lasting refreshing comfort no drug or prescription can give.

## S.D.A. Seminary Bekwai

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### Report From Bekwai

By H. J. Welch

"That school certainly does something worth-while for its students." This was the testimony of a high Government Official concerning The Seventh-day Adventist Seminary at Bekwai, Gold Coast. Sixty-one young people are in training as Teachers, Evangelists and Printers at this institution, located in the heart of Ashanti land. Besides there in the Training College, more than two hundred children and youth are studying in the Primary School which serves as Practice School to the College. About 70 of these are boarding students with all the advantages of Christian school homes. All 61 of the College students reside in the school home making a total of 100 people housed on the compound.

The College was first organized by the Gold Coast Mission as a small Training School for Evangelists. In 1945, under the capable principalship of Pastor C. A. Bartlett it began operation as a Teacher Training College. At the present time it offers a two-year post primary teaching course and an advanced two year course. It also has a two-year curriculum for the training of Evangelists and Printers.

The staff of the College consists of two overseas families, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Welch and Mr. and Mrs. A. Moyer; one single overseas lady teacher, Miss Joyce Mohlmann and five fulltime African College teachers whose names are as follows:—Pastor J. K. Amoah, S. K. Toto, Q. K. Ansony, E. D. Asamoah and T. Aka Kwarmi.

The College is beautifully situated on a hillside one half mile from the town of Bekwai. Ten public buildings including class rooms and

dormitories and eight residences for African and overseas staff are located on the College grounds. The principal industries in operation are the Seminary Press and the College farm. All students participate in the practical work programme and some are earning a portion of their school fees.

During the years since its founding, the Lord has greatly blessed this school. Its graduates are scattered through the Gold Coast greatly strengthening the work in that needy field. A small number have been trained for the Sierra Leone Mission and the first Sierra Leone graduates have recently returned to labour there. The last year has been one of great progress in the College. Enrolment has greatly increased. Five new buildings have been constructed and material is now being gathered for another. The spiritual tone of the school has been excellent.

### Why I Am An Evangelist

By J. A. Myers

Ever since I was a little boy, I have been thinking of what I should be in the future. Sometimes in my early days, I thought of becoming a business man. This of course was not putting me on the right line of becoming a true and loyal christian.

Later on, I started changing my plans. About the age of fifteen, I made up my mind to join the medical work. This too was not in the mission line but rather would lead me to become one of the famous men in the world. Throughout this time, my father and mother had been doing their best in order to make me a good and faithful christian. Upon all their efforts, my plans were against theirs. And so I paid very little attention to it.

A time came when I should enter our training school at Bo. Here I also started to change my plans. This time, I changed to becoming a teacher. This was what I thought would be the best work for me in life as a christian.

In all these changes, I later on came to understand myself, that all these changes were not done by any other being besides the Most High,

so I planned to give up myself to the Master's service. This I did in July 16th, 1948. From that time, up to this day, I have found out that he that giveth himself to the Lord will receive a blessing that he can not give an account for, not only in this earth, but in the earth to come. What happened on the 19th January 1948? I received a letter from Pastor W. J. Newman, Superintendent of the Sierra Leone Mission, that I had been appointed to come over to the Gold Coast for further studies. I wondered greatly at this, since such a thing had never happened in the history of the Sierra Leone field. At first, I was not too serious about it. But as time went on, things became real. There were so many students who were brighter than myself, who ought to have been chosen. But God who looks on the inward part of every soul, thought it fit that I should be selected in order to be trained for His service.

Before I was sent over; two things were set before me, either to be a teacher or an evangelist. This was indeed a problem to me. I did not know what to say. There was no time to consult my parents or my friends. I prayed and asked God to make the choice. After a few moments came the still small voice to me:—"There are thousands of souls around you dying. Will you not be an evangelist to lead these dying souls to the light of salvation? There are many towns and villages around you. Will you not go and help them?" I made up my mind to give up myself to the Master's service. I then said, with Isaiah of old, that day, "Here am I," Lord send me. For it is written, "He that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 2:30. And now friends, both old and young, men and women, never go before God in your plans. "In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path."

"If Christians were to act in concert moving forward as one, under the direction of one power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."—"Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 221.



E. E. Hulbert,

Director, Voice of Prophecy Bible School

## The Angel of West Africa

By E. E. Hulbert

The symbol of an angel flying in the midst of heaven is now a familiar sight to nearly twenty-five thousand Voice of Prophecy students in West Africa. For three years our lessons have been going out into territories hundreds of miles from our nearest mission stations. Yes, we have even entered a completely new mission field, the small and practically unknown British territory of Gambia. Just about two months ago one of our students from Freetown, Sierra Leone, went to Gambia, and we sent him some enrolment forms to distribute. Who can tell the harvest that will be reaped by this means? We hope by the end of this year to reach a total enrolment of thirty-five thousand in West Africa.

From one of our students, headmaster of a school in the Gold Coast, comes this story of victory over the habit of smoking. He writes, "Before I took the 'Bible Course' I was a deadly smoker—could smoke a tin a day. So my friends nicknamed me, "One tin per man per

day.' But it is absolutely strange (?) to inform you that Christ did cure me that habit. I never smoke again and I shall never smoke till I see Christ coming. I was a drunkard but that is off... He has done marvelous things for me and how can I repay Him?"

The student goes on to tell how in a great tornado which did much damage in the village, he was reading one of the "Signs of the Times" which we sent him. He did not look up from his paper he was so interested in what he was reading. When he did look up, he found over one hundred children in the class-room, taking shelter from the storm. They felt safe with him. He says further that Christ must have led them there, because many were wounded in the village, but his school building and the children who took shelter there were unhurt.

Just think of it, a man who not long ago was smoking and drinking, defiling the body God had given him, was now such a man that little children felt safe with him. That is just what Jesus will do for all of us. He will change our hearts, and take away the unlovely things from our lives so that others will be drawn to Him through us.

Evangelists!—Here is a message for you. We have recently sent a large supply of enrolment folders to the mission offices in all fields. We are ready to enroll more than ever before this year. So get a good stock of enrolment forms from your Mission Superintendent, and give them out to all who can read and understand English, particularly to important people rather than to school children.

## Eating and Drinking

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provided to quench the thirst of animals and man. Drunk freely, it helps to supply the necessities of the system, and assists nature to resist disease."

9. "Ministry of Healing," page 302. "If milk (new milk) is used, it should be thoroughly sterilized; (by boiling) with this precaution, there is less danger of contracting disease from its use."

10. The goal that God has set. "Counsel on Health", page 449-450. "Educate, Educate, Educate—is the message that has been impressed upon me.... Again and again I have been shown that God is trying to lead us back, step by step, to His original design that man should subsist upon the natural products of the earth. Among those who are waiting for the coming of the Lord, meat eating will eventually be done away; flesh will cease to form a part of their diet. We should ever keep this end in view and endeavour to work steadily toward it."

11. Good Counsel—"Testimonies to the Church," Vol. 3, page 21. "We should be very cautious to not advance too fast, lest we be obliged to retrace our steps. In reform, (that includes reform in eating and drinking) we should better come one step short of the mark than go one step beyond it." God's counsel on all subjects when thoroughly studied and when sought after for the purpose of knowing His will is always reasonable. Though God does not want us to advance too rapidly in the matter of reforms, neither does He want us to stand still. Constantly, there must be advancement as we hear His instruction.

12. "Testimonies to the Church", Vol. 7, page 135. "By precept and example make it plain that the food which God gave Adam in his sinless state is the best for man's use as he seeks to regain that sinless state." (see Gen. 1:29)

13. "Testimonies to the Church," Vol. 9, page 161-162. "While warnings have been given regarding the dangers of disease through butter, and the evil of the free use of eggs by small children, yet we should not consider it a violation of principle to use eggs from hens that are well cared for and suitably fed... The time will come when we may have to discard some of the articles of diet we now use, such as milk and cream and eggs; but it is not necessary to bring upon ourselves perplexity by premature and extreme restrictions. Wait until the circumstances demand it, and the Lord prepares the way for it."

## Eating and Drinking to the Glory of God

By S. A. Nagel, Jr., M.D.

Realizing the great importance of the instruction from God's Holy Word that "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," (1 Cor. 10:31) and realizing that "It is just as much a sin to violate the laws of our being as to break one of the Ten Commandments, for we cannot do either without breaking God's law," "Testimonies to the Church" Vol. 2, page 70) and realizing further that "our habits of eating and drinking show whether we are of the world or among the number whom the Lord by His mighty cleaver of Truth has separated from the world", ("Testimonies to the Church," Vol. 6, page 872-373) the following outline with supporting thoughts taken from the Bible and the inspired writings of Sister Ellen G. White is given as suggestive material which may be used during a number of Sabbath hours set aside in our churches for the further instructing of our believers in the West African Union Mission on this vital subject of healthful living, especially as it relates to christian eating and drinking.

### I. Relation of Eating to Religion

1. "Ministry of Healing," page 577. "Eating and drinking in accordance with the laws of health promote virtuous actions. Satan uses the stomach as an enemy of righteousness."

2. "Patriarchs and Prophets," page 378. "Intemperance in eating prepares for disregard of moral obligations and indulgence of lower passions."

3. "Councils on Health," page 573. "As our first parents lost Eden through the indulgence of appetite our only hope of regaining Eden is through the firm denial of appetite and passion."

### II. God's Instruction on When To Eat

1. "Ministry of Healing," page 303. "There should be a specified time for each meal. Regularity in eating is

of vital importance. One is not to eat just before bedtime."

2. "Ministry of Healing," page 385. "Nothing to be eaten between meals. Irregularity destroys healthful tone of digestive organs."

3. "Ministry of Healing," page 304. "At least five to six hours should intervene between the meals."

4. "Councils on Health," page 156. "Most people enjoy better health while eating two meals a day than three; others under their existing circumstances may require something to eat at supper time; but this meal should be very light."

### III. God's Instruction on How To Eat

1. "Ministry of Healing," page 305. "Food should be eaten slowly."

2. "Ministry of Healing," page 306. "Eating should be sparing after physical exercise."

3. "Ministry of Healing," page 321. "Eat with thanksgiving."

4. "Ministry of Healing," page 303. "Eat simply and regularly when travelling."

### IV. God's Instruction on How Not To Eat

1. "Testimonies to the Church," Vol. 4, page 454-455. Not to overeat. "Overeating is the sin of this age. The Word of God places the sin of gluttony in the same catalogue with drunkenness."

2. "Testimonies to the Church," Vol. 2, page 374. "Upon the Sabbath, in the house of God, gluttons will sit and sleep under the burning truths of God's word. They can neither keep their eyes open, nor comprehend the solemn discourses given. Do you think such are glorifying God in their bodies and spirits which are His? No! they dishonour Him."

### V. God's Instruction on What To Eat

1. Gen. 1:29. "And God said, Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree, yielding seed, to you it shall be for meat."

2. Dan. 1:8, 12, 20. "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of

the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank. . . . Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat and water to drink. . . . In all matters of wisdom and understanding, he found them ten times better."

3. "Councils on Health," page 449. "Again and again I have been shown that God is trying to lead us back, step by step, to his original design that man should subsist upon the natural products of the earth." (Products from the vegetable kingdom. See His original design in Gen. 1:29.)

4. "Testimonies to the Church," Vol. 3, page 50. "We may enjoy the fruits, the vegetables, the grains, without doing violence to the laws of our being. These articles prepared in the most simple and natural manner, will nourish the body, and preserve its natural vigour without the use of flesh meats"

5. "Fundamentals of Christian Education," page 227. "Solid foods requiring mastication will be far better than mush or liquid foods. I dwell upon this as essential."

6. "Testimonies to the Church," Vol. 7, page 126. "The Lord desires those living in countries where fresh fruit can be obtained during a large part of the year, to awake to the blessing they have in this fruit. The more we depend upon the fresh fruit just as it is plucked from the tree, the greater will be the blessing."

7. "Ministry of Healing," page 316. "When flesh food is discarded, its place should be supplied with a variety of grains, nuts, vegetables, and fruits. . . . In some countries where poverty abounds, flesh is the cheapest food. Under these circumstances the change will be made with greater difficulty; but it can be effected. We should, however, consider the situation of the people, and the power of life-long habit, and should be careful not to urge even right ideas unduly. None should be urged to make the change abruptly."

8. "Ministry of Healing," page 237. "In health and in sickness, pure water is one of heaven's choicest blessings. Its proper use promotes health. It is the beverage which God

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## Konola Dedication

By D. V. Cowin

Stopping in front of the attractive archway we read, "Konola—S.D.A. Mission School". On time, except for being a day late, due to unexpected changes in plane scheduling, we three, Pastors A. F. Tarr, G. A. Lindsay and the writer, had been met at Robertsfield airport, Liberia, by Pastor G. N. Banks, Superintendent of the Liberian Mission. Quickly, he had driven us in the Mission station wagon, from the airport, out through the huge Firestone Rubber Plantation and over the distance of 25 miles up to the entrance to the Konola Training School.

Before us, across a peaceful little dale and up on a small hill, was displayed the group of buildings which made up the school plant. Right in the middle was an attractive large cement block building which stood out sharply because of its whiteness, its sturdiness, and its newness. In answer to our question, "What is that," we were told that it was the new boys' dormitory and that it was to be dedicated during the time of our visit on the station. Around these buildings stretched the 80 acres which had been leased from the Liberian Government for Mission and school use. Large numbers of palm and fruit trees were to be seen from our vantage point at the entranceway. A goodly portion of the land appeared to be suitable for agricultural purposes.

Following along the winding lane, bordered by oil palms, we passed the Mission Church and teachers' houses, and finally came to a full stop in front of the home of Pastor P. E. Giddings, Principal of the Konola Training School. There we were greeted by the Giddings family. Pastor C. D. Henri was present also with his wife, for they had recently moved from their station in Bassa country in order to take over the leadership of the school from Brother Giddings, who was soon to go on leave.

Awaiting anxiously our arrival were all of the Liberian Mission workers made up of the pastors, the evangelists and the church school teachers,

totaling thirty persons. These leaders had been called together for a teachers' institute, departmental training rally, and mission workers meeting combination in connection with the visit of the Division brethren and the dormitory dedication. Since these people had already waited a day for us to come it was fitting that the institute meetings be started at once.

Within a short time, then, visitors and mission workers, made up mainly of natives from the Bassa and Pelle tribes, gathered in one of the spacious groundfloor rooms of the new dormitory for prayer, study, and instruction. During the entire institute period all participated in consideration of the plans and problems in connection with the work of the mission in the following departments: Education, Missionary Volunteer, Sabbath-school, Temperance, Evangelism, etc. Very special counsel and encouragement were given to the Liberian workers by the Division brethren in their sermons and in their helpful statements.

A large and interesting booth had been prepared, directly in front of the new dormitory building, in which the dedication service was to take place. All was in readiness for the special occasion when suddenly a courier from His Honour, the President, Mr. Tubman, of the Republic of Liberia, arrived with a message of regret stating that pressing state business prevented his attending and delivering the dedication address. Pastor Banks had invited the president to attend and speak, but because of emergency only his greetings were presented to the audience.

The minuteman of the hour was Pastor A. F. Tarr, president of the Northern European Division, present as a visitor, and unprepared of course, for an invitation to speak. Nevertheless, he did most ably and inspired the gathering with his words. Outstanding among his many good statements was the following: "Men will not long remember what has been said at this dedication but they will see, for years to come, the use made

of this building, the devotion of the students which is this school's product, and the christian citizens it turns out".

Present also for the dedication were friends and neighbours, S.D.A. members of the Mission from a good distance, and representatives of the nearby educational establishment, the Booker T. Washington Institute.

Immediately following the meeting, the new building was inspected by the visitors, who were also served with light refreshments. Striking features of the building and its construction, were, 1. Its six large airy rooms with space for 100 boys, with three rooms on each of the two stories, 2. Readiness of the building for the opening of school which was only a few days away, 3. New and clean food service quarters, 4. Floors and wood, for some of the furniture, was cut from iron wood trees which grew right on the compound, 5. Much of the work of construction and the carpentry work was done by pupils in the school, 6. Sand for the concrete was obtained by diving to the bottom of a nearby stream, and 7. The success and economy of the whole project was the result of the persistent hard work and the leadership of Principal Giddings plus the careful teamwork of Pastors Banks and Henri.

In due time the dedication was over and the institute came to a close. A challenge was driven home to the heart of every worker by the quiet presence of a former Methodist minister who had, by reading some discarded books sold by an Adventist colporteur, learned of the message, had been taught the doctrines of the S.D.A. Church by one of our African workers, had led almost his entire church of over 60 members to build a new village and a chapel, had taught all of them about his new faith, and then, with most of his people, had been baptised into the fellowship of our church. Thus the people ended the meeting with the promise, "We will, with the help of God, do all we can to double our membership in four years".

## Nigerian Training College Practice School

By E. C. Esiaba

The college practice school is a part of the Nigerian Training College. It started life with it and is growing with it. Here the student-teachers learn to teach by teaching. Here they put into practice all the new ideas and methods of teaching which in the lecture rooms are but mere theories. Here is the workshop in which the teacher is really made.

This demonstration school with its class-room and out of door activities becomes a complete model, whose powerful influence penetrates far and wide beyond the College Campus into the fields where the graduates of the Training College are sent. Apart from serving our immediate community, it is the central school of the College district, with two other sister schools serving as leaders.

In the year 1948, it was just an Infant School of two classes—the first pupils being the sons and daughters of our Ibie church members.

In the year 1949, the new baby refused to crawl or walk like some of the poorer schools in the vicinity, but made a jump to Standard IV, surprising all. The proprietors of the other schools began to be worried about this new comer and eyed it with great contempt, but it had another surprise packet for them. Early this year, the school was raised to Std. VI, thus becoming the only full Elementary School within a radius of six miles.

Said a disappointed proprietor of another denominational school, "We thought you S.D.A.'s came here to run a Training College for your teachers. Why in the world are you running an elementary school also?" A friendly man happened to be strolling along the road at this time and he quickly volunteered to act as our mouthpiece. He silenced the antagonist by saying, "Don't you know that such training institutions always have demonstration schools? I like S.D.A. schools and I will send my children to their school."

In 1948, when the Practice School first came into being, the total number of pupils on roll was 30. To-

day the total number of pupils, including 30 girls from the former Aba Girls' School is 164.

A new large building similar to the College Administration block is completed. Here the Practice School is housed and developed into a model school of which the people of this area are most proud.

One interesting point about the school is that it is fast becoming a soul-saving agency. A goodly number of non-Adventist pupils now attend the Sabbath-school and many more have promised to follow. Will you not pray with us that these young people may give their hearts wholly to Jesus?

## Do You Love Reading?

By Q. B. Brimpong

Great is the confusion of the minds of men today who have not been privileged to share the thoughts and opinions of great and

inspired writers. If the stressed facts of current events and opinions could reach these desperate men they would be saved many a headache.

Stacked on the shelves are the inspirational writings of well known authors:—"Messages to Young People" "Daniel and the Revelation," "God's Good News," "Teaching Teachers to Teach," the "Conflict Series" and a host of others.

If a cultivation of reading inspired books is followed one will feel no loneliness if and when men forget him. He can dispense with them in the circumstances; for he will have within himself, through these revelations, a Higher Being to replace them; the balance of advantage in the change will certainly be in his favour. He will grasp the significance of this remark, I am sure; for the man who derives pleasure from reading inspired books makes for himself reserves of strength to call upon in the time of trouble and stress.

## Colporteur Report for February and March 1951

Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
<b>East Nigeria Mission:</b>			
Erondu, J. I.	164	122 3 9	17 12 1
Onwubere, N. M.	284	81 13 6	33 16 6
Ubani, A. A.	383	57 5 0	14 4 10
Ugboaja, J. O.	200	162 0 0	14 3 0
Osarobey, A. S.	190	2 14 6	2 14 6
Miscellaneous	7	1 7 6	3 4 0
<b>Gold Coast Mission:</b>			
Abbey, N. K.	144	282 3 0	70 4 0
Achampong, A.	42	31 5 0	5 19 0
Agyakwa, E. A.	141	65 0 0	2 17 0
Agvei, D.	290	23 5 0	4 15 6
Amoah, A.	180	77 2 6	65 10 0
Ampim, J. K.	53	30 0 0	18 0 0
Arkun, K.	247	4 7 0	30 8 9
Brown, E. L.	286	491 0 0	106 11 0
Clerk, C. A.	281	93 3 0	62 0 0
Daitey, A. N.	272	108 7 0	54 0 0
Glover, V. K.	182	160 9 0	12 9 0
Kontoh, J.	432	2 14 0	1 10 0
Mensah, A. F.	206	50 10 0	47 11 9
Nkansah, E. D.	186	36 18 0	21 19 0
Odiabene, E. Y.	369	165 16 6	36 2 0
Ofori, S.	118	28 7 0	45 2 3
Quaten, J. A.	228	13 4 0	13 4 0
Seraku, T. O.	270	10 4 0	11 9 0
Miscellaneous	224	78 18 9	51 4 9
<b>Sierra Leone Mission:</b>			
Bangura, Simon	142	13 15 0	5 11 0
Myers, John	44	7 10 0	—
Miscellaneous	24	26 5 0	1 5 0
Union Totals for Feb. & March 5589		2360 8 0	774 17 11

Note: Those with less than 80 hours are from February report only.