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**West African
ADVENT Youth**

for

CHRIST

in this

Jubilee Year

1957



Let no man despise thy youth but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

I Tim. 4:12.

A SALUTE to M.V.'s



This year we look back more than half a century to the birth of the Missionary Volunteer movement. It is a period of remarkable achievement by Adventist youth.

It was a fortunate day in 1879 when two young men dropped to their knees before God and unburdened to Him what so heavily weighed upon their hearts—the welfare of the youth of the church. They arose to follow a heavenly vision. As they by faith marched forward, thousands of young people, boys and girls in many lands, fell into step with them, until a veritable army of youth was on the march. Still they come and still they march, 407,756 of them.

But mere figures do not accurately evaluate the achievement. It must be reckoned in high ideals inspired, visions of service opened up before young, eager eyes, and lives dedicated to God's service.

We are told that years ago, when most of America was still new and undeveloped, Henry Clay was crossing the Appalachian Mountains. He stopped and put his ear to the ground. "I hear the tramp of coming millions!" he exclaimed. Millions did come, pressing westward to settle the rich virgin lands, build cities, and launch stupendous industries.

So it has been with the Missionary Volunteer movement. The two boys on their knees before God heard by faith the tramping of an oncoming army of consecrated youth. In 1907 it was formally organized.

Marching

By R. R. FIGUHR

President, General Conference

Now it has swelled to many thousands. The army has reached unto the uttermost parts of the earth to obey the command of our Lord to go everywhere and proclaim His message. The army must keep on marching until every nation, kindred, tongue, and people have been reached with the emancipating gospel of Christ.

On this fiftieth anniversary of the Missionary Volunteer organization, the entire church arises and salutes our Seventh-day Adventist young people and assures them of its continued love and support. May God continue to bless and guide and prosper the Missionary Volunteer movement so signally used of heaven over the past half century.

Review and Herald, July 16, 1957.

Marching in rank, hold the flaming torch high,
Invincible army of youth.

Shine out for God as you send the loud cry
Surging through hearts with God's truth.

Into the murk that engulfs a lost world

Onward advance, Pierce the night!

Nothing can quench those bright streamers unfurled
Arching the heavens with light.

Radiate joy and press on in His name;

Yours, a sure victory: God lighted that flame!

Voice of youth, sound with assurance and might
Over earth's babble and din.

Legion of truth, with your weapons of light
Undermine bastions of sin

Never retreat, for God's Word does prevail
Turning to flight the dread foe.

Each valiant thrust for the right shall assail
Enemy strongholds. Then "Go!"

Radiate joy and march on in His name

Shouting glad victory! God lighted your flame!

FRANCES M. MILLINS



THIS IS THE YEAR!

By THEODORE E. LUCAS

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M.V. Dept.

from the Fountain of life. He will attain a height of moral excellence and a breadth of thought of which others cannot conceive . . . Those who thus connect their souls with God are acknowledged by Him as His sons and daughters. They are constantly reaching higher and still higher, obtaining clear views of God and of eternity, until the Lord makes them channels of light and wisdom to the world."

The way is so plain. God awaits only our wholehearted willingness. Notice how the pattern of life is described:

"Our Lord teaches that the true object of life is ministry. . . The law of service becomes the connecting link which binds us to God and to our fellow men."

When God sent the message that with the "rightly trained" army of youth, His work could be quickly finished, the "army" was so small compared with today's army of four hundred thousand plus. So numbers alone do not count. What does?

"It is because this work is neglected that so many young disciples never advance beyond the mere alphabet of Christian experience. . . The restless energy that is so often a source of danger to the young might be directed into channels through which it would flow out in streams of blessing."

"God will accept only those who are determined to aim high. He places every human agent under obligation to do his best."

This Golden Anniversary year is a good time for self-analysis. If we could not individually and collectively look ourselves in the face, our condition would be pitiable indeed. But we *are* seeking God's way, and finding it. The scope and quality of work for God being done by Seventh-day Adventist youth is beyond the adequacy of words.

If we could quickly ride a magic carpet around the earth and look in here and there, we would find these noble youth in the malaria-infested, steaming jungles, enduring the rigors of altiplano heights, riding the waterways that penetrate earth's mysterious unknowns, walking the dusty roads

The Golden Anniversary of Missionary Volunteers—1957!

To the heavenly watchers it must seem just a step from that divine call to God's "army of youth" to the golden now. It will be just a step—surely a much shorter one—into the kingdom of God.

It was in 1902 that the messenger of God was directed to write: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained—" You know the rest. Our glorious MV Aim, "The Advent Message to All the World in This Generation," would leap off felt banners hanging in MV meeting places into soul-thrilling reality, the work of God would be finished quickly—if the youth were "rightly trained."

We have the message. We have the means of giving it to the world. The Missionary Volunteer Society is ordained of God as the headquarters where youth are to be mobilized, and trained in heart and hand service. In fellowship and teamwork with each other and with their leaders the youth are to go out to serve. God has promised power in such an organization. He has shown the way to appropriate that power.

All heaven and the unfallen worlds are watching to see what the leadership and members of Missionary Volunteer Societies in 1957 will be and do. All the power of heaven is awaiting those who seek to know God and His ways. The inspired writings of Ellen G. White abound with such unqualified promises as these:

"There are possibilities for work to be done by you for Jesus that you have never dreamed of."

"The youth who finds joy and happiness in reading the word of God and in the hour of prayer is constantly refreshed by draughts

off the beaten paths and the hot city pavements—ministering wherever human needs are found.

We find these youth-with-a-purpose preparing floats for civic parades, and booths at fairs; caroling night after night, even in below zero weather, for funds to continue uplift work for humanity; standing before audiences proclaiming their faith; walking mile upon mile to deliver the printed gospel story; conducting Vacation Bible Schools for thousands of children, and serving also in their summer camps; responding with lightning speed where disaster has struck, and labouring to the point of exhaustion; fearlessly battling humanity's most terrifying diseases—all to lift up before the world the Saviour of mankind, the Healer of body and soul, the only Source of peace for the human heart.

In this greatest crisis of the ages young people who have consecrated their lives to God's service will be moved by the very solemnity of the times to deeds of heroism and self-sacrifice without equal in the annals of time. The tenseness of the final struggle will beget earth's noblest sons and daughters. The nobility that heaven recognizes is clearly defined in prophetic writings:

"It is not the seeking to climb to eminence that will make you great in God's sight, but it is the humble life of goodness, of fidelity that will make you the object of the heavenly angels' special guardianship. The Pattern Man . . . lived nearly thirty years in an obscure Galilean town, hidden away among the hills. All the angel host was at His command, yet He did not claim to be anything great or exalted. . . . He was a carpenter, working for wages, a servant to those for whom He laboured, showing that heaven may be very near to us in the common walks of life, and that angels, from the heavenly courts will take charge of the steps of those who come and go at God's command."

After all, it is no small privilege to be living in such an hour as this. To watch events moving toward the culmination of God's eternal purpose is a rare opportunity—coveted by patriarchs, prophets, and apostles, but reserved for the youth of today. To them He looks for witnesses who will remain loyal to Him though the heavens fall.

It is for these, with all the power of their being, by voice and pen, by preaching and visiting, by missionary service and printed

page, to arouse men and women everywhere to a realization of the full significance of this solemn time. By loving ministry to the poor, the sick, and the needy, God would have them reveal His love to men and woo them from their evil ways to serve Him. They thus partake of the miracle of the universe—the regeneration of human hearts.

The power of God takes over *yielded* lives of Missionary Volunteers. Then it happens, just as He has said it would. He never disappoints.

Young people are not to become discouraged if they get mixed up in their thinking. There was a time when even John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, became confused. The quality of our thinking is chiseled on our faces. Our character is revealed by the acts that stem from our thoughts. Trampled standards, the modern pace, overindulgence—all leave their clear pattern. But so do purposes that are good, sympathies that are large, and thoughts that are fine.

Paul's philosophy of life is revealed in his "look up," "stand straight," "hold fast" type of thinking. As Missionary Volunteers so fashion their thinking and their lives, God's power will move Missionary Volunteer Societies to be the deciding factor in the finishing of the work indicated in the MV Aim, "The Advent Message to All the World in This Generation."

This is the year. You have heard the call of the Lord. This is your moment of supreme opportunity. Listen with all care. Tell Him you want to do His will, that you desire His help. He asks you to be His champion in this mighty hour. Accept His commission. Such an act will open to you the widest possibilities of rich and joyous fellowship with Him. You will become something far greater than you could ever be without Him. Remember? "There are possibilities for work to be done by you for Jesus that you have never dreamed of."

How better could you, a youth of the Advent Movement, celebrate the Golden Anniversary year of Missionary Volunteering than to tell yourself with decision: "This is the year. I shall answer the call of Christ. I shall guide my life by His pattern. I shall accept His design for living. I shall win—with Him." If "ye are Christ's" "all things are your's."

Missionary Volunteers the world over must be credited with magnificent exploits for God. But *all* must be mobilized. God's

call is to the *army* of youth. The only really fitting celebration of our Golden Anniversary is the mobilization of all Missionary Volunteer resources.

We have not finished our task, and it is overdue. We have not reached all those we must reach with the overpowering good of Christianity. We must pray God to show us

how. God has said the *army* can do it. Out of the conference rooms are coming new plans and materials for this purpose. But the work will not be done by mechanics. It will be accomplished by hearts in full dedication and hands outstretched toward every need.

The MV horizon is bright. *This is the year!*



Are You Sailing or Drifting?

By M. E. LIND

M.V. Secretary, Northern European Division

The T. 46, a destroyer in the 1350 ton class, was making her way along the west coast of England. Her engines were out of order. A powerful tug was towing her. She seemed to be making good progress; that is, until the storm broke! Then the waves came crashing over the tug, half burying the destroyer. This was a real gale which whipped up the shallow waters through which the vessels were passing. For several hours the tug kept the destroyer moving. But suddenly the heavy wire broke and the T. 46 found herself rapidly drifting toward the sandy beach which was on her starboard side. Her crew, sensing the urgency of the situation, let down an anchor. It did not, however, grip the sandy sea-bed. Yet another anchor was let down, but the roaring gale blew the T. 46 steadily closer and closer to the shore.

The drifting destroyer was now nearing an old wreck which was half buried in the sand. In desperation a boat was lowered from the T. 46. A wire was connected to the mast of the old wreck as the last hope that she would prevent the destroyer from being thrown on to the beach. However, when the T. 46 heaved to, a crack like that of a big gun was heard and the very base of the mast was torn out. In a few moments,

mighty waves carried the destroyer high up on to the beach. She is still there for all to see, although it is several months now since it happened. Many attempts have been made to refloat her, but in vain. Tides have come and tides have gone, but the T. 46 is still high and dry on the Rhossili beach.

What a lesson this is for us all! Are we being towed along by others; or are we sailing along under our own steam? This is no time for complacency. This is no time for an "easy passage at the expense of somebody else." This is the time for activity. This is the time for progress.

We have about finished the Golden MV Anniversary Year. For many this has been a remarkable year. Certain MV Societies have this year been more actively engaged in direct soul-saving work than ever before in their experience. What has this year meant to you? To science it has been crowned with the first ever man-made satellite. The sky seems not to be the limit as far as scientists are concerned. They look ahead. They plan and prepare for the conquering of what is called "outer space". You, my dear young friend, should through your faith and example, conquer many of the countless thousands of unsaved souls in your sphere of influence. You have been commissioned to carry the faith of Jesus to the ends of the earth. Advent Youth of West Africa;—acquit yourselves as worthy followers of Him who is the Lord of the universe. Have faith in God. In His power you will be able to do even the impossible!

SIERRA LEONE

By J. A. M. KAMARA



"Go ye therefore and teach all nations . . ." is the Saviour's special command in Matt. 28 : 19, and made especially to you and me, being young, energetic and vivacious. Moreover the Lord through His Servant, urges the youth of today in the following words, to take the same line of

action: "God wants the youth to become men of earnest mind, to be prepared for action in His noble work, and fitted to bear responsibilities. God calls for young men with hearts uncorrupted, strong and brave, and determined to be manfully in the struggle before them, that they may glorify God and bless humanity."—*Messages to Young People*, page 21 paragraph 1.

Who will go with Isaiah of old? It's you and I, the youth. The response of the youth to this call is evidenced by the noble band of Missionary Volunteer Societies all around the world. Our own society here in Bo, Sierra Leone, forms part of this great company.

On the appointment of the writer to the office of Missionary Volunteer leader for the School, the 327 pupils of the school were classified and assigned to their different categories of the Progressive Class Work which forms part of the school curriculum, and which comes in as a subject every Friday morning.

The four Preparatory classes were organized in the infant classes and have a total enrollment of 95 members, while the Friends, Companions and Comrades groups were organized in the standard classes, total membership being 206. Each progressive class work group was assigned to a teacher in the school for the teaching of the prescribed requirements, and, in some way or the other, the element of compulsion is apparent as regards attendance to these classes by the pupils; though this is so in this case as it is in other religious activities which form part of the school curriculum or, are the school's prerogative, yet, the participants manifest no spirit of disgruntlement and disgust; interest and enthusiasm, instead, pervade all the activities. This

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pleasing situation, obviously, is the result of co-operation and conscientious work on the part of the individual teachers.

Besides the Progressive class work, our Friday M.V. meetings are a source of inspiration, courage and motivation. Both young and old pupils in the school always show a healthy desire to take part in the different programmes which meet the approval of church members and other patronizers.

The society has not yet embarked on an organized Share-Your-Faith campaign to meet the needs of the public, owing to the problem arising from the gathering of members since the school is a day school, but the weekly Missionary reports given in the meetings by the members are encouraging and are an indication of each reporter's awareness of his or her God-ordained responsibility embodied in the Saviour's appeal quoted above. Other appealing features of the society are the prayer and sing-

Aflame

"Sharing the faith of our Fathers"—Oh!
this is God's challenge to youth,
Calling the Volunteer Army to "Lift up the
standards of truth;"
Showing the love of the Saviour and holding
His ensign unfurled,
Marching in step with the vision of Christ
for the youth of the world.
"Sharing the faith of our Fathers"—A
faith which was fully displayed,
Building upon the foundation which they
with much labour have laid:
Preaching a full-Gospel message as they in
true faithfulness taught,
Pleading with men to surrender to Him who
their freedom has bought.

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ing bands. The school M.V. Singing Band always adds to our devotional meetings a touch of solemnity, reverence and spiritual elevation.

The society hopes to hold at least one outstanding investiture service in November. Moreover the society aims at reviving the dormant M.V. Societies in the whole field by its good example and influence.

Members of the other M.V. Societies throughout West Africa, we need your prayers for our M.V. work in Sierra Leone. Much as we are struggling to regain consciousness from inactivity and lethargy, and much as we are handicapped in many ways, it is quite evident that we have many possibilities in Sierra Leone for youth training.

As Missionary Volunteers, we are reminded by the Servant of God that "We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history."

For God!

"Sharing the faith of our fathers"—those men who in youth heard the call,

Rising in faith to the summons they gave in Christ's service their all;

Sensing the need of the present so let us arise to our tasks,

Giving our lives in surrender is that which our Captain now asks.

"Sharing the faith of our fathers"—yes! such is our duty today,

Sharing our faith, yes, with others by leading them in the right way;

Pointing the youth to the Saviour who perfect salvation will bring—

Aflame for the God of our fathers we herald the soon-coming King.

STANLEY COMBRIDGE.

NORTH NIGERIA

By F. OCHIMA



The human life as it journeys through the ups and downs of its pathway is constrained to ask, What precisely is my duty in life? The answer of course is found in many passages of the Scripture, but particularly Ecclesiastes 12:13, which offers a solution in the words:

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God and keep his commandment, for this is the whole duty of man."

The youth of North Nigeria, as Missionary Volunteers are wide awake to their duty. What duty? The duty of placing the love of God first and foremost, and all other things next.

With the advent of the Jubilee Year especially, many heathen tribes are being given the message for this time, and the response is encouraging. Our societies though young, are a living force. Societies have been organized in nearly the whole field. Since we needed leaders—trained leaders there have been frequent refresher courses for M.V. Leaders and Secretaries on how to run M.V. Society. To meet the need, much translation has been required from English to the vernacular. Local district rallies were held in several places.

Sabbath afternoon has meant periods for Evangelistic Crusade, especially in such places as Tidere, Amon Bisa, Babban Padama, Jos, Jengre and Waba.

To achieve our objective, territories are shared among groups and sub-groups under various societies. Each group having a certain number of souls as a set goal. Delinquent members are urged to work. Many young people have started to keep Sabbath, as a result of our Sabbath afternoon house-to-house effort. Many young people are taking a stand for God as did Sako Intoro, a young man, a polygamist from the Amo Tribe in North Nigeria. Having heard the Message of our kind and affectionate Saviour, he decided to trek the "Way of the Cross" with Jesus. But Satan through his earthly parents would not allow him. Several dissuasive efforts proved failures. Sako Intoro finally found himself in the midst of

anger ridden members of his family, father and mother not exclusive.

"Yes, or No, would you give up this your unpopular religion?" Sako was asked. "No, I cannot afford to leave the religion of Jesus," Sako replied. "It is good, I love it," he continued. "Leave me to my faith," he concluded. At this juncture, Sako's mother swore by banging her breasts that they would never sleep under the same roof as long as Sako remained fanatical in his new convictions. His portion of the family's property was thrown out of the house. He was refused even a little portion of his father's land on which to build his own home; but later through entreaty, his father reconsidered his decision and gave him some portion on which he built a house and farm.

Do you imagine that these seemingly un-

inviting circumstances interfered in any way with Sako's faith. No, it never did. Rather it brought spiritual zest, and an awareness of the magnitude of the work before him. Today, Sako is a living preacher, and baptized member of God's Remnant Church. The attitude of the parents is changing rapidly. A place to erect a house of worship is being asked for from Sako's parents. He is asking his father, "Please give me land for Jesus too."

This is one of the many Christian experiences being witnessed in North Nigerian Mission.

The largest youth rally, ever to be held here in the North is being proposed to take place very early next year to climax the Jubilee Year. Definite preparations are in operation. We believe that you will pray for the Adventist Youth in North Nigeria.

Ghana Advent Youth Congress

By J. E. GYIMAH

The Ghana Advent Youth's Congress which took place in Kumasi, the capital of Ashanti, and held in the magnificent Prempeh Hall, was in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the formation of the Advent Youth movement. The date of this historic day was September 22, 1957.

At the invitation of the Ghana M.V. Society, Mr. W. B. Ackah, lorry loads of people began teeming the precincts of the hall, from the very early morning of the day. The writer invited as a reporter, was on time to observe the atmosphere that such an august meeting could create and what a reunion it was when friends and brethren shook hands in joy. Black and White mixed together, the white not regarding themselves superior and the black not bearing any inferiority malice. The atmosphere was a miniature of life in the earth made new.

The platform decoration alone gave an assurance of satisfaction. The frontage of the dais was covered with strips of the Ghana flag and on the left stood the American flag and the right the British flag.

Between these two large flags was the flag of the New Nation of Ghana. On the platform was a display of national emblems: of the Ivory Coast, Denmark, the U.S.A., East Nigeria, Wales, Britain, Ghana, Scotland, West Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sweden and Austria. High across the platform hung the inscription on cloth "The Love of Christ Constrains Us." Behind the gaily decorated platform was a large illuminated cross which added dignity to the services.

By 9.30 a.m. many of our youth and members from the churches of Ghana had taken their seats. The delegates in their most beautiful national costumes led by three flag bearers marched to the platform. As soon as the delegates had taken their stand on the platform the National Anthem of Ghana was played.

The opening song "Fight The Good Fight" was sung and followed by prayer by Pastor C. B. Mensah, Associate President, the M.V. Secretary Mr. W. B. Ackah took upon himself the hard task of introducing the delegates to the audience and asking them some questions regarding work in their

own countries. They were, each one in the native costume, introduced thus:—

1. Mr. L. Warunma East Nigeria.
2. Mr. Henrikson Denmark.
3. Mr. Baa Amadu Ivory Coast.
4. Miss B. Leigh Britain.
5. Mr. E. Collins America.
6. Mrs. J. Rigby Wales.
7. Mr. J. Adeniji West Nigeria.
8. Mrs. Hugh Dunton Sweden.
9. Mr. D. A. Follah Sierra Leone.
10. Mr. J. Farrell Scotland.
11. Miss E. Matejesik Austria.
12. Mr. H. K. Owusu Ghana.

Mr. Collins deepened the inspiration of his speech as he sang with his wife the song "America the Beautiful" to conclude.

Mrs. J. Rigby was in the most admirable costume.

Mr. Adeniji introduced his speech with a song in his tongue meaning "Stand up for Jesus."

The Scottish representative read a letter of encouragement from the Glasgow branch to the Congress.

Ghana's representative, concluded with the whole Congress standing up to sing "Yen ara Asase ni" "Land of our Birth."

Then came the Jubilee Year Service programme which was opened with "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" and followed by a scripture reading and a prayer. The Kumasi M.V. Quartette sang for the collection of the offerings. The Bekwai Church Choir in their robes and seated on the platform, gave a special number "No Night There."

Pastor Newman, President of the Ghana Mission, introduced the speaker in the person of Pastor H. J. Welch who he said had risen from the Principal of the Bekwai Seminary to the President of the then Gold Coast Mission and now to the President of the West African Union. From Matthew 13:31, Pastor H. J. Welch likened the growth of the world wide Movement to the parable of the mustard seed. He traced the history of the M.V. organization pointing out its trials and disappointments and how God has overruled them and will continue to do so. Giving the attributes of Christ, he appealed to the audience to "Let Him in." The entire congregation stood in reconsecration. Thus the morning session was ended.

At 2.25 in the afternoon another interest-

ing programme came on. "To God be the Glory" was the opening song. Pastor C. B. Mensah introducing the Ministers, spoke on the commission to the Gospel Ministers. There was a joy in seeing the few Ministers who represented the large number of their co-workers. As they came to the platform they testified of the power and their love for the Ministry. Pastors Agboka of Bekwai ordained in 1947; J. K. Amoah of Mampong ordained in 1948; Samuel Appiah Dankwah of Kumasi ordained in 1951 and Andrews Agyei of Atibie ordained in 1953 were introduced according to the order of their ordination. The Ministerial testimonies were sealed with a consecration Prayer by Pastor Agboka.

Another important programme containing speeches by high personalities from within and outside the Movement was reached at 3.10 p.m. The opening song "There is a work for Jesus" was sung and prayer offered by Pastor Appiah Dankwah. A non-denominational choir, the Kumasi Dramatic Choir, sang a nice song which had a bearing on the dignity of labour.

The Leader, Mr. W. B. Ackah at this time introduced the prominent personalities. Nana Gyebi Ababio, Omanhene of the Asumegya State, Mr. Azu Mate, Senior Welfare officer, Cape Coast, and Pastor W. J. Newman, Chairman for the function.

A speech on "Nursing as a career" given by Mr. L. Acton-Hubbard, Nursing superintendent, Kwahu Hospital, Atibie was followed by special music by the Bekwai Church Choir. The speaker said the prospect of a nurse is the joy in Ministering to the sick and that that should be a sufficient compensation.

Mr. Hugh Dunton M.A., Headmaster of the Bekwai Secondary School speaking on Education said, "true education is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental and the spiritual powers." The Bekwai Secondary students crowned their Master's talk with a nice song.

Then came Mr. Azu Mate who spoke on "Training of the Youth". He impressed upon his audience that "it is homes that are wanted but not houses." At the end of his speech the Kumasi Dramatic Choir gave another special number entitled, "Me-yi Me Nyame Aye." (I will praise my Lord).

Nana Gyebi Ababio, a prominent Ashanti chief who has served on important commissions spoke on "Morals of the Youth" and

exhorted the youth to be God-fearing, sympathetic and conservative of the best of our customs and practices.

The entire programme for the day had been run. Courtesy demanded a vote of thanks and it was moved by Pastor C. B. Mensah. He expressed sincere thanks to the organizers and promoters of the Congress, then to the high personalities invited as well as the Mission officers who had travelled all the way from Accra to make the function a success.

With more music by the Kumasi Choir and a benediction by Pastor J. K. Amoah the great Congress ended at about 6.30 p.m. having created indelible impressions upon all its attendants.

M.V. WORK in EAST NIGERIA

By I. NWOABIA



The Young People of East Nigeria like every other country's young people have got a place to fill in the work of preaching the Message of our crucified, risen and soon-coming King of kings. We are all aware of the rapid progress the world is making today in science. So every year brings into

the world new and quicker way of solving human problems. To the young people of God all these discoveries and inventions do not surprise them, because they have been told in the Holy Scriptures that in the last days knowledge shall increase.

Now how do the young people of East Nigeria follow up with the tide of increase in knowledge in fulfilling the four main divisions of Missionary Volunteer activities?

Devotional

This year, nearly all the young people in all our districts have been taught the need for devotional periods. The hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus" has encouraged our young people very much. The importance of prayer has been well marked out. And the young people have been well convinced that prayer changes things. And in

the Holy Scriptures we are told to pray without ceasing. Wonderful testimonies of the wonderful work of prayer have been given by some of the young people. I will never forget the wonderful testimony of a young girl who said "But for prayer my mother would have died when every medicine failed."

Educational

The East Nigerian young people have made more progress this year in the all round education. About 320 young people have taken their examination on Bible Doctrine and Denominational History. A good number have been invested in each of the Progressive Classes. Reading Course is being carried on successfully and a good number are taking the Bible Year. I pray that in the future the true education comprising the mental, physical and the spiritual activities might be more emphasized and followed up.

Missionary

I am proud we have about 4,000 active young people, really missionary minded young people. They believe in serving others first. I cannot forget the heathen village—Umuawa in the Umuocha District, where through the missionary activities of our young people over 40 people have been won into the church. This is just in one district, and the rest of the districts are really working hard in winning souls. Much has been published in our Ibo News Magazine as regards the ministry of our young people.

Social

It is generally believed that you cannot win someone to Christ who does not know all about your ways or your religion. So the key to the success of our young people in missionary work is social activities. Just a month ago, I had a letter from the M.V. leader in one of the groups under the Aba District. The letter reads: "The social M.V. activities you introduced to us here when you visited our group, are working wonderfully. We are getting on the average four new members every Sabbath."

Well, this year has been known by all the M.V. young people in East Nigeria to be a year when the four main divisions of M.V. activities should be demonstrated more than ever, so I look forward to a programme when every young person in our field will demonstrate his faith more than ever before.

M.V. WORK in WEST NIGERIA

By I. O. ADEWUSI



The missionary Volunteer work in Nigeria has a long history behind it, the story of the beginning and the progress of the work of M.V. cannot be fully written without noting the activities of that pious, hard-working woman Miss Fraser who pioneered the cause of M.V. work in West Nigeria.

The Missionary Volunteer work began in the early thirties in Ibadan, and has since spread to almost all the nooks and corners of the Mission's activities in West Nigeria.

In the past it had been the duty of the Mission Field M.V. Secretary to plan and direct the activities of the mission. A new life was brought into the activities of their society by the re-organization of the work.

Now the M.V. field secretary works through four M.V. district leaders, and these leaders guide the local leaders in their M.V. activities. By this new arrangement, a greater co-operation is manifested among our societies and a new impetus will be added to the M.V. work as each district leader strives to achieve the best result for his district each quarter.

One of the four districts held a Junior Camp just recently where 280 boys and girls met with 25 teachers and five Pastors. Everyone had a wonderful time playing games, working and cooking. Besides all these activities every day brought new Bible stories and interesting sermons.

Long to be remembered were the three



camp fire evenings filled with good choruses and good stories. The camp began and ended with rain, just to help everyone realize the showers of blessings that were received during this Junior Camp.

Several Moslems attended the camp, and among these were three who through the influence of our schools and indirectly at least through the influence of the M.V. work are attending Sabbath-School. As evidence that they are turning toward Christianity, is the fact that they have dropped their Moslem names to take Christian names. Their photograph accompanies this article. We trust that they will soon be in the baptismal class.

The M.V. Secretary and Erunmu district M.V. leaders have decided to inaugurate the M.V. Path-finder Club in the different branch societies in its district. It is hoped that this will not only give the Junior Missionary Volunteers the chance to enjoy and improve themselves, but that, the Path-finder activities will also serve as a means by which real missionary work can be done, and this message of hope be brought to West African youth with new vigour.

A NEW DAY in WEST AFRICA

By WILLIAM B. ACKAH



Great events are taking place in West Africa. Today the attention of the whole world is focused on the West Coast of Africa where great changes are taking place in national outlook. With such rapid developments in Education, trade and changes in the social status of her people;

West Africa presents the greatest challenge to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Golden Jubilee Year brings to memory years of much progress and prosperity among Advent Youth and in their contribution to the Great Advent Movement. Looking back to the days when the two faithful young men took that decision on their knees by the wayside, much has been achieved.

Today we boast of thousands of Advent

Youth in our ranks. In 50 years the Advent Youth have sailed to the ends of the earth, working under most unpleasant and unhappy conditions, away from home and loved ones and some have lost their lives, in fulfilling this great commission of "Go ye" and thousands enlist for the Master every year with the strong determination that the message of Christ and His soon coming may reach millions who are still in gross darkness.

To us in Ghana the year 1957 opens a new era in our history as Free and Independent State. This brings to us the great responsibility of service to our God and our nation. Under the unshakable guidance of God and this national inspiration the work of God should see much progress. All that we see around us today portray that the Lord has blessed His people and His work.

Throughout this field the Advent people remember the work of Missionaries who have laboured among us in Ghana. At this time I want to pay tribute to these men who had the wonderful privilege of labouring among us. All that has been achieved in these years can be attributed to their Lord's work. Most of those able Africans who are taking up leadership caught inspirations and training from these faithful missionaries.

Youth of West Africa, the future is yours. Never before in our history has our responsibility to the course of God been so clear and so great. The greatest task that is set before us is to prepare ourselves for the service of our God and our nation. All that has been done in the past seem but the beginning. There are thousands of people who have not heard of the Advent message and many places are not yet entered. Brethren, the challenge is too great. What ever course for education we have to take the progress and the finishing of God's work in our land should be first and foremost in our minds. I am very much convinced that if we place ourselves in the hands of God, He will use us in a mighty way in the finishing of His work in our land.

Noble sons of West Africa we are doing the last things. The rapid expansion in scientific discoveries tells us that the day of the Lord is very near. I invite you all to join me in rededicating our lives to the great task of proclaiming the message of salvation to people in our day. Let us catch the vision of our fore-fathers and trust in the blessed hope that "our Lord will surely come and will not tarry."

News Notes—West Nigeria

By G. M. ELLSTROM President,
West Nigerian Mission

Our School Manager, Mr. S. Gustavsson has just finished two very successful Institutes and refresher courses for untrained teachers. The help of Miss Crump demonstrating the uses of visual aids in the Classroom was especially appreciated and so was the help of some of our Grade I teachers.

An Essay Contest on the evils of alcohol was recently closed and the Winners were: First Prize, a half term tuition, went to David B. Aina of the Otun Secondary Modern School, the Second Prize, a wrist watch, was won by Solomon Babatunde of our Adventist Training College, Otun, and the Third Prize, the book Health and Longevity was well earned by Samson A. Dada of our Secondary Modern School at Erunmu.

During the month of August nine efforts were held in West Nigeria including Pastor Henri's effort in Abeokuta. The other eight were as the following: Beginning in the North, Brother Akintunde at Okuta-Ala, Pastor Dare at Omu-Aran, Pastor Adeogun at Otun, Brethren Bolarin and Olufemi at Illa Orangun, Pastor Makinde at Erunmu, Brother Omoleye at Oje, Ibadan, Pastor Alabi at Igbobini and Brother Adewoye at Ikeja. Brother Oriaku has begun a weekly lecture in the Oke Bola, Ibadan Church. Large crowds were in attendance at most of these meetings. We also had two large efforts in the early part of the year, one at Lagos conducted by Pastor Henri and Pastor Hughes and one at Ife under the direction of Pastor Nagel and Pastor Adeoye.

Pastor Keslake's visit was appreciated by the Field and by the Training School where he held a very successful Week of Prayer.

Mrs. Oyelakin just recently left for England by air to join her husband who is studying at Newbold.

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