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Evangelism In Jerusalem

By J. O. Gibson

I am thrilled as I visit the various fields and find a growing interest in Evangelism. Certainly we who "know the time" should stretch every nerve to bring the message of "the crucified, risen and soon coming Saviour" to every one about us. The task before us is a colossal one. In our own strength we cannot do it. With the power promised by God, through His Holy Spirit, all things are possible.

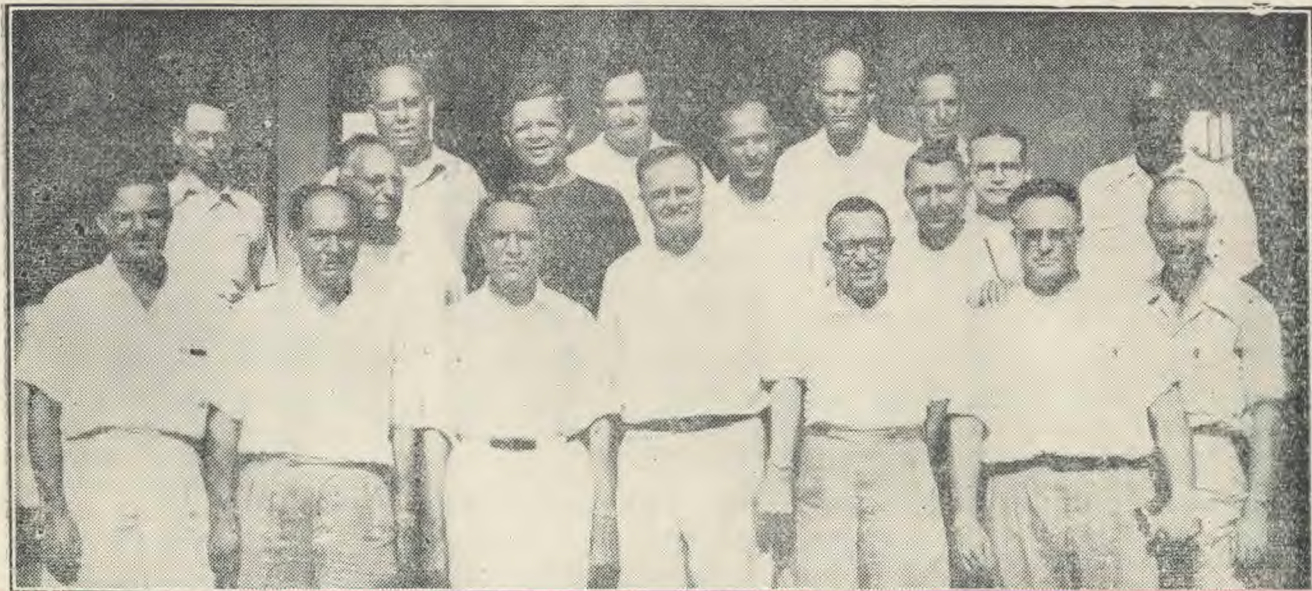
Yes, the task is large. Many times with a large task we do not know where to begin. If we do not know then let us turn to our guide-book,

the Bible, and see which direction to move. Shall we go to the right or the left? Just what is said about where we are to begin. Our Saviour told His disciples in the last words He spoke to them. These are His words, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8.

This statement is a very familiar one to all of us. The disciples were beside their home town—Jerusalem. In other words Christ gave the distinct command to begin the evangelism at home. How about you, fellow worker or fellow church member?

Do you have members in your own family who need your interest in them, and prayers for them. Go to them now, speak with them tactfully. Do this after you have spent much time in prayer. Be sure your own heart is right with God so that He can use you in leading your relatives to God.

When your own heart is right and you have worked for your own family, then go to your brothers and sisters in the church. It is sad to say that there are many hundreds, yes many thousands who come to our Sabbath-Schools and yet they have never surrendered themselves fully to God. It is sad indeed to think that they may have



Persons in attendance at the annual meeting of The West African Union Mission Committee, held at Accra, Gold Coast, March, 6-15, 1951. Front Row—Left to Right: J. O. Gibson, M. Duploux, A. F. Tarr, G. A. Lindsay, G. L. Annis, D. V. Cowin, D. L. Chappell. Others behind front row: E. E. Hulbert, J. J. Hyde, H. S. Pearce, E. Keslake, Dr. J. A. Hyde, G. M. Ellstrom, H. J. Welch, W. J. Newman in front, L. Downing, Dr. S. A. Nagel, G. N. Banks.

the opinion that they are ready to meet God because they "go to church."

God's servant, Sister White tells us that "there are not more than half of the youth who profess religion and the truth, who have been truly converted. If they had been converted, they would bear fruit to the glory of God." Certainly we do not realize this or we would arise and work for our young people. Our Sabbath-Schools are certainly the place to bring our friends, but how sad if we bring them to Sabbath-School and then do not lead them all the way through baptism and into the church.

"The object of the Sabbath-School should be the ingathering of souls. There should be much personal work done in the Sabbath-School.—"Counsels on Sabbath-School Work," page 61. "Let us begin our work in Jerusalem,—right in our own village. The Bible does not say that all Sabbath-School members will be saved. It says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16: 16. Let us have revivals, decision days, and enroll those "in the valley of decision" into Baptismal classes, prepare them thoroughly and then see them baptised into God's Remnant Church.

Gold Coast Mission Report, 1950

By H. J. Welch

As we look back over the record for 1950 in the Gold Coast Mission, we thank God for His many blessings. We, in the Gold Coast, are looking forward to the finishing of the work among the nearly 5,000,000 souls within our territory. During the year 1950, 1,002 souls were baptised into full fellowship in the church. The net gain in baptized membership was 804 raising the total membership of the mission from 2,238 as of January 1, 1950 to 3,042 as of December 31, 1950.

This increase in baptised membership and the still greater gain in the number of adherents in the hearer's and baptismal classes was made possible by the programme of evangelism carried out through the field. In harmony with the General Conference recommendations a strong revival

was recently planned among the members. The Week of Prayer readings were translated into the vernacular. Representatives from the churches were called together by their district leaders in each district for a two-day leaders revival. This followed a special meeting of the district leaders. As a result of this special week of revival more than 150 new converts were brought into the truth. In order to follow up this good beginning a lay workers' institute was held near the end of the year. Eighty-four laymen came in for study. Nearly all of the European staff under the direction of Brother J. C. Vetter contributed to the institute as well as many of the African leaders. These laymen greatly appreciated what was done for them and they set personal goals totaling 1,500 new converts for 1951. Let us pray that God will help them to reach their goals.

Another contribution to the soul saving campaign was the seven camp-meetings held during the year. The mission has established a policy of not holding a few large camp-meetings but rather a larger number of smaller camp-meetings in new unentered places or in places where our work is weak. The estimated attendance on a count by the companies and estimated visitors was 9,350 adherents and 6,130 visitors or a total of 15,480.

Not only were many new companies united with us but many of the old ones are becoming strong and ready to carry on as fully organized churches. During the year seven churches were organized making a total of thirty organized churches in the mission. The churches organized were at the following places: Boanin, Juaben, Obouasi, Sekodamasi, Afamanaso, Bedomase, and Bofikuma.

Under the faithful leadership of Brother J. C. Vetter, a number of advances were made in the educational work. Visiting teachers were employed to inspect the schools and to keep the mission in close touch with the work of each school. A number of non-Adventist teachers have been replaced with our own S. D. A. members. As a result we now have nearly 100% S. D. A. teachers in our schools. Forty-six percent of our teachers are trained, most of them having received their training at Bekwai. There are

now 37 schools with more than 2,200 pupils enrolled. The problems in the educational work are not easy to surmount. Wise leadership and the blessing of God will certainly be needed in the next year, if the mission is to continue its strong work through its schools.

In the Missionary Volunteer work there has been a revival. The African brethren have taken hold of the progressive class work with real enthusiasm. In one large investiture at Agona in which we were privileged to have the presence of Doctor K. J. Reynolds, 462 persons were invested in the various classes. It might be of interest that this included both literates and illiterates. Altogether the total for the year showed 852 invested. There are now ten Master Comrades, seven of which were invested at the College. These teachers should be able to give strong leadership to the Missionary Volunteer work as they go out to their fields.

The year 1950 marked the first full year in which the mission had strong leadership to carry on the Colporteur work. Brother Davidson from Jamaica had a group of fourteen full time colporteurs whose sales for the year amounted to £3,536. The mission appreciated the help of Brother D. L. Chappell from the West African Union who assisted in the very fine colporteur institute in December. A large number of colporteurs left for the field in good spirits determined by the help of God to spread the message through the printed page and thus bring many to Christ.

Under the faithful leadership of D. J. Clarke the Gold Coast Mission was able to exceed all previous records in ingathering. The West African Union had set a goal for the field of £1,450. The Gold Coast Mission, however, placed its goal at £2,000. Each district in the mission had its own goal and in almost every case exceeded the goal set. The figures now show for the mission a total of £2,486.10.3.

The S. D. A. Seminary at Bekwai, the training school for the mission, has made progress during the year. There was a nice interest in student enrolment and a good spirit on the

part of both students and teachers. One of the more gratifying features of the school programme was the strong evangelistic spirit manifested in the school. Brother A. M. Moyer has enthusiastically promoted evangelism and has given a great deal of his time to going out with the students helping them conduct their efforts. Pastor J. K. Amoah was a very able associate with him. As a result of the work of the students and teachers eight additional companies have been raised up in the surrounding towns during the year.

Before the close of the year Miss Joyce Mohlmann was called from America and is at the present time doing excellent work as a teacher in the college and as director of the work for girls.

The college is definitely attempting to strengthen its curriculum along practical lines. A small group of boys is being trained to be printers. All students are working daily in one of the work departments and a real attempt is made to make this work as educational as possible. Beginning students all study agriculture. Advanced students are now being given a course in Building, Planning and Construction.

A strong campaign has been put on throughout the field to get the churches to improve their buildings. Assistance has been given to a large number of churches. During the year thirty-three new churches have been completed or nearly completed. Many others have been redecorated or have large improvements made to them.

Tithe quotations have been translated into the vernacular and are being read each Sabbath in the churches. As a result of this and other promotion there has been a good increase in the tithe and the offerings. The total tithe has amounted to £4,546.15.7 or £2 per baptized member. The total of all offerings sent to the Union is £8,671.8.10 or nearly £4 per baptized member. In addition to this the members raised over £1000.0.0 for the Bekwai Senior School.

We would not close this report without giving credit for the help that has been rendered to us during the past year by the brethren of the

West African Union, the General Conference and the new Division.

The Gold Coast is a large field and there are many problems and many opportunities. Tremendous areas are yet untouched by our work. We thank our Heavenly Father for the progress that has been made during the last year and solicit the prayers of our brethren for God's blessings on the work for this new year.

Bekwai "Share Your Faith Trek"

By A. M. Moyer

On Sabbath morning October 7 at 8, o'clock, thirteen College students, two staff members and the writer left the compound by foot on a "Share Your Faith Programme." The villages visited were Pepedan, Dwumako, Wiaso, Ankasi, Sanfu, and Kwamang. The group was heartily welcomed at each village by the elders. Of the six villages, five have Adventist churches. The one village Dwumako not having a church asked that we return and give them our full message.

In the programme presented Christ was the central theme, and each member of the group took part. At each village, the group marched about singing hymns to

The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher.

gather the people. After the usual greetings, "Mo a modo Nyame," (We are marching to Zion) was sung to open the programme. Following the prayer, the writer gave a brief introduction. The subjects presented began with the True God, then followed by Creation, and through the story of Redemption. It truly was soul refreshing to the group of students and staff members as well as to those who heard the message.

The forest jungles re-echoed the songs of glory as the group marched from each village along the narrow

bush paths. At 8.00 p.m. in the darkness of night, the group of Share Your Faith Members came on the compound, singing the songs of Zion. Yes, weary in body from the 18 miles trek, but refreshed in soul. Twelve precious hours were spent preparing souls for the kingdom of God. The group consisted of: Tr. Asamoah, Tr. Tato, Opoku Johnson, Joseph Boateng, Okrah Obempong, Ernest Boadu, Philip Aboasu, Ntim Wilson, Emmanuel Boadi, Edward Wilson, Thomas Ango, William Brown, Joel Kamara, Alfred Campbell, Daniel Cudjoe, and A. M. Moyer.

Are School Teachers Idle In Evangelism?

By J. I. Ogbonna

I am indebted this day for the privilege of making comment on my experiences in the work entrusted to all teachers. It seems that I have not been taking effective records of my evangelism in the schools I have been teaching. Recently I received word that the workers were entitled to do so.

For two years I have been at this place. I have viewed with great and keen interest the fact that by the will and might of God, many children with noble characters in this school, have been converted to become Adventists. This conversion is through religious instruction of the everyday school activities and also through the J.M.V. meetings.

I am sorry that I cannot put down all their names. I promise to enlist the names of the last ones, namely: Amos Agedee and William Oluwa whose parents, refused to pay their school fees because the children left them in their Sunday keeping. Of course, after my right approach with the parents, they were reconciled and have begun to pay again for the young lads. These children are doing well in their school, church, and J.M.V. activities.

A good many of the children have promised and are willing to become Adventists, as early as possible,—but the strong holding hands of their parents could not

allow them to please themselves, only. However, I have strong hope that those children will in no distant days become Adventists. So your prayers will help to solve this problem. This obviously assures every individual worker in this Adventist field that teachers are not idle in evangelism. I have achieved nothing, practically, because there are many workers who have won many souls, more than myself.

May our God enrich every worker with His blessings, both physically, mentally, and spiritually to carry onward the Great Advent Message enshouldered on us throughout our lives.

The Urgency of Our Need

By L. K. Dickson

The unusually critical days through which the world is now passing, wherein the peace of the world seems balancing on a knife-edge, reminds us of the imperativeness of pressing evangelism in every corner of the earth. Every means at our command must now be brought up to swell the forces of good for the salvation of the lost.

But how far beyond us is the need before us! How much we are reminded of our spiritual feebleness before the mounting demands of our soul-winning work.

In every field, church, and institution among us, there must come the revival that will not only awaken within us our responsibility and our need, but will lead us under the deep movings of God's Holy Spirit, that we may measure now with the waiting task.

Someone has said, "God will do just as much for us as we let Him do in us." But how often we simply think of what we want God to do for us without paying much attention to having Him to do much of anything in us.

The magnitude of the great task before us appalls us. The gigantic forces against us dismay us. The opportunities now opening challenge us, and we cry out, "How much we need God to do for us!"

Let us then diligently seek Him that He might do great things within us. Let us open our hearts

that we might more fully receive Him and enthrone Him in our lives.

Paul assures us of God's plan to work in us (Phil. 2: 12-13) "for His good pleasure." We cannot make, of ourselves alone, any changes within. God does not expect this

THE QUIET SABBATH

"Sweet hours of calm and quiet"
When stormy passions cease.
And earth-worn, weary toilers
Foretaste eternal peace

"O gentle time of stillness
That brings to hearts forlorn
The joy that aye attendeth
The quiet Sabbath morn."

of us for He knows that it is just as impossible for us to accomplish as it is for a leopard to change its spots.

Our part is to be truthful to God and to come to Him in Christ and tell Him of our real situation and need. He would have us reveal by our own confession to Him that we know, as best we can, our own weak attitude of heart and life toward Him and the things of God.

This must receive His help. In Acts 5: 31 we are reminded that God gives repentance and remission of sins. All this is done by God working in us, when we will to receive His help. We must now seek Him for enabling power within. He will bestow that power when we arise in faith and act. We must act in faith believing not only that He has the power, but that He will put within us that power that we lack. Just to the measure that we believe, will power be given. "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11: 6.

There is reason to believe that were we what we should be before God, the results of the efforts we now are making would be multiplied a hundred fold. This bears close study by each one for himself. What a tragedy it is if we are retarding the reaping of the harvest by our own unsatisfactory attitude and spirit in God's work!

This is a time when all of us need to examine carefully everything

in our lives that has any relationship to Jesus Christ. Our lives are now to manifest to angels and to men that we are rising up to full strength in the Lord to bring to completion the ministry which the Saviour gave in His great commission.

How can we do less in the light of the great upsurge of the forces of evil with their determination to put an end to the exaltation of Christ before men? How can we think of the tremendous price paid for the souls of men and hold anything back of ability or possession that Christ Jesus may be fully glorified in the completion of the great plan of salvation?

This is our hour—let us not miss the mark or fail to fulfil all that God would have us do for the great unsaved multitudes.

May we be an awakened ministry and people in this hour of our visitation. Let us, both leaders and people, seek God now for such a revival of spiritual power and missionary zeal that every life will be aflame for God and every church an evangelistic agency in its every plan and programme.

Every "Signs" Subscriber a Baptismal Prospect

The publishers and promoters of "Signs of the Times" regard every subscriber's name placed on its files as a sacred trust. They, therefore, feel duty bound to exhaust every resource at their command in an endeavour to lead each subscriber, along the path to baptism and church fellowship.

To attain this worthy objective a five-point programme has been established for every individual subscriber to the "Signs." Briefly outlined, it includes the following steps:

1. Fifty issues of "Signs" delivered direct to the address of the subscriber during the year.
 2. An attractive and urgent invitation to enroll in one of our Bible correspondence courses.
 3. A transcript of names and addresses of "Signs" subscribers provided for our ministers and evangelists for well-organized, effective personal visitation.
 4. Preceding expiration date each subscriber receives an attractive, urgent renewal appeal.
 5. United daily prayer within the walls of the Signs publishing house for the readers of "Signs."
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Strengthening the Scattered Witnesses in Northern Nigeria

By R. O. Wosu

Our field of labour in the North Nigerian Mission includes such large pagan areas as Jengre, Jos, Bukuru and Kwakwi, and such big centres and unentered Moslem cities as Kano, Zaria, Kaduna, Nafuche and very many others not mentioned here. We have named these few places as they will serve our purpose now for writing this.

Words are inadequate to describe how difficult it is to work in these areas where the Moslem influence over people is the strongest, and pagans of various languages and of the most primitive kind, and corruptions and other factors which lead away from God, abound.

All over Northern Nigeria we have apostates and semi-apostates including workers sent as colporteurs, who, because of time and place influence, are either entirely indifferent or are halting between two opinions.

But God has not left Himself without witnesses. In Nafuche, Kano and Kaduna there are some imported S. D. A. members from the South who have taken their stand for God and the truth, in spite of seducing forces.

We have succeeded in organizing these faithful few into groups in different centres to form united fronts in their respective areas. Our personal contacts with them are few for lack of men and means. We do however exhort them mainly through regular missionary letters, sending them Sabbath-School supplies and free periodicals, and also visit them occasionally.

At the latter part of the third quarter of this year, our president Dr. J. A. Hyde instructed me to visit all our scattered Ibo believers in the far Northern Nigerian. During the trip which lasted for about two weeks I had the privilege of baptizing our earnest, zealous and faithful brother S. O. Ekeleme of the Nigerian Railway, Nafuche. He is allowed Sabbath off duty. He has been instrumental in leading a sister of his to a fair knowledge of the Advent Message, and his influence among his

fellow workers makes them to be favourably inclined towards the truth.

In Kano, the Moslem city and the citadel of Islam with imposing mosque and sky towering minarets to help carry Kano-wide the voice of the Muezzin calling the adherents of the effete religion to worship, we have 12 Sabbath-School members, five of whom are baptized. These meet for Sabbath services and for their week-day meetings in one Mr. Nwokofofor's only room which serves him and his family as sitting-room and bedroom alike. There are scores of others, doubters, who have not yet joined them.

During four days stay with them brother J. O. Nwokofofor, my host and a church member of zeal and good heart, I went round with him to very many homes inviting members and outsiders for a series of Bible studies. The response was favourable, and the studies and the plan were successful. God worked with us and for us. One young man who had once left the truth took his stand once more in favour of it. Since the effort the brethren there have written reporting that four persons have enlisted for baptism.

At Kaduna, the political headquarters of the Northern Region, with forcibly impressive and massive buildings of Government institutions, there is not a single building or even a chosen site to represent the all important message we preach. But there again we have a few witnesses. Brother J. I. Erondu a colporteur, leads a group of ten Sabbath keepers, whom I exhorted to consecrate themselves to God and to fill the whole place with the Truth for this time. Since the visit, one brother, a Government employee has been exempted from duty on the Sabbath.

Five miles beyond Kaduna township, one brother who is new in the faith and unbaptised, while pursuing his trade as a tailor, finds time to expose the erroneous teachings of the so called Jehovah's Witnesses and to witness for Jesus amongst the inhabitants of Gwari, to natives and foreigners alike.

Next time if we are given the chance to do so, we will present some victories won here, and some turnings from paganism to serve the

Living God, which, though they may not bear comparisons with what is happening in the South, yet they are tokens of earnest labour and answers to prayers and encouragement to labour on in the unusually difficult North Nigerian Mission field. Pray for us and for the work, while we attempt greater things for, and expect greater results from, the Lord.

The Church Services

In the absence of a minister, the elder is responsible for conducting the services of the church. If it is impossible for him to conduct the services himself, he should arrange for someone else to do so. An exception to this is the communion service. When an ordained minister cannot be present, the elder should conduct this himself. Only ordained ministers or ordained elders holding office are qualified to have charge of this solemn ordinance.

In the absence of an ordained pastor, it is always customary for the elder to arrange with the president of the conference or the superintendent of the mission field for the administration of the rite of baptism to persons desiring to unite with his church.

The local elder cannot perform the marriage ceremony. Only the ordained ministers may do so. In some countries even ordained ministers cannot perform the marriage ceremony without being legally registered.

The pastor or elder and other officers of the church should cooperate fully with the mission officers and departmental secretaries in carrying out all local, union, and General Conference plans. A very important feature of the elder's work is to foster our foreign missions' work. A kindly, tactful attitude on the part of the elder will do much to encourage liberality on the part of the church membership, both in the regular church services and in the Sabbath-school offerings.

The elder himself should be a tithe-payer. All church officers should be tithe-payers. The elder can do much to encourage members to pay a full and faithful tithe.

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The Fruits of Fifteen Months Labour

By J. A. Baidoo

I was transferred from Kumasi, the capital town of Ashanti, to Mampong, on the 3rd July, 1949, to relieve Pastor Mensah who in turn got his transfer to Agona, Ashanti, the first main headquarters of the Adventists Mission in the Gold Coast.

This town is generally comparable to the garden city of Ashanti, for it is second to it in all aspects.

Pastor Mensah continued with me for nine good days in which period he got the chance to introduce me to the eminent and commons for their co-operation.

The first Sabbath-school reported the membership of 169 souls including those from Krobo three miles from here. At my usual rounds, I came to know that our believers are business-minded and less interested in evangelism.

As one man cannot shoulder the direct command from above, I kept to prayers for the Holy Spirit to stir them to action so as to release those in bonds of sins. We now feel that the prayers are answered, for each one of us senses the need of converting others to the fortified fold by giving some Bible talks on Sabbath afternoons.

The night of the recent 13th Sabbath will ever be remembered by the townfolks for that marked the occasion of the forth-coming camp-meeting. At 2 a.m. precisely the bell was tolled and within a very short time the company was in action singing round the town, with myself as a leader and Brother Ntim the local church leader as a herald. The first song was "Lead kindly light amid the encircling gloom." The melody made people to rush out to be sure of the songsters, for the local church had not got the benefit of part singing. Seeing the interest of the people Brother Ntim broke out in a linguistic tone explaining the meanings of the hymns, especially that of "The Best Friend to Have is Jesus," and then invited them to attend the Sabbath service at 9 a.m.

The singing continued to 5.25 a.m. and was eventually forced to

JESUS, DISPENSER OF HAPPINESS

"Jesus was the fountain of healing mercy for the world; and through all those secluded years at Nazareth, His life flowed out in currents of sympathy and tenderness. The aged, the sorrowing, and the sin-burdened, the children at play in their innocent joy, the little creatures of the groves, the patient beasts of burden—all were happier for His presence. He whose word of power upheld the worlds, would stoop to relieve a wounded bird. There was nothing beneath His notice, nothing to which He disdained to minister."—"Desire of Ages," page 74.

disperse by the rains which also continued to 8.15. This minimized the attendance of the invitees, yet chairs were brought from outside to meet the requirements of the attendance.

The topic for the Sabbath was "The Camp-meeting." Appropriate quotations were reported and we closed the service by singing "Revive Thy Work O Lord."

Since the second week in February this year the church has been constrained to action by the love of Christ. Since then, not a Sabbath passed without writing from four to ten new names.

The present membership in town is 186, Krobo 63. The fruits of the fifteen months' labour is thus 79. People are now interested in the Bible Truth in both this town and the neighbouring villages, seeking to follow the true light.

May the Lord lead us all to cast the net into the right place for more fishes to be presented at the wedding of the only Son.

The Power of A Tract

By L. H. Davidson

One Sunday morning a part-time colporteur was out looking for souls, that he might lead to the Master's feet. That is the object that is uppermost in the mind of all faithful colporteurs. He noticed a well dressed gentleman standing near his parked car and felt impressed to offer him a tract. This he did. The man accepted it and put it immediately into his pocket. It was a tract on the "Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast."

Upon reaching home, the man remembered the tract, and both he and his wife read it through and then re-read it. Noting within it an offer of more literature, they wrote and were soon versed in the doctrines of this message which they accepted with all their hearts and were baptised. That was just the beginning of their story. They were wealthy people and lived in a city of some 3,000,000 inhabitants.

Next, they bought thousands of tracts and employed two office girls, having them go through the large city directory to copy out of it the names and addresses it contained, mailing to these the tracts they had purchased. This man has also given thousands of pounds to missions. One single gift he made amounted to over £487. All this was accomplished and more too, because our colporteur had a tract to give away. It certainly pays us well to see that our colporteurs have tracts for free distribution. It is a divine plan and exactly what God has instructed us that we should do. In "Colporteur Evangelist," on page 87, we read, "The canvasser should carry with him tracts, pamphlets, and small books to give to those who cannot buy." What a privilege is ours of having a part in that divine plan.

A Way to Strong Faith in God

By Mrs. E. G. White

"Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in God's strength. *Let them engage in the good work of selling our books.* Thus they will help others, and the experience gained will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, He will guide them to those who are seeking for the light. Christ will be close beside them, teaching them what to say and do. By comforting others, they themselves will be comforted."

NOTE: Those interested in selling books, in growing strong in God's strength, should contact their Mission Superintendent at once.

Report of The Voice of Prophecy, 1950

By E. E. Hulbert.

The year 1950 was a year of further progress in the work of the Voice of Prophecy. Enrolments and gifts and tithes from students were both higher than in the previous year, and broadcasts were initiated on two of the redifusion centres in Nigeria.

Unfortunately we must add that early this year our broadcasts in Ibadan were suddenly discontinued. It seems that with the British Broadcasting Corporation taking over broadcasting, and the influence of the Christian Council of Churches in Nigeria, our broadcasting work is not likely to gain a strong hold.

The figures in the following table will show that the Bible School work has grown considerably during the last year.

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| 1950. | |
| Total Enrolments. | 10,000 |
| Active list 31st December. | 3,790 |
| Completed course during year. | 1,931 |
| Total Baptisms Reported. | 17 |

The small number of baptisms is due, we believe, not to lack of baptisms, but to failure in receiving reports from the fields of baptisms of candidates who were Voice of Prophecy students.

As we did not commence keeping records of the source of enrolments until after the first two thousand had been enrolled in 1950, we are not able to give the total figures of the source of enrolments for the whole year. However, the following are the totals of enrolments for the various countries for the year.

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| Gold Coast | 4943 | enrolled |
| Nigeria. | 4868 | enrolled |
| Sierra Leone | 38 | enrolled |
| Liberia. | 149 | enrolled |
| French Togoland. | 1 | enrolled |
| Ivory Coast. | 1 | enrolled |

TOTAL 10,000

It will be noted that Gold Coast and Nigeria are almost equal in enrolments.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Balance Sheet will give detailed figures of income and expenditure during 1950, but a few compa-

rison with 1949 will be of interest. Tithes and offerings from students show that whereas £125: 8: 10d was received in gifts from students in 1949, during 1950 the sum of £197: 17: 6d was received. In addition to this we received a gift of £70 from a lady in U.S.A. The tithes from students increased from £22: 3: 6d in 1949 to £55: 18: 7d in 1950. This was partly due to an earlier introduction of the subject of tithing in the lessons. The total tithes and offerings year by year also shows a gain from £147: 12: 4d in 1949 to £253: 16: 2d in 1950, which, with the gift from U.S.A. totals £323: 16: 2d. This equals just over three quarters of the total cost of postage for the year.

STUDENT RESPONSE

An analysis of the returns gleaned from the student report blanks returned from the field may be of interest. We give figures from the beginning of the Bible School, which are based on 1479 student reports returned from the fields. Altogether we have sent 4,000 or more reports, but many of these have not yet been returned.

Interest.—184 very good, 74 good, 118 fair.

Sabbath.—350 believed the seventh-day is the Sabbath, 99 are keeping it, 99 are attending church service, 47 are attending Sabbath-school, 18 are members of the hearers class, 22 are members of the Baptismal Class.

Follow up.—174 are having Bible studies, 11 have joined the Hearers Class, 932 are impossible to follow up 214 are already S.D.A. members.

It should be particularly noted that the figures given indicate the interest only of those who have been contacted by workers, and are based on the worker's reports. What is the interest of those 922 who cannot be followed up, mostly because of lack of workers, or of the nearly 2,500 on whose names we have not yet received reports? We believe that many of them would prove to be good contacts if it were possible to follow them up.

Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth reapers to gather in the precious sheaves

which are still out in the isolated parts of this great territory.

Agona District Camp-meeting December, 1950

By C. E. Mensah.

Before sunset Friday afternoon, most of the Campers had arrived at Mampong Ashanti the place of the encampment and were marching through the streets with their tuneful songs, that thrilled the inhabitants and aroused their curiosity.

From the opening to the closing services of the meetings the members showed keen interest in the study of the Word of God and were punctual in their attending. Special prayer meeting was held on Sabbath morning for the presence of the Lord and the out-pouring of His Spirit upon His remnant church.

Brethren D. J. Clarke, A. M. Moyer, J. A. Mensah, J. A. Baidoo and the District Leader gave inspiring sermons at their appointed times.

An M.V. programme was conducted on Sabbath afternoon by the two Senior Schools, Agona and Assamang, which was followed immediately by house to house preaching. The churches were divided into groups with lay members leading. Eight souls were won and many others showed marked interest in the message.

Brethren J. C. Vetter the Gold Coast Mission M.V. Secretary and Pastor J. K. Amoah came in from Bekwai on Sunday morning in good time for the M.V. route march. 400 strong were the M.V. enthusiasts who paraded the town headed by the Master Comrades. Before the Thanksgiving Service four young men were invested as Friends and two as Companions.

The distinguished guests that attended the Thanksgiving Service were Nana Mamponghe, his elders, the District Commissioner and the clerks in the various Government Departments.

The 7000 persons in the audience that gathered there dispersed feeling that the blessing of the Lord was with them and with the desire to be among the great company that no man can count, who will follow the Lamb every where He will go.

BREVITIES

Miss A. S. Nuka arrived in Accra 2nd April to assist in the Union office while Miss Rosa Muderspach is on leave. After this time she will join the staff of the Nigerian Training College.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Miss Muderspach and to her family in the recent death of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Till left on furlough the 19th of March. The leave time will be spent partly in England and partly in the U.S.A. with their son Garth.

Professor and Mrs. Bartlett left Free-town the 8th April for Nigeria where they will join the staff of the Nigerian Training College.

Following the action of the West African Union Committee, authorizing the M. V. Department to take delegates to the Paris Youths' Congress, The Gold Coast nominated Samuel Adusei as their delegate. He is one of the first two Master Comrades in the Gold Coast field and won over 100 souls in 1950.

D. J. Clarke has been called to the West Nigerian field to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. E. E. Hulbert and Miss B. Tur-till went on leave to England late in Feb.

The Gold Coast Mission plans to hold a Workers' Meeting and Teachers' Institute at Bekwai from the 30th April to the 8th May.

Pastor P. E. Giddings and family left on the 4th March to take their furlough in the States. They travelled by way of England.

Reports from the field and the Training Colleges and the Nursing School show a strong increase this year in the enrolments in the schools in our Union.

Principal L. Downing and family left the field early in May to spend their furlough in the U.S.A. Brother Downing will spend most of the time taking advanced studies.

Pastor C. D. Henri and wife are directing the work at the Konola Training School during the absence of Principal Giddings.

A Temperance Society for the Union will be organized soon. Much needs to be done to tell the people about this matter of temperance.

Your editors are urgently in need of new and Up-to-Date "Share-Your-Faith" experiences. Please do send them in to us at once. Thank you.

Pastor G. M. Ellstrom has accepted the invitation of the Union Committee to

serve as the Superintendent of Ivory Coast Mission. He, with his family, is busily engaged, just now, in moving from the East Nigerian field to their new home. We hope that soon the new bungalow in Abidjan will be completed.

Brother D. L. Chappell has been placed in charge of "Press Relations" in our Union. Be sure to let him know all of the news and also of your success in using the public press. He stands ready to help you in your newspaper work. Use the Press to the best advantage at all times. Do not forget to send to your papers many articles about our delegates to the Paris Congress. It's a real opportunity to tell the world about the Adventists.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Chapell are the proud parents of a new son, Milton Le-Roy, born 25th March.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Annis have just moved to Accra from Ibadan, where Brother Annis is now serving as the new West African Union Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. W. Wagner and family returned to Ile-Ife Hospital on the 12th March after spending their furlough in the U.S.A.

We want each one to share in the privilege of telling about the work in the West African Union Mission to the rest of the people in the entire denomination. The Union Committee wishes us to do this by sending a regular flow of articles, reports, statistics, data, "Share-Your-Faith" experiences, human interest stories, etc, etc through the Union M. V. Department to the publications in the other lands and especially the homelands. This reporting activity will be in addition to the work being done by Brother Chappell for the Public Press. All of this will call for many good clear, glossy pictures also. Please always try to send a good picture or two along with each article, story or report. Pictures help to tell a story so much better.

The General Conference and the Northern European Division are calling for pictures of the work here in the West African Union. They want many good, clear, glossy pictures of groups, buildings, missionary activities, medical work, clinics, trips taken, natives at gospel work, Bible studies, and other story telling pictures

from all parts of the Union. They should be large enough to be nicely seen in details. Let us have them at your earliest convenience so we will be able to send them on to the Division. Be sure to explain each picture in some manner. I thank you for the Division and the G.C. for what you are planning to do about this matter. Send your pictures to the M.V. Department of the Union.

Pastor J. O. Gibson is now travelling in the entire Union and is meeting with the field committees of each mission as he studies the work in each place.

Pastor Welch conducted the Youths' Week of Prayer at the Ile-Ife Hospital in April.

Pastor Gibson and G. L. Annis met with the field Committees in both the East and West Nigerian Missions early in April.

During the time of the recent Union meeting strong emphasis was given to plans for greater evangelism in the fields and this includes lay Workers' Institutes in each of the fields as well as Teachers' Institutes. It is planned that a Woman's Welfare group for the Union will be developed and this will call for advice and counsel from our wives of both the African and European leaders. Let us then, ladies, be thinking what we can do to make our Womans' Welfare group most active and useful. Send your ideas to the M. V. department.

The Church Services

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This can be done by a public presentation of the scriptural obligation of stewardship and by personal labour with the members. Such labour should be carried on in a tactful and helpful manner. Like the church treasurer's relations with the members in these matters, the elders should be confidential. He should not place in the hands of any unauthorized person information regarding the financial relationship of any member to the church.

In churches with a large membership, it is advisable to choose more than one elder. The burdens of office may be too great for one man, and they should be shared by as many as are required to do the work. In such event one of them should be designated as "first elder." The work should be divided among the elders in harmony with the experience and ability of each.

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