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To Our Youth in West Africa

By E. L. Minchin

Y. P. S. and S. S. Secretary, Northern European Division

Dear young friends,

It has been a great joy to me during the last two months to visit this great and interesting mission field and to become better acquainted with many hundreds of our splendid youth.

Commencing at our outmost mission station at Jengre in North Nigeria, it has been a privilege to me to visit several of our mission stations and churches right through to Sierra Leone. The outstanding impression that I have gained, is the great army of children and youth in these countries. Everywhere I have been I have faced large audiences where it seemed to me sixty or seventy per cent were children and youth. Surely this is one of the most hopeful signs of our work in West Africa, and presents a great challenge to those who are called upon to lead these young people into the service of God. I shall always carry with me the memory of happy, smiling faces and waving hands. It seemed that everywhere we stopped along the way and on every highway that we travelled, the people were friendly and happy to see us.

In Eastern Nigeria I had the honour of being present at the first youth leadership camp, where I associated with Brother Cowin your Union Youth Secretary, and Brother Meade, the East Nigerian Youth Secretary, in a wonderfully



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happy and profitable week, where I slept under the stars, swam in a jungle stream, where monkeys swung from branch to branch. Where we studied and worked with those coming youth leaders. It was an intensive week of training and was climaxed by a large investiture and the handing out of scores of honour tokens, some of which were earned at the camp. The enthusiasm there for our youth work and especially the Missionary Volunteer courses was only typical of what I have found right throughout West Africa. I wish to congratu-

tulate our youth workers on the splendid lead they have been giving to this aspect of our work in West Africa. It is making a tremendous appeal to our West African youth, and we believe that with the growing army of Master Comrades in this field, the future is bright and soon we shall have an army of trained leaders who will go forth and do wonderful things in the training and development of the thousands of Juniors who look to them for leadership. Remember, dear Master Comrades, you have not reached the end of your objective, you have just commenced in a great and wonderful service. God bless you and help you to realise the great responsibility that is now yours of giving yourself in loving and efficient service to others.

In Western Nigeria it is my joy to spend some days at our hospital at Ile-Ife and to see first-hand the wonderful work that our medical missionaries are doing in this land. I cannot forget Pastor John Hyde at his little mission hospital and clinic away up north in that outpost at Jengre. I sat with him in the little clinic for several hours watching him carrying on his ministrations of healing to the sick, maimed and blind, many who came in from many miles around. I saw Sister Hyde working unobtrusively

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What The Colporteur Work Does For A Man

By D. L. Chappell

1. It develops his leadership talents. It make him more willing and more capable of taking part in Sabbath-School, Church service, and other missionary activities of the church. He becomes a spiritual leader of his brethren.

2. It makes him a student of human nature. Mr. D. L. Moody the great American preacher, said of this type of work: "There is nothing which will give one an insight into human nature and a store of practical knowledge as this occupation affords."

3. It will strengthen his spiritual virtues: faith, prayer, patience, courage, unselfishness, etc.

4. It will teach him three very practical lessons of life:

- (a) Value of time.
- (b) Value of money.
- (c) Value of work.

5. It will build him a strong character and develop a pleasing personality. "Forgetting yourself in service for others, is the first requisite for an enriching personality."

6. If faithfully pursued, it will bring him substantial monetary returns.

7. Last but not least, it will make him an effective soul-winner. It gives him a systematic way of spreading the gospel.

8. Why not have a talk with your local Publishing Department Secretary and learn more about this sacred work? Write to him today.

Colporteur Report for March, 1952

Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
East Nigerian Mission:			
Achor, M.N.	332	71 10 0	6 10 0
Agomo, M.W.	246	13 15 6	7 14 6
Anucha, S.A.	55	29 15 0	1 5 0
Dogo, A.T.	242	44 18 5	31 12 1
Ehido, M.A.	51	7 6 9	15 3
Jiakpo, J.E.	299	124 19 0	42 11 0
Njoku, C.	103	32 18 0	1 5 0
Njoku, S.N.	297	33 6 6	8 4 6
Onwubere, M.N.	119	71 10 0	2 16 0
Otuokere, E.A.	135	3 10 6	—
Ogbonna, W.	425	77 13 3	24 19 10
Ogbonna, M.	40	1 10 0	4 8 0
Owuala, N.E.	220	55 7 0	11 5 0
Onuoha, I.O.	45	13 10 0	8 5 6
Okata, E.A.	204	41 11 6	4 16 0
Onuiri, S.O.	96	15 4 0	9 0
Ugboaja, J.O.	338	157 15 6	19 9 0
Ubani, A.A.	158	68 11 0	30 3 0
Ubani, M.	243	42 17 0	11 1 0
Wosu, A.A.	86	4 6 6	—
Miscellaneous	25	5 5 9	3 15 9
Gold Coast Mission			
Amoah, A.	130	58 17 0	57 1 0
Amping, K.	92	36 10 6	16 19 9
Arthur, H.G.	44	12 4 0	16 2 10
Clerk, C.A.	210	171 7 4	49 2 4
Counooh, J.T.	97	6 1 6	3 13 0
Daitey, J.A.	118	103 10 10	38 19 4
Dankwa, J.K.	48	27 16 0	15 2 9
Danso, Adjei	176	67 19 6	20 9 6
Enim, A.	130	89 15 0	32 9 0
Glover, V.	130	165 19 9	169 19 9
Gyebi, J.	81	35 1 6	36 12 6
Mawator, R.D.K.	150	259 12 0	187 15 9
Mensah, H.A.	169	127 8 0	8 13 3
Nkansah, E.D.	102	16 9 6	6 16 6
Nimako, F.A.K.	190	177 10 3	75 3 3
Osei, D.K.	76	60 7 6	21 11 6
Owusu, S.K.	114	36 10 0	62 17 0
Obo, S.K.N.	42	109 9 9	7 3 0
Quarten, J.A.	94	134 16 0	38 13 0
Miscellaneous	65	106 10 6	56 0 6
Union Totals March 1952	6117	2720 12 7	1162 10 11
Union Totals 1952	11944	5309 18 0	2664 10 10

Publishing Department News

By D. L. Chappell

Brother A. N. Daitey, a successful Gold Coast colporteur who delivered £500 worth of literature last year, has accepted a call from the Sierra Leone Mission to do evangelistic canvassing in Freetown. He left Accra the 6th February on the M.V. "Accra." We deeply appreciate the missionary spirit of Brother Daily in accepting this urgent call and wish him heaven's richest blessing in his new territory.

The Gold Coast Mission has appointed colporteur N. K. Abbey

assistant to Brother L. H. Davidson, the mission publishing department secretary. This is another sign of progress in the colporteur work in West Africa. With two field leaders serving the colporteurs we expect great things in the Gold Coast in 1952.

Last September Colporteur C. A. Clerk, one of the leading Gold Coast colporteurs, canvassed the workers in the Korle Bu Hospital in Accra. The hospital dispenser, Mr. Bennett, who bought a copy of "Bible Speaks" and "These Days Of Destiny", showed unusual interest

in religious subjects. After several weeks had passed, colporteur Clerk visited Mr. Bennett and to his joy, found the man and his wife earnestly studying the books. They asked the colporteur many questions and invited him to study the Bible with them. Soon they were keeping the Sabbath and attending church. Now the church pastor is studying with the Bennetts and preparing them for baptism in the near future. Mr. Bennett's daughter, who recently completed standard seven in school, has begun to keep the Sabbath and attend church also.

“Operation Mille-Won”

By Jesse O. Gibson

Wouldn't it be a grand thing if a thousand people in West Africa could be baptised in a day? I am sure that our hearts would rejoice and that the angels would join us in singing a song of victory over the wicked one. Realising the shortness of time yet before us and remembering the text which reads: "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved." Mark 16:16. Will not each one of you workers put forth a little extra effort and pray more diligently for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, in order that this might take place on September 6th of this year.

At the year end there were more than 6,500 in the Hearers class and over 3,000 in the Baptismal class. Undoubtedly many of those who were in the baptismal class at the end of the year were ones who had been in for some time. Many of them can, no doubt, be ready for baptism by the above mentioned date. May each worker strive and prepare as many as possible for baptism at that time. We are suggesting that baptisms take place in every field and district throughout the Union, where the folk have been properly prepared. Your Union Committee have adopted the term "Mille-Won" which means 1,000 souls won to Christ.

Thoroughness In Preparation

Baptism is a very sacred occasion and one of the most important events in an individual's life. It is a death to sin and a burial with Christ. It is a very serious thing to bury someone who is not dead. We must put forth renewed efforts to prepare these people for baptism. We must be sure that they are "Dead to Sin." Workers, you must be sure that your candidates have had this death and are walking in newness of life before they are recommended for baptism. Pastors, you must take caution on this point. The baptismal records of attendance and courses studied must be faithfully kept by all folks holding the baptismal classes. These should be *Carefully Checked* by you as a pastor as part of your examination before baptism. Even though an individual may have attended all



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the classes and may be able to answer all the questions, yet I want to emphasise that in my estimation, the most important thing is an individual's full acceptance, and personal relationship with Christ.

Plans for September 6th.

No doubt each one of your field leaders will make individual plans for this important day. I would like to make suggestions, however.

First: I would like to suggest that we do not plan on holding large baptisms with many churches coming in to one centre. This is the easiest way, of course, but it would seem that individuals should be examined previously in their respective churches, and that as far as possible, baptisms be held in or near the church where the person is to become a member. I believe that a much greater blessing will be received if baptisms are held in smaller groups in a quiet, worshipful attitude, and also where the individual may witness before the people among whom he is living. This will mean that our pastors, both European and African, may have to travel between two or three or more companies throughout the Sabbath day in order to care for these baptisms. It will mean extra effort, but yet I believe that we will receive a much greater blessing.

Secondly, you should plan now. Each worker should lay his plans at this time for preparing these individuals for baptism. Possibly if you give study to it now, you may hold a few extra classes and have a larger percentage of the class members prepared at that time. If that can be done that is very good. If they will not be ready at that time and thoroughly prepared, then you should continue the baptismal studies, for it is planned that there will be a second baptismal day later in the year. It may be that we will need to have two more days, but that can be studied by the field leaders after you have given study to this and make recommendations to them.

May God bless each of you as you work and pray in order to prepare these souls for baptism on September 6th.

Colporteurs Are Evangelists

D. L. Chappell

Although only ten of the colporteurs returned the "Colporteur Missionary Work Questionnaire For 1951" form which was sent out some time ago, the report is still one of interest. It is an indication of the valuable evangelistic efforts of our colporteurs in addition to their selling truth-filled books. Together, the ten colporteurs who reported enrolled 1,340 persons in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course; persuaded 55 persons to attend Sabbath-school; persuaded 12 people to attend Bible studies; personally gave 70 Bible studies; persuaded 58 persons to attend public meetings; distributed 1,828 "free" papers; influenced 8 persons to join a Sabbath-School class; had 11 of their customers start keeping Sabbath; saw five of their customers baptised; and persuaded 9 men to enter the colporteur ministry. This is an excellent record for the ten men who reported. Just think what the record would be if all the colporteurs had kept an accurate record of their "extra" missionary activities and had reported!

Jengre Camp Meeting

By G. D. King

Northern European Division Secretary

Jengre Mission Station is one of our most isolated but also one of our most picturesque stations in West Africa. Situated in Northern Nigeria, 3,000 feet above sea level it is on the main road running from Jos to Zaria—about 25 miles out of Jos and 125 miles from Zaria. The hills around the mission have a most pleasing aspect and give a restful view from almost any direction.

The work was established here about twenty years ago by Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Hyde. The people of the area are predominantly Mohammedan, although there are a large number of primitive pagan people in the district. It was into this district that Pastor and Mrs. Hyde came twenty years ago with their young son John and one or two native helpers. A small dispensary was established and gradually the confidence of the people was won and interests began to spring up. The work in such a location is naturally hard and slow, requiring real mission zeal and Christian patience. Today we begin to see the reward for such zeal and patience.

Doctor John and Mrs. Hyde have been in charge of our work in that area for about six years and have established a growing medical-evangelistic work which is an inspiration to see and a source of great strength to our mission enterprise in Nigeria. Doctor Hyde as well as engaging in a very full medical ministry, caring for a small hospital unit and a mobile medical service for the district, has also acted as Mission Superintendent and has fostered a strong evangelistic and school programme. Mrs. Hyde is doing excellent service as the dispenser and pharmacy manager as well as the multitudinous duties that come to a doctor's and minister's wife in such a location.

The weekend of October 18-22 will long be remembered by the members and friends who were in attendance at Jengre. It was the occasion of the first Camp Meeting

of the North Nigerian Mission. On the Friday morning "open house" was organised for the Station. The Chiefs around had been invited in and almost to the surprise of Doctor John Hyde thirty-five Chiefs came in, four of them being Paramount Chiefs. It was estimated that twelve hundred people were present on the compound and a most colourful scene it was with the Chiefs and their retainers in their native dress. Following the school parade and hospital and compound inspection, the whole congregation were housed in a large open air "booth" erected for the service, and the gospel was preached to many of those Mohammedan and pagan Chiefs for the first time. It was indeed a most impressive occasion full of significance and importance to our work in that district. One could not but remember that twenty years ago our work was unknown and largely unwanted in that area. Today "Gentiles come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

On the Sabbath day between 800 and 900 people were present for the whole day and gave most attentive hearing to the preaching and teaching of the Word. At the 2:30 p.m. service Dr. John Hyde, in harmony with the vote of the Union Committee, was ordained to the gospel ministry thus setting the seal upon a medical and evangelistic ministry which we believe is worthy of the high traditions of our mission service. The closing service on Sunday night was the Communion Service conducted by Pastor J. J. Hyde and a most solemn and sacred service it was with the spirit of fellowship most markedly present. It was most fitting that Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Hyde could be with us for this great weekend, to see something of the fruitage of sacrificial service.

The baptised membership of the North Nigerian Mission is about 160 but the potential fruitage as

Evangelism In The Ivory Coast

By D. K. Amponsah

It takes courage, zeal, determination and self-sacrifice for one to respond to a call to an unknown country away from home, leaving relatives, friends and children, yet "the love of Christ" constraining me, I was able to say, "Amen."

"The pillars of Fire and Cloud" guiding myself and family, we were able to go a normal four days journey within forty-three hours. I stayed in Abidjan for about a month, then to my station at Tiemelekro on 20th July, 1951. As soon as I reached there I wasted no time in laying out the plan of "Win One Campaign" within the company. The uplifted Christ's message of salvation fed the hungry souls, so that they became Philips who called many Nathaniels to come and hear the good news being preached to them. These visitors continually attended our daily meetings thereby 21 souls gave themselves to Christ.

On 14th October, 1951, an evangelistic effort was launched until 12th November, 1951. Though rain hindered us greatly, yet we did our best and through the power of the Holy Spirit which was felt throughout the effort, eleven souls were converted to Christ; among them was a "Fetish Priestess" by name Akuoku Tyini who after her conversion, brought her fetish "Guafene Koussi" and idols to be burnt.

Another man and his wife by name Sampah Bri and Yao Awo on hearing that jujus and enchantments are useless except Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life, should be recognised as the "Saviour of man," threw away their petty petty jujus and enchantments in which they had for a long time put their confidence and gave themselves to the Fountain of life. There are many hungry souls waiting to be gathered into the fold of the Shepherd. But where are the messengers of salvation? The language problem is the only hindrance in the evangelism in the Ivory Coast. We crave your earnest prayers for us to win more souls for Christ's kingdom.

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Evangelistic News

By Jesse O. Gibson

At Autumn Council time, plans were laid in America for rallies to be conducted in every town and city in North America with a population of 5,000 or more. These rallies were to be centred around Television, Voice of Prophecy, the Radio and Bible Correspondence Schools.

All of the members of the various churches were to unite and visit those families who have been contacted by one of these means, or by our papers, and a one-night rally be held, when our folks endeavour to acquaint them a little more with our truths. A special pamphlet entitled, "Survival Through Faith," which presents our distinctive doctrines, was to be given out, and it was hoped that many new people would be enrolled in the Bible Correspondence School. The latest reports are that these rallies are under-way, and many more such rallies being planned. The General Conference have set up a Central Planning Committee, and now that the project is under way, most of the Unions are to have their Union Planning Committee for this large undertaking.

Elder H. M. S. Richards and many of the General Conference personnel are taking the leading speaking appointments throughout the country. A report from the Ministerial Association reads as follows:-

"The enthusiastic results from these first rallies indicate that the city rally programme might well stir America as one of the greatest evangelistic crusades this country has ever been sponsored by any denomination. The general rally committee is studying ways to strengthen every phase of the planning before the over-all North American rally programme begins."

Let us pray for these rallies, and work and pray that we may do something similar in the future here in West Africa.

The South American Division Committee has adopted a goal of 8,400 baptisms for 1952, and

their slogan will be "700 a month." They also plan to set aside two Sabbaths in each quarter as mass baptism day, and will wire the results to the local and union conferences and the Division.

I thought you might be interested in the 1952 goals for baptism and converts which has been set by the South African Division. They are as follows:

	Baptism	Converts
Congo Union	5,000	13,000
East African Union	5,000	14,000
South East African Union	2,000	5,000
South African Union	1,500	2,000
Zambesi Union	3,500	7,500
Total	17,000	41,500

You will notice that two Unions have a goal for 5,000 baptisms. I am sure that we too here in West Africa can soon reach that number if we all work diligently and pray for the "Power which has been promised." We have the power if we ask for it in faith. Let us plan now to do our part in bringing new souls into the hearer's class, and preparing the baptismal candidates for baptism.

Muslims Show Interest In Our Work

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to open the door; this man is a stranger here."

You cannot imagine the joy I had in settling this quarrel, telling them that in the sight of God, there is no stranger and that we are all His children, no matter where we come from. In a few minutes, they were both calm and peaceful, and we carried on, having the windows opened by other Muslims with five shillings each.

This experience brought joy to our hearts; believing that we have pleased God, for it is only when a man's ways please the Lord, that "He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Prov. 16:7. In your prayers, remember these interested Muslims at Makele.

Ibadan Effort

By E. E. Hulbert

Within two or three weeks of the Evangelistic Institute held at Ibadan, the writer, assisted by Brethren D. J. Clarke and J. A. Adewoye, began a series of Evangelistic meetings in the Open-Air Church at Ibadan. We began with an attendance of over four hundred, and held an audience of about two hundred on Sundays, and one hundred on week nights, for the first part of the campaign.

Throughout we endeavoured to lead our hearers to Christ, rather than to present mere doctrine, and found a ready response. In our first aftermeeting some one hundred or more stayed for further instruction. The decision and altar calls which were made from time to time led a number to make their decisions for Christ, and later for Sabbath keeping.

Of course some who expressed the desire to keep Sabbath did not measure up to the test of leaving their jobs. But we are glad to say that one young man left his work rather than break the Sabbath. We still have hope that two others will finally take their stand, one of whom is a backslider, and a relative of one of the earliest African workers on the coast.

To date ten people have definitely enrolled in our Baptismal Class, eight of whom are now keeping Sabbath. We had several others for whom we had great hopes, and believe that if only more workers had been available more could have been gathered in.

Jengre Camp Meeting

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revealed by the attendance at this first Camp Meeting appears to be tremendous. Pastor W. Till has now been appointed President of the field, thus relieving Dr. Hyde of part of his heavy load and leaving him more free to develop the growing medical-evangelistic work so ably and fruitfully begun. We are confident that great developments lie ahead in Northern Nigeria.

Sierra Leone Mission

Evangelistic Institute Held at Bo, Sierra Leone

By T. A. K. Kagbo

We all know and believe that the burden of the work of proclaiming to the world the last message of mercy is committed to our hands. We know that the fate of a lost world is near, and that we stand on the doorway of eternity, and so we set our minds resolutely to the purpose of reaching everyone with the message. For this reason we hold evangelistic institutes from time to time for the purpose of exchanging experiences, and learning both theoretical and practical methods of soul-winning.

On the 6th and 7th of last February we conducted such a meeting at Bo, Sierra Leone, with all of our Pastors and Evangelists present. Our special guest was Pastor T. J. Bradley, Secretary, Ministerial Association, Northern European Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

The first devotional service was conducted by Pastor E. Keslake, Field Superintendent. He spoke about "Love" In his address he exhorted us that we should not only love in words and in tongues, but in deeds. He said that we are to love as Jesus loved in order to win many souls to the kingdom.

Other important subjects dealt with are as follows:—"The Holy Spirit," "Obedience," "The Spirit of Fear," "Working For Mohammedans"; these were discussed by Pastors H. D. Wilson, T. J. Bradley, T. B. Terry and S. C. Nicol respectively.

Methods of soul-winning, which formed the theme of the studies throughout the meetings, were dealt with thoroughly by Pastor T. J. Bradley and S. C. Nicol in their topics "Every Member Evangelism," and "Working for Mohammedans" respectively. After they had presented the subjects, they were then opened for a round table discussion. In the discussion, these conclusions were reached.

1. It is easy to do personal work

if we mix sociably with all people.

2. Almost all Africans talked more freely to their fellow Africans than to Europeans.
3. A lay worker needs great tact and wisdom.
4. We need a special order of subjects prepared in special picture rolls to be used in working for Mohammedans.

This special request was placed before Pastor T. J. Bradley, who faithfully promised to forward it to the Ministerial Association of the Seventh-day Adventists. It was voted that the order of these subjects be suggested at once so that we may start using them at the impending evangelistic efforts. Seventeen subjects were suggested. From the last of these the remainder of the subject may follow in the usual way.

Many important practical suggestions in the matter of soul-winning were given from time to time by our experienced workers as the meetings proceeded.

The institute was brought to a close on Thursday evening, 7th February, when we all gathered around the Lord's table to partake the Holy emblems of His sacrifice. Pastor T. J. Bradley gave an inspiring address on the meaning and purpose of this sacred service. It was an inspiring experience to be present at the meeting when we all felt the spirit and blessings of God with us.

As we studied and exchanged thoughts together, we were led to look soberly at our need for more divine power for the finishing of the task which is set before us, and we prayed very earnestly to God for the endowment of His Holy Spirit.

Dear reader, we in Sierra Leone invite you to join with us in prayer for the one greater objective of quickly reaching every unwarned and unsaved soul in Sierra Leone with the saving message of truth.

Muslims Show Interest in Our Work

By J. S. Myers

Near our Mission station at Mayepo, in the Protectorate of Sirra Leone, is the small village of Makele, where we hold evangelistic efforts.

As a result of our small effort in this village, we have had the pleasure of seeing a number of young men and women become interested in our faith.

A year ago, we had the joy of welcoming four into the church by baptism. Sometime last year, this group of believers made a small chapel for their morning and evening worship, the veranda of the house where they were meeting being too small to hold them.

At the completion of this chapel, we the Mission workers were invited to its dedication.

In response to their invitation we arranged that the whole church of Mayepo, together with other brethren and sisters from other nearby villages spend one Sabbath on this occasion, having the Sabbath-School other services of the day, there.

Our arrival there on the Sabbath appointed, made a stir in the village. The small chapel to be dedicated could not hold the gathering, some had to sit under a prepared booth.

Before we started I had a short talk to the audience, telling them that as a rule we generally invite well-wishers to show their interest in tokens of small presents while opening the door and windows. I had scarcely ended my talk when one muslim man, Pa Yola by name, went out and brought the sum of ten shillings saying, "I am going to open the door."

We did not know that this man was a stranger in this village. While receiving this present from him and allowing him to open the door, one Pa Ansumana, another Muslim, the headman of the village, rose up in rage and said "You will not open this door; don't you know that you are a stranger here?" Then stretching his hand to me with ten shillings, said "I am the man

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1951 Ingathering Report

By D. L. Chappell

The 1951 Ingathering Campaign in West Africa was the best yet. Our members collected £5,237.18.9—according to the reports sent to the Union Office. This is £652.18.9. more than our Union goal and £1,034.2.5. more than the amount raised in 1950. For this good increase we thank God.

Below is a report showing the goals and amounts raised by each mission:

Mission	1951 Goal	Raised in 1951		
East Nigeria	£ 1000	£ 1378	19	9
Gold Coast	2200	2,407	19	9
Ivory Coast	65	64	5	4
Liberia	250	397	3	10
North Nigeria	70	13	2	7
Sierra Leone	300	82	17	3
West Nigeria	700	893	10	3
Union Totals for 1951:	£ 4,585	£ 5,237	18	9
Union Totals for 1950:	4,000	4,203	16	4
Increase in 1951:	£ 585	£ 1,034	2	5

raised last year. I trust that more and more of our members will try this excellent method of securing funds for the cause of God.

Last year our members made our slogan, "Do More In Fifty one Than You Have Ever Done," a reality. They did do more than had ever been done before.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to each and every one who had a part in the Ingathering Campaign. Especially do I thank the Campaign Directors and the mission workers who organised and promoted the local Ingathering Campaigns. Also I wish to commend these individual members who spent hours doing personal soliciting from house to house and shop to shop. This type of ingathering, I believe, is primarily responsible for the good gain in the amount of funds

in any one year in West Africa. With our 1952 goal increased to £5,000 they must set their minds to do even greater Ingathering feats this year. And I am sure that they will, for their slogan is "Before The End Of Nineteen Fifty-Two We Shall See The Ingathering Through."

A Record 13th Sabbath Offering

By D. L. Chappell

As far as I can determine, the 13th Sabbath Offering received on March 29th was the largest ever received in the Accra Church. It amounted to £11.11s.2d. Previous 13th Sabbath Offerings have amounted to about £3.0s.0d.

At the beginning of the quarter we started a little plan of receiving a "penny thank offering" following the lesson study. Of course, many gave more than a penny. The members understood that the penny offering taken each Sabbath would be held until March 29th and added with the regular 13th Sabbath Offering. Not all, but most of the members liked the idea of marching up to the table in front and giving their weekly thank offering while the organ was played. The plan greatly increased our 13th Sabbath offering. We plan to continue to use it.

You may like to try the plan in your Sabbath-School. The majority of the members will like it. For many of them it is difficult to save at home a large offering for the 13th Sabbath, but by giving a little bit each Sabbath in the form of a thank offering they are able to give an extra special 13th Sabbath Offering each quarter.

What? When? Where?

What?

Colporteur Rally Day

When?

9th August 1952

Where?

In all West African Adventist Churches

For?

You and Your Brethren

Why?

To better acquaint you with the Colporteur Ministry

News Notes

The Liberian Mission enjoyed its first constituency meeting from February 6-15. Thirty-eight delegates from Litiwa, Grand Bassa, Konola and Monrovia gathered on the beautiful site of the Lott Carey Mission ten miles from Monrovia where all enjoyed good accommodations and appetizing meals prepared under the expert supervision of Sister Banks.

We were grateful for the presence of several visitors whose counsel and instruction were of great value in assisting to make plans and resolutions for greater progress in the Liberian field. Pastor J. O. Gibson, the Union President spent much time guiding over perplexing problems which had to be solved before success could be expected. Professor D. V. Cowin, the educational secretary for the Union inspired every teacher present with his forceful lectures on teaching objectives and methods. Before the meetings came to a close Pastor T. J. Bradley from the Ministerial Association of the Northern European Division flew in from Sierra Leone to spend the last three days in Ministerial Institute. He used vivid illustrative outlines and scripture as he presented better and more effective methods of soul winning. The many hundreds of radio listeners enjoyed his message at the regular Voice of Prophecy hour on Thursday night.

Every worker returned to his station with new determination to put forth greater effort and more time in the preparation and execution of the task of finishing the Gospel work in Liberia.

Pastor T. J. Bradley left Accra by air for London on Tuesday, April 28th, after spending four months in the West African Union. During that time he has taken part in Workers' Meetings in all parts of the Union, giving much valuable instruction to our pastors and evangelists. During the last six weeks Pastor Bradley led out in an evangelistic campaign in Kumasi, also conducting evangelistic classes for those associating in the campaign. We would say "Thank you" to Pastor Bradley for the help and inspiration he has given to this Union during his stay with us.

Reports have been received of successful meetings being held in Lagos by Pastor J. A. Adeoye, these will be published in a later edition of the "Messenger."

Brother Makinde, the Young People's Secretary for West Nigeria is associating with Brother Adeogun in conducting a campaign in Abeokuta. We shall look forward to receiving a report of these meetings in due course.

A record number of our missionaries left Lagos on May 13th, proceeding on furlough. They were Dr. and Mrs. Nagel and three children, and Sister Sylvia Turfill, from the Ife Hospital, and Brother and Sister Clarke and daughter. We wish them all a happy furlough in their homelands.

We are very pleased to receive from a number of our workers articles for the Messenger. However, we would remind all, that articles should be submitted through the Field Superintendent, and he will then forward the copy to the Editor. Where possible, typewritten copy will be appreciated.

You will be happy to know that the word edition of the Church Hymnal is again available from the Review and Herald.

The cloth edition costs 11/- and the paper edition 7/3d.

If you desire these they should be ordered through your Book and Bible House.

Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Hyde arrived in Lagos on May 7th, returning for furlough in England. Brother and Sister Hyde have given a lifetime of service to West Africa and we extend a warm welcome to them as they return for a further period of service.

Pastor and Mrs. H. S. Pearce and David, sailed from Lagos during May, proceeding on furlough in England. Pastor Pearce has spent almost six years in West Nigeria, but on his return it is expected that he and his family will take up residence in Accra. Brother Pearce having been appointed manager of the new press to be located at Union headquarters.

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yet efficiently and faithfully in the dispensary. I have been much impressed by the devoted service that our missionaries' wives are giving to the cause of God in the mission fields, and feel that they deserve a special mention in every report of the work in these places.

I shall not forget the wonderful weeks of prayer, one at our Training College at Ihie, East Nigeria, and another at our Bekwai College in the Gold Coast and the third one

at our Training College, Konola, Liberia. I found our youth in training there were very earnest and consecrated and responded wholeheartedly to the challenge of the week. It has been my privilege to talk personally with many West African youth, and I have found that in their hearts they have the same failures and longings as young people all over the world. It was an inspirational sight to see our young people at the close of these weeks of consecration, responding to the call and bearing earnest and powerful testimonies as to their determination to be faithful to their calling.

From church to church we have gone, holding investiture services and rallies. All too quickly the weeks have passed by, but I return to my home the richer for having come down here and learned to know you.

My interests are also with your Sabbath Schools, and I want to pass a message of greetings to the 36,000 loyal Sabbath-School members in this great Union. God designs to do a mighty work through the Sabbath-School, both through our church and those not in our faith. In this Sabbath-School centenary year let us remember the great purpose for which the Sabbath-School was established, and determine to go out and double our membership in as quick a time as possible. I have been inspired to see the work many are doing in Branch Sabbath-School work. Truly here is a field of service with tremendous possibilities.

Once again I wish to thank you all for the inspiration you have been to me. I shall always have a warm place in my heart for the youth of West Africa, and I shall carry your greetings to all parts of our work in the Northern European Division.

God is calling us to arise and go forth to the millions still in darkness around us and present to them the love that has lightened our own hearts. May God bless you all and keep us faithful until we meet with the youth of every land in the great day of His coming.

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