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WE GATHER TOGETHER

By D. V. Cowin

The working policy of the West African Union Mission, which was organized in 1943, makes possible an annual meeting of the executive committee for the purpose of studying the yearly budget and laying plans for the furtherance of the work in the entire field. Such a meeting of the committee was held

at the Union headquarters in Accra on January 14-21, 1953. Attending this important meeting were the regular committee members and Pastors A. F. Tarr and G. A. Lindsay from the Northern European Division headquarters in London. A new member present for the first time, was Pastor R. W.

Coon who had just arrived in West Africa to become the Union Radio Secretary and Principal of the Voice of Prophecy School.

The Union President, Pastor J. O. Gibson, opened the first meeting with a challenging discussion of the motto, "NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME."



West African Union Committee Members.

This sentence became the central theme of the work and devotions of the gathering during the whole period the men were together.

Record Baptisms

A highlight of the committee session, were the yearly reports of the progress of the work, as presented by the various mission leaders, departmental secretaries and institutional managers. We had set our Union goal for 3,000 baptisms. Everyone present was anxious to know the results after the diligent efforts to make this possible. When all reports

were in the total was 3,011. To God be the glory.

The whole period was a very busy time for every person. Each member was assigned to the various working committees and set to at once to care for the items on the lengthy agenda.

No phase of mission work failed to draw the attention of the group and the outcomes of the seven-day session were vital. A few of the many considerations merit summary mention here, such as: Week of Prayer Readings, Student Colporteur Scholarships,

Naming the Advent Press, Transfer of workers, Baptismal Certificate, Ingathering Goals for 1953, Books in General Libraries, Reclaiming Lost Members, Printing of a Series of Tracts, Call to Evangelism, Educational Development plans and Secondary Schools.

When the last hour of meetings had ended and the secretary had written *finis*, each very weary committeeman wended his separate way to his special place of service, but from his heart overflowed a deeper conviction that "NOW IS THE TIME."

UNION SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

By G. L. Annis, *Union Secretary-Treasurer*

Two years have now passed since the Divisional reorganisation of the General Conference made the West African Union a part of the Northern European Division.

At the time of the reorganisation the Division's aim was to double their membership by 1954. Half that period has now passed and a review of the achievement to date is worthy of consideration.

The Division Secretary reports that up to September 1952 the increase in membership of the Division is 4,867, being 28.48% of the goal set two years ago. Out of the above gain, 3,880 were made in our own union. This was a gain of 45.1% for West Africa. To God be the glory.

I have no doubt that all workers who are in the forefront of the battle at times feel that more should be accomplished for the effort that is being put forward, but I am sure that these comparisons will bring renewed courage to all of our workers.

Mission Offerings

The total mission offerings received during the past two years are as follows:

Offerings	1950	1951	1952
Sabbath School	2,748 9 10	3,024 12 4	4,389 13 0
13th Sabbath	475 15 8	850 15 7	1,381 3 2
Annual Offering	198 7 3	159 2 11	246 14 8
Week of Sacrifice	385 18 3	494 1 11	73 10 2
Ingathering	4,203 16 4	5,237 18 9	6,268 2 10
Miscellaneous Off.	32 1 1	35 12 6	110 14 1
Missions Extension	87 19 6	87 2 4	5 3 4
Union Total	8,132 7 11	9,889 6 4	12,475 1 3

The following is a list of gains per local mission field:

Mission	1950	1951	1952	2 yrs. increase	%
Sierra Leone	549	520	783	234	42.6
Liberia	393	538	548	155	39.4
Ivory Coast	77	100	111	34	44.2
Gold Coast	3,042	3,775	4,694	1,652	54.3
Nigeria—West	1,463	1,685	1,902	439	30.0
Nigeria—East	4,159	4,919	5,994	1,835	44.1
Nigeria—North	151	161	236	85	56.3
Total	£9,834	11,698	14,268	4,434	45.1

Tithe

With the increase in membership we should also see an increase in tithe. As nine-tenths of the tithe is retained in the local missions the tithe income is of vital concern to the local fields and the maintenance of our African workers. The full tithe does not appear in my books but we have worked out the approximate tithe received by each mission, by multiplying the amount received by the Union,

Total Tithe to Missions

	1950	1951	Increase	1952	Increase	1952 over 1950
Sierra Leone	627	605	22	1,039	434	412
Liberia	276	479	203	940	461	664
Ivory Coast	520	330	190	457	127	63
Gold Coast	4,487	5,680	1,193	7,106	1,426	2,619
Nigeria—West	1,275	1,621	346	1,904	283	629
Nigeria—East	3,008	3,242	234	3,955	713	947
Nigeria—North	193	307	114	364	57	171
Total	£10,386	12,264	1,878	15,765	3,501	5,379
1951 over 1950	...	...	...	...	...	£1,878
1952 over 1951	...	...	...	...	...	£3,501
1952 over 1950	...	...	...	...	...	£5,379

Material Progress

First and foremost we all rejoice that the difficulties over the Press land have finally been settled, and we now have a fine new building erected in record time, ready for occupation, and the Press house well on the way to completion.

In Liberia, the Monrovia church has been erected and will no doubt soon be completely finished. Also girls' school accommodation is being provided at Konola.

At Ife, further development is seen in the 4th ward, a girls' dormitory, a new church under way and sundry other improvements.

Ihe now boasts a fine new church building, undoubtedly the most distinctive in the Union, also work has commenced on the new Secondary School building.

East Nigeria has now more commodious office space, a new house for the associate president and plans well ahead for a new church in Aba.

North Nigeria has seen considerable growth in the hospital with a new ward and administration building now being built.

West Nigeria also shows growth, with additional classroom and dormitory facilities at Awtun.

In the Gold Coast, Bekwai has additional buildings and plans are underway for further development to house the Secondary School.

The improvements mentioned will suffice to show that there has been considerable material development during the past two years.

We should be very remiss, if in this report we failed to pay tribute to our faithful membership in the homelands, who have so generously continued to support us during the past year, making possible to a large extent the progress and growth recorded in this report.

We trust that the progress herein recorded will be maintained throughout 1953.

A YEAR OF BLESSINGS

By Jesse O. Gibson West African Union President

In this issue we have endeavoured to cover the complete 1952 annual reports of the various fields and institutions within our Union. (We are sorry that due to the moving of the press this issue is so late). Certainly as you read these reports you will agree with us, who had the privilege of hearing them given, that 1952 was a year of precious blessing from God. Never before have we witnessed so greatly the manifestations of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Each new report brought new

items of special interest. Many different approaches had been used. Each field and institution used their own initiative and methods, yet we thank God for the aim of all our methods and work — that of bringing the millions in Africa to Christ. We thank God for the results of 1952.

Shall we not all join in prayer and labour for an even greater harvest in 1953. With God all things are possible.

"BEHOLD NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME"

EXCELLENT EXAMPLES

By D. L. Chappell

Sister Rachel Crowe of the Monrovia, Liberia, church set an excellent example for our church members in collecting over £64 (\$180) during the 1952 Ingathering Campaign. She did this by calling on the homes and business places of her city.

She reports that she had an interesting time talking to the people and that she was able to encourage many of her donors spiritually. She proved an inspiration to other members of the church who also did well in the Ingathering campaign.

Running a close second in the amount of funds collected individually, was Pastor R. O. Wosu of Jos, Nigeria. He collected £57, another outstanding example of God's special blessing.

I deeply appreciate the fine example of successful ingathering soliciting by these two hard working church members. I hope that their accomplishments will serve as a challenge to many more of our members to take a larger part in the 1953 Ingathering Campaign.

The Ile Ife, Nigeria, church has set an encouraging record, showing what can be done by a group working together under enthusiastic leadership. The church reported £260 raised for Ingathering!

Other "examples" were set, but limited space prevents my mentioning all of them. The entire membership of the Union, working together, has set an all time record for ingathering in West Africa. Our grand total for 1952 amounted to £6,268! This was a thousand pounds gain over 1951, and a £2,889 increase over the 1949 figure.

The grand total was raised in the local missions as follows:

MISSION	AMOUNT
East Nigeria	1,250 5 8
Gold Coast	2,748 3 4
Ivory Coast	288 18 4
Liberia	413 3 1
North Nigeria	72 14 3
Sierra Leone	427 16 11
West Nigeria	1,067 1 3
Union Total	£6,268 2 10

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M. V. and EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

By D. V. Cowin, *Departmental Secretary*

The year 1952 saw new developments, growth and several "firsts" in the M.V. and Educational work in the whole of the West African Union. Each field, under enthusiastic administrators and youth leaders, shared in the full programme which has been designed to educate as well as to win and to fellowship in serving Christ. Outcomes from such a programme for children and youth are not always such as can be evaluated at the moment, but should be considered as investments for the future.

Long range educational plans for the whole of West Africa, which were developed and adopted in 1950 and 1951, started to bear fruit during the year 1952. The Ivory Coast Mission opened its first school at Yoroporia. Liberia opened a new school at the old Palmberg station with an enrolment of nearly 30. They began the construction of a new dormitory at Konola. The Sierra Leone Mission was voted a special allocation of money with which to prepare facilities for a girls' school department. Some repair work was done on the old Waterloo school station in order to make it possible for them to move the school from the church building to this

better site.

The folk in North Nigeria worked hard in order to complete a portion of the new school block for their one and only school, but in spite of this special effort on their part, no teacher could be found for the upper standards, and two whole classes had to be sent back home to wait another year before going on with their schooling. This same tragedy of a teacher shortage stalked the leaders in other fields also. It went so far in affecting our total work that it was necessary to hire 25 non-Seventh-day Adventist teachers to teach for us in the Union. The training colleges at Bekwai and Ihie increased their enrolments of teachers in an effort to supply the badly needed teaching staff in our missions.

Early in the year 1952 the Union Committee voted to establish secondary school departments at both Bekwai and Ihie. The result of such an action was the selection of both staff and students for each school. Building plans were prepared, construction started, and everything was put in readiness for the classes to begin work in early 1953.

A summary of the data for the schools in the Union show-

ed the following situation at the end of the year: 116 schools, 489 teachers and 11,534 students.

All through the field the youth were still feeling the strong influence and effect of the great Paris Youth Congress. Literally dozens of Paris Congress and Share-Your-Faith Rallies were held late in 1951. These powerful meetings overflowed into the year 1952. The result of such youth promotion work was that many investitures and numerous Lay Workers' Institutes were conducted. One field alone held 12 such district gatherings. M.V. Youth Week was observed in every field. East Nigeria led the way with a splendid leadership camp which was attended by over 50 teachers and leaders.

There came to our field during the year several departmental leaders, among which were Professor Cossentine of the General Conference, and Brethren Hamilton and Minchin from the Northern European Division.

It is our hope and prayer that the work that is being done by the leaders and teachers in our various institutions will see fulfilment in the years to come in the form of souls saved for Christ's kingdom.

PROGRESS IN THE VOICE OF PROPHECY

By E. E. Hulbert—*Principal*

THE YEAR 1952 has been a year of re-organisation, but nevertheless also of progress and blessing. We have received, during the year, well over ten thousand applications, and at the end of the year we still had a list of active students of 4,563 students. This figure compares with an active list of 3,006 in December 1951, and represents 93.4% of our enrollment, and 44.6% of our applications. This, we feel, represents a very high percentage of active students as compared with

enrollments, and we would venture to say that this percentage will be found to compare very favourably with other Bible Schools in other parts of the World.

We are glad to report that three workers in West Nigeria have reported a total of twelve Voice of Prophecy students baptized this year. To date we have received no reports from other fields, so do not know the total students baptized throughout the Union. Early in 1953, three others

were baptized in Ibadan, West Nigeria, as the result of a Voice of Prophecy Rally mentioned later in this report.

Sources of Applications

As usual the greatest source of applications is from the enrollment forms given out by our workers and members, with student recommendations ranking a good second. The source of applications which shows the most marked improvement this year is that of the Public Press. By using

classified advertisements we have drawn six times the number of applications with only twice the cost, or a 200% increase of applications per £1 spent over the display type of advertisements. The fourth most fruitful source of applications is from the "Signs of the Times", and this should be an encouragement to all who have taken part in distributing the "Signs" to friends and neighbours.

We also held three Voice of Prophecy Rallies this year, two in Ibadan, and one in Abeokuta. The first one in Ibadan was well attended, and twenty-six applied for Voice of Prophecy Lessons. This was followed by a series of evangelistic meetings in which the writer was privileged to play a leading part, and early in 1953 we baptized three of the interests from this meeting. One other went to the United Kingdom to join her husband who otherwise would have been the most promising of our interests. Another young man whose interest was aroused as a result of the meetings has gone to our training college in East Nigeria.

Financial Progress

Our gifts from students have reached a total of £377. 19. 5., a gain of £36. 9. 7 over 1951. We have given away a total of £161. 18. 4 worth of free literature, in addition to the regular printing and distribution of the NEWS to students who have completed the course. Allowing for postage spent on the mailing of the literature, we have probably cleared from £50 to £60 as a gain in gifts from students. We have also been able, while increasing our efficiency in mailing of lessons, to decrease our costs considerably. This has paved the way for a possible increase in enrollments, up to another 5,000 to 10,000 per year.

Staff

We are glad to report that we received one two year trained teacher, in the person of

Brother Noah Gyabah from the Gold Coast Mission during the past year, and we are expecting another trained worker from the East Nigerian Mission to take up his duties shortly. We are thankful to the Gold Coast and East Nigerian Mission Committees for making these workers available to us. They are supplying a long felt need.

Field Response

Evangelist S. A. Majolagbe, who is stationed in the newly opened town of Ondo (though he will probably have moved by the time this report is published) has kept us supplied with a flow of experiences through the year. His latest letter informs us that one more student is attending Sabbath-School in Ondo. He already has reported about twelve attending regularly. His testimony, as that of many others, is that the Voice of Prophecy prepares the way for the Evangelists. Student appreciation also is high. One writes, "Your lessons help me to study the Bible more than I used to do."

We believe that the Voice of Prophecy Radio and Bible School work will reach far and wide and help to spread our work throughout West Africa. It is our desire, together with the workers in the fields, to press forward, to strengthen the existing work and also to push out into the un-entered territories. The millions of West Africa still living in darkness and ignorance of the special message of the three angels constitute a challenge to us.

We do not see clearly how the living messenger is going to reach them all, but we know that "The Lord has a thousand ways that we know not of by which He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness."

As we bid farewell to the Voice of Prophecy, where for the past four years we have had so many pleasant associations and so much inspiration, we pray God that He will bless Pastor and Mrs. Roger W.

Coon as they take up their new appointment, and urge our membership to do all in their power, by prayer, by distributing enrollment forms, by financial support at offering time, to speed and support the work of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School in this great West African Union.

EXCELLENT EXAMPLES

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Truly God has abundantly blessed the efforts of His people in "Gathering funds to save souls," as East Nigeria's slogan read, in our field during the past year. I express my heartfelt praise to Him and I sincerely thank the members and workers who had a part in SEEING THE INGATHERING WORK THROUGH BEFORE THE END OF NINETEEN FIFTY-TWO.

NEW COLPORTEUR VICTORIES

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deliveries, the news that souls have been won, though few in number, thrills our hearts. We pray that God will bring forth a larger harvest of souls from the seeds that have been sown through the literature ministry.

So you can see that the colporteur work is a "great" work, not only in the size and extent of the colporteur army, but also in the *type* of ministry it renders to the people. It ministers to the souls of men, thus becoming one of the greatest works upon earth.

Wouldn't you like to have a part in God's "great" work of publishing glad tidings to the millions of West Africa? Remember . . .

NOW IS THE OPPORTUNE DAY TO WIN SOULS THE COLPORTEUR WAY

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

By D. L. Chappell, *Sabbath School Secretary.*

This being the Centennial Year for Adventist Sabbath Schools, 1952 was a high year for the Sabbath Schools of West Africa. During the month of September our 438 schools had special programmes to mark this great occasion. The newspapers published eleven stories about the Centennial celebration, a number of them giving honour to Brother Mensah Nawblay of Kikam, Gold Coast, for his 42 years of continuous membership in Adventist Sabbath Schools.

Another factor which made 1952 a high year for our Sabbath Schools was the extended visit of Pastor E. L. Minchin to our seven missions where, along with his work with the youth, he generated much enthusiasm for the Sabbath School among our people. The Sabbath School members will long remember Pastor Minchin's cheering talks.

The Gold Coast Mission began printing a special Sabbath School lesson quarterly for the children this year. It is also printing a full year's Sabbath School lessons in the vernacular in one booklet.

The Liberian Mission members gave £162 for 13th Sabbath offerings the first three quarters of 1952. This is the highest per capita in our Union.

The Accra church members gave £51 for 13th Sabbath offerings during 1952. To my knowledge, this is the largest amount given by any one church in our field.

Pastor Onwere, Sabbath School Secretary for East Nigeria, has held some weekend Sabbath School rallies this year. We are encouraging other secretaries to follow his excellent example in this type of promotion.

Eighty prisoners are now attending the Branch Sabbath School being conducted in the James Fort Prison by the Accra church. Three men are

keeping the Sabbath. Two former members, now discharged from prison, are also keeping the Sabbath.

At the close of September, 61 of our Sabbath Schools were holding regular teachers' meetings. Twelve members were taking the Sabbath School reading course and five members were taking the teacher's training course.

The statistics below are based on the twelve-month period October 1951 through September 1952, as we do not yet have the report for the 4th quarter.

Period of Reports	13th Sab. Off	Total Sab. Off	Tithe	Number Baptised
Oct. '51-Sept. '52	£1,315 7 7	£5,795 1 4	£14,846 12 6	3,862
Oct. '50-Sept. '51	665 5 5	3,144 3 7	11,309 0 4	1,959
Increase during 1952:	£ 650 2 2	£2,680 17 9	£ 3,573 12 2	1,903

We praise God for the marked increase in Sabbath School offerings and the excellent increase in the number of members baptised during the period considered. The increase in the number of Sabbath school members baptised is almost 100%! It is well understood that the Sabbath school does not get all the cre-

dit for these baptisms, but we do know that every person who was baptised had been under the influence of the Sabbath School for sometime prior to his or her baptism. Also the Sabbath School will have a major part in keeping these new converts spiritually alive in the future.

As of the end of September 1952, our records show that we have 438 organised Sabbath Schools in West Africa with 113 branch schools. The membership is now 35,288 with an average attendance of 23,625. The baptised church membership at that date was 13,714, which is a little over one third of the Sabbath School member-

ship. Just think; 21,000 non-baptised Sabbath School members! What a field for evangelistic work! In the words of Sister White, "There is a most precious missionary field in the Sabbath School, and if there are now omens of good, they are only indications and beginnings of what may be done."—Counsels on Sabbath School Work, page 9.

NEW COLPORTEUR VICTORIES

By D. L. Chappell, *Publishing Department Secretary*

Centuries ago God gave to David a vision of the publishing work in this modern age. "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it", wrote David in his 68th Psalm.

Today, throughout the world, our publishing work plays a major role in the programme of spreading the gospel of Christ Jesus. And, likewise, it is becoming comparatively "great" in West Africa. For this we are truly grateful to our heavenly Father.

During the last three years, £24,424 worth of message-filled literature has been distributed

in West Africa by our loyal band of colporteur evangelists. Much of the credit for this excellent accomplishment is due to the untiring work of our two Jamaican publishing department secretaries, Brother L. H. Davidson in the Gold Coast and Brother E. L. Brown in East Nigeria. (These are the only two local publishing secretaries in our Union field).

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Below is a report of our colporteur work in West Africa for 1952:

Mission	Ave. No. Colps.	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
East Nigeria	18	26,720	£4,962 19 6	£2,627 0 11
Gold Coast	23	27,251	15,004 8 4	9,674 5 6
Ivory Coast	— No work			
Liberia	— Small work, but no report received.			
North Nigeria	— No work			
Sierra Leone	1	1,090	633 9 10	325 17 6
West Nigeria	2	2,722	769 11 6	296 3 6
Union Total—1952:	44	57,783	21,370 9 2	12,923 7 5
Union Total—1951:	25	35,557	13,453 10 4	7,279 4 2
Increase in 1952:	19	22,226	£7,916 18 10	£5,644 3 3

It is encouraging to note the steady progress made in the amount of gospel literature delivered in our territory since 1948. Here are the colporteur book deliveries for the past four years.

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1950	4,222
1951	7,279
1952	12,923

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Our colporteurs do more than just sell books; they go the "extra" mile in their missionary endeavours. Following is a report of the "extra" missionary work done by 14 of our colporteurs last year Together they:

1. Enrolled 635 persons in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School.
2. Persuaded 50 persons to attend Sabbath School.
3. Persuaded 101 persons to attend public evangelistic meetings.
4. Persuaded 15 persons to attend Bible studies conducted by others.
5. Personally gave 57 Bible studies.
6. Distributed 995 free papers (Signs, V. O. P. pamphlets, tracts, etc.)
7. Persuaded 34 persons to enrol in a regular Sabbath school class.
8. Had 17 persons start keeping the Sabbath as a result of their work.
9. Saw two of their customers baptised.
10. Recruited 19 new colporteurs.

From our reports we know that eleven others were baptised as a fruit of the colporteur ministry. An additional ten are keeping the Sabbath. Even more than the 77% increase is

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East Nigerian Colporteur Evangelists

EAST NIGERIAN MISSION

By W. L. Newman, *President*

"Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee."—Deut. 8:2.

One could never tell—that is, I know I could never tell—the full story of God's blessings in the year's programme of the work in this Mission Field.

It started with the Workers' Council, with 250 workers in attendance. Elders Mosely, Bradley, and Gibson were with us. In March Pastor Meade led out in a Leaders' M.V. Camp, which was a great success. Elders Minchin and Cowin being present, both entering into the spirit of the Camp. Then followed our Constituency Meetings during which time six of our workers were ordained to the Gospel ministry. Lay Workers Councils were held in every district as well as a number of Sabbath School conventions. Camp Meeting attendance this year was the greatest ever. Hundreds of non-members attended, many joining a Bible Class to prepare for baptism.

In between these activities, we conducted an evangelistic effort in every district and the workers found time to conduct their baptismal classes, resulting in a glorious harvest of 1,136 souls. When we see the results, we are encouraged to go on in a greater effort to win many more souls in 1953. So far we have baptized 2,000 in the two years. God willing, we shall double our membership in the four years.

Brother and Sister Logan were welcomed to this field: Brother Logan as our Secretary Treasurer. They have passed through a very trying time of sickness, but praise due to the Lord, all were brought safely through.

In September Brother and Sister Fatcher arrived. Brother Fatcher takes over the managementship of our schools, thus relieving me of a very heavy burden. I am sure we are going to see a great improvement on the figure of 65.8% of our scholars as Adventists.

Plans have been on for the establishment of our hospital at Elele. In accordance with the promise made, no extensive propaganda has been made for the raising of funds. It is finding it more and more difficult to care for our sick members who travel the 400 miles for treatment. East Nigeria needs an Adventist hospital.

We have 16 going to Ihie for the two-year Evangelistic Course. Right now 14 of our senior workers are attending a refresher course for one month.

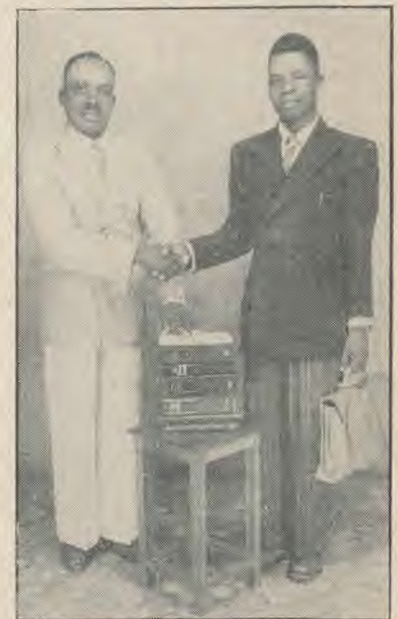
Finance

Our tithe shows an increase of over £700 over the previous year. Sabbath School Offering and Ingathering both show an increase. Our Colporteur sales have amounted to £1,562.

Witch Doctor Converted

In closing I will relate one experience which took place at one of our recent Camp Meetings. Brother Fatcher, Pastor Ahamba and I spent the weekend at Nchia Eleme. Rain came on the Sabbath and again on Sunday morning, so we were forced to hold the meetings in the church. Gradually the people came and finally filled the church. Just as I was about to preach the closing sermon, Pastor Meze touched me on the shoulder and remarked that there was a witch doctor in the audience. I lifted up a silent prayer and directed

my appeal to her, for the doctor was a lady. When the appeal was made, she was the first to raise her hand. After the meeting, I spoke to her asking when she was going to take off all her charms and ornaments. Her husband chimed in and said "that will be done gradually for we have already tried and the devil throws her on the ground." After some further words of encouragement we went back into the church and silently prayed. There was a hushed silence as a number expected to see a struggle take place. Indeed there was a struggle, but I am happy to say that the Lord won and the priestess took off all her ornaments and charms. These things were burnt as we sang hymns around the fire. I have since learnt that they were driven from their home and are now staying with the Pastor. The members are helping to build a new house. This was a wonderful victory in this superstitious and idol-worshipping area. We praise the Lord for this manifestation of His power to save unto the uttermost.



Colporteur A. A. Ubani of Port Harcourt, East Nigeria, with his customer who has purchased eight of our good books.

WEST NIGERIAN MISSION

By J. J. Hyde, *President.*

WEST NIGERIA is happy to share with its sister organisations the blessings of God which have so manifestly rested upon our Union during the past year, and to report general advancement.

Membership

Our membership gain was 217. This was less than we had hoped but was up to the general level of recent years. Our total membership is now 1908.

Sabbath School

Our Sabbath School department under the able care of Brother Makinde increased in membership from 2,525 to 3,780, or an increase of 49.7%. This year Brother Makinde will turn his chief attention to the Young People and we hope that his success there will be equally spectacular.

Finance

In the field of finance we had a good year. Our regular appropriation from the Union was £2,730. We have returned to the Union £2,012. The Union Treasurer's Report has given you the details sufficiently and I will not repeat them here except to say that for the first time our harvest Ingathering exceeded £1,000, and that the still more heartening thing is the way in which our members are taking hold of this work and going out among the people soliciting their gifts. Brother Chappell did his usual brilliant best in Lagos, and the Hospital did very well indeed as the Doctor has already told you. This increasing willingness on the part of the members to do door-to-door work will have great results when it is turned into evangelistic endeavours. And what it means in their own Christian experiences will be clear to all of you.

Total income within the Field rose by £790 to £6,600. Of this school fees provided £2,552 and Tithes and Local Offerings £1,986, and Government grants to £2,060. Thus largely do the schools and the Government bulk in Mission affairs.

On the other hand expenses increased by £1,837 and at December 31st we showed a deficit on the year of £520. There are however some Government grants outstanding that will probably take care of that.

1953 is to see an increase in teacher's salaries of just short of 50%. This will make our dependence on the Government Treasurer in the balancing of our accounts still more marked.

Visitors and Meetings.

The early weeks of the year were made notable by the holding of the first Union Constituency Meetings at Accra. From reports that have come to me I think the West Nigerian Delegation took its full part in the work of the Session. This meeting was, in a sense, continued at Ibadan and the same willingness to express themselves was shown there too, I am informed.

The visits of Brethren Mozely, Bradley, and Minchin were greatly enjoyed by our members and staff. I met Brother Mozely in England after his visit and I know that he also greatly enjoyed his visit.

Evangelism

Inspired by their meetings with Brother Bradley, all the staff engaged in spearhead efforts with real success in new names on Sabbath School records, and old members reclaimed. Brother E. E. Hulbert conducted a well-sustained effort in Ibadan. The whole church rallied around him and were very happy to see their friends and neighbours

becoming interested in our message. Seeds fruit very slowly in Yoruba country and the results of Brother Hulbert's work have not all been reaped. However, it was very commendable for Brother Hulbert to give us so much of his time in view of the pressure he is under in his own department.

In the closing weeks of the year two Voice of Prophecy rallies were held. One was in Abeokuta in the large Centenary Hall, and the other in Ibadan. Both were well-attended. But Brother Hulbert will himself report on these.

A very good Week of Prayer brought our members to the end of the year with a higher spiritual morale than I remember them ever to have had before. We are looking for a good year in 1953.

Finally I have to bring to you two actions which our Field committee took a few days ago. They read as follows:—

WHEREAS West Nigeria has within its borders the most concentrated population in the Union, and

WHEREAS it also contains the largest town in Africa south of the Sahara, and
WHEREAS the present staff of the Mission both in numbers and training are quite inadequate for the task of evangelising these many millions of people, and
WHEREAS the dual tasks of warning these people and of developing the evangelistic staff would be most powerfully aided by the running of full-scale city efforts by an experienced evangelist and the demonstration therein of modern evangelistic methods,

VOTED that we request the West African Union Committee as a matter of urgency to give serious and immediate study at its forthcoming annual session and asking that if that is necessary an experienced and successful evangelist be called from Europe or America for work in this area.

That is the first. The second action asks for assistance in preparing and printing ten Yoruba tracts of possibly only two pages on the chief points of our message stated in the simplest and clearest manner, and cheap enough for mass distribution.

The truth of the statements which preface the first action are beyond dispute. West

Nigeria has been very careful in its requests for money. It has been very willing to accommodate itself to difficult staff situations both inside and outside its field. As already indicated, financially it is not a costly field. But it is now ready to ask for substantial help in handling what is the biggest job confronting any of our organisations on the Coast.

one time, and for the whole year 66 souls were added to the Church by baptism, this being 27 more than during 1951. The Baptised Membership for the field now stands at 236. 84 persons are now in the Probationers' Class from which our baptisms for 1953 will come.

During the year we held our first Constituency Meeting and we were glad to have the help of Brethren Gibson and Anniss. Visitors to our field are very welcome and our members love to hear about the work of God in other parts. We were happy that Brother Mosely of the General Conference; Brother Minchin from the Division; and Brethren Gibson and Cowin from the Union could visit us at various times, and the help rendered by these Brethren was much appreciated.

During the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, Pastor R. Wosu made a very excellent effort and by visiting Europeans and Africans made many good connections. While soliciting for gifts he was also able to have many conversations concerning the Word of God and the times in which we live. When the year closed he had collected and handed over £57. 5. 3., and we are wondering if any African throughout the Union has collected more than this, or does Pastor Wosu hold the record?

The following figures will show some increases for the year:

	1951	1952
S. S. Memb.	599	642
Hearers' Cl. Memb.	153	208
Bapt. Cl. Memb.	59	84
Baptisms	39	66
Baptised Memb.	191	236

Some advance was made in finance also during the year, and the following was gathered:

Tithe	£353 19 7
S.S.O.	140 12 8
Annual Offering	12 13 4
Harvest Ingathering	72 14 3

At present we are busy with a building programme. At Jos a Church is being erected

NORTH NIGERIAN MISSION

By W. G. Till, *President.*

1952 has passed and it has been a year of encouragement as well as some disappointments. In 1951 the Jengre School was running up to Std. V and in 1952 it was hoped that Std. VI would be added, but after much effort locally and after appealing for volunteers from East and West Nigeria to help us, we eventually had to close down the existing Std. V and only operate the school up to Std. IV. However we are grateful to the Nigerian Training College and West Nigeria for making it possible for two of our boys and two of our girls to continue their studies with them. Others who had no money to go South are waiting for the school to operate the higher standards. We are very happy that one H.E. Teacher from West Nigeria has volunteered to come up and help us, and if only we can complete the teaching staff which is necessary, we hope to run a Std. VI school in 1953. To find teachers in the North is most difficult, and even the Government have to turn to the South for help, so we also look to our Brethren in East and West Nigeria to lend us an helping-hand until we are able to get some of our own boys trained as teachers, and thus will be able to carry our own load. We are also happy that the boy who went to Ihie passed Std VI, and we are grateful to Brother Downing for the special favour granted us in allowing the student to

commence the Teacher Training course in 1953. If he passes in this it will be a great help to us in the near future.

For various reasons it was not possible for the Evangelist from West Nigeria to come up before the end of the year, so without a capable interpreter we could not hold meetings with our workers and plan for evangelism as we should. However all dark clouds have a silver lining so let us turn from the shadows and look for the high lights.

Dr. Hyde volunteered to conduct an evangelistic effort, so it was planned that he should do this at a place called Wa'ba where he is conducting a weekly medical clinic. For two weeks he conducted an intensive course with the Workers and went out to work with them during the day. The members in that part also gave willing help. In the evenings the evangelistic effort was held at the central point. An excellent interest was raised and many new names were added to the Hearers' Class. After some have dropped out by the way the number of new names stands at 78, and we earnestly pray that many of these precious souls will continue to walk in the pathway of light and finally enter the Kingdom.

As a result of the good work done in the past, this year produced the record number of baptisms for any one year. On September 6th the record number of 34 was baptised at

which we trust will give Pastor Wosu a great deal of encouragement in carrying out his programme of evangelism. At Jengre a six class-room school is under construction, and also a new Church. Doctor Hyde has been busy with the building of the new Hospital Administration Block and staff quarters. We are sincerely thankful to our Brethren and Sisters in all parts of the world for the portion of the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow which comes to us, and which enables us to carry out some of this building programme and obtain some of the things we so much need.

In North Nigeria we are now in the place where other fields

were at least twenty years ago. The Northerners are awakening and making advances, and there are good prospects for the work of God. We look to other fields to supply us with workers until we are able to train our own men, and to the Union to supply us with sufficient financial help until we are able to increase our membership to such a number that they will be able to carry a greater part of the load.

We ask for an interest in your prayers that many of the Africans in the North may be trained so that they can take greater responsibility and thus the work of God be hastened onward towards its completion in our field.

for his associates and we are confident that his instruction in the art and technique of soul-winning will produce its harvest in the years to come. 33 men and women joined the hearers' class as a result of the effort.

A very profitable Bible Class is being conducted in Accra by the staff of the Union office, led by Pastor Gibson, and is producing good results. The first-fruits of this class have already been reaped, and a particularly fine type of convert has been found.

An excellent and highly commendable type of evangelism is also being conducted in Accra under the leadership of Brethren Chappell and Anniss. This is an effort to bring the saving message of truth to the men and women receiving board and lodging at Her Majesty's expense in James Fort Prison. I have personally visited the prison with the brethren and have been impressed with the work being done and with the ready response being received from the prisoners, about 80 of whom attend the regular branch Sabbath School in the prison. Some definite decisions for Christ and the true Sabbath have been won.

In Tamale, the capital of the Northern Territories, our evangelist is working among prisoners incarcerated there, and has gained three Sabbath keepers.

A report on evangelism in the Gold Coast would not be complete without reference to the soul-winning efforts of the staff and students of Bekwai. Pastor Welch and Amoah and Brother Moyer give an inspiring example to the students and the membership of the Bekwai district, and the influence of this institution as a soul-winning agency is being felt more and more around the field.

GOLD COAST MISSION

By A. J. Mustard, *President*

SURVEYING the record of 1952 in retrospect, one is surprised by the number of things that escaped notice as the year was travelled through. A review of the work accomplished in the Gold Coast Mission reveals many things for which we offer a sincere tribute of praise and thanksgiving to God. We give Him the glory for all that may be counted success and ask His pardon for the limitations placed upon His work by our human weaknesses.

Membership

During 1952 we received into the church by baptism and vote 1,152 souls. Our baptised membership now stands at 4,695 (approx.) a gain of 920 or 24% over 1951. It should not pass without notice that our membership has doubled in the period since March 31, 1950, a period of 2 years and 9 months. I know you will rejoice with me in this achievement, but let us also reflect with respect and gratitude upon the labours and sacrifice of the men who in past years sowed the seeds that have made this harvest possible.

We have groups of believers in 213 towns and villages throughout the land. There are now 42 organised churches in the Mission. In these churches and companies 4,788 souls are in the hearers' and baptismal classes.

Evangelism

94 evangelistic efforts have been conducted during 1952. Sharing in these efforts were 257 evangelists, teachers, and laymen, and of this number 111 were laymen. 1,713 converts are reported as a result of the year's work, and of these 646 were won by our laymen. The interest shown by our laymen in the work of soul-winning is one of the most encouraging features of this report.

Outstanding in our evangelistic programme for 1952 was the effort conducted by Pastor T. J. Bradley in Kumasi. He was assisted by the European and African staff at headquarters, and by a team of evangelists drawn from many districts of the Mission. Together with his evangelistic programme, Pastor Bradley conducted a school of evangelism

Colporteur Evangelism

Indeed, this is evangelism of a very high order. I want to pay a humble tribute to the very fine and cheerful leadership given to this work by Brother Davidson, and I thank God for the gallant band of men who go from house to house and from store to store selling our publications and seizing every opportunity to lead truth-seeking souls into the fold of the church. They won 80 souls in 1952.

Sales totalled £9,674 as compared to £5,770 in 1951.

Tithe

The tithe income of the Mission advanced to £7,106 in 1952. This is an increase of £1,426 over 1951, or 25%. The tithe per capita figure for the baptised membership has dropped from £1. 10s. 9d. in 1950 to £1. 10s. 2d. in 1951, increased to £1. 10s. 3d. in 1952.

Sabbath School offerings for the year totalled £1,414, an increase of £320 over 1951.

Harvest Ingathering collections total £2,751 as against £2,408 in 1951.

Education

Our work in the educational field continues to grow in strength. We are now responsible for 54 Primary schools and 9 Middle or Senior schools, employing 213 teachers, of whom 70 are certificated.

During the year advances have been made in the plan for a Secondary School at Bekwai. More rapid progress might have been made but for the absence of Pastor Welch on furlough. The first class opens this year with 23 acceptances. Efforts have been made to raise funds from the membership for this project.

Our educational programme reaches its head at Bekwai College. We are proud of this institution. It may lack certain facilities and fall short of the desired standard in some material things, but its atmosphere, influence, and spiritual

life calls for no apology. Pastor Welch is reporting in more detail on the work of the institution.

Home Missionary Department

This department has been organised under separate leadership during 1952. Pastor C. B. Mensah is responsible for it. Much time has been given in Sabbath visits to churches, at camp meetings, and other suitable gatherings to instruct our churches in the development of missionary work. Churches have been encouraged to elect local Home Missionary Leaders, and these men will be guided in planning more and better soul-winning work. 37 churches now hold the regular monthly Home Missionary service, using material provided by the Home Missionary Secretary of the Mission. 41 churches conduct the weekly 10-minute Missionary Service, and 29 hold Missionary Training Classes. Lay Preachers are active in 30 centres, and 232 persons are giving themselves to Bible work and Lay Preaching. During the year Missionary conventions were held in 37 centres, and it is reported that 484 persons have been won to the truth in 1952 through the work promoted by this department.

A high mark in the year's programme of work was made by the series of laymen's institutes held in every district of the mission. We greatly appreciated Brother Cowin's help at the first one. The laymen displayed a keen interest in the programme of instruction we prepared, covering church organisations the work and duties of church officers, Home Missionary, Sabbath School, and M.V. work, etc. A group of 40 or 50 laymen attended at each place. Their keenness in seeking to equip

themselves for successful church and soul-winning work is illustrated in the story of two men who walked 27 miles through the bush, swimming two rivers on the way, to attend an institute at Kwame Danso. These men are members of a Sabbath School of 48, raised up recently by one of our active laymen. The nearest village to Anyinofi, where this Sabbath School is organised, is 17 miles away and there are no roads. The layman responsible for raising up this company walks those 27 miles once a fortnight to conduct services with these people. The district leader groaned as he told me of his experience in walking those 27 miles to conduct a baptism. As he cannot swim he had to be hauled across the rivers.

Camp Meetings

10,000 people attended our camp meetings in the recent Camp Meeting season. They were conducted in 9 centres. Three full days were devoted to each camp and a full programme provided sermons, Bible studies, health talks, children's meetings, and missionary work in the town. Opportunity was also taken to promote the colporteur work, the secondary school project and the newly-organised Home Missionary Department.

Northern Territories

This report would not be complete without some reference to the areas of mission territory that offer best prospects for future growth. They are the northern districts of Ashanti and the province known as Northern Territories itself, including North Togoland. To tour these districts is a thrilling but maddening experience. The small handful of workers we have in these areas are humanly incapable of caring for all the souls who are coming to us for light. We need many times the number of workers we have in these areas, but are unable to provide

them. The people in these northern districts are primitive but respond very readily to our efforts. They are still largely untouched by the influence of other missions, and the present is a time of opportunity for us. If only we could seize it! "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. . . . But the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."



Pioneer workers to Northern Territories, Gold Coast.

IVORY COAST MISSION

By G. M. Ellstrom, *President*

WHEN ONE year ends and another begins we often review the events of the year that is forever gone into eternity, endeavouring in the year to come to omit the errors and follow in the way of those things that were well done. I trust we shall be able to do this in the year 1953. As I review the past year I find disappointments that tend to discourage, but I recognize this as the work of Satan, who is doing his utmost to defeat the work of God. Members have fallen back into sin and been disfellowshipped and those who were studying to become workers have gone back to their villages not to return and,—but I think this is almost enough in this strain. These things might be discouraging if it were not for Paul's words in Rom. 8:28, "All things work together for good to them that love God." It doesn't seem good at all at the present, but it is undoubtedly for the good of the work in the future. I may say that we have been very disappointed, though not discouraged, in not getting Brother Amponsah over to help us in the Ivory Coast. While supposedly working for our field he has spent nearly all year in Accra because he has not been granted

a visa. We need him very badly and are still trying to get permission for him to stay in the Ivory Coast for at least two years. With a half dozen more like him in our field the work would be onward in double quick time I am sure. Maybe this has been permitted by the Lord to make us trust more fully in Him. The work is His, however, and He will not see it fail.

We have hit bottom I think and when you hit it hard there is a good rebound, especially if the object has enough elasticity. I believe we have and ought to be on the way up. Let us turn the record over now and see what the other side sounds like.

Gratitude to God

Praise the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all His benefits!" We have much for which to be personally thankful to God. In spite of some depressing moments and a few difficulties to surmount God has been good to us in caring for our needs and supplying us blessings every day. He buoys us up when our spirits are downcast and I truly believe He will help us to surmount all the seemingly difficult obstacles that are hindering His work. No machinations of Satan can stop the

progress of the work of God, so we believe our present hindrances are only stepping stones to greater things. Let us now see what has been done.

Membership

Only a handful have come in as new believers, but that is hardly indicative of the interest we have, for there are people in a number of villages who would like to have someone come to teach them, but "how can they hear without a preacher?" We can't follow up new interests for we have no one to send. The Ivory Coast will boost its membership very rapidly when we get some well trained, spirit-filled evangelists. We had 19 who joined the church through baptism at our last camp-meeting, so we have a membership of over 100 now. Including the Amponsah's and the overseas families we have 111 members in the Ivory Coast.

Missionary Volunteers

Our hopes are for the future in the Missionary Volunteer work. We have been able to create an interest in this part of our work, some young people's meetings have been held and I feel sure we shall have some good reports of work done this next year. Credit should be given to the young for visiting the nearby villages to sing and preach the Message. This next month we are planning a Junior Camp, which will be the first one held in the Ivory Coast. We are looking forward to an investiture at that time, of which we shall have more to report another year.

Churches

In November of 1952 we organized our small church at Tiemelekro, so we have now two organized churches in the Ivory Coast, each with a membership of about 25.

Education

Last year we had our first church organized and the first investiture to report and next year we hope to report our first Junior Camp, but we can report

something as first also this year. We had our first Constituency Meeting at which time we were glad to have with us Brother Anniss. We also had a marriage ceremony for a young couple who had not previously been living together, the first such ceremony in our field. I trust we shall be having more of these kind of church blessings and I think the marriages will then have more meaning and be more effective. These things may be considered educational, but I want to mention the most important first that we had this year in the field of education, and that is our little school which was started in Yoroporia. It has been a struggle for the members, but we still have 24 or 25 children out of the 30 or so who started last June. We are indeed thankful to the Lord for this little school and for what it has been doing in that part of our field. Another school year will probably demand another teacher, but we think the Lord will help us get one when he is needed.

Colporteur Work

For a long time we have been trying to interest some of our members in the colporteur work. We have finally found one who has been doing some part time work and though his sales are not large he has proved that he has the ability with the blessing of God to sell some books. He has probably spent a 40 hour week all told in selling and has sold just about six pounds worth of books. We are hoping for something from him this year for he told me the other day that he wants to spend his time in working for the Lord. We

trust that we can say in 1953 that we have one regular colporteur in our field.

Voice of Prophecy

A few are studying our Voice of Prophecy lessons that will eventually bring some good results I am sure. Our own course has now been implemented somewhat by a course being sent from Dakar. They are broadcasting up there twice a week and a few folk in the Ivory Coast have heard their broadcast and have asked for the lessons. The director at Dakar sent me the names of a half dozen people, scattered pretty well throughout the country, who are studying their lessons. We advertized their course in the paper a few weeks ago and I hope we shall get some interest through the Dakar radio.

Ingathering

Our tithe fell a little below last year, but we hope to build it up again this year. Our offerings have gone up a little, averaging about four francs, or twopence, per Sabbath School member including the children. Anything that goes forward or upward is always gratifying so we are happy about our offerings, but even more than the offerings our Ingathering increased enormously this year. Up until last year we were refused the privilege of collecting money from the public except from acquaintances. Last year our permit came too late to do us any good, but this year we received permission in time to spend several days Ingathering in Abidjan which is the only

place where we have permission as yet to do any soliciting. We didn't cover all of this territory, but still did fairly well in gathering 112,000 francs. Some churches have not yet been able to send in their Ingathering, but we have received a total of 137,000 francs, or about £275. We are hoping to do even better another year.

Workers

You all realize we haven't had any workers in our field. Brother Amponsah was with us for about three months last year, but even during that time his hands were tied because he was not to stay, but only to get his belongings and depart for the Gold Coast. We are still hoping and praying that he will come back to help. I am happy to report, however, that we now have one worker in our field who is just beginning his work the middle of this month. He is one of our most capable lay workers I think and we are very glad he has accepted the call of the Lord to work as an evangelist. Some of you know him. It is Emmanuel, our giant from Begretto. We feel confident that with the blessing of God he will be of great help to the work of God in our field. I am hoping to find one or two more who will come to the Mission for study and training that they may also go out into the field as evangelists. We need your prayers that we can get workers in our field and really get the work of God underway.

We are of good courage and we do have a great deal of faith in the ultimate success of the work of God in the Ivory Coast.

LIBERIAN MISSION

By C. D. Henri, *President*

Permit me to preface this poor report with these words of inspiration: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord Thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1: 8, 9.

With humbleness of heart and recognizing full well our incapacities and imperfections, but trusting in the power of this great promise of God, we have undertaken the solemn and sacred responsibility of leading out in the work of God in Liberia. It was just four months ago while we were still in America that this burden was placed upon us. With fifty percent of our foreign staff of four on furlough you can well understand that we cannot report that tremendous forward strides have been made. But we do praise God that despite the change in leadership and workers furlough that progress under our African brethren has been made.

Ingathering

Liberia's economic prosperity is altogether dependent upon the sale of her agricultural products, such as palm oil, piassave, palm kernels, rubber and cocoa. This past year the foreign market price for these commodities dropped nearly 50%. Despite all this, by diligent and faithful effort, we have reached and passed our goal. Over a third of our goal was raised during Brother Chappell's visit to our field. We thank God for his leadership and the inspiration given

by his visit. The membership of the Monrovia church deserve commendation because they raised over half of the \$1,177.48 given this year.

The example of one of our African ladies, Sister Rachel Crowe is responsible for much of this. By hard, hard work in the heat and rain, by dint of miles plodded up the hills and rocks of Monrovia, she succeeded, by God's grace, in gathering in the amazing sum of \$18,000. That is over £64! What a challenge to all our members in West Africa and our foreign workers as well. Surely the spirit of sacrifice is not all on our side.

Baptisms

We regret that our baptisms were lower this year than ever since 1946. This was due, however, to furloughs by our foreign workers who carry the greater responsibility in this matter. We long for the time to come when we will have a more consecrated, loyal, hardworking and well-trained group of evangelists and teachers, than we have at present. Our urgent need in Liberia is trained consecrated workers. Our baptisms for 1952 were eighty-nine. We look forward to 1953 with great anticipation. Our full foreign staff will be in the field this year.

Our carefully laid plans for spear-head evangelism during the months of December and January, using all our evangelists and teachers, was upset by a sudden change in the date and length of time for the Teacher's Institute. Attendance at this Institute is compulsory for all teachers.

In spite of this, we are at present conducting spear-head evangelistic services at Palm-borg, Mt. Findley, New Cess and Kakata.

Let me speak briefly of the latter. Brethren Giddings, and I are conducting these meetings four nights weekly. The interest is great. There has not been a single meeting where under 250 have been in attendance, including Christmas and New Years nights. The Sabbath was presented on December 28 and 29, and our first Sabbath service was held on January 3rd. There were nine besides our members present. Of these, an entire family of four walked four miles to keep their first Sabbath. Another was the former Mayor of the city, a man of great prestige and influence. We believe by God's grace that he and family will join the remnant people.

Our great problem, which we have been unable to solve, is a place for worship. We are meeting presently in the City Hall which is simply an open room containing Post Office, Court and Police Headquarters. Perhaps the place where we must meet is the cause of the poor Sabbath attendance. We wish to lay on your heart our need for a place of worship. \$1,000 from the church extension fund plus our own resources and gifts from the new members will result, with God's blessings, in a representative church and school building in Kakata, Liberia's second largest city.

Voice of Prophecy and Bible hour

Despite several interruptions during the year, we are happy to report that both broadcasts are now on the air again. The Voice of Prophecy on Sunday night at 8.30 p.m. Liberian time, and the Bible Hour on Thursday nights at the same time. Our enrollments for the correspondence course have increased from 21 in September to 225, and they continue to come in. The President's Social Secretary has told us personally of his governments appreciation for both programs and expressed the desire that we remain permanently on the air.

Konola Training School

We quote from Bro. Giddings report: "Our hope for trained workers rests on our Konola Training School. Besides two dwellings we have only one school building. The equipment for our only building is quite limited, poor and inadequate. We have not been able to supply enough beds for the boys, dining tables, school desks, blackboards, etc. The temporary buildings which were built several years ago, have fallen one by one. The chapel, constructed mostly of mud and sticks where classes have been conducted for many years, is fast coming to its end being assisted by the termites and the more than 200 inches of yearly rains. The expense involved for the repair of this building would not justify our doing so. This leaves us with only one building to take care of our training program. Our greatest present need is, therefore, a building and facilities for the training of workers. We are blessed with a beautiful site that lends itself, in many ways, to further development as a campus for the type of institution we desire.

We are thankful for the arrival of Brother R. W. Simons and family whose help

will be invaluable to our school. His many skills in vocational, as well as in educational lines, will mean much to this training center.

We are grateful to our Division and Union for the present plans and appropriation which will provide a dormitory for girls.

Our M.V., Sabbath School, school and church work is also showing improvement. The Sabbath before Easter a new group of Gio natives joined our Sabbath school. This group was led by one of the tribe who had been trained in the Catholic mission. This young man has been coming to the Mission for Bible studies and was convinced that he ought to keep the Sabbath. He did not hesitate to teach his people what

he learned and thus brought sixteen with him to join the church. They have been faithful ever since that day in their attendance, in their tithe and offerings. This group also raised \$25.00 for Harvest Ingathering." I might add that these people are all in the baptismal class.

Gratitude

We thank a benevolent Heavenly Father for the accomplishments of the past year. We look confidently to the future. "There remaineth much land to be possessed," but if God be with us there can be no failure.

We request your continued interest and prayers as we move forward under God in Liberia.

SIERRA LEONE MISSION

By H. D. Wilson, *Acting President.*

It is with humble gratitude to the Lord that we are presenting this report for the Sierra Leone field. Looking over our experiences during the last twelve months we can truly say with all the emphasis of our being, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

First Constituency Meeting

The year 1952 marked the first local constituency meeting ever held in this field. In this meeting our believers, through their representatives, caught an insight into the work, and realized as never before their own duties and responsibilities. As a result of this meeting and its effects upon the field, our members are now giving us more intelligent co-operation than ever before. Whatever success has been achieved during this year is due chiefly to this fact.

Evangelism

As never before *SOUL-WINNING* is the great objective of all our endeavours in the field. Every line of endeavour, every activity, every department serves as a means to this one objective — the winning of more souls to the message.

Colporteur Evangelism

For a long time we had looked forward to having a trained canvasser for the field. We were made very happy therefore, by the coming of



Bassa School, Liberia.

Bro. Daitey from the Gold Coast to take up this important work. Freetown has always been a difficult place in which to sell books, but the Lord was with Bro. Daitey and greatly blessed his work. Within the past 12 months period he was able to deliver £356 18s. 11d. worth of our truth-filled literature in Freetown alone. More important than this, Bro. Daitey was also able to make many friendly, missionary contacts which if followed up may result in bringing many into a clearer understanding of God's will concerning them.

Literacy Programme

We can never over-emphasize the truth that unless our believers can read the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy for themselves, they will never be able fully to share the duties and privileges of church membership. Also, their safe-guard against apostacy will remain very weak indeed. Our solemn responsibility therefore is to teach them to read in their own language. It is with this sobering thought that we carry forward our literacy program in this field. We conducted 9 vernacular schools and 127 new people were taught to read.

But our objective is not only to get our people to read, but also to make them active soul-winners. We realise that one of the greatest safeguards against discouragement and apostacy is working for others. We must therefore produce in the vernacular some material which our believers can use in active, soul-winning work.

We are happy to report that we now have a quarterly LAYMAN'S JOURNAL, called in Temne, THE PREACHING MEMBER, and in the Mende, THE ACTIVE CHURCHMAN. Each of the last two issues of this journal contains 13 Bible Lessons adapted from the book, BIBLE READINGS FOR THE HOME CIRCLE. The first issue of this journal came out at the beginning of the third quarter of 1952.

Lay Evangelism

Our believers are very happy to receive this help and are making good use of it in their villages. We now have a force of 81 lay-men who are using this journal in active soul-winning work. This is nearly three times the number of paid workers we have in the field. It is with the help of these lay-workers that we were able to win 349 new converts during the year. We may also add here, that with this journal our believers are now able to conduct their own services without the help of regular, paid mission workers.

Baptisms and Membership

During the year 150 persons were baptised and received into full church fellowship. Our net gain of 90, brings our total membership up to 783. There are at the close of the year 155 persons in the Baptismal class and 289 in the Hearers class. Under the continual blessing of God, we feel certain that we will be able to baptise 228 souls by the end of 1953, which will bring up our total membership to 1,008. This will mean that we shall have doubled our membership as of the beginning of 1950—a three year period.

Schools

During the year under review, we were faced with many grave problems in our educational work. As a direct result of pressure brought upon them by the District Commissioners, the Native Authorities at both Yele and Giema decided to have N.A. Schools instead of our mission schools. A similar situation arose at Nengbema, but there the District Commissioner did not approve of the change, so we are free to continue our school work in this chiefdom.

Due to the lack of suitable buildings, proper equipment, and trained teachers, we are not prepared to carry on school work in Moyamba. Unless we are prepared to put up proper buildings and to provide better equipment for all of our out-schools, we are in great danger of losing them. We hope that plans will soon be made to alter this situation enabling us to improve and hold our own schools.

Finance

Sierra Leone shows a definite spring in Tithes and Offerings in 1952 over 1951. Here are the comparative figures:

	1951		1952		Gain
Tithe	£783	12 3	£846	10 6	£ 62 18 3
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13th Sab. Off.	52	8 3	78	1 10	25 13 6
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Sabbath School Department

We now have 23 organised Sabbath Schools and 18 branch Sabbath Schools, with a membership of 1,417 adults and 407 children, making a total membership of 1,810. With our present core of Lay-Evangelists, we hope to bring our total membership to well over 2,000 by the end of 1953. Under the blessing of God we are sure this will be accomplished.

General

We are very grateful to the Union for the liberal grant given us last year. But our work is steadily growing, thus we need an increasing amount of money every year to keep up with this expansion. We on our part are doing all we can to educate our believers to pay faithful tithes and to give more liberal offerings.

Among our many needs we may list the following:—

- a. We must give greater financial assistance to our believers in putting up better churches.
- b. We must build and equip better schools.
- c. Because of the increasing cost of living, we are forced to consider, yes, and to pay higher wages to our workers and to all mission employees.
- d. We are earnestly hoping and praying that the Union will soon provide us with a Girls' School in Sierra Leone. This is a great, long felt need, which we cannot afford to ignore any longer. While the other fields have their secondary schools, their hospitals, and their printing plant, we in Sierra Leone have nothing. We trust therefore that the Union will pity our condition and give us a girls' school.

We are very happy to welcome Pastor and Mrs. V. C. Brown from the U.S.A. and brother and sister D. J. Clarke from the U.K. Bro. Brown carried a large share of the administrative burden of the field during the absence of Pastor Keslake. We trust that under the blessing of God, brother Clarke will be able to win many precious souls in the Colony area.

It was very encouraging to see the whole-hearted cooperation given through the year by both workers and believers throughout the field. Petty personal feelings were laid aside and self faded away. The aim, the all absorbing interest of all was the progress of the work, and for the greater glory of God. But for the loyal support and good will our task would have been much more difficult and the achievements of the year impossible.

BEKWAI SEMINARY

By H. J. Welch, *Principal*

The Training College at Bekwai deeply appreciates the privilege of placing a brief report before the annual meeting of the West African Union. While we are a local mission institution nevertheless we are one of the largest institutions in the Union and of course largely dependant on the Union for capital and operation subsidies.

The year 1952 has not been an easy one at the Seminary. During much of the year either the assistant Principal, Mr. Moyer or the Principal have been on furlough leaving the institution very short handed. In addition the Gold Coast Government Accelerated Plan for Education has made many perplexing problems including a complete reorganisation of accounting and admission procedures. The tremendous number of applicants to be screened has on the one hand made much work for the Staff and on the other hand given opportunity for very discriminating selection of students. For an entering class in Teacher Training of 30 students nearly 400 made application and around 300 took the entrance examination.

In addition to these Training College problems much of the planning for the new Secondary School has fallen to the officers of the College. We are not however complaining but are rather very grateful to God for the privilege of service and for the many blessings he has poured upon the School. We are exceedingly grateful also for the help in so many ways given by the leadership of the Gold Coast Mission and the West African Union.

The enrollment for the year is 85 in all departments. In addition 322 children were registered in the Primary and Middle School. Judging from the applications now accepted we will have around 120 students in the College next year, with over 360 in the Primary and Middle School. Thus a total of nearly 500 will be in attendance. This includes the first form in the Secondary School. Our one great regret is that so few of our youth have chosen to study for evangelism. The financial inducements offered by the Government for students to take Teacher Training is a great temptation to many who might otherwise choose other fields of service.

Due to the enthusiastic leadership of Brethren A. M. Moyer and J. K. Amoah there has been a strong emphasis on evangelism placed before all the students. Nine evangelistic efforts were held with a total of 42 converts won. In one case where a church was in bad condition the evangelistic students with their own hands constructed a meeting house for the village. Most of our students are baptised before coming to the College, however 10 more were baptised during the year. Every one greatly appreciated the help of Elder Minchin who conducted the M.V. week of prayer. As we write this report the regular week of prayer has just closed. Mr. Moyer led out and I assisted. The Lord came very near and every non-Adventist in the College has now taken a stand for God's message.

As far as building is concerned, during the year one new wing has been constructed on the dormitory for girls. At

present all the College buildings are being painted with Snowcem and Solignum is being applied to all the wood-work. New shelves have been placed in the Library to provide for the many volumes that have been donated by friends in America. Many other minor improvements have been made.

In addition to the programme of building for the Secondary School which has already been presented to this body there is desperate need to find quarters for teachers. There is no place in Bekwai. At least 4 new Staff houses should be built next year. We hope to use students help at least to some extent in any additional construction of smaller buildings.

During the last three years our Staff has been studying the blue print of education as found in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. We have come to realise how far we come short. Earnestly we are trying to make all our instruction more Christ-centered and to make our education more practical. All teachers and students are now willingly participating in the manual duties. Many of the physical improvements about the School are now due to student labour. No Principal could ask for a more loyal and consecrated staff of teachers than ours.

We praise God for these blessings and ask for the prayers of all God's people that as leaders and workers at Bekwai we may be used more fully in His service.

There is no more important task before us than that of educating our West African youth. It is not enough simply to train workers. We must think of all the youth of the Church. We lose them when they go to other Schools. The future of our work is at stake. May God help us to make wise plans, to have faith and vision and to press on with vigour.

NIGERIAN TRAINING COLLEGE

By L. R. Downing, *Principal*

AS WE look back on the past year at the Nigerian Training College, we find much for which to thank our heavenly Father. The year has brought many perplexities. Through them all we learned anew that when we trust in God and forget self, He will lead us through. Many times this year, the entire student body gathered together in times of emergency with the faculty, when some grave problem confronted us, and then all saw God's strength revealed in a marvelous manner.

The school year opened with Pastor C. A. Bartlett in charge. The Brendels and we were on furlough. Our senior tutor, Mr. Esiaba was away on study leave. Upon our return Pastor and Mrs. Bartlett left for furlough. After much study and prayer a way was found for Pastor and Mrs. Meade to come to the College on loan for a few months, and six weeks after the official opening of school, with the assistance of a young secondary school graduate, our staff was temporarily stabilised.

The next problem to confront us was an announcement that a new Chief Inspector of Education would give the students their practical examination in early June. Examinations had formerly been held in October or November. This loomed up as a major problem. Prayer bands met every morning at 6 a.m. and the entire student body sought the Lord's help on behalf of the class to be examined. The staff responded loyally and with prayer and hard work the boys did creditably. All passed in handwork, physical education and spoken English. Seventeen of the twenty-three candidates were successful in the practical teaching test.

At the end of August, Mr. Michael Moses left the staff and departed for Sierra Leone to further his education. East Nigeria again came to our rescue and loaned us their P.T.C. teacher for two months, and so we finished the Academic year, graduating ten evangelists and 23 E.T.C. teachers.

The motto that the students have chosen for the school and which appears on their badge is "God First." This has been the ideal we have tried to instil into the lives and characters of those who came to the college. One cannot measure, by examination, the spiritual growth of an individual or group, but one can form an estimate of the processes taking place by the lives and experiences of the group.

In November forty-eight students received the Comrade and Master Comrade insignia. Two periods each week have been set aside for this activity. This year Mrs. Wambu, the girls' school matron, was invested as a Master Comrade. We believe that she is the first Nigerian woman to obtain this honour. Miss Nukka has sponsored this activity with the assistance of the various Master Comrades on the compound.

This year, in the college district, which is served almost entirely by the students of the college, we have had a harvest of 233 souls baptised. Many of these people are the fruit of the labours of former classes. It was with real rejoicing that we saw a tithe of the "Mille-Won" goal baptised in our district on September 6. The only three unbaptised college students followed their Lord in baptism at this time in addition to a number of our boarding school girls.

Each Sabbath our 30 students follow a systematic programme of giving Bible studies in the various compounds surrounding the school. This has resulted in many new Sabbath school members being added to our Ihié Sabbath school. It is indeed fortunate that the new church is ready for dedication and for use this year.

The literature band has a mailing list of over 60 persons to whom the "Signs" are sent regularly. Six sunshine bands held regular open air services in four different villages.

The church activities are largely conducted by students. Officers are changed frequently in order that the majority of the students may have opportunity to take some part during their two year stay at the college.

Each Sabbath finds virtually the entire student body engaged in some form of religious activity. Wednesday evening prayer meeting, followed by the organised prayer bands, the morning and evening worship periods and the three weekly chapel periods, give ample opportunity for the students to find opportunity to build foundations for a sturdy Christian character.

Physical Development

During the year we have done considerable building and clearing. The third bungalow has been completed and landscaped. The church is virtually completed and the furniture made. The main pipe for the new water system has been laid. An administrative block is above window top level and should be finished early in this present year. The first secondary school dormitory is also above window level and should be ready for occupancy by mid-February.

Visitors

We have appreciated the inspiration and counsel brought to us this year by the many visitors who have included our

school in their itineraries. Pastor Minchin conducted the Spring Week of Prayer in February. Dr. Cossentine gave us counsel at the time of our annual board meeting. Pastor Bradley of the General Conference spent a few days with us. Pastor Nightingale of the Florida Conference addressed a gathering in the new church and brought personal greetings from its donor, Dr. Forsythe. Our own Union President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Educational Secretary have brought us invaluable counsel and advice. Brother Annis' assistance at the graduation exercises was appreciated by all. Brother Chappell's influence and work with the students resulted in thirteen of the group choosing colporteur work as a means of securing finance to return to the college next year.

Non-Adventist visitors included the Chief Inspector of Education, the Principal of Government College, the new African Minister of Education and his secretary. The Minister spent an hour or more in our home enquiring about our beliefs and educational standards. He was particularly interested in our non-acceptance of grants. Later, he addressed the student body. He charged the students to look well about them and to learn the lesson that what Nigeria needs is a group of young people who are self-reliant—not depending on Government for handouts — to learn from the sacrifice of Adventists around the world who had made this institution possible and who maintain it, that true service is in sacrifice and giving. He stated that if

Nigeria is to become strong that that same spirit of giving must be found in the leaders of tomorrow. At the close of his talk, the student-council chairman presented the two men with copies of the book, "Education." Later we received a letter of appreciation, re-iterating much of the above and also asking us to send Dr. Forsythe his personal thanks in making possible our new church.

The Future

We are looking forward to the new year with courage and confidence. The problems of staff, of finance, of buildings are far from solved. We expect 100 students in the teacher-evangelist classes and have dormitory space for only 80. In the new secondary school we are anticipating an enrollment of 30. We have received permission to run a co-educational class in the E.T.C. and hope to enroll ten girls.

In closing I should like to express my personal appreciation for the loyal services of our staff. Our heartfelt thanks go to the officers and workers of the East Nigerian Mission for their support in time of need, and to the Union for sympathetic interest and financial support. We thank our heavenly Father for His care and keeping of your training college at Ihié during 1952.



Practice School, Nigerian Training College, Ihié.

ILE-IFE HOSPITAL

By Dr. William Wagner, *Acting Medical Director*

We, the staff, of Ife Hospital, would like to share with you a resumé of our activities throughout the past year. We are most thankful to God for His rich blessing and sustaining power. We are thankful for the privilege He has given us in allowing us a part in the work here at Ife. We are thankful to our unnumbered friends both in the field and at home who by their generous mission gifts have initiated and sustained our endeavour at this place. We are thankful for the many prayers offered in our behalf.

The Staff

The year 1952 brought furlough time to two of our overseas staff members. Dr. Nagel, the Medical Director, and his family proceeded home in May for a well earned rest. Sister Sylvia Turtill left for furlough in May, and we welcomed her back in December.

We who remained through the year were happy to welcome to our hospital family Dr. and Mrs. Davenport. Dr. Davenport came to us to provide relief during Dr. Nagel's absence. We have all appreciated his valuable aid through the past few months and we wish him and his family God's blessings as they proceed on to further work at Jengre.

We welcomed to our staff this past year Mr. and Mrs. Watson and family. They came to us from Sierra Leone. Mr. Watson has been assigned duties in the business office and has been very energetic and helpful in the work of the M.V. Society and the Sabbath School.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our African Staff members for their loyal and faithful service throughout the year. They

have willingly joined with us in sharing the burdens. We pray for God's continuing blessing upon them.

Medical Work at Ife

The medical work has continued to grow and expand until the demands are more than we can meet with the present staff and facilities. On the last clinic day before this was written, four hundred and seventeen people were treated at our clinic in the one day. The waiting room could not hold the number that came. They pressed in on the clinic building from all sides. They tried all manner of artful dodges in order to gain preference in seeing the doctor. The heat and stench from all those people crowded so closely together was almost unbearable, yet they sat patiently throughout the day waiting their turn to be seen. Several times we urged those with less serious complaints to come back another day, but they wouldn't leave until they had been seen. How we wish that we could walk into the multitude as did the Saviour, and by the touch of the hand bring health and healing to those in need. But our gift is administered through human weakness and time-consuming effort and the effort and the time are not adequate for the need.

The statistics of the year are as follows:

New Clinic Cases	10,314
Return Clinic Cases	45,311
Patients Hospitalized	2,754
Average Daily Census	82
Major Operations	641
Minor Operations	368
Maternity Cases	538

Nurses Training School

Under the directorship of Sister Rose, three classes of general nursing students were each advanced along by one year. There is an average of 15

students in each class, or a total of 45 students now in training. With the registration of the new class we will start the year 1953 with a total enrollment of sixty students, divided into four classes. By the end of 1953 a group of approximately 18 senior students will be graduated.

Male and Female Ward Service

Sister Martz and Sister Sylvia Turtill have been supervising our ward nursing services. Sister Martz has done double duty through the year during the furlough of Sister Sylvia. We have been pleased with the continuing advance in appearance and efficiency of our nursing service. The work of ward nursing has been made very difficult by the overcrowding and lack of equipment. Not only are the interiors of the wards overcrowded, but at least 26 beds have been constantly occupied on the porches. We soon hope to have our new ward open so that our patients will have more adequate accomodation.

Midwifery Department

The work of the midwifery department, under the leadership of Sister B. Turtill, expanded very rapidly through the past year. They recorded a total of 538 deliveries. This was an increase of more than 200 over the previous year. More than 3,000 patients were seen by the personnel of this department in their maternity clinics. Even though we have a fairly new and complete ward for this department, they are quickly outgrowing their facilities.

Well Baby Clinic

The mothers of this community are learning to properly care for their babies at the well baby clinic conducted by Sister Martz. This clinic is also expanding rapidly. Last year 1,728 new patients were seen at the clinic and the total clinic visits were well over three thousand.

Inisha Dispensary

The Inisha Dispensary has continued to provide excellent medical care for the people of that area. Mr. Fadare and Mr. Oshundina have done commendable work there through this past year. Both of these young men have been active evangelists as well as qualified trained nurses. During the year 1,351 new cases were seen at that clinic and there were 5,053 return visits recorded. The clinic was more than self-supporting through the year.

Hospital Missionary Programme

At the hospital the missionary program has been carried on as follows:

Clinic worship services five days weekly.

Daily worship service by the chaplain on each of the hospital wards.

Daily Bible study with our non-professional workers.

Bible studies with interested patients.

"Signs of the Times" mailing club.

Literature distribution to ward and clinic patients.

Literature sales.

Evening Bible studies at the compound.

Compound meetings in the town.

Harvest Ingathering.

Time would not permit to go into detail on all of the above items. It would be well to mention briefly in more detail two or three of the above items.

Sister Rose has faithfully conducted two compound meetings each week in the town. The attendance at one has grown until they have had to leave the compound and hold their weekly meeting in the local Methodist church. At one of the meetings last week the Mayor of Lagos was present. He remarked later how fine he thought the meeting had been.

Dr. Davenport led out in some evening meetings held in our own clinic waiting room.

The attendance was very good at these meetings and we hope to continue them.

This past year the whole surrounding countryside was made well aware of the Seventh-day Adventists during the annual Ingathering campaign. Our solicitors went into every large town and into many of the smaller towns and villages between Ibadan and Oshogbo. The Lord blessed our efforts and a total of £260 was raised.

The Hospital Church

Fourteen members were added this year to the church from the baptismal classes. Most of the number were students in training here at the hospital.

The Sabbath School has continued to draw large numbers of non-Adventist children from the town, and, has been well attended by the ambulatory patients from our wards. The church was most liberal in offerings this year. £317 was given for missions.

The MV Society, under the sponsorship of Sister B. Turtill, continued in their progressive class programme. There were 87 investitures this past year. Of these, seven were invested as Master Guides.

Hospital Building Programme

The work of expansion of the physical plant was continued through the year. A new clinic annexe has been completed and the original clinic building has been enlarged. The fourth ward has been built up to the wall-plate level and it will soon be ready for roofing. The hospital church has been started. The walls are going up and we hope to see the completion of this building during the coming year.

Opportunities

The opportunities to expand the medical work in this region are unlimited. Calls are coming to us to establish clinics, maternity centers and full sized hospitals. The people have the money to finance these projects. They come to us for staff to operate them. Our great opportunity at present is to follow up and make full use of the evangelical opportunity our present medical work has already given to us. The entering wedge has been driven, prejudice is broken down, the name of the mission stands in a place of honor. Let us press our advantage and let the full weight of our evangelical forces follow through while the opportunity is here. **THE OPPORTUNITY IS HERE NOW. IT MAY NOT BE HERE TO-MORROW.**

JENGRE HOSPITAL

By Dr. J. Ashford Hyde, *Director.*

1952 has been a year of consolidation, encouragement, and progress. The 13th Sabbath offering for the first quarter was followed with great interest and I wish to thank the many workers throughout West Africa who helped to make it the success it was. We are determined to utilise the funds to their best advantage. We are grateful to the Division and Union for making us the major recipient of the West African portion of this overflow and to our world Sabbath Schools for making it so great.

During the year staff additions were made when we welcomed our old nurses Mr. and Mrs. Dickay back from Ife. They have been of considerable help to us in carrying on our heavy program.

During 1952 we had the privilege of our first visits from Doctors Flaiz and Nagel. They had, I believe, an enjoyable time among our routine surgery and we were happy for the counsel they were able to give us. I hope that this may lead to a strengthening of the work in our area.

Our first full year in the 16 bed ward was very encouraging. We had 448 patients pass through our hands as compared with 135 for the previous half-year. These people spent nearly 6,000 bed-days with us giving us an average daily bed occupancy of about 15.4. When we consider my absence from the hospital for two Union meetings and an evangelistic effort when the ward was kept almost empty it will be seen that we have generally been full to overflowing and that mats between the beds are a routine. We can but hope that the erection of extra ward space will not long be delayed.

The outpatient department has also been kept busy and over 18,000 patient attendances were recorded. The table below shows the annual growth during the years.

Outpatient Attendances

1949	8,975
1950	14,702
1951	15,089
1952	18,034

The financial aspect of the Hospital was also encouraging. There has been a marked increase in the fee earning capacity of the institution as the figures given below shew, and while they shew signs of levelling out it is to be hoped that yearly the income will continue to increase so that the medical services can expand.

Medical Fees:

1949	£ 98.	0.	0
1950	225.	0.	0
1951	475.	0.	0
1952	841.	0.	0

The building of the Administrative Block from 13th Sabbath funds as approved at the October meeting is already under way and when we left for the Union meetings had already reached lintel level. The completion of this project and the staff quarters under construction will enable us to have all our plant on the one compound and will enable us to release to the mission as a



Jengre Medical Workers.

further supplement to the funds allocated from the 13th Sabbath overflow, the clinic building and sick village and four staff quarters.

The hospital staff took part with the evangelistic staff in a spearhead medical evangelistic campaign at Wa'ba and as a result of the co-operation of all was singularly blessed of God. 104 persons were enrolled in the Hearers Class and although Satan has been working in devious ways to discourage the new members we are still holding to the goal of 50 baptisms from this one effort in 1954.

PRESS RELATIONS

By D. L. Chappell, *Secretary, Press Relations Department.*

"Questions uppermost in men's minds today are religious questions," stated Elder L. K. Dickson at the Denver Press Conference last year. Continuing, he said, "Seventh-day Adventists are the only ones who have the answer. God has given the signal to publish. The public press can become a mighty factor in our publishing. We have not touched with the tips of our fingers the possibilities of newspaper work."

While here in West Africa we have not "touched with the tips of our fingers the possibilities of newspaper work," we have done a little scratching with our finger nails. This is a report of what we found when we cleaned our "press nails" at the end of 1952.

During the past year, nineteen newspapers in our Union published 104 news stories, four more than our goal, a total of 979 column inches of space devoted to press evangelism! Thirteen pictures appeared.

In 1951, the first year any records were kept of press evangelism in our Union, we received 275 column inches of space in 39 news stories. Only four pictures were published that

year. We praise God for the marked progress which has been made in this department of His work.

In September, Voice of Prophecy Director E. E. Hulbert began a weekly "Know Your Bible" column in the Nigerian Tribune of Ibadan. In his column he has presented a number of our doctrines and answered questions asked by his readers. This is press evangelism of the highest order, and we hope that more of this type may be done in other papers in the future.

There were 16 stories about our West African Constituency Meeting held in Accra last January and 11 stories about the Sabbath School Centennial. Eighteen of the stories mentioned our schools and 12 presented the work of our hospitals. Eleven stories told about the M.V. activities and seven dealt with the publishing work.

I close this report by expressing my gratitude to God and my appreciation to those who had a part in telling West Africa about God's remnant people and their work through press evangelism.

NEWS NOTES

Doctor & Mrs. J. A. Hyde left for their furlough on January 20. They proceeded to England and then to America, where Dr. Hyde will visit many of our medical institutions, including the College of Medical Evangelists, where many of our denominational doctors are trained.

R. V. Santini and family sailed January 20 for America. They have been granted a permanent return and Brother Santini is at present furthering his education in one of our American colleges.

D. L. Chappell and family left for a much deserved furlough on March 3 after spending three years in West Africa. We wish them a very pleasant furlough. Pastor W. J. Newman sailed March 3 for his furlough which was long overdue. His family had preceded him in order that his children might attend school at Stanborough Park, England.

Miss. A. S. Nuka left West Africa April 14 for furlough. She planned to stop in England and proceed to America for her furlough.

Brother and Sister G. L. Anniss left Accra April 29. They will stop in Sierra Leone and Liberia, where Brother Anniss will audit the books, and then proceed from Freetown to England. We wish them a good rest and a very pleasant time during their furlough.

Miss Joyce M. Mohlmann leaves for England on May 27. She plans on attending the coronation in England and then proceeding to America where she will be married. We have appreciated very much the work Miss Mohlmann has done at the school at Bekwai and wish for her every happiness.

We were very fortunate in having Pastor A. F. Tarr, our Division President, and Pastor G. L. Lindsay, our Division Treasurer to join us in our year end Union committee meetings. Their counsel was very much appreciated. We also appreciated the visits of Pastor Lindsay when he accompanied our Union president to all of the Union mission fields except North Nigeria and Ivory Coast. His counsel we feel was very greatly appreciated.

We were very happy to have a visit from Dr. L. M. Hamilton, Educational Secretary of the Division. His visit, while brief, included the Nigerian Training College, Bekwai Seminary, Liberia and Sierra Leone. His valuable counsel was greatly appreciated.

We have been very fortunate in having an opportunity of Brother J. H. Craven visiting us from April 6 to May 8. He is the Manager of the Stanborough Press. His visits to the various fields have been as he states, "perfectly delightful" and I am sure that he has brought a great deal of courage to our colporteurs. His assistance and technical counsel has also been greatly appreciated in helping us to get The Advent Press into operation and well organised.

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TITHING PAYS

By L. P. Bolarin

IN THE month of October last year a man came to me from a place called Aga, West Nigeria, where we formerly had a church. But for sometime now the church has been scattered, and no one was then attending church.

When I heard this I was very thankful to God. So within a few days of his visit I went to his town, and was met with great joy by four people.

I spoke to them about Christian ways and manners on this earth. Then they promised to rebuild their church. Now they have kept their promise and are again holding services on the Sabbath day.

Yesterday the man came to me and told me that he had been remembering that he had not paid tithe for a long time on his property. He wanted to pay it for all the passed time. So he (his name is Daniel Gidado) paid me £9. 10s. 0d. for his own tithe and his brother paid £6. 12s. 7d.

I have been back to Aga since then and I met this time ten adults and six children.

I tell this story to give praise to God, and to encourage all our members to be very faithful in paying their tithes, or else they will be ashamed in day they meet the people of Aga, and very ashamed in the the day that they meet God and He says to them, "Ye have been robbing Me."

May God help us all to be faithful, and receive His blessing now and eternal life when He comes.