



By T. E. Harding
Bo, Sierra Leone

1,000 Attended

The Sabbath-School Rally at Nengbema

On Sabbath, May 6, Sabbath School members from Bo, Damballa, Sahn, Tondoya, Buma and many other villages crowded the beautifully planned town of Nengbema, 15 miles from Bo, to attend a Sabbath School Rally sponsored by the S. D. A. Mission, Sierra Leone.

Before the beginning of the Sabbath School led by the energetic Sabbath School Field Secretary, Brother J. A. T. Fofana, 800 members had crowded the spacious Barri to overflowing. How thrilling it was to hear these voices sing praises to God in their vernacular during the song service led by Brother T. E. Harding, Pastor of the Bo Church.

At the Divine Service, Pastor U. I. Hongisto, the Union Sabbath School Secretary delivered an inspiring sermon on the topic "Our Greatest Need and Service". Using the words of Esther as his introductory text, "If I perish, I perish," Pastor Hongisto brought vividly to the minds of all present that the greatest need of the Sabbath Schools and Churches today is the need for truly consecrated and conscientious workers and laity. Men and women who will give their lives, if need be, for the sake of saving the lost; Christians who are willing to do all for Christ.

At the end of this warm message, a thousand hands were raised in response to the speaker's appeal, in consecration to God and strong determination to win One in Sixty-One.

At 2.30 p.m. under the leadership of Brother J. A. T. Fofana, the Sabbath School teachers present met Pastor Hongisto in council. Many valuable suggestions were given to the many problems facing these Sabbath School Workers.

It is 3.00 p.m. and the sound of the Bo S. D. A. School Band is heard. The pipers are rendering familiar choruses. Hundreds of voices are singing as the large congregation marched around the town to the Barri for the closing session. Brother J. U. Foray,



Part of the congregation at Nengbema

one of our most energetic workers and leader of the work in Nengbema area and Brother T. E. Harding of Bo Church led this mass congregation around the town. Arriving at the Barri, a short but lively evangelistic meeting was conducted. Brother J. U. Foray spoke on the topic "The Sacrifice of Jesus". In a fifteen minutes well inspired sermon, Brother Foray strengthened the appeal of the morning service to "win One in Sixty-One."

It was a real joy to see a thousand faces brightened with the hope of Christ as a re-

sult of this rally. As these members returned to their different homes, you could hear them singing as they went.

The Information Center in Bo was kind enough to grant us the service of a public address system which made it easy for the speakers to reach the large congregation.

A New Day has dawned in Sierra Leone. The problem facing our work, is workers. The Field is ready for harvest. We solicit your prayers that God will send us consecrated workers to this needy field to complete the task which He has given us.

God Found His Lost People

By Pastor J. E. Adewoye

District Leader, Ile-Ife

Ile Ife is one of the first class townships in Nigeria. The present Governor of Western Region is a spiritual ruler of Ile-Ife.

According to tradition, every Yoruba is from Ile-Ife, and all the people are proud of this town of their ancestors. Here, we have our largest Seventh-Day Adventist Hospital in West Africa, and here the Government hopes soon to put up a university. So you see this was a good place for the evangelistic effort, started on the fifth of February under the able leader, Pastor L. B. Mitchell, who is in charge of our work in a large district in Liberia.

Over 2,500 people attended each of the first twelve meetings. Pastor Mitchell spoke to them from God's Holy Word. After the truth of the Sabbath was presented, many became more interested and began to ask numerous questions. Pastor Mitchell answered them from the Word of God. The people were invited to come to worship the Lord on His Holy Day. Many of them responded.

One of the most important, and perhaps the hardest phase of the effort started when we began the house to house visitation. Pastor Mitchell and Sister Jones, a Bible worker from the States, did the visitation with us who are members of the Team of the Big Bible Crusade in Western Nigeria.

After the third week of the meetings, when the Sabbath truth was presented, interested people began to attend our church in increasing numbers. Now, many weeks after the close of the effort, we have on our visitation list, 63 highly interested people and

all of them attend services on the Sabbath. The baptismal class, organized before the effort closed, and then under the supervision of Mrs. Jones, has grown until now we have 42 candidates, four of them previously Muslims.

The high light of the meeting is that a large number of distinguished and important men, some of them from government offices, did not miss the meetings.

While most of the Ife church members were regular attendants at the services, many came from surrounding churches which added to the success of the effort. The Big Bible Crusade Team was busy. Pastor S. A. Majolagbe and the writer interpreted from English to Yoruba so that those not understanding the English too well might have a better knowledge of what was being preached. Four of our students, who recently completed their training in Bekwai Seminary rendered efficient help as they performed their various duties. Mr. A. O. Aborisade was in charge of the song service, and "Give Me the Bible" was our theme song.

It is indeed an inspiration to know that our nursing students, Secondary Modern School Students, their masters and the doctors from the Hospital also contributed to the success of the effort.

At the close of the campaign, Pastor Mitchell baptized 25 from the former class that had completed their studies in the baptismal class. Please pray always for these new converts that they may hold fast the faith they have found in the Word of God.

Mothers Day in Accra

By Elfriede Matejisik

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. . . . She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." — Proverbs 31:10-28.

Can we find anywhere a better description for that human being we thank life? What most of us remember about her, is what she did for us. Wounds did not hurt any more, sickness quickly passed away with mother sitting at our bedside, holding our hand, days which otherwise would have dragged in endless monotony, became through her stories, little surprises and games, enchanting experiences. Who else could solve childish quarrels so quickly? How many times in later years we would wish for her comforting arms in hours of darkness.

In the Word of God the name *mother* is applied amongst others to the true church, the kingdom of Judah, the city of Jerusalem and the family of David. Eve was called "mother of all living". We all remember the touching story of young Samuel in 1 Samuel 2:19, how his mother having been granted by the Lord a little son, fulfilled her promise and dedicated him to the Lord.

Shouldn't it be right for us to set one day a year apart in honour of motherhood?

With this in mind, the Accra Church in Ghana regarded it as her privilege to celebrate MOTHER'S DAY. As in most parts of the world the second Sunday in May is chosen, we didn't quite keep in line with tradition, but chose Sabbath May the 27th. A special programme was prepared by the Sabbath School department, and the hearts of the mothers present were warmed by such cheerful songs as:

"Merry little children, running to and fro,
"We will carry sunlight, everywhere we go,
And as we grow older, helping more and more,

We will be each moment, better than before"

presented by the Primary Division. Sister Sherman, Dr. Harrison, and Brother Brown spoke some words in explanation of the little celebration. Every mother was presented with a nicely wrapped parcel, and special tribute was paid to the oldest as well as youngest mother amongst the congregation.

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Invest for Security

By R. H. Adair

In these perplexing days we are often reminded of the many statements of Scripture which are being fulfilled so accurately in the events that are taking place around us. Surely these are days, for instance, when "men's hearts are failing them for fear."

As human beings we tend to allow our minds to dwell upon the untoward conditions that exist and rightly refer to them as events that are fulfilling Bible prophecy. God through His word has been good to those who believe, and truly we do not need to "walk in darkness."

There is, however, a wider vista that the Lord would have us enter. The days ahead are to be the greatest days for God's people — days that are to lead into eternity and the fulfilment of many of the great and precious promises relating to the deliverance of God's people and the future life in His kingdom.

One of the most definite prophecies which is being fulfilled in this our day is that found in Matthew 24:14: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." So much more needs to be done before the work can be considered finished.

Today is our day of opportunity for as Jesus said, "The night cometh when no man can work." We have witnessed the closing of some lands for the proclamation of the message, and in these days the "King's business requireth haste."

We have opportunities in our Sabbath schools, and in other ways to give financial support to the promulgation of the message in other lands. To supplement these resources and to provide that "little extra" which is so much needed in the mission fields of the world, our members have for many years participated in what we all know as the Sabbath School Investment Plan.

The Sabbath School Department is planning to make 1961 a big year for Investment. The goal is to encourage the participation of the Sabbath school membership in the Investment Plan, suggesting that the school financial goal be based on an average of \$3 to \$5 per member.

We should like to bring before our members at this time the great need in the mission fields and of the great privilege of "investing" through the Sabbath School Investment Plan during this year 1961.

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Division*

Through the Sabbath school a spirit of liberality is fostered by which old and young are guided into most generous giving toward a mission endeavour that belts the globe. And where the members' own personal resources are inadequate to meet what they would like to give, a special Investment plan has been devised whereby money invested in specific projects, or earned from unusual self-sacrificing endeavours, can augment the gifts we would ordinarily make. Members participating have inevitably been led into a deeper dedication of themselves. Surely it is of such that the blessed promise was given: "They shall be Mine . . . in that day when I make up My jewels."



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ONE MILLION DOLLARS



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Northern European
Division*

The year 1961 will be one of the greatest in mission advance in our Division territory. An expanding medical, educational, and evangelistic programme is making demands upon us which are unprecedented. A million dollars for missions is one answer that the church intends to give to this insistent challenge of an advancing work. May all our members respond to this tremendous opportunity to help finish the work now!

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 Treasurer
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Most people are interested in investing in something — houses, bonds and securities, or other enterprises. Here is an opportunity to invest in something still better, which moth and rust cannot corrupt; investment in saved souls, making it possible for the light to shine in the black corners of the earth. God depends upon you and me; therefore, let us faithfully participate in this worthy project so that we may not only reach the Division goal of \$4,000, but greatly surpass it and also share in the blessings of working for Him.

INVESTMENT IN 1961



*B. B. Beach
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 Division*

One million dollars for missions, earned the Investment way! What a thrilling challenge, for the Investment plan has had a marvelous and enviable record of success. It is indeed a rendezvous with Providence. This is no routine appeal. The rapid expansion of work in mission lands and the urgent need to provide more workers and facilities before the doors are closed, should lay a heavy burden upon the hearts of our Sabbath school members. Let us all share in the blessings of Investment.

"Friends of Mine are Lost in Sin"

By B. B. Beach

Secretary

Sabbath School and Educational Departments
Northern European Division

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel. . . When I say unto the wicked, thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning . . . the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require of thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness . . . he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul." (Ezekiel 3:17-19)

As members of the human family we are all faced by certain obligations or requirements. There are obligations imposed by law or by social customs. Then again there are necessary responsibilities which come to us because of family ties. Friendship places us under many obligations and debts, which we are usually quite willing to assume.

Christianity, however, goes beyond conventional requirements and teaches us that we owe a debt to all mankind. To the Christian the "brotherhood of man" is not simply a poetic expression, but a logical consequence of the fatherhood of God. The apostle Paul realized that in God's plan "no man liveth unto himself." The apostle sensed his own responsibility and made the statement: "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians, both to the wise, and to the unwise." (Romans 1:14). In these two classes all men are included.

It is this sense of spiritual obligation and total involvement for other members of the human family which forms the basis of all genuine soul-winning activity. Did not God make us "watchmen" to warn our fellowmen of impending sentence? Do we look upon others with the tender compassion and sensitiveness of friendship? The Christian must say to himself: "Friends of mine are lost in sin." There are thousands of his friends in all parts of the world that are languishing for redemption.

Nothing emerges with more certainty from the pages of the four Gospels than that Christ asks all His followers to go and take the good news of salvation to the world. The business of every Christian is to be a witness. What are some of the obstacles and weaknesses in our own lives that keep us

from becoming effective witnesses for Christ?

One of these subjective obstacles is a sort of INFERIORITY COMPLEX, due perhaps, to the fact that we are a small, and what may seem at times, hopeless minority. As a result, some fear the surprised glances of others when they speak about their religious beliefs. In this way sometimes invisible walls of separation are created. In His parables, Jesus made it quite clear that His followers are not to be intimidated by the quantitative way of counting, but remember that even a small source of light eliminates darkness and the tiny mustard seed can become a mighty tree.

A second obstacle in the way of playing a successful part in any soul-winning campaign can be the SHADOW OUR LIFE CASTS. Gordon Hurlbutt in *Wings of the Spirit* tells of an expert fisherman coming to the Linville River in North Carolina to catch trout. He had the best available equipment, and fished all day, but all his efforts and patience were to no avail. He did not catch one fish. Toward evening a poorly-equipped native mountain boy came to the water, and lying flat on his stomach tossed into the water an old rusty baited hook hanging at the end of coarse twine which was tied to an alder pole. Soon the lad landed a good-sized trout. In the next few minutes he repeated the same performance twice. The seasoned fisherman was flabbergasted and could not refrain from asking the boy how it was that he himself had fished all day without results, with the best fishing tackle available, while the boy seemed to be catching trout at will.

"Well," answered the young angler, "the fish see your shadow which falls right on the water. The fish won't bite if they see your shadow."

The Saviour invites us to be "fishers of men." Is it perhaps the shadow of self that prevents us from "catching" souls? Does the shadow we cast over the lives of others represent the right kind of influence? We can cast a shadow for good or for evil.

In the *Acts of the Apostles* we have the

striking example of Peter whose conscious and unconscious influence was so powerful on the side of spiritual and physical good that the sick were brought near where he would be passing by in order that his shadow might fall on them.

A third weakness is SHAME OF THE GOSPEL of Christ. This feeling may be caused by fear: fear of ridicule, fear of criticism, or perhaps fear that our social standing may be adversely affected. Some are ashamed because of false intellectual pride. It is true that most reputable theologians and scientists have quite different views from ours concerning the origin of the universe, and the origin and ultimate destiny of mankind, but while they are, and will be, constantly revising and changing their theories, we need not be ashamed of our beliefs because their foundation "standeth sure."

We have been looking at the negative side — some of the causes why we neglect to share our faith. Those uniting in the "Win One" programme will inevitably cease following the negative approach of ditch-digging to hold back the forces of evil, but rather will adopt the positive attitudes and conditions which will make them road-builders for God. Let us briefly look at some of the conditions needed to carry forward successfully our "Win One" campaign.

The first condition is PERSONAL CONSECRATION. We talk about many problems we face in the various phases of our church programme, but in the final analysis there is only one problem — personal consecration.

There is enough of the living fire in every church and Sabbath school today, if fully-consecrated to God, to lead the members into channels of successful soul-winning.

A second condition of successful soul-winning is PERSONAL EFFORT. The personal appeal and touch cannot be replaced if you are going to win souls. The "Win One" campaign is "individual work for individuals." The forest of mankind thirsting for redemption is made up of single "trees" and it is only as we go out of our way and seek out individual men and women through personal effort that we will win them to Christ.

The story is told of a soldier who got caught too far from his lines. He was chased by sixteen enemy soldiers who cried for him to halt, and fired at him. He was, however, able to outrun them and hid behind a log in the brush. After some time the soldier feeling that he was now safe looked up over the top

of the log and looked right up the barrel of a gun pointing at him; he surrendered right then and there. One of the sixteen soldiers had not given up in his personal effort to find the enemy soldier. The personal appeal of one accomplished what sixteen could not do.

A third vital condition is UNITY that comes from joining hands as members of the church in our efforts to rescue lost souls. We need individual work, but also united and concerted effort. This will give strength and purpose to our soul-saving activity.

One evening in Alberta, Canada, a father and mother went with their little boy for a walk through a wheat field. Suddenly the parents realized that the boy was not with them; each had thought the other had the son's hand. They called and looked everywhere without results.

The father got a searching party to look for the child. They searched all night but without avail. Finally one of the searchers proposed they join hands and thus comb the entire grain field foot by foot. Before long they found the body of the child, but it was too late. As great sorrow filled the hearts of all present, one searcher whispered, "If only we had joined hands sooner."

This sad experience illustrates the necessity of each one of us joining hands in a concentrated effort to win souls. Let not one of us become a missing link in the gospel chain uniting the churches and members of the Northern European Division in the "Win One" campaign.

"Friends of mine are lost in sin," are words found in a song dedicated to the evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, during the centenary of his birth. It would be well for each one of us to ponder the message of this song AS WE GO OUT TO WIN OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE LOST IN SIN:

"Lead me to some soul today,
O teach me, Lord, just what to say:
Friends of mine are lost in sin,
And cannot find their way.
Few there are who seem to care,
And few there are who pray;
Melt my heart and fill my life,
Give me one soul today."

Freshman to Ph. D. - Canvassing Did It!

By Earl Gooding

Student Colporteur of Southern Manitoba

A Special word of encouragement to all our Student Colporteurs

The question that faced me a few years ago while at the Caribbean Training College in Trinidad was this: How could I obtain an education when I had no financial support? I had heard about the literature ministry and about the many students who successfully canvassed their way through school. After attending a few of the colporteur rallies that year, I finally decided to join the other students that summer and give it a try.

Another young man and I were sent far out into the country district of Trinidad to work. I can well remember the difficulties we encountered. At the close of the summer I took stock of my accomplishments. I had not only made a scholarship but I discovered how wonderful and gratifying it is to talk to people in their homes, to tell them the story of Jesus, and to pray with them.

Later I came to the United States and enrolled at Atlantic Union College at South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Although I came with only \$300 in my pocket, and had no one to assist me financially, I was not afraid or distressed, for I knew that the God who had helped me previously would certainly help me again. That year I made contact with Brother L. M. Mohns and the following summer came up to Canada to join the literature evangelists in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. Along with another student, I worked in the beautiful Swan River valley of Manitoba. Canvassing among the farms and small villages was most interesting. The people were very friendly.

That summer proved successful, and as a result I was able to complete my senior year. The following summer I returned to Manitoba and worked around Bradwardine.

Although the first two weeks were very discouraging, I kept pushing on. On one particular morning I prayed most earnestly for success. That day I took in more than \$200 worth of orders. The Lord was wonderful to me that summer. One week my orders totalled more than \$850.

My success that summer enabled me to complete another school year and obtain my M. A. degree.

The 1958 summer found me in Canada once again, with territory north and east of Winnipeg. I spent some time that summer on Hecla Island in Lake Winnipeg. Most of the people there are fishermen of Icelandic origin. The people were most friendly and ready to make an investment for their children. Many nights I slept in my car. Sometimes I would park my car in a grove of pine trees and sometimes on the shores of this beautiful lake.

I have found the experiences I had during the canvassing work to be most interesting. As a result of canvassing, I have gained not only spiritually and financially but educationally. I have been able to travel and see South America, Alaska (which I visited at the end of my canvassing work in 1957), the beautiful Canadian Rockies, and many other interesting places. I have witnessed every aspect of Canadian life from fishing to gold mining.

Now at the University of Connecticut, I am completing a Doctor's degree, but I eagerly anticipate the coming summer, for I shall be back in the literature evangelism work once more.

Is there anyone who cannot afford to go to school because of financial drawbacks? No, not as long as there is a field of souls waiting for our books.

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