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## Call To Evangelism

The following resolution from the Division was presented to the full Union committee at our year end meeting. It is a resolution of utmost importance and we include it for your study and action.

"We believe the time has come for the fulfilment of the following prediction by the messenger of the Lord:

"Servants of God with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given."—*Great Controversy*, page: 612.

Whereas, This call to evangelism brings the Advent Movement face to face with God's last summons to universal action; and

Whereas, Every resource in men and means must be harnessed now and utilised to the very best advantage, so that "terrible as an army with banners" we can "be strong and do exploits" with a maximum efficiency and success,

VOTED: 1. That Division, Union and Local field committees proceed immediately to survey their territories and marshall their forces with a view to organising an over-all programme of integrated evangelism by which the total strength of the ministry, activities of every department and resources of every institution shall be focused on soul-winning fruitage.

2. That Local fields organise yearly institutes under the direction of the President and departmental Secretaries at which this programme of integrated evangelism can be developed, soul-winning techniques

presented, and church leaders trained more efficiently, thereby allowing ministers to devote their major time and interest to leadership of public evangelism and to rallying the church, the Sabbath school, and the youth in concerted action.

3. That we encourage Union and Local Committees to occasionally invite experienced evangelists to meet with them in counsel.

4. That when and where practicable, executive committees and boards arrange the duties of all credentialled and licensed workers so that they can conduct, or be associated with, at least one public effort yearly.

5. That an ever-increasing evangelistic mould be placed on our colporteur work, and that colporteur evangelists be encouraged to cooperate with ministers in soul-winning by preparing the field with literature prior to a public evangelistic campaign, by reporting the names and addresses of those who have purchased literature in the area, or who have manifested an interest in the message.

6. That every Seventh-day Adventist church be organised as an evangelistic centre in which a year-round programme of public evangelism is carried forward by either the Conference worker or trained laymen, and that unless a major evangelistic effort is conducted in the vicinity, an evangelistic service be held regularly in our churches each Sunday or other appropriate evening.

7. That the responsible leaders in Local, Union, and Division fields keep this programme of expanding evangelism constantly before their Committee, workers, and churches,

informing them of progress made in achieving the objective.

Whereas, the best Ministerial talent of the church must be encouraged to think evangelism, plan evangelism, and remain in public evangelism as a life work,

VOTED: 8. That where yearly workers' meetings are organised they be held in such a way that a definite part of such meetings shall be reserved for a planned consideration of public evangelism and its problems.

9. That study be given to the organisation, on the Local, Union or Division level, of special evangelistic teams, for larger city evangelism, in which evangelistic workers of experience can continue with unchanging service, and that the assignments of these be worked out on a long-range basis, thus making better and more satisfactory planning possible for this evangelistic personnel.

10. That the programme of public evangelism be kept before the church as the essential activity to which all other activities must be contributory, care being taken lest it be overshadowed by other denominational undertakings of programmes.

11. That recognition be given to experienced evangelists called to leadership of teams on a Union or Division level that will classify them along with other workers who carry major responsibilities in Conference Leadership."

VOTED: That we pledge ourselves to bend our entire resources to the implementation of these recommendations in so far as they apply to this Union.

May God help us to make 1953 a record year for evangelism.

## Lagos Evangelism

By Roger W. Coon

More than 200 Nigerians crowded into Lisabi Hall in Ebute-Metta, a suburb of the port of Lagos, for the opening of another evangelistic crusade conducted by Pastor J. M. A. Adeoye on Sunday night, February 15.

Pastor Adeoye, preaching in English, spoke on the subject, "Is the Bible an Inspired Book?" Following his clear lucid presentation of his topic from the pulpit, he reviewed his message with the aid of an attractive film strip projected on the screen.

Of those present, the majority appeared to be those not of our faith, and upon enquiry, it was learned that the vast proportion of the congregation were students in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School.

Pastor Adeoye has been conducting intensive evangelistic campaigns in the suburbs of Lagos for several years, and has increased his number of baptisms by utilising the services of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School in his soul-winning work. Several converts have been made from the upper strata of society there already.

Present at this opening service were: Pastor G. A. Lindsay and Dr. L. Mark Hamilton of the Northern European Division and Pastors J. O. Gibson and R. W. Coon of the West African Union Mission.

Assisting Pastor Adeoye in this campaign are Associate Evangelist M. Olayemi, Music Director J. O. Oyerinde, Organist D. O. Ola, and a corps of workers numbering ten more. Services are conducted each Sunday and Wednesday night.

All heaven is looking with intense interest upon the church, to see what her individual members are doing to enlighten those who are in darkness.—"Christ Our Saviour," page 89.

## A Spearhead Effort in Amo-Bisa, Northern Nigeria

By evangelist J. O. Olomjobi

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

Seven miles from our Mission headquarters at Jengre, is the village of Amo-Bisa, where we have a worker and a few Sabbath-school members. It has been said by workers, and the members specially, that Amo-Bisa is one of the hardest areas for the people to accept the Gospel message, and to abide in the Truth, for the people almost bluntly refuse to come to the light. Nevertheless an effort was called and operated.

Amo-Bisa was compassed by five workers and the members of the area, like Jericho of old. Days of toil and nights of prayer were commenced. The people were invited from their huts to the prepared centre, where the gospel message echoed, and was interpreted by Simon into the dialect of the audience.

The members rendered sincere and intensive help both in and out of doors, singing at the meeting sessions, and with great enthusiasm assisted in the daily visitation of the people in their huts.

It was a very pleasing and encouraging scene to see the people streaming from their huts within a three mile radius coming from all quarters to the centre where our lamp was lit. Here Bulus and Samuila led out with the singing and taught the people to sing some well known gospel choruses, and Filibus was also busily engaged as an usher.

During the days each worker had a class or group of people to attend to and teach in their huts. Many of the audience bought the First Hausa Primers at the effort sessions and began to learn to read.

As a result of this spearhead effort over one hundred people have given their names and promised to be keeping the Sabbath. Over thirty have begun reading, and many others have been enrolled in the Hearer's class.

"If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tender-hearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth, where now there is only one."

All praise and honour is due to God who has made the effort possible and prepared the hearts of the people for the sowing of the seed. The shout was made, the walls of Jericho fell. We solicit fervent and devout prayers for the continued success of this effort.

### MANY S.D.A.'S ROBBING GOD OF TITHE

"While He pronounces a blessing upon those who bring in their tithes, He pronounces a curse upon those who withhold them. Very recently I have had direct light from the Lord upon this question, that many Seventh-day Adventists were robbing God in tithes and offerings, and it was plainly revealed to me that Malachi has stated the case as it really is. Then how dare any man even think in his heart that a suggestion to withhold tithes and offerings, is from the Lord?"  
— *Testimonies to Ministers.*

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## Mission News

By Jesse O. Gibson

I am sure there is not one of our readers who does not greatly enjoy news items and pictures of the progress of God's work in the various parts of our Union and in the world field. We sometimes forget, however, that the only way we can enjoy these articles, is by having someone on the spot taking time to write them up and possibly send along a few pictures. Did you ever stop to think what the Bible would be like if the "reports" of the activities of the various Bible characters were omitted?

We get repeated calls from our denominational publications in the homelands for mission stories. Our people in the homelands sacrifice greatly in order to make mission work possible. Just recently I received a very urgent letter from our Division president. He enclosed a copy of a letter which had been sent from the editor of the *Review and Herald*. The letter was from a certain church member who is sacrificing greatly to make the mission programme possible, and he told how thrilled he was with the interesting stories in a certain issue of the *Review* regarding our mission work. We certainly owe it to those who sacrifice, to make a report of the work which we are doing. We also owe it to the work here to report on the progress and outline the great opportunities which lie before us for further developing the work. How can people in the homelands give intelligently if they do not know the needs and opportunities which lie before us here at the battle front?

### Publicity Plan

In order to co-ordinate and solicit these articles, a small committee has been set up in the Union with Pastor D. V. Cowin as chairman and co-

ordinator. We would greatly appreciate it if you could send along, preferably through your mission or institutional leader, brief stories, and if possible some good clear pictures of the various activities in your area. Pastor Cowin will go through these and send them along to the editors of the *West African Messenger*, *Northern Light*, *Review and Herald*, and General Conference Departmental Publications, and Union papers in the homelands, *Signs of the Times*, *Youth's Instructor*, *The Ministry*, and so forth. Pastor Cowin is keeping in close touch with these various editors and knows the types of material which they particularly want. By having it all channelled through one man we can split the news items up so that they will reach as large an area as possible and put the articles where they will be most apt to be used.

### The Type of Articles

What are largely required are brief human interest stories which you meet from time to time in the mission work: ordinations, church dedications, new buildings, opening new schools, baptisms, big gatherings, special conversions, new fields opened, new hospitals, Sabbath school events, growth of the work, trekking, inspection stories, camping, youth work, evangelism, Dorcas work, colporteur stories, new workers, doubling membership, Bible school events, laymen's reports, special classes, literacy, radio work, spearhead evangelism, pathfinders at work, tithe experiences, girls' school work, sharing-your-faith, Faith for Today rallies, medical evangelism, etc., etc.

Do not forget to do your best to get two or three glossy and sharp pictures of the event. These always help to tell the story which you have put into

words.

We solicit your co-operation and ask that you start immediately to supply news articles, sending them through your field or institutional leader to Pastor D. V. Cowin, West African Union of Seventh-day Adventists, P.O. Box 1016, Accra.

May God bless you as you endeavour to help keep our believers in various parts of West Africa and in the homelands supplied with news of our mission activities.

### Northern Light

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articles and reports appearing in *Northern Light* appear in no other paper. Mission stories, reports of councils, conferences and committees, evangelistic activities at home and abroad—these articles constitute Division and mission news which thrill our hearts and stimulate our minds as we see the hand of God moving in a mysterious and mighty way for the finishing of His work."

The price of this paper is only three shillings in the British Colonies, 45 cents in Liberia and 85 Francs in Ivory Coast—Place your order today through your Book and Bible House in order that you may enjoy the reports from other lands and be encouraged by their progress.

J. O. Gibson.

### V. O. P. Letters

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be assured. The lessons are urging us to a new life, stir my desire, and make heaven more real every minute of my life for Him."

From Monrovia, Liberia.

"Dear Bible Friends:

"Truly God has answered my prayers in becoming a member of this Bible School. To prove that it is hard to praise God, because I would get sleepy when pick a Bible to read, but to my surprise since I got your lessons I am becoming interested in Christianity. There are many friends of mine who would be glad to join, and I shall recommend them. I would be please should you send my Basic Course."

## Evangelism In Accra

By Pastor H. D. Wilson

Associate President, Sierra Leone Mission

Evangelism is the call of the hour, the aim and purpose of every department of the organised work. It is a "must" in the spiritual life and progress of the Advent people everywhere. Especially should this be true here in the West African Union where there are hundreds in the large coastal towns who are hungering and thirsting for a knowledge of God's last message to a perishing world.

This town of Accra, with its mixed population of 150,000 presents a serious challenge to our workers and believers in the Gold Coast Mission. During my three months' stay here for eye treatment I had the happy privilege of seeing for myself how richly the Lord is blessing the efforts of His servants.

Because of the difficulty in securing a suitable hall, large public evangelistic meetings cannot be held. But a solution to this problem has been found. A solution which is better and more suitable to local condi-

tions. It is the method of organising branch Sabbath-schools and study groups in different parts of the town.

In this article I shall endeavour to share with you some of the thrilling experiences I had when Pastor Gibson took me around to visit those interests.

### Korle Gonno Sabbath-School

The first place we visited was an old army chapel where Teacher Okai is conducting a day school. I was happily surprised to meet about a hundred children studying the Sabbath school lesson from a picture roll. Sixty-five of these were pupils of the day school and the rest visitors. Over on the other side of the house was a group of adults studying the senior lesson. How thrilled I was to hear these children sing! As I watched their happy, smiling faces I was moved to offer a silent prayer that God might bless these dear ones and make them true lightbearers for Jesus.

### James Fort Prison Sabbath-School

Our next visit was to the prison where Brother Chappell had organised a branch Sabbath school. Seated before us was a group of 85 men, eagerly waiting to hear the Word of God. It was a serious problem to me to find a suitable topic for a sermon in a place like this and for this type of people. In answer to my prayer, the Spirit directed my mind to the experience of the apostle Peter on the night of our Lord's betrayal and arrest. My text was Mark 14: 72. Brother Amponsah, a local evangelist, was my excellent interpreter.

As I unfolded the story of Peter's shameful denial of his Master, the Saviour's look of love and compassion, and the apostle's repentance and conversion, the men became increasingly attentive. In the appeal they were urged to accept the Saviour who still loves them and is willing to save them to the uttermost if only, like Peter, they would come to Him in tears of genuine repentance.

But has there been any conversion as a direct result of this line of endeavour? Here is a story. One day a young man came in to see Pastor Agboka, with whom I was staying. This young man lives over 40 miles away and had come to pay his tithe £1. 2s. 6d. Here is his experience.

A few years ago he was convicted of a serious offence and sentenced to prison. While in jail and through the efforts of Brother Chappell, he gave his heart to the Lord and became one of the foundation members of the prison Sabbath-school. Today he is a well-behaving citizen and a faithful witness to the saving power of the gospel. Some, still in prison, have



The Christiansborg Branch Sabbath-School.

requested baptism and are now in the baptismal class.

#### Christiansborg Sabbath-School

But we must hurry on to another section of the town. This is a place called Christiansborg, where we have a branch Sabbath-school of 36 members who had met for worship and study earlier in the day. Now we are visiting the baptismal class composed of 12 members. Pastor Cowin led out in a song service and taught us some very inspiring choruses. How it thrilled my heart to hear these dear people sing, with their faces lighted up with the joy of their new-found faith.

Perhaps I should tell you a little of what I learned concerning a few of these people. Here is an elderly gentleman. He was once highly interested in politics but has now found something more important and satisfying. He is finding some difficulty in calculating his tithe and has asked Pastor Gibson to help him with his accounts. And who is this young man? He was working in one of the stores but because he could not get Sabbath privileges, he gave up his job a few weeks ago. Has he got another job? No, but he is not worrying about that now. He is "seeking first the kingdom of God." Over here is another bright, intelligent-looking young man. Who is he? He is a clerk in another firm and is married. He tells us he has seen his European chief more than once on the matter of Sabbath privileges but he could not get any statement from him. But our friend has decided not to wait any longer. He will put in his resignation at the end of this month. Surely we have seen and heard enough to convince us that the Spirit of God is working in the hearts of these people and we are satisfied.

#### Community Centre-Bible Class

But Pastor Gibson has a Bible Class in the Community Centre and this we must visit. This class meets on Monday and

Thursday night each week. We are now in rooms 1 and 2 and before us is a group of about 30 men and women. The lesson for tonight is "The Three Steps to Heaven." As the lesson progresses the Bible texts are called for and read by different members of the group and comments are made upon these passages by the leader. It is really a "Berean" study group. The appeal is based upon these texts: "Today if ye will hear His voice harden not your hearts," and "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." (Heb. 3: 15 and 2: 3.) May the Lord help these dear people to make a full and complete surrender to Jesus ere it to be too late.

I feel certain you would like to know what has been accomplished through these classes. Come with me to the Sabbath morning services in the Accra church. Here we see a good number of the people we met in the Community Centre. Yes, many are now keeping the Sabbath and attending services regularly. Here is Mr. Bennett our druggist friend. Perhaps you would like to hear his experience. This man got married many years ago, but because his wife did not have a child for him, he soon forsook her and went into polygamy. Now that the message has reached

him he has decided to change over into a new life. Already he has settled with his two women by giving each one £50 in cash. He has also been reconciled to his own wife who is willing to forgive him and return to her home after a separation of 21 years. This man is anxiously looking forward to the day when he can be buried with his Lord in baptism to rise and walk in newness of life.

But there are some others present who have already received baptism and we must also meet them. Over here is a man who has had a very interesting experience. He is called Mr. Hammond. He was a chief clerk in one of the Government departments drawing a salary of £505 per annum. When he found the truth he petitioned the heads of his department for Sabbath privileges but they would grant him no such concession. He therefore decided to resign. Just then they offered him a senior appointment on a much higher salary scale. This came as a very great temptation to our brother, but he gave it all up for Jesus who gave His life for him. He is now happy in the truth and has the assurance that the Lord will surely provide for him and his family

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The Korle Gonno Branch Sabbath-School

## “That Thou Doest Do Quickly.”

By L. H. Davidson, Publishing Secretary, Gold Coast Mission

“The night is far spent, the day is at hand.” “That thou doest, do quickly.” Like the dripping of the rain upon the roof of a house before the heavy showers, the end of everything that is called life is slowly but surely approaching. It isn't far now, when the world will be bathed in blood. When there seems to be a time of peace, the world will then suddenly be engulfed in an unprecedented catastrophe. The dreaded hour of night is fast approaching and so it is required “that thou doest, do quickly.”

The tremendous task that is yet to be accomplished in winning souls for Christ magnifies itself in our eyes. We boast of what we have accomplished, but we have not yet touched the border of what is to be done. The world needs to know Christ and needs to know Him now. The time demands speed. As colporteur-evangelists let us take the lead in scattering the printed pages like the leaves of autumn. Only by doing our part and doing it faithfully can we escape the danger of being unprofitable servants.

Thank God, many are becoming conversant with what we believe and teach. They are seeing the necessity of accepting Christ as their Saviour and King. Only by clinging to Him can men and women be saved from eternal damnation. Therefore let us do all that lies in our power to push salvation into every home.

“The wind bloweth where it listeth; we hear the sound thereof; we cannot tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth; but it is bearing seed, and lo, we behold ripening grain. The cry everywhere today is “Give us bread.” There is a growing hunger for the Word of Life.

We can satisfy hungry people only with the bread of life.

—From *Wings of Light*.

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even though the future looks dark.

There are many other thrilling experiences of struggle, sacrifice and victory that we could hear from these dear people; but those already narrated will suffice to demonstrate the power of the gospel and the triumph of the cross even in this centre of gain and worldly pleasure. Let us pray that the Lord may bless Pastor Gibson and Pastor Agboka, his African and European co-workers, with an ever-increasing harvest of souls as they continue their labours in this part of the vineyard.

### Letters from Voice of Prophecy Students

From Akwatia, Gold Coast.

“I cannot tell you now to the extent I have learnt the Bible while I am under your tuition. Your course, though I have not arrived at the conclusion, I deem it wise to say a capital WELL DONE to you, the staff and the students far and wide.

“More strength on your elbows to keep the school running in good order.”

From Ikot Obio Odongo, Nigeria.

“I am too sorry and I crave your kind indulgence to have written to you long before this time that the Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons forming a nice booklet, have come, and I must thank you fully for being faithful, kind and selfless in your service to God's own Son, CHRIST JESUS. You have given me that which is more priceless compared with all things material and may the rewarding, Omnipotent God remember and return all to you “pressed down and running over” in the day of eternity. I am on my knees praying for your work.

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One of several groups preparing for baptism in the Accra area

## Centenary Day Blessing

By Pastor P. E. Onwere

Omuobiakwa District, East Nigeria.

Umuokatawom is one of the small and good churches in the East Nigerian Mission Field, being organised a few weeks ago before the centenary day celebration.

Before the date for the centenary Rally Day good preparations were made. Many outsiders were invited to attend the services of this gospel feast. The efforts of the members were rewarded. Over one hundred non-members responded to the invitation. This includes the heathens and Christians from other Christian bodies.

The rededication service of children was followed by the story of "The Hand of God in the Sabbath," told by a sixteen year old boy. The spirit of the hearers was aroused by the church elder who appealed to the congregation for liberal offerings. "The rejected stone has become the head of the corners," said one of the non-members. "This church house shall be enlarged," said another.

The final outcome of the Holy Spirit's working in the hearts of these men was wonderful. Twenty-two of them stood and promised to give special offerings in money and kind for the support of the gospel work. **Thirteen requested Family Bible Stories.**

Many of these men hated us in the past. But now they confess that they did it through ignorance. *This is because God's hand is in His Sabbath-school.*

Pray for Umuokatawom Church and Sabbath School.

We are to be consecrated channels, through which the heavenly life is to flow to others. The Holy Spirit is to animate and pervade the whole church, purifying and cementing hearts.—"Testimonies," Vol. ix, page 20.

## Voice Of Gospel Work

By Ishmael Eppie—East Nigeria

The town Eleme is a district town in River Province, although she has much to do with land occupations.

A number of years ago, a native traveller came home from abroad with this message. At that time this place was unpenetrable with the Gospel message. The natives hated this wonderful message of salvation, and intended, if it were possible, to banish the first few believers. These conditions placed the believers in an embarrassed state and they wondered if they were sowing the seeds on stony ground. Our dear Father, who is omniscient, knew how his work could be carried out here. Under the circumstances, the Lord, instead of calling these men, who under Satan's influence absolutely hated the message, called their children.

During this stage when the little church building was brimming over with the believers (about 150), there were about 10% of the total membership who were above 15 years old. Many fathers and relatives tried to check their children from attending services. When mere checking proved a failure, they inflicted persecuting trials upon the children — flogging, beating, starvation, and one to two days or a week's disownment by the family were the prime trials. Some were taken to farm on the Sabbath day bound both feet and hands. They did much to cause the believers, young as they were, to give up their faith in Jesus; yet they remained faithful. When they realised that nothing could be done to alter the situation they stopped in their attempt at persecution and called our church "Little Children's Organisation." "Do not mind them, they will not last long

but will soon fall" were their mocking words.

To-day the church is not what was expected of her. They failed to know from the beginning that God was behind it. The church quickly radiated her light from the place (Nchia) where she first was situated, to many villages and towns that surrounded her. It is pleasing to know that it was made into a district church a few years ago. There is also a Mission School which started in 1946, and it is believed that standard five will be attached to the former classes of the school this year.

### A Positive Change

The Paramount Chief, the chiefs and the natives who were rather pessimistic at first are now taking much interest in our work. The speech of the head-chief during the last school concert celebration was very encouraging. He said; "Bring your sons and daughters to Adventist schools to have better training, for there is no school where your children can be trained both to fear God, to honour the chiefs and the elderly people, other than this school (referring to our own school at Nchia). I speak here not as an ear-witness, but being my own native town I was privileged to watch the concert programme during my vacation period. The work of Mr. J. Ananaba, headmaster of the school and the co-operation of the other teachers impressed the chiefs very much.

At first they struggled to close our school by writing to the educational authorities not to grant us permission to open the school. Now they have agreed to run any further progressive cost of the school to the last item. This is God's work.

## The Northern Light

Perhaps some of our readers have had the privilege from time to time of seeing issues of our Division paper, *The Northern Light*. Possibly your hearts have been thrilled with the stories of the progress of God's work in the various fields within our Division. We are now in the third year of our affiliation with the Northern European Division, and I am sure that all of us want to know more about the progress of the Message in the various fields comprising the Division territory. In case you do not know, our Division comprises: British Isles, Scandinavia, Iceland, Holland, Ethiopia, and West Africa.

I have been greatly thrilled as I have attended the year end meetings and had the privilege of associating with our brethren from other lands. You may not have that privilege of direct contact, but you can have the privilege of meeting the workers and hearing their stories through the agency of the *Northern Light*. You become familiar with some of the work throughout the world field through the Review and Herald, and by reading our Division paper you can learn about the interesting experiences of other workers in our own Division.

*Northern Light* is usually an eight page paper, published monthly, and Mrs. A. F. Tarr, wife of our Division president, is the editor. Pastor G. D. King in his letter regarding it states:

"Every month the pages of our Division paper, *The Northern Light*, are filled with news from these lands that comprise the Division territory. Every member who reads the English language in our territory should receive the blessing which the pages of *Northern Light* contains. Most of the

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## Ordination In Nigeria

One of Christendom's most ancient and solemn rites—that of ordination to the gospel ministry—was fittingly solemnized on Sabbath afternoon, February 14, in our oldest church in Nigeria, located at Erunmu.

The candidate was Brother Edgar E. Hulbert, principal of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, Ibadan.

The ordination prayer was offered by Pastor J. J. Hyde, president of the West Nigerian Mission, Ibadan. Pastor N. B. Nielson, mission secretary-treasurer, extended the welcome into the full gospel ministry following the formal commission given by Pastor J. O. Gibson, President of the West African Union Mission.

Others participating in the ceremony included Pastor G. A. Lindsay, treasurer of the Northern European Division; Pastor Roger W. Coon, secretary of the Radio Department of the West African Union Mission; and Pastor S. Dare of the Erunmu Church.

Pastor Hulbert graduated from Newbold College in England in 1943. He served pastorates in Gloucester and Maidstone in Britain before coming to Nigeria in 1946, then he became a station director at Awtun.

In 1948 he became principal of the West African Branch of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School at Ibadan. He will soon leave to take up editorial duties at the Advent Press in Accra, Gold Coast.

Replacing him at the Bible School will be Pastor Roger W. Coon, who recently joined the workers in the West African Union Mission from the Southern California Conference where he had served for nearly five years as a pastor and secretary of that field's Public Relations Department.

## News Notes

● A report from Pastor Bradley under date of 30th April states that to date 115 have been baptised from the London effort and 20 more were ready to be baptised on Sabbath, 2nd May, making a total so far of 135 baptisms.

● Pastor C. D. Henri recently led out in an inspiring Week of Prayer at our Nigerian Training College at Ihie.

● The Bekwai Seminary students were blessed with a visit from Pastor H. Wilson of Sierra Leone for their Week of Prayer.

● Pastor A. M. Moyer, associate principal of the Bekwai Seminary, conducted the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer at our Hospital at Ife. According to reports a spiritual feast was enjoyed by all.

● Miss Rosa Muderspach is acting Union Secretary-Treasurer during the furlough of Brother Annis.

● Wonderful progress has been made in the last few months in North Nigeria. Pastor Till has worked himself day and night and badly needs a rest. You would be thrilled as I was if you could see the phenomenal progress there in the North. A new church, a hospital, outpatients and administration building and a new six-class school block certainly make this old station look like a new modern one. May God richly bless Brother and Sister Till and Doctor and Sister Davenport in their work there.

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