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A Spiritual Ministry

BY W. E. READ

THE greatest honour God can confer upon men is to call them to be workers together with Him in saving men and women from sin. This is a high and holy calling, and men can be successful in this sacred work only as they are fully consecrated to God.

The service of the Lord is a spiritual service. The law, which reveals sin, is "spiritual," and it is God's earnest desire that all His children, and particularly those who are called His servants, be "spiritually minded."

It is imperative that those called as ambassadors for Christ should live the truth they preach. Precept is good, but example is better. What the world is looking for to-day is a spiritual ministry; a ministry of power; a ministry through whom the Lord can do mighty works. Such a ministry will shake the world to-day as it did in the days of the early church.

If the ministry is a spiritual ministry, it will mean:

1. *That our sermons will be spiritual.* They will not be dry, lifeless, and merely doctrinal, but they will be full of life and spiritual power. After all, we can give only what we have. If we possess spiritual life, it will be revealed in all our words and conversation. We should ever remember that while we are called to "exhort the believers," and to give information, we are also called to "feed the flock of God." If we are to

"feed" others, we must surely "feed" upon the Bread of life ourselves.

In all our preaching let us bear in mind that we are to preach Christ.

"Lift up Jesus, you that teach the people, lift Him up in sermon, in song, in prayer. Let all your powers be directed to pointing souls, confused, bewildered, lost, to 'the Lamb of God.' Lift Him up, the risen Saviour, and say to all who hear, Come to Him who 'hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us.' Let the science of salvation be the burden of every sermon, the theme of every song. Let it be poured forth in every supplication. Bring nothing into your preaching to supplement Christ, the wisdom and power of God. Hold forth the Word of life, presenting Jesus as the hope of the penitent and the stronghold of every believer. Reveal the way of peace to the troubled and the despondent, and show forth the grace and completeness of the Saviour." —*"Gospel Workers,"* page 160.

2. *That our visits will be spiritual.* Visiting the believers and those who are interested in the truth will not be mere formal occasions; they will be opportunities for heart contacts with individuals. So much more can be accomplished by helpful visits. There is a dan-

ger that at times they become opportunities for gossiping and conversing about many matters other than those which are helpful and spiritual. Let us aim to pray with the believers when we visit them, and, as opportunity affords, read the Bible with them. Many times more can be accomplished by such individual work than in a whole series of public meetings.

3. *That our campaigns will be spiritual.* The various campaigns we have in this Advent cause are necessary to the carrying forward of the work of God. They are not an end in themselves, but merely a means to an end. All true acceptable service grows out of real spiritual experience. Never should activity be made a substitute for spiritual life. What a great danger there is to-day of activity without consecration! The true incentive for service to God should be the love of Christ. When in our own hearts we are grateful for the salvation which has been provided for us in Jesus; when we realize the lost condition of those about us, and when we are deeply convinced that the advent of the Saviour is near at hand, there will be no question but that we shall work with earnest consecration, impelled by divine power to seek and save the lost.

4. *That our lives will be spiritual.* What a danger there is in the multiplicity of our tasks as ministers for God that we lose

sight of the high and sacred calling that is ours in Christ Jesus! In the daily grind of our service, the regularity of visits it may be, caring for the details of a public effort, the round of committee meetings, or making plans for this or that campaign, we are apt to think in terms of things rather than of spiritual values.

The details of the work are necessary. These must be cared for. The machinery of the cause must run and run smoothly, but, after all, the thing of major importance is that we ourselves are enjoying a living experience of fellowship with our God. We

should be very much in prayer; we should pray for ourselves, but also for others. The more we know of intercessory prayer in our experience, the more souls will be won to the truth through our efforts. We need to feed upon the Word of God, not merely read it in a formal way, not merely study it for our Bible studies and sermons, but, day by day, feed upon the Word of God so that we ourselves may grow strong in spiritual grace and power. May God enable us, as His servants, to be true and faithful to Him, and be in every sense of the word a "spiritual ministry."

It was a real treat to us to have Brethren Meade MacGuire and F. C. Gilbert with us the whole time. They were asked to take most of the time devoted to Bible studies and sermons, and the Lord used them powerfully. Elder MacGuire visited Sweden fourteen years ago, and many still remembered the messages that our brother brought them then, and they were all the more eager to hear the plain, forceful, spirit-awakening messages that came as "meat in due season" to our hearts. Brother Gilbert's studies on the sanctuary question were most helpful. His mastery of this important subject, and his interesting way of presenting it, gave all a better understanding of this wonderful truth.

The Finland-Swedish conference session convened in Helsingfors, July 28th to August 2nd, and the Finnish conference in Lahti, August 4th to 9th. Our members in Finland show a greater interest in the annual meetings than I have seen anywhere else in the Northern European Division. Every church sends practically a full delegation. They come to the very first meeting and remain until the end. In addition to the delegates, as many others come as can get off from their duties.

Both in Helsingfors and Lahti the conferences were spiritual feasts. We were not able to get any visitors from either the Division or the General Conference, because of meetings that were held in other fields at the same time, but the Lord blessed the workers from the Union and conference as they endeavoured to serve the Word of truth to the waiting people. A spirit of prayer and devotion actuated every heart.

The reports in both conferences bore evidence of success and God's blessing. For several years the membership in the Finland-Swedish Conference had been constant, but during the past three years it had increased by nearly thirty per cent. In the Finnish Conference the year 1935 had been a record one, with a net gain in membership of 175. The number of baptisms for the year was 267, of which number about thirty came in as a result of the work of

Annual Meetings in Sweden and Finland

BY G. A. LINDSAY

THE annual local conference sessions in Sweden and Finland followed immediately after the East Nordic Union conference session which closed July 21st. In order to meet a strong desire on the part of many for a united meeting sometime, so that the believers could renew old acquaintances and form new, and also in order to save travelling expense, the Union committee recommended that the two conferences in Sweden hold their annual meeting in Stockholm immediately following the Union session.

This inter-conference meeting was held in Adventkyrkan (The Advent Church) in Stockholm, July 21st to 26th. It proved to be one of, if not the best, and also the largest gathering of Adventists that has ever met in Sweden. The church and small chapel adjoining proved too small for the attendance on Sabbath, and if another such meeting is held, which is greatly wished by all, we must rent larger halls.

As the conference was organized, each of the two local presidents was appointed to lead out alternately at the conference sessions. Co-operation was splendid, and everything worked in a most harmonious way. All general business was acted upon as a joint delegation, and only in the elections

and in accepting the presidents' and treasurers' reports did the delegations vote separately. In both conferences, the officers, departmental secretaries, and executive committees were re-elected. Brother G. Gidlund, president of the South Swedish Conference, and Brother K. Sandstrom, of the North Swedish Conference, both hold the full confidence of the people. A month later, however, because of the transfer of Pastor G. E. Nord to the Division, Brother Gidlund was asked to take over the principalship of Ekebyholm Missionary Seminary, and the Union president to take charge of this conference in addition to his regular duties, until the next annual session.

The reports rendered were quite cheering. Tithes and mission offerings had increased during the year 1935 in both conferences. The number of baptisms held during the first six months was encouraging. In every respect the workers and members felt they had reason to be thankful to God.

A goodly number of resolutions regarding the various phases of church work, missionary campaigns, educational and health features, were discussed and passed. These we believe will help to push the work forward in a strong way.

the Home Missionary and Sabbath-school departments.

The financial reports spoke also of increases over the previous year, both in tithes and offerings. Our members are very faithful to God and His cause. Now that Finland has its first missionary family—Brother T. Ketola, with wife and children—on the way to Africa, we can see even greater increases in the mission funds from that country.

Brethren A. Blomstedt in the Finland-Swedish Conference, and V. Kohtanen in the Finnish, were re-elected to the respective presidencies. The committees were also re-elected in both conferences. There is the best of harmony everywhere in the field, and the leaders are strongly supported by their constituencies.

Our annual meetings both in

Sweden and Finland were greatly favoured by the visit of Brother H. Wilson, an ordained native minister from Sierra Leone, West Africa. His encouraging talks on missions and outspoken appreciation of the churches in Europe for their support of the work for his people touched the hearts of all those who attended the meetings. It is so seldom that our members over in this part of the world meet native workers from the mission fields, but surely it inspires their hearts when they can see a living representative from those far-off lands.

The Advent people in Sweden and Finland are cheerfully and hopefully going forward to do what they can to bring the Advent message to those who still sit in darkness. It is their ardent desire that the coming of the Lord Jesus may soon come to pass.

The Polish Union Meetings

BY WM. CZEMBOR

THE fifth Union conference session of the Polish Union was held in Warsaw from September 8th to 13th. Delegates, eighty-five in all, from all the conferences, and more than 400 visitors, were in attendance. A spirit of love and unity toward God and His work was manifest throughout the business meetings, as well as the devotional hours and sermons. We felt that God was with us. The words of God chosen from the eighth chapter of Romans and read at the solemn opening of our first meeting, expressed our deepest thoughts: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Nothing indeed "shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This conference session was a mighty evidence of the truth of the above text. The enemy had tried during the past four years to destroy the work of God in Poland, and in carrying out his plans he had used discontented, rebellious men. Using his old method he had tried to charge and condemn the servants of God. Insolent lies have been distributed, and such

reports as, "The work in Poland is destroyed," "Many, many churches have fallen from the faith." These alarmed the minds of many brethren and sisters of the Northern European Division who, because of love toward the work of God had prayed, sacrificed, and worked for the cause in this country. The Union conference session clipped the wings of all these lies. The report showed that two new conferences were organized in Poland during the past four years, and instead of churches falling off, thirteen new ones have been added. In 1932 we had 137 churches. To-day we have 150.

No fewer than 1,411 new members have been added to the church by the diligent work of fifty-five workers and the help of our brethren and sisters. So the membership did not fall, but increased. All this has been done during hard times, and with considerably less money. We had during the past four years 21,387,516.73 less than we had during the preceding four years. So the challenge, "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?" found a mighty re-

sponse in the hearts of all present. They sang with the deepest conviction:

"Die Sach' ist Dein, Herr Jesu Christ,
Die Sach', an der wer steh'n,
Und weil es deine Sache ist,
Kann sie nicht untergehn!"

Elders Meade MacGuire and F. C. Gilbert of the General Conference gladly served with the Word of God and gave meat in due season. Brother T. T. Babienco, who now serves the Northern European Division, led out in the meetings. God has richly blessed him in his work as president of this Union during the past three and a half years. For the coming quadrennium the following officers were chosen unanimously:

Union president.—Wm. Czembor.

Secretary.—M. Wasidlow.

Treasurer.—M. Babinska.

Sabbath-school and Young People's Depts.—A. Kruk.

Home Missionary Department.—M. Wasidlow.

Publishing House Manager.—S. Kwiecinski.

Principal of the School.—J. Schwital.

The fourth annual session of the West Polish Conference was held in connection with the Union conference session. This field showed good progress in the winning of souls, in offerings, and in missionary work.

Sabbath was a real spiritual feast. All consecrated themselves anew to the Lord for service. On that day Brother M. Wasidlow was ordained. We held all our meetings undisturbed and under the protection of the state. A representative of the government attended nearly every meeting; he bore the best of testimonies and gave us a good report. He stayed right until the close of the last meeting. He sang with us, prayed with us, and also wept with us, and he responded at the last sermon by Brother Meade MacGuire with a loud, "Amen!" It was an inspiring meeting, and one which will burn unquenchably in the hearts of all who were present. May the Lord continue to bless His work in Poland and soon bring it to a glorious close.

The East Polish Conference

BY WM. CZEMBOR

FROM September 17th to 21st of this year the East Polish Conference held its ninth annual meeting. All nine have until now, been held in the same town and in the same hall—the hall of the Pozarki church in Volynien. The reason is that it is the largest hall we have in the whole conference. It normally has seating accommodation for 250. When it was built, everyone thought it too big, and it really was too big at first, but during the past few years, it has become very *much* too small. From 600 to 700 persons gather at the time of the annual meeting, and it is hard for anyone who has not been there to form any idea as to how the hall is packed. Hundreds are pressed close to each other, and they stand hour after hour in this uncomfortable position, listening with deep emotion to the Word of God.

Elder Meade MacGuire, who was present at this conference, said: "I have visited seventy-five countries and attended many meetings, but nowhere have I seen one so crammed as at Pozarki." Nevertheless, it was an excellent, joyous and blessed occasion. During the past year the brethren and sisters came nearer to God, and were full of happiness as they told of the experiences they had had with God in His work. One brother told how, through the testimony of just a young school-girl, a whole group of brethren

and sisters had been organized.

The child's heart had been touched by the truth, and she was baptized. Her parents opposed her and put many difficulties in her way. But she testified in a humble and childlike way for the truth of God, and suffered all persecutions patiently. One day as she came home from school, she said to her parents: "Papa, Mamma, you must settle down and become serious and get converted, or you will be lost. I am going to die." She then went to bed, took a fever, and died. Her parents were deeply moved at this loss, and called the elder of the church. They studied with him the Word of God and were later baptized. Some neighbours, too, were baptized with them, and we have now at that place a group of twelve souls as a result of the faithful witnessing of a child.

Our members in the East Polish Conference are faithful, sincere, and good missionary workers. Brother J. Kulak, who has been the president of this conference during the past three years, has worked faithfully and unselfishly, but does not enjoy good health, so Brother J. Zielski was chosen as president for the coming year. He has come to this field from the North Polish Conference. The Lord has richly blessed East Poland. It has grown strong. May He continue to bless it and enable us to find a larger meeting place for the next annual meeting.

wretched and ill, a ragged, dejected, degraded people, but they presented quite a different aspect on the Sabbath.

The hall, seating 300 people, was crowded on Sabbath and Sunday, although the change to cold weather and heavy rain kept many away who would have come for the week-end. Part of the membership had to journey for days to get to Lwow; some travelled seventy kilometres, and one party came in a wagon 140 kilometres. It is but three years since South Poland was divided into two conferences—South Poland and Silesia. The first conference in South Poland after the division was but small, the second was bigger. So it was encouraging to see 300 come together this time.

Among the gains were some University students who have accepted the truth during recent months, and now desire baptism. They are interesting their friends. Another student who has passed the gymnasium has been invited to attend the school this year and train for the work. It is hoped that all these will develop into workers for the Ukrainians, of whom there are seven millions in Poland for whom we have yet done little.

One brother present had been for years in the Pentecostal Mission, and was much incensed against Adventists by the stories told him. However, he came into personal contact, listened to some Bible studies, and was convinced that the Sabbath doctrine was truth. His wife opposed him strongly, but now the family is united and happy.

A one-time Pentecostal Mission preacher gave a good testimony. He is now a colporteur and going to school with a view to preaching the Advent message.

The authorities sent a detective to listen on Sabbath and report. He was deeply impressed with Brother MacGuire's Sabbath morning sermon, and heartily wished us God's blessing on our work.

No changes were made in officers. The conference seemed very united and rejoicing under the leadership of Brother Schafer.

The Silesian conference fol-

Annual Conferences in South Poland and Silesia

BY W. T. BARTLETT

BOTH conferences were well attended. The former began in summer warmth. We needed the windows wide open, but the traffic outside was deafening, so we breathed fresh air only at intervals. Lwow, where we met, is strongly Jewish. It seemed strange

as the sun neared its setting on the Friday, to see the markets and shops almost entirely closed, and men, women, boys, and girls carrying hymn-books and prayer books on their way to the many synagogues. On weekdays many of the Jews we met seemed

lowed in Biala, a short distance from our Polish school. Here we met on Sabbath and Sunday in the large hall of the Soldiers' Home. About 400 were in attendance. The weather was bad and kept many away. Snow fell twice just before the conference began, and it rained heavily much of the time.

Reports were cheering. One worker had been added, dividing his time between canvassing and Bible work. A colporteur at the meeting told of being arrested and held in custody for some days. The experience had proved a blessing to him.

Two railway officials were present who had been granted freedom from Sabbath duty. One of them was in an important position. At first his application was refused, and he himself was ordered to be put under medical observation for suspected insanity. Finally he was promoted and given his request. The other man, in lower rank, was required to find a substitute, and on this condition given the Sabbath. Another brother came to the conference on a bicycle, and persuaded a friend to accompany him. On the way they twice met with accidents, and the friend wanted to return home. The brother, however, encouraged him and they ar-

rived safely, after one escape from serious danger; both enjoyed the meeting and were very happy they had come.

One elderly brother spoke of working in the Ingathering in a very poor district, which he described as "at the end of the bread and the beginning of stones and water." However, he had reached five goals. He greatly enjoyed the meeting and by way of re-consecration was going back to get one more goal.

On the Sunday some of us attended the re-opening of the school. Twenty students had arrived, and several others were on the way. There is every prospect that strong young men from the school will soon reinforce the cause in needy Poland, with its thirty-three millions. Brother Schwital, the principal, has some capable helpers in his important work.

Brother Meade MacGuire left us at Biala to return to the States. His work in Poland was keenly appreciated, and everybody will be glad to see him again. Brother Babienco also left for Latvia.

Brother Gomola was re-elected president of the Silesian Conference, with the same committee.

Greetings from Lithuania

BY T. T. BABIENCO

THE conference in Lithuania took place in the city of Klaipeda (Memel) September 3rd to 7th. Delegates were present from all the field, and a good spirit was manifested throughout all the meetings. Pastors Meade MacGuire from the General Conference, W. E. Read from the Division, E. Tiesnesis from the Baltic Union, and the writer were present, and served with the Word of God. We were all happy to see the honest energy the believers have in that field for the work of God. They have to go through many hardships, but full of courage and joy in the Lord they go forward. All the financial goals were reached, and the soul-harvest

was the best of all previous years.

Lithuania is a very strong Catholic country, but the message is taking hold of the hearts of the people and they obey the truth. Many testimonies were given as to how wonderfully the Lord has led them to receive the truth. Many new places have been entered. Both workers and believers are happy and of good courage in the Lord. We have in Lithuania twenty churches and 369 good Seventh-Day Adventists.

Brother Strohl was elected the president of that conference, and Brother Strasdauskas the secretary-treasurer. Many new laws have been passed that restrict our work, and we are asked to furnish such

men to take responsibility as we do not have in Lithuania, so we had to rearrange our plans. But the Spirit of God is working in the hearts of many. The printed page that was so faithfully sown in Lithuania by our colporteurs and believers is bringing a very good harvest, and our hearts are filled with joy to see that the work done in great fear is bringing forth fruit. The believers, strengthened with the Word of God, went home rejoicing.

The Gospel in Angolaland

OUR Sabbath-school offerings' overflow for the fourth quarter goes to the work in South Africa. Brother Stevenson of the Angola Union Mission writes:

"Do you doubt if mission work pays? You would soon be convinced of an abundant return for your investment if permitted to spend a Sabbath with one of these schools. One finds an eagerness on the part of those who were once steeped in heathen darkness for the light of the Gospel. When the bell is rung for service there seems to be a desire on the part of everyone to get into the building first. When the speaker commences his sermon rapt attention is maintained from beginning to end. To hear those black folk sing the songs of Zion is an experience that is not soon forgotten. These good people have been blest with an ear for music and good voices, and it is their great delight to sing the Gospel songs."

NEWBOLD College is naturally rejoicing over its very successful ingathering of £450 for missions in three days. We all rejoice with our College.

A student colporteur writes: "This result was attained only by willing co-operation and sheer hard work on the part of every member of our College, teachers and students. Everyone concerned has worked hard and long. We set our goal higher than ever, and we knew that we must work and pray unceasingly till victory was achieved. It was a cause of great joy and gratitude that God rewarded our efforts."

The Outlook in Sierra Leone

BY S. BROBERG

HERE we are, right in the burning sun. The sweat is dropping from our brow while we visit station after station, preaching to the people, seeing the chief and his "big men," looking into the worker's report book and his work, giving them instructions, exhortation, and encouragement. When we ask our native brethren how they are getting on, we can be sure they will answer: "I am trying." I can, however, say that we are more than trying, we are actually going at the Lord's business. "And what is the result?" you would ask, because we know there can be much activity without result.

First, I must say that we are far from satisfied with our result. But we are looking for great things in the near future. At present we have 1,406 enrolled Sabbath-school members. Out of this number we have about 300 in the baptismal classes, and before the end of this year we expect to baptize at least 120 new members. We are happy in anticipation for this number, but how good it would have been if we had the 300. Next year the 300 new members may come and we are aiming for them. It is said, "Where there is a will there is a way," and "where there is faith there is a door open." I believe this can also be applied to souls won.

For nearly two years we as a Mission have been kept out of a very promising field. Some political affair between the chief and the Government has been the reason, but recently it was settled, and the man who is now elected chief is in favour of our Mission. He has asked Brother Tranborg, who has been up there before, to come back. For this we are very happy, because we see in this that God is working for us. When the Tranborg family start to work for this tribe they need a small dispensary, with the medicine and bandages, but where is the money for that? Our hearts go out to the home field for help, that it may be possible for us to open and establish a really good work in

that area where we have not yet a single believer.

In this mission field there is a situation which we hope can soon be altered. Our head-quarters are in a town called Waterloo, twenty miles from the coast, while the most of our work is now up country about one day's expensive journey by train, and even then we have to travel by car or walk long distances out to the different stations. Here near the coast people are civilized, but also Gospel-hardened, and in most cases spiritually dead, and even against Christianity. Up country they are eagerly receiving the Gospel. Our great hope is that we could move the head-quarters nearer to the possibilities, and then establish a girls' school in the buildings at our present head-quarters, but this will cost money. We know the brethren in the Division can see our need, but it takes a long time for help to come. The Division must, of course, get the money from the conferences and the conferences from the Sabbath-school offerings, Harvest Ingather-

ing, and other sources. How we wish that the money may come in plenty, and above this we wish that God will send His Holy Spirit to work for us and through us.

You may ask why we are so anxious to have a girls' school. There are two main reasons. For the first we want to train the girls so they may be true followers of Jesus Christ. Secondly, we want to train the girls so they may be clean, sensible wives for our young workers. What a pity it is to see a worker getting married to a heathen woman. That man's career as a worker in the Lord's cause is, in most cases, spoilt. On the other hand what a blessing it is for a man to find a good Christian wife. It is our duty to train such girls. Some of our workers are happy because they are married to a woman that has been in our girls' school, but—alas—that school has been closed some years. I believe that in our home country in Europe are people that have money and would be glad to give a special gift if they could see our need.

Our outlook in Sierra Leone is good if we can only get the special help, which I believe will come before long.

Opening Our New Gold Coast Station

BY F. L. STOKES

For many years the missionaries here in Gold Coast have planned and talked of opening our work in some of the larger towns on the coast.

In April I moved from Ashanti down to Koforidua, a large town roughly forty miles from the sea. Here I have begun evangelistic work.

This section of Gold Coast is typical of the Africa of tomorrow. Towns with well-laid-out streets, electric light, water works, and many other conveniences show to what end young Africa aims. Here we have the railway and the daily paper. Schools and colleges abound. Africans are now able to take

London University degrees without going out of the country. Doctors and lawyers grow more and more numerous. The modern African youth can scarcely believe that his grandfathers offered human sacrifices. The heart-rending tragedy in Africa to-day is that its youth is being educated and civilized without experiencing the "power of God unto salvation." The result is worse than the average European realizes.

The local newspaper the other day admitted that Christianity was a beautiful theory on paper and would be gladly accepted by many serious Africans if the European ministers could demonstrate it in actual life. In many cases the

churches are dead and merely exist on a basis of commercialism.

Common to almost every denomination, and there are about eight in this colony, is the plan of compelling members to pay church dues monthly, which is commonly known as "Ticket Money." The churchmembers are taught that if you wish to travel on the train you must have a ticket and you have to pay for that ticket. Likewise the Christian on entering heaven must be able to show his church dues faithfully paid on his ticket. To-day the average church will not bury a dead member unless all church moneys have been paid. The member is always buried with his ticket.

A few days ago a man lay dying. He was officially a Christian. This man had fallen sadly in arrears with his ticket money and the minister called and told him that he could not bury him unless the money was paid. The man was really without money and unable to pay anything. At last the minister relented and told him, "Well, seeing you are an old man, I'll agree to accept half the dues and bury you." The old man was unable to pay even a few shillings so the minister left in disgust. This is a common occurrence. Some of the ministers are drunkards and even immoral. New Africa sees the futility of such a Christianity and is growing cynical and Gospel-hardened. But a few are searching for the truth.

Among such conditions we started our evangelistic work here in Koforidua.

We managed after some trouble to rent a fairly large house for meetings. We began to distribute bills and paste up posters about the town. We printed hundreds of handbills on our small press. We have had some wonderful meetings when many intelligent questions were asked.

After three months' work we have a company of about thirty keeping the Sabbath here in Koforidua. Just outside this large town God has given us another group of fifteen. Calls are coming daily from people who want to hear our message. As I write word comes of seventeen people who

have been won to the message as the result of the work of one of our African evangelists. Wherever we go we find no difficulty in getting large crowds to listen to our preaching. The other Sunday afternoon I had an audience little less than a thousand. I have faith that God will give us large numbers of honest souls.

One man said in testifying: "I thank God the mission sent you here; otherwise without a doubt I should have been eternally lost." In such moments we know the joy of working for souls, and any sacrifice we make as missionaries seems insignificant. We ask you to remember us and these newly-found souls in your prayers.

Our Isolated Believers in the Gold Coast

BY J. CLIFFORD

To stand alone for God in heathen country requires real consecration and strength of character, as is evidenced by the lives of our isolated believers in the Gold Coast.

Visiting them from time to time one learns of their experiences. John Mensah and his wife at Dixcove, illiterate but true, live alone in their cottage in the forest. Think of what it means to go Sabbath after Sabbath for years without being able to read the Scriptures and but rarely to have the opportunity of finding someone who can read the Word to them. Though we can visit them but rarely, they always have their tithes kept ready for the chance visit of a worker. John refused the position of chief in his own town rather than compromise his Christian principles. His wife has recently passed away, but John remains faithful to the end.

For a score of years Brother Anaman and Sister Essien have been the only Adventists in Attua-boe. Brother Anaman did his best to interest others in the message, but seemingly without avail. Now he is dead, but his sons have turned to the truth their father loved.

In some cases people are tempted by the lure of gold to give up their faith, but right in the heart of the gold mining areas we have Brother Ackah at Obuasi and Brother Ansah Abuagyi at Tarkwa, standing loyally for the faith and using their homes as little Sabbath-schools so that others might learn the truth.

Companies of believers have

been raised up at Biposo, Patriensa, Ayirebe, and other places by members who have learnt the truth and then gone to settle in these distant places.

One way in which Satan seeks to discourage our isolated believers is by causing friends to tell them that when they die there will be no one to sing and pray for them at their funeral—a real calamity from the African viewpoint. But this does not deter them. As Christiana of Fomena said to me recently, when relating how friends had endeavoured to discourage her in this way, "Whatever happens, I am going to die an Adventist."

There are many such loyal souls in the Gold Coast. Let us pray for these isolated believers that many more like them may be won to God.

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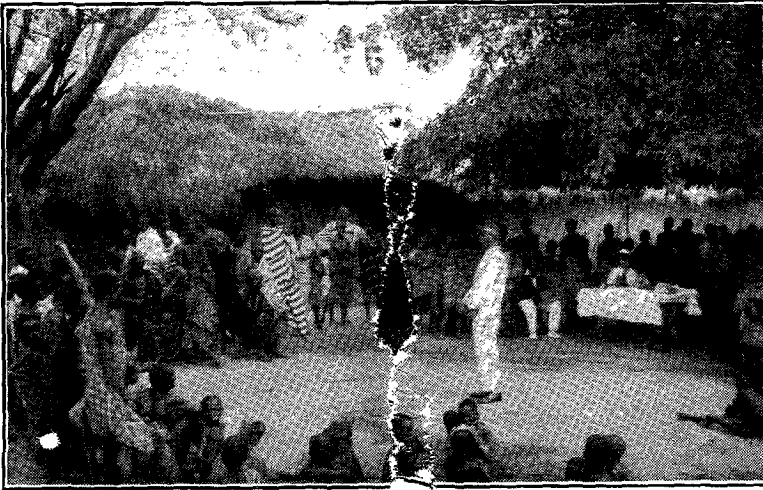
Miss RUTH RAITT, who lately went out to Nigeria to carry on the Girls' School, has been obliged to return home. She was taken ill with yellow fever and her doctor calls it a miracle that she did not die. We are praying and hoping for her complete recovery, and later return to the waiting task. Remember the work and workers in Nigeria in your prayers.

The Advent Survey

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Brother S. B. Essien preaching the Advent message in the Brong country.

Among the Brongs of Ashanti

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THE Brong peoples occupy the north-western portion of the kingdom of Ashanti. In this area, fetishism reigns supreme and, what is worse, the people seem satisfied with this reign of darkness.

In visiting this district from time to time my heart has ached for these benighted souls, and I have sought God in my daily prayers that something should be done to rescue my perishing people in Brong. It is evident from the increasing number of people who are accepting the message in this part that God is working through His Holy Spirit to answer these prayers.

Of the six districts that comprise the Brong country, two have now been entered with the message, those of Nkoranza and Tekiman.

Just as the French nation was once used by God to humble the pride of the Papacy, so, with the help of the Nkoranzas, the proud kingdom of Ashanti was once brought low. But just as the French nation then turned to worship the goddess of Reason, so did Nkoranza turn to the worship of "Antoa," a heathen god.

For years this district has been the centre of gross superstition, and early efforts at preaching the

Gospel there seemed unavailing. Recently a few of our members from Ashanti have settled among these people, teaching them the truth, and now we have an evangelist working among them. The result is that there are now believers in three of the Nkoranza towns, and these, with their enthusiasm for missionary volunteer work, are arousing other interests. We expect soon to baptize the first-fruits of our work among the Nkoranzas.

In the Tekiman district a steady growth has been seen in our work since it was commenced there six years ago by a converted school-boy.

In one village where we have a church and a church school, the chief and his elders have joined our members in roofing our church building with iron sheets. They are fixing doors and windows and plastering the walls at their own expense. There are some Roman Catholic members in this town, and these have repeatedly urged the chief to assist their mission instead of the Adventists, but in vain. Satan is contesting every inch of our progress, but we will go forward under the lead of our great Commander.

In the same village a woman who was once against the truth

because her daughter was a spirit medium, has now embraced our faith together with two of her children. The ju-ju priest has urged her to denounce the new religion, as they call it, but without avail. Charms have been used to bring sickness upon her, but without result. The more these threatenings are used the stronger her faith in God becomes.

A boy of twelve has accepted the truth, and is bringing his younger brother to our church. His grand-uncle, who is his guardian, often says to him, "You were brought up and nourished by ju-ju Tano and now you have rebelled against him in accepting this new religion." When the boy endeavoured to point his guardian to the true God he was informed that he would no longer be counted as a member of the family, because, his guardian said, "I know that you are to be killed by the ju-ju soon." But the boy replied, "If I die to-day, I know that God will deliver my soul from fire." What a bright faith for a boy of twelve years who was trained in fetish.

The parents of a girl of ten had wasted their money on fetish because of her ill health. At last, they gave the child to God. Our members prayed for her, and she is now recovering. These experiences reveal that God is at work among the Brongs.

Early this year aggressive work was commenced in Tekiman town. In connection with the effort held there, it was my privilege to conduct a baptism for converts from the district. This was the first baptism by immersion that had been held in that place. Almost the whole town came out to witness the service. The heathen were greatly impressed with the solemnity of the service, while other Christians openly bewailed the fact that their ministers had not taught them the right way. We believe the interest aroused will result in the salvation of souls.

It gives me joy to see the Advent message making progress in the Brong country. Our prayers are needed for the workers and members there that they might do exploits in winning souls for Christ.