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G. L. Annis, Secretary Treasurer



In presenting my report for 1954, I am pleased that this year, our Annual Meeting is a little later than last year and therefore with the co-operation of the Local Mission Secretary-Treasurers, we are able to give figures for the 12 month period. Last year it was not possible

to do this and in many instances we had to use figures for 9 and 11 months.

Let us now look at the West African Union membership for the four year period since the re-organization of the Northern European Division, and we have the following extremely interesting figures.

Date	Membership	Increase
31/12/1950	9,834	—
31/12/1951	11,698	1,864
31/12/1952	14,268	2,570
31/12/1953	15,232	964
31/12/1954	16,283	1,051
Four year increase		6,449

— 66 percent

While each field leader will no doubt report on their own particular field's membership increases, it will be of interest to list each field showing the membership increases over the four year period.

Mission	Dec. 1950	Dec. 1954	Gain	%
Sierra Leone	549	754	205	37
Liberia	393	632	239	61
Ivory Coast	77	124	47	61
Gold Coast	3,042	5,118	2,076	68
Nigeria-West	1,463	2,336	873	37
Nigeria-East	4,159	6,958	2,799	67
Nigeria-North	151	345	194	128
Union	—	16	16	—
	9,834	16,283	6,449	65

You will observe that the increase for 1954 is 1,051 and this is made up as follows:

		%
Sierra Leone	50	4.8
Liberia	103	9.8
Ivory Coast	10	0.9
Gold Coast	185	17.6
Nigeria-West	237	22.6
Nigeria-East	429	40.8
Nigeria-North	21	2.0
Union	16	1.5
	1,051	100%

The average would be 14.3%

The membership figures alone, while encouraging, do not tell us the full story, and we must consider our gains and losses. In the following table we give the mission details for 1954, and the Union totals for the past four years.



Mission	Baptism	Vote	Letter	Total	Apostasy	Death	Letter	Total
Union			16	16				
Sierra Leone	99	8	13	120	82	25	13	70
Liberia	105	-	6	111	7	1	-	8
Ivory Coast	16	-	1	17	5	2	-	7
Gold Coast	410	73	110	593	-	1	-	1
Nigeria-West	232	3	3	238	79	64	14	290
Nigeria-East	613	28	78	719	-	2	-	2
Nigeria-North	23	-	-	23	186	21	201	408
Union-1954	1,498	112	227	1,837	309	116	361	786
„ - 1953	1,426	107	428	1,961	325	107	565	997
„ - 1952	3,001	60	481	3,552	357	95	530	982
„ - 1951	2,156	42	70	2,268	166	75	163	404
	8,091	321	1,206	9,618	1,157	393	1,619	3,169

4 years' Gains 9,618

4 years' Losses 3,169

1954 Gains 1,837

1954 Losses 786

1,051

During the past ten years, the membership increased by 10,005. Just over 1000 average per year.

We now turn our attention to the financial side of our report and give comparative figures for 1953 and 1954 mission offerings :

#### MISSION OFFERINGS

Offerings	1953		1954		Increase	
Sabbath School	4,652.	2. 2	4,977.	12. 2	325.	10. 0
13th Sabbath	1,383.	13. 7	1,653.	7. 10	269.	14. 3
Week of Sacrifice & Annual Off.	318.	0. 4	338.	19. 0	20.	18. 8
Ingathering	6,126.	10. 7	6,448.	14. 5	322.	3. 10
Missions Extension	31.	2. 2	121.	4. 4	90.	2. 2
Miscellaneous Off.	136.	18. 10	62.	14. 2	74.	4. 8
	12,648.	7. 8	13,602.	11. 11	954.	4. 3

Yearly total mission offerings are as follows :

1950	£8,132.	7 11
1951	9,889.	6 4
1952	12,475.	1 3
1953	12,648.	7 8
1954	13,602.	11 11

A detailed analysis of local mission offerings is given at the end of this issue. We trust you will give study to these figures and arrange for systematic promotion of these various offerings in your respective fields.

We feel it would not be out of place to re-state here the annual Ingathering figures for the past five years :

#### INGATHERING

1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
£4,203. 16. 4	£5,237. 18. 9	£6,268. 2. 10	£6,126. 10. 7	£6,448. 14. 5

A most important item in the local mission budget is the tithe income, and this should receive the constant attention of our local field leaders, in an endeavour to build up the tithe to cover the salaries of our African

ministry, and ultimately self-support by each mission.

Worked out from the Tithe of Tithe to the Union the Local Fields' income in tithe for the past four years is as follows :



## T I T H E

	1951	1952	1953	1954
Sierra Leone	£ 605	1,039	864	844
Liberia	479	940	1,181	1,561
Ivory Coast	330	457	369	604
Gold Coast	5,680	7,106	8,464	8,378
Nigeria-West	1,621	1,904	2,668	2,991
Nigeria-East	3,242	3,955	5,404	5,545
Nigeria-North	307	364	477	531
	£12,264	15,765	19,427	20,454

A reference to the generous support from our fellow members overseas should not be omitted from this report, as it is the overseas appropriation that has largely made possible the wonderful progress during the past decade.

During 1954 a total of over £34,000 was contributed to the regular maintenance of our African work in the local mission fields, with over £28,000 going directly to the budgets of the local fields and institutions:

The following special appropriations were also made:

Evangelism	£1,785
Church Extension	5,000
Specials-Secondary Schools, etc.	14,000
Missions Extensions	1,500
Total Specials	£22,285

With other various donations that came in during the year and have been passed on to the local fields and institutions according to the request of the donors the total overseas contribution amounts to approximately £57,000. In addition to these funds I would like to remind you that our home base membership has fully supported all of our overseas staff, which owing to increased cost of transportation is yearly becoming more expensive.

We should also mention that during the year we have lost a number of workers who have returned to their homeland for various reasons. I would like to refer in particular to one of our pioneer workers, who left Africa in March 1954 to proceed on furlough, fully expecting to return for further service. I have of course in mind our late Brother

W. G. Till, who passed away in April of 1954. Pastor Till first came to the mission field in August 1922, and at the time of his death had nearly completed 32 years service in the mission field with a total denominational service of 43 years. I am sure that at this Annual Meeting we desire to pay our respect to the memory of Brother Till, and record our sincere appreciation for the many years of faithful service rendered by Brother and Sister Till.

While on the subject of service I do not think it would be out of place to make reference to one who is with us this evening. I refer of course to Pastor J. J. Hyde, who this year completes his 30 years of mission service, and 47 years of denominational service. Brother Hyde will be proceeding on furlough during 1955, and therefore following another tour of service, his next furlough due in 1958, will coincide with his golden jubilee of denominational service. I am sure we all wish to congratulate Brother and Sister Hyde on their completion of 30 years of mission service.

This report is unlike others you will hear during these meetings, a mission or an institution can report on its work and progress. We do not have that privilege, we are only able to record and collate the accomplishments of others. This we feel is good, in that no glory can be taken to ourselves, and all glory must be ascribed to God who has made this report possible.

In closing I would like to refer you to the theme song used at the Ministerial Presessional Council in San Francisco during 1954.

Thine be the glory and Thine be the praise,  
Thine be the vict'ry through all of our days;  
Thine be the power in hearts pure and true;  
Thine be the glory in all that we do.

May these words express the sentiment of each one of us gathered at this Annual Meeting.

G. L. Anniss.

## 1954 ANNUAL REPORTS

We regret that due to so many staff shortages it has been impossible to bring this issue out earlier in this year. Even though it is a bit late we feel the reports are too good to miss. We print them with the hope they will cheer your hearts as they did the hearts of those who were at the annual meeting.

J. O. G.



# ON BEHALF of the YOUTH of WEST AFRICA —A Brief Report

By D. V. Cowin Union Department Secretary



Christian Education is a doctrine and essential enterprise of this denomination. It is one of our principal evangelizing agencies and provides trained leadership. It is the birthright of every Adventist boy and girl. Mission work in West African was begun with schools. We are the key to mission advances. The year 1954, has been a good one educationally. Solid advances have appeared in each field. Still, such growth was not without crises and heartaches. Legislation shifted the impact of compulsory free education from voluntary bodies to government. Teachers' salaries were advanced. New buildings plus great variation in the curriculums, enhances the experience of going to school. At the end of 1954 all categories of day and boarding schools totalled 141 with an enrolment of 15,784 and 548 teachers. (As of June 30, 1955 these figures are as follows: All schools—164, enrolment—17,251, teachers—622.) The number of our non-Adventist teachers, now 35, is gradually decreasing. Two hundred and fifty-three pupils were baptized during the year. Sierra Leone faced an acute crisis in connection with its long established Yele school. Due to strong efforts on the part of the leaders the school was saved. Today there stands in that place a beautiful new modern structure. Three other buildings are on the way in that field. The question of qualified staff still plagues the field. Liberia completed a new boys' dormitory at Konola in 1954 in spite of the absence of one staff member and the serious illness of the principal. Ivory Coast opened a new primary school and started an evangelistic training class, with 10 students. A fine new classroom block is nearing completion at Bouake. Bekwai used for the first time its new secondary school block and also accepted a special advanced evangelical class. Regulations on quality of staff; present

serious problems. Gold Coast continues to lead the union in schools, teachers and enrolment, but all is not gold that glitters. Since the government is training the teachers, they post them where they will. Ife advanced their midwifery school one grade. North Nigeria weathered a crisis at the end of 1953 and with the help of qualified staff from elsewhere kept open their only school. Government approval of their standard VI class was received in December. Ibie began using their new practice school block. They renovated the secondary school. A second class of secondary students was accepted. Shortage of qualified staff still troubles this training school. East Nigeria continues on a steady but firm programme, adding new blocks and senior schools. Their P.T.C. has now been doublestreamed. West Nigeria was made a party to an entirely new accelerated scheme of compulsory free-education. Into their laps, fell twenty new schools. This made necessary the opening of a new 2-year teacher training programme at Awtun. This field needs a full time qualified educational supervisor. A few of our African teachers have gone overseas for higher education to prepare for broader service.

## MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS—LEARNING AND SHARING

"Loving the Lord Jesus, I promise to take an active part in the work of the M.V's . . ." That is it—the pledge of our M.V. Society juniors and youth. It brings the "doing and giving" activities, about which every member can be justly proud. Our youth have been really serious in organising for "Share your Faith" and determined in finding their own "Outposts for Service." By twos and in groups, in addition to society programmes and M.V. classes, they have gone to the villages and compounds to find souls. The pastors have been on their toes too and have guided and encouraged these younger ones in society work, church work and soul winning. Thus, youth energies are going wholeheartedly into the life stream of the church and the



mission. By learning and sharing the M.V.'s are being interwoven into the very framework of leadership. Advances in the work of the M.V.'s in 1954 are probably the greatest in the history of our union. During one quarter of the year the membership (including those in the schools) rose to an all time high of 11,950 with over 5,000 of these reporting. Well over 2,000 persons were invested in the M.V. classes. We dare speak with pride, and say that the first Master Guide in all of Africa, was invested in Nigeria early in 1949. (This first is disputed of course.) Now the M.G.'s in our union total over 700. The camping programme has really taken hold. Ivory Coast and West Nigeria held successful Junior camps while Gold Coast held another in a fine series of large youth gatherings.—We earnestly urge every field to *plan now* to hold a camp for their M.V.'s in 1955 even if the camp can only be a week-end outing for a church or a district. Every field submitted a good list of Reading Course Books for the year. Every field now has a uniform which is similar to the General Conference M.V. department recommendation. Gold Coast has a mission M.V. advisory committee for planning activities. Six of our mission fields conducted well planned M.V. Youth Week schemes in March. This resulted in 88 persons baptized. Liberian youth are looking forward to opening of a medical cadet corps class which will greatly aid them when they are made a part of that country's Frontier Force. Throughout the year strong promotion and planning was given to the special M.V. project, namely: "The 1955 Division Youth Congress." Fund raising and the observing of prospective delegates was kept before the M.V.'s. Many of the older youth were active as lay preachers and leaders of branch Sabbath schools. Special mention should be made of the strong M.V. activities and training programme being carried out in our training schools at Konola, Bekwai, Ife and Ihie and in certain large church centres such as Freetown, Bo, Agona, Jengre and Aba. Some temperance work is being done by certain interested leaders.

**LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.** The ministry is probably too small to finish all the work of spreading the gospel to every sincere person in this great Union. Our laymen and women constitute a mighty army "For God" and after having been trained by the ministry in gospel work can go forth to win souls. They number in the hundreds and during the

year won well over 1,000 souls. The year 1954 saw our first Union-wide series of lay-workers' institutes (totalling 16) with every field benefitting from the services of our Division Home Missionary Secretary. More than 1,700 persons attended to be inspired and to learn how to go out and win for Christ. Individual lay preachers reported from 5 to 60 souls in the past year. The district pastor in one place conducted the "Fishers of Men" training class in his churches. Over 150 persons completed the course. The success of these men and women is most encouraging. Reports of missionary work done in each field are good but we plead for more trained laymen and better personal report of work done.

**WOMEN WELFARE WORKERS.** Women should have a definite and important part to play in the work of the church, not alone as mothers in the home but also as helpers of others and winners of souls. Throughout the union Women's Welfare (Dorcas) groups are at work,—studying, praying for the sick, doing needlework, conducting sales of hand-work and other forms of welfare work. East Nigeria has 12 Dorcas Federations which approximate the districts in the mission. The leaders at Ihie conducted a Women's Welfare School and had in some 15 women for several days for training as leaders. This school was a real success. Gold Coast Mission plans to hold a similar school in 1955. They now have several active women's groups in their field. West Nigeria has two very active groups—one at Ibadan and one at Ife. Liberia has two large women's groups in Monrovia and Bassa. One is not to conclude that no women's work is being done in the other parts of the Union. All fields are carrying on in training women to be leaders and to work for God. Soul winning is the goal of all women's work.

**AN APPEAL.** The YOUTH are heritage of the church. They grow into the men and women who fill the churches, become the leaders and win the souls. Without them there can be no permanent church. The church today needs to concentrate upon weaving ties which will bind these juniors and youth so affectionately and so loyally to itself that nothing which life can bring will break those ties. Nothing is to be spared in safeguarding the least in the fold, even while we are going all out in "Fishing For Men" for Christ. This can best be accomplished through:



Heart stirring appeals to serve Jesus. Joining in our Weeks of Prayer, M.V. society and class achievement. Christian recreation and fellowship, Investiture ceremonies. Having a significant part in church work, Sharing Our Faith activities, appropriate counselling and guidance, Attending our own S.D.A. schools, developing plans and following them, participation at Junior and Youth camps, Daily worship experience.

To this end, we work with you and remain,

Yours for Youth,

D. V. Cowin,

Union Department Secretary

## Union Sabbath School Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1954

By D. L. Chappell, Secretary

The most interesting Sabbath School Item of 1954 for West Africa was the 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering received on 25th September. News came on January 10th that the Overflow Offering amounted to \$48,850.95 and that £11,631 have been allocated to the West African Union. For this extra "love gift" from our brethren everywhere, we happily praise God. Too, we thank Him for the other Sabbath school blessings of 1954.

This has been a year of Sabbath school rallies. As opportunities afforded during my travels, we conducted 17 rallies as follows: 8 in Gold Coast; 3 in West Nigeria; 2 in East Nigeria; 3 in Liberia; and one in Ivory Coast.

In most of the rallies, we had meetings Friday night, and Sabbath morning and afternoon, but limited time and circumstances in some districts necessitated a shorter rally. We dealt primarily with the techniques of operating a "healthy" Sabbath school, using a large poster on which was printed "SABBATH SCHOOL IS THE HEART OF THE CHURCH. KEEP IT HEALTHY" as a visual aid.

In last year's report mention was made of the branch Sabbath school in the Accra Prison. At that time three members had been baptized. Mr. Parry, who had been discharged and employed by the Advent Press, prior, was baptized on Christmas day. Mr. Avio, one of the three baptized in 1953, is now discharged and is also working at the Press. Two former members, one at Keta and one at Tamale, are keeping the Sabbath and holding Sabbath school in their homes. Sabbath schools are also conducted in the Cape Coast, Kete Krachi, Tamale and Aba prisons. Mr. Jonah of the Kete Krachi Prison will be baptized in July when he is discharged. Colporteur Agyemang was converted in the Koforidua Prison by Pastor Stearman in 1953.

Now for a few facts and figures. Our Sabbath school membership increased 1,444 and our offerings £363 during the twelve months period ending 30th September 1954. We are grateful for this progress and are aiming for further advancement in 1955.

Mission	Membership (30/9/54)	Offerings for period (Oct. 1953 - Sept. 1954)
East Nigeria	20,536	£ 2,466 17 2
Gold Coast	10,313	£ 1,609 7 10
Ivory Coast	280	132 9 6
Liberia	715	878 0 8
North Nigeria	884	158 19 9
Sierra Leone	1,792	299 2 8
West Nigeria	4,175	962 17 4
Union Totals	38,695	£ 6,507 14 11

### UNION TOTALS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1954

Year	Sab. Schools	Branches	Members	Offerings	13th Sab. Off	Tithe
1954	535	149	38,695	£ 6,507 14 11	£ 1,592 6 1	£ 21,083 12 6
1953	397	117	37,251	6,144 4 9	1,387 8 5	19,113 10 10
Increase	138	32	1,444	£ 363 10 2	£ 204 17 8	£ 1,970 1 8

It is interesting to note that 56 per cent of the increase in offerings was the increase in 13th Sabbath Offerings, and that Liberia contributed  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the 13th Sabbath Offerings. The Union per capita per year for 13th Sabbath offering is 10d. but that of Liberia is 14/6! The increase in tithes was  $5\frac{1}{2}$  times the increase in offerings.

"The Sabbath school work is important, and all who are interested in the truth should endeavour to make it prosperous." These are

the opening words of Sister White's book "COUNSELS ON SABBATH SCHOOL WORK". Thanking those who have served the interests of the Sabbath School Department in the past, and appealing especially to mission workers to put forth stronger endeavours to make it more prosperous in the future, I close with this challenge:

*If You Would Have a Church Spiritually Alive, Keep Your Sabbath School Healthy In  
1955*



# Union Publishing Department

ANNUAL REPORT 1954

By D. L. Chappell, Secretary

*As they aimed for high and noble goals  
Of winning sales and saving souls,  
God's usual blessing and even more  
Attended West Africa's Bookmen in 1954.*

For His "more than usual" blessings upon the literature ministry in this field, resulting in a gain nearly as large as the 1950 delivery, we of the Publishing Department joyfully praise God for the accomplishments in 1954.

I am grateful for the spirit of co-operation and willingness to serve manifested by the local publishing secretaries and mission officers. To our band of loyal literature evangelists, I say "A job well done. Thanks a Million." Also I wish to express a word of appreciation to the staff of The Advent Press, The Stanborough Press., and other publishing houses which have so ably supplied our men with "seeds of truth" bound in beautiful books and journals.

According to information obtained from Elder Huse, \$15,731.38 worth of literature was sold in our territory during the five year period ending 31st December 1949. The total delivery for the past five years, amounted to \$149,652.40. Below is shown the delivery for each year of this period.

1950	£4,222	17	6
1951	7,279	4	2
1952	12,923	7	5
1953	12,479	0	5
1954	16,542	16	3 (one £ per baptised member!)
	£53,447	5	9 (\$149,652.40)

Colporteur C. A. Clerk, our champion soul winner, delivered £2,750 of that grand total!

LOOK AT THIS! AND PRAISE GOD

A 33 PER CENT GAIN IN DELIVERY!

"From our books and papers bright beams of light are to shine forth to enlighten the world in regard to present truth."—"Testimonies" Vol. 8, page 87.

## 1953—1954 COMPARATIVE REPORT BY MISSIONS

Mission		Average No. Colps.	Hours	Deliveries	Percentage of gain
EAST NIGERIA, S. A. Ihemeje, PDS.	1954	14	18,854	3,411 1 1	
	1953	15	23,878	2,472 5 6	
		1 (L)	5,024 (L)	938 15 7	38%
GOLD COAST, R. D. Mawutor, PDS.	1954	24	29,600	10,574 15 2	
	1953	20	26,506	9,014 4 1	
		4	3,094	1,560 11 1	17%
IVORY COAST, G. M. Ellstrom, PDS.	1954	4	4,664	1,554 2 4	
	1953	2	1,649	344 18 11	
		2	3,015	1,209 3 5	351%
LIBERIA, C. D. Henri, PDS.	1954	1	462	182 19 0	
	1953	1	146	23 0 9	
		0	316	159 18 3	700%
NORTH NIGERIA,	Note: No report. One colporteur from East Nigeria worked in Zaria.				
SIERRA LEONE, Note: No report in	1954	1	624	145 18 3	
	1953	1 (L)	624 (L)	142 18 3 (L)	100% L
WEST NIGERIA, S. Gustavsson, PDS	1954	3	5,036	819 18 8	
	1953	2	4,454	478 12 11	
		1	582	341 5 9	(71%)
WEST AFRICAN UNION	1954	46	58,616	16,542 16 3	
	1953	41	57,257	12,479 0 5	
		5	1,359	4,063 15 10	33%



# Gold Coast Mission

## ANNUAL REPORT 1954

By W. J. Welch, President

Twelve spies went out to look over the land. Twelve men brought back a report. Ten saw walled cities and giants. Two saw these and more. They saw precious fruits ready for the reaping and with the eye of faith they saw victory through God's enabling power. It is not difficult today to see some walled cities and giants in the Gold Coast. Political upheaval, Government restrictions in Education, inadequate funds, lack of trained personnel; all of these could easily frighten the Gold Coast workers and become an excuse for failure and inefficiency. We are sure however that God wants us to exercise faith and shout the victory. The work is only started and time is short.

### MEMBERSHIP

The baptized membership of the Mission shows a steady growth. The figures are as follows:

1952 - 4,694	Members
1953 - 4,933	"
1954 - 5,118	"

While no doubt there are inaccuracies in the membership records nevertheless we believe these figures to fairly represent the true picture. Considerable effort has been made in the last three years to insure a reasonable degree of accuracy. In baptisms the record shows a total of 410 which is 34 less than the record for 1953 and decidedly less than the 1,000 baptisms of 1952 the year of the "mille-won" campaign. What seems to be a good increase in the souls won through evangelism in 1954, should indicate an increase in Baptisms in the coming years. Total adherents including members in hearers and baptismal classes are now 10,338. These adherents are found in about 200 groups of which 44 are fully organised churches, the rest being companies of all sizes and descriptions.

### FINANCIAL

Tithe figures for the years show a big increase for the total period but a very slight decrease for 1954.

The figures are as follows:—

1950 -	£4,547
1951 -	£5,680
1952 -	£7,142
1953 -	£8,442
1954 -	£8,378

One encouraging fact is that the last six months of 1954 show an increase every month over the same month of the previous year. If we can hold this gain we can hope for an increase in 1955. We are sure that there is a much higher potential tithe that can be reached when our people are fully taught the blessing of being faithful in this respect.

Sabbath School Offerings show an increase over the previous year of about a hundred pounds. This increase in spite of lower tithe seems to be a good sign. We are trying to encourage our members to think in terms of 3d (three pence) per week instead of the usual penny. Ingathering shows a slight decrease over each of the past three years, the figures are:—

1952 -	£2762.	12.	7
1953 -	£2642.	11	9
1954 -	£2618	9	1

It is felt by some that so many other organizations including political parties are using the Harvest Festival for fund raising that it is no longer as effective as in the past. We are convinced that one way to improve the situation is to encourage more door to door soliciting.

On the whole as we look back over the financial side of the Mission Work for 1954 we are not satisfied. While there are some bright spots there is much room for improvement. With God's help we hope to do better in 1955.

### DEPARTMENTS

One of the interesting characteristics of the work in 1954 has been the development of African departmental secretaries. We began the year with African Assistants in all departments but due to the departure of Brother Davidson for Newbold College and the sickness and departure of Brother Vetter we have ended the year with African Secretaries carrying the full load and doing a very good job of it. Brother R. D. Mawutor is leading the Colporteurs in a very strong way. His 27 Colporteurs took orders for £16,747 worth of books and delivered £10,583 worth. This was a £1,500 increase over deliveries in 1953. These Literature Evangelists have won



42 souls to the message, and no doubt had a part in the salvation of hundreds of others. As I have visited the churches I have been happy to see the excellent way in which many of these men lead out in our churches. More power to them.

Brother S. E. Opam has carried a heavy burden with our 65 schools and 181 teachers giving instruction to nearly 6,000 children. Ten of the schools are united schools in which we share with another Mission. Many of our trained teachers are teaching in schools of other Missions or Local Council Schools by Government order. What at first seemed a great calamity has in many places proved a blessing as these boys have led the churches located there and in other ways witnessed to the truth. The trend toward Government direction and control is by no means diminished in the Gold Coast but we do praise the Lord that time after time when matters had seemed to reach a crisis, the blow was turned aside and our work did not suffer. We appreciate the good work done in the past by Pastor Vetter and pray that he may soon be restored to health and strength.

In 1953 the Missionary Volunteer work seemed to have suffered a back-set. No investitures were held and enthusiasm was at a low ebb. This year however the picture is different. Brother W. B. Ackah Jr. has given strong support to the department and a revival of interest has taken place. Investitures were held at nearly all the Camp Meetings this past year.

It would be most surprising if after spending five years at Bekwai I should fail to mention our training school. After I left in April to go to the Mission, Pastor Moyer very capably carried on until his leave. Since then Brother Sparks has been acting Principal and the College is growing and prospering. Brother N. C. Maberly has proved a good leader in the new Secondary Department. There have been many perplexities due to inadequately trained staff but there is a good spirit at the school and progress is being made. Pastor Wilson's work has been greatly appreciated in the training of the Evangelists. Miss Ruth Faye Smith has recently joined the staff and we are told is fitting in nicely as leader of the work for girls. The College desperately needs another Boys' Dormitory, a Dining Hall and Kitchen, a Science Building, Industrial arts and Utility building, additional staff housing and more sanitary facilities. We deeply appreciate the help given already from overseas. Our African

constituency is trying to help and has thus far raised about £3,500. We are happy for the 13th Sabbath Overflow from the third quarter of 1954 in which we understand Bekwai will share.

If time and space would permit we should like to tell of the Home Missionary Department and of the good work done by Pastor C. B. Mensah as it's secretary and as assistant to the Mission President. We appreciate his fine spirit and wise counsel. Brother John Rigby has proved an able Secretary Treasurer. He has to carry a heavy load as I have been away from the office most of the year but he has borne it willingly and capably.

### EVANGELISM

We do not believe that Evangelism can be separated from the work of all the departments of the church for the purpose of every activity is soul winning. However, all our efforts must focus in the end on public evangelistic meetings conducted by laymen or Ministers in which interested people are brought face to face with decisions for Christ and the Truth. During the year at least 70 efforts were conducted and while it is difficult to get exact figures it is certain that more than 800 souls responded with a decision for the truth.

## East Nigerian Mission

ANNUAL REPORT 1954

By W. J. Newman, President

In spite of our human weaknesses and the blunders we have made, the Lord has rewarded us with over 600 souls during the year 1954.

### MEMBERSHIP

Our membership now stands at 6,958 which includes the 613 baptized during the year, making a net gain of 429. We have printed Baptismal Certificates which are being issued to all of our members in good and regular standing. No doubt 1955 will show a larger figure for apostacies due to this cleaning process. However, we shall now have a more accurate record in the office.

### EVANGELISM

This has been the most encouraging year we have ever had for evangelism. 46 efforts were held, conducted by our workers and lay men. Our members not only gave of their



time but contributed £86.5s.2½d. towards the expense. 118 people were claimed from heathenism and 52 jujus were destroyed.

Number new persons in baptismal class	...	1346
Number new Sabbath School members	...	1439
Number new interests raised	...	21

Just recently Pastors Gibson, Brendel, Dickay and myself visited a new interest near Sapele. This interest of 30 souls meeting every Sabbath, is the result of the Voice of Prophecy. They are waiting for a worker. The leader of the group attended our Camp Meeting at Ana and was very encouraged in all he saw and heard during his stay.

In another town in the Rivers area we found 31 people ready to join our church. They, too, are waiting for a worker.

The "Shone Evangel"—our powered canoe donated to us by a kind friend in Great Britain was launched in the wet season. Right from the start with the sign "Free Bible Course" on the top of the boat, we were asked for the free lessons. We are now able to visit hundreds of villages in the Niger delta. Three new interests have already been raised. We appreciate very much indeed this added facility for reaching the people in the Niger delta.

#### LITERATURE EVANGELISM

Under the leadership of Mr. Ihemeje our colporteurs have been able to distribute £3,411.1.1. worth of literature. This is an increase of £938.15.7. over the previous year. A number of colporteurs have started Branch Sabbath Schools.

Our Ibo church paper has been revived and we now have a regular quarterly edition of the "Onye-Ozi" edited by Pastor Dickay. Our Ibo Hymn Book and Steps to Christ are both in the process of being printed in the Ibo language. A half of the 10,000 edition of 'God's Answers' in Ibo has been sold.

#### EDUCATION

Our Educational Secretary has been out of the field for 7 months. So, to a great extent the work has fallen on Brother Ukegbu and Brother Izima. Brother Ukegbu left us for Newbold in August this year.

Our schools are making progress and from our Primary schools we are able to fill our P.T.C. and Secondary School with Adventist children.

#### M. V. DEPARTMENT

Very little has been done this year in comparison with the wonderful opportunities in our field. We are happy however for the 1,783 Investitures during 1954. We need a young energetic leader giving his full time to this worthy department.

#### HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

At the beginning of the year we conducted a church revival campaign which *harvested 153 backsliders*. Surely this effort was well worth-while. Then towards the close of the year we had Elder Pedersen, Pastors Cowin and Coon, and Brother Chappell with us in the great Home Missionary Drive.

Meetings were held in every district and were well attended. We greatly appreciate the

splendid help the visiting Brethren gave us at that time. Pastor Dickay is leading out in this work and is gradually getting the churches organized in this department.

Miss Nuka and Mrs. Brendel led out in a fine Women's Course at Ihie. Their time was very well occupied in practical and spiritual instruction.





**S. S. DEPARTMENT**

Pastor Onwere has been leading out in this department.

	1953	1954
Number Sabbath Schools	219	225
Sabbath School Membership	18226	21029
Branch Sabbath Schools		26
Senior S. S. Quarterlies per Qtr.	3400	4,000
Junior S. S. Quarterlies per Qtr.	260	600

**WORKERS' MEETINGS**

During the year we had two very profitable meetings with our senior workers, both evangelists and headmasters. The Lord came very near to us as we discussed some of our weaknesses and hindrances to the work of God.

We regret that Brother J. Kanu was unable to be with us because of sickness and on May the 13th he passed away.

**CAMP MEETINGS**

Our Camp Meetings are always well attended and this time all greatly appreciated the spiritual messages given to us by Brethren Tarr, Minchin, King and Gibson. The field benefited greatly by their ministry at such an important occasion.

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

Under the able and efficient care of Pastor Neilsen our treasurer, our finances have emerged from the verge of bankruptcy to our being solvent.

Our tithe increase is small in comparison with 1953, yet an increase has been made as part of 1953's increase was due to the abnormal increase in teacher's salaries.

	1953	1954
Birthday Offering	1 17 4	9 17 8½
S. S. Offering	1775 4 1	1910 7 3
13th S. S. Offering	459 5 1	569 14 2½
Big Week Offering	43 2 1	33 7 7
Week of Sacrifice	89 8 8	37 18 6½
Voice of Prophecy		11 12 8½
Harvest Ingathering	1521 11 2	1351 17 10½
	3890 8 5	3924 15 10½

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

East Nigeria has most of its territory unentered. Repeated calls have come from various unentered areas. Calabar is ready for a missionary family. The British Cameroons are waiting for us. Warri has a number of interests waiting. The Rivers have some very definite interests needing workers to lead them.

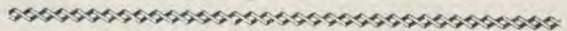
We have a number of evangelists graduated from Ihie this year. It is our plan to enter some of these new places with them. We trust that the Union will co-operate with us in

sharing the expense of widening our field of influence.

If we do not take the advantage of these opportunities while the doors are open it may be that tomorrow will be too late. So, I believe that we should do everything within our power to harvest these souls who are waiting for us.

I am happy to report that the plans for our hospital in the Ahoada Division are nearing completion and the buildings will be started in the very near future.

May the Lord keep us faithful until the work is finished.



# West Nigerian Mission

**ANNUAL REPORT 1954**

By J. J. Hyde, President

West Nigeria looks back on 1954 with sober joy and humble thanks. 1954 has been a year of considerable success, and some frustrations. It was not so much that one was prevented from doing any thing, but that other tasks than those planned frequently arose to take the time and effort.

Brother Gustavsson, who is our Secretary-Treasurer, Young People's Leader and several other important persons, held a very successful Youth's Camp, at which we were happy to welcome Brother Cowin, and benefit from his help and experience. Several quite large Investitures were also held, and the young people's membership increased by 425.

In the Sabbath School Department, for which Brother Gustavsson is also responsible, Brother Chappel held several institutes which were greatly appreciated. The Sabbath School membership rose during the year by 168.

We are fortunate in having in our territory our large Union Hospital, and doubly fortunate in having it under the control of a very evangelistically-minded African and overseas staff. They, together with our other churches, helped to produce a 30 per cent increase in the Harvest Ingathering last year and also to raise our tithe by £367. The total for the Harvest Ingathering was £1,111. 1s. 3. and that from the tithe £3,044. Both these figures are the best we have ever had.

All our offerings are up, with the exception of Birthday Offerings which is down by 10/-. However, the Voice of Prophecy Offering went from 3/9 to £13. 5s. 0d. and the week



of Sacrifice Offering from £82. 1s. 0d. to £138. 16s. 9d.

It remains only for me to say that our baptisms, at 232, were also the best we have ever had; to show that whatever those frustrations were to which I referred, they did not much slow down our onward march.

And what are those frustrations? Or how did they arise? They stemmed largely from an exciting, but ever-changing and quite uncertain political atmosphere which prevailed in West Nigeria throughout 1954. This affected us chiefly on the educational side of our work. But most of all it came from the complete inadequacy of our evangelical staff. With the teachers more than ever preoccupied with the problems arising from our rapidly expanding schoolwork, we found ourselves with very few men upon whom we could put the responsibility of the churches and evangelistic efforts. Obviously everyone did his best, or our statistics would be far different from what they were.

But there is a very serious imbalance between our teacher and our evangelistic forces. And unless this is corrected, I fear that our work will soon come to a stand-still. Though I have given much thought to the problem, I still am without the answer to it. I am, however, certain of one thing, and that is that the solution does not lie along the lines of reducing our schools and teachers. We are not suffering from too many schools. We are, in fact, suffering because of the weakness of our schools in the past, and possibly, even in the present. No. The answer does not lie in reducing anything. It lies in the increasing of several important factors, namely, the education, the numbers, and above all, the sense of vocation of our evangelists. It also calls for more money for training of our evangelists and the paying of better wages. And of all the "increases" named the most important is the sense of vocation, the increase of that spirit which makes a man cry, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."

Evangelists are, I believe, born and not made. It may be that it is at their second birth, that their calling becomes clearer, as was the case with Paul. But even before his conversion Paul was a restless, compulsive sort of man. And among the disciples Peter, the sons of thunder, the zealot, and the tax-gatherer were all of them out-reaching, commanding, and even ambitious men before ever they received the gift of the Holy Spirit. I wonder if we are failing to recognise the potential evangelists among our young people.

Do we prefer the quieter, the more amiable, the more biddable, the more respectful types of men? Whatever the answer may be, I have a conviction that the order of events is, first, catch your evangelist, and then train him. I doubt if we often by training change a non-evangelist into a successful evangelist.

If this should be so, then we can do little to bring evangelists into the Field. Perhaps that was why Jesus said, "Pray ye the Lord of Harvest that He may send labourers into His Harvest." That we certainly can and must do. And when God sends them to us, may we find grace to know how to train, help, guide and encourage them.

As I began, so I will end. West Nigeria gives humble thanks for all that God has done for us in 1954, but we have this feeling that all is not really well with us. Jesus may have faced a similar situation. His disciples became increasingly attracted to the worldly and political advantages that might come to them from their association with Jesus, until His whole plan was in jeopardy. He said to them, "Say not ye, there are four months to harvest? behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. We have many young men among us who are trying to convince themselves that there really are four months before they need to become reapers—four months in which they can legitimately seek for themselves a place in earthly rewards. May we first ourselves look upon the waiting harvest with clear and understanding eyes, and then point out to these young men that eternal rewards await the faithful-reapers.

## Sierra Leone Mission

ANNUAL REPORT 1954

By E. Keslake, President

The year 1954 in Sierra Leone has been a time of sunshine and shadows. It has been a particularly trying year. It began so and has continued so to the very end. Heavy dark shadows have been with us. But it has not all been shadows. There are bright spots along the way. I shall endeavour to speak more particularly of these.

At the beginning of the year a threat continued to hang over our work at Yele and for





The fine modern school building at Yele, Sierra Leone. This school has a bright and secure future.

that matter over our work in the whole chiefdom of which Yele is the headquarters. A mighty duel was being fought between the Roman Catholic Mission and our own. A strong effort continued to be made to dispossess us. Today the struggle is largely ended. We are in a stronger position today than ever before in this place, and the future of the school in Yele seems reasonably secure.

A major portion of my time this year has been consumed in dealing with educational problems of one kind and another. It has been possible to secure full grant in aid of the school in Yele which was made retroactive to January 1954. In addition partial grants were secured for Matotoka and Nengbema. Now buildings are under erection in these places. Efforts are being made to secure full grants for all schools in 1955.

Another bright spot in the year is the entry into new territory. Work has been opened in Makeni. Pastor Tharawoli has been located there in that Moslem area. The results of his work are not at all spectacular, no one knowing the conditions which obtain in that place would expect them to be. It is a spark which is beginning to smoke. The flame will follow.

One of the brightest spots to be seen is in the Church of Freetown. A larger number of interested people are attending church each Sabbath. Among the number is one who has secured Sabbath privileges from the Government Road Transport Department. Another working with the Rail road has secured the same privilege. The army headquarters also agreed to permit a soldier to have Sabbath off. We rejoice that those in authority are prepared to make it possible

for man in their employment to keep the Sabbath.

Mr. Clarke has been able to give our Mission most excellent publicity through the medium of the news papers. A total of 2,439 column inches in some 250 different articles have created a very favourable attitude towards our work. Wherever I go men in high and low positions speaks appreciatively of the inspirational articles which has come from Brother Clarke's pen.

As in other parts of Africa political changes are the order of the day. Rapidly the responsibility for Government and Government departments is passing into the hands of Africans. As in all periods of transition there is a degree of uncertainty and uneasiness which is evident on all sides. Men are feeling their way in new positions. Problems are arising for which no one has an immediate answer, only time can solve many of them. The Mission touching Government at many points particularly in the field of Education is naturally affected.

Local Education Authorities have been set up to take over the main burden of education which thus far has been borne by Missions and only recently shared by central Government. It is not now as easy as before to arrange for the opening of a new school. Nor is it as easy for us to advance a school to higher standard in the place of our own choosing. New standards are being set up which we must reach if we are to continue to operate our schools. From now on we must arrange to have a qualified teacher at each school.

It is difficult for one to realise present conditions in Sierra Leone unless he is resident in the country for a time. Quite apart from the problems which are arising from the free spending of large sums of money by the Government, the problems arising from illicit diamond mining are most threatening to the whole economy of the country. Production of crops is being neglected as thousands leave their farms, traders and other lines of work to seek their fortune looking for as it is put "ground nuts." Were it not for the fact that the Government imported large quantities of rice which were made available in 1954, the normal hunger period would have become a famine. I have had to register our Mission workers with the Government in order that they may be able to secure half bushel of rice per worker per month. Rice is already in short supply at fantastic prices. All foods are selling for very much increased amounts. Our workers are finding the utmost diffi-



culties in meeting the rising cost of living on their present salaries.

All of our churches have been affected by the illicit diamond mining. Large numbers of our men have left their homes seeking gain. Tithes has fallen due to their absence. Evangelism has been seriously affected. In fact one can say that life has been completely dislocated and of course the church has not been able to escape. Sixty souls have been baptized during 1954.

Membership in the Mission now stands at 754. Despite the fact that tithe decreased in 1954 there was a gratifying response to the Sabbath School appeal for offerings—which shows a gain in 1954 over 1953 of £79.17.6.

I have already spoken of the need for further education if our work is to survive in Sierra Leone. I must bring to your attention again the need of a medical work in a country so predominantly Mohammedan. If it is impossible to make provision for these needs immediately, they should never be lost sight of, because of delay.

## Liberian Mission

ANNUAL REPORT 1954

By C. D. Henni, President

As that venerable man of God, Israel, stood before Pharaoh, the King of Egypt, Pharaoh asked him, "How 'old art thou?" Israel's answer is a classic commentary on our journey through life. "The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been. . . ."

1954 will long stand out in our memory as signally evil but providing our gracious God ample opportunity to prove His beneficent watchcare over His servants. Other of our missions in West Africa can respond with a fervent, amen.

We were in the office, hard at work, one Monday morning when suddenly we were startled by the thunderous roar of a plane diving directly at our church. Some pilot stunting or being just foolish, I thought. A second time he came over the church just as low as he possibly could fly. I could work no longer, but went outside to stare in wonder at this disturber of our tranquility. Again he zoomed over our heads and as we stared

up in wonder, a note fluttered down. Someone picked it up and began to read. "I have a Seventh-day Adventist missionary aboard critically ill. Bring a stretcher or camp cot and I'll land in the old gravel pit."

That passenger was Mrs. Jane Hughes. And, for a month, she hovered between life and death. Thrice the doctor ordered us to make plane reservations and send the family home. Malaria had affected that portion of her brain which controls the diaphragm, and constant hiccups prevented food, water or medicine to be taken orally! Evil days? Yes, dreadful days, prayers ascended heavenward from the General Conference in session, our Division and Union, and in Liberia prayers were held all night. God heard and Mrs. Hughes is well again! The doctors marvel, but we praise Him who promised to heal all our diseases!

Pastor P. E. Giddings came down from Konola to visit Mrs. Hughes, had a physical check-up and discovered his blood pressure was 200 over 110! The doctor ordered complete rest or immediate furlough. "The Great I Am" brought us through that one, too.

Our most successful native evangelist was bitten by a deadly cassava snake and died in a few hours, leaving a widow and four children, and a dreadful gap in the ranks of the pitifully few who battle "that serpent, the devil and Satan," in Liberia. We are confident that the Lord will find for us a man to fill that gap. Our courage is good as we face the challenge of the "evil days" of 1955.

### INGATHERING

Perhaps our troubles and sicknesses provided the needed stimulus, but our members rallied to the Ingathering Campaign as they had never done before. Again, Sister Crowe set a record that is a challenge to us all—African or European. Her total—\$240.00! That's nearly £73! Sister Henri ingathered over \$150.00. The totals are not all in, but here are the figures:

1953	1954
\$1,105.39	\$1,814.79

We thank God for the influx of funds, but only eternity will reveal the good that was done. We are following up these contacts with the Signs of the Times and Voice of Prophecy literature and enrolment forms.

### PUBLICITY

While Pastor Pedersen and Brother Chappell were with us, we made an informal



call on the President of Liberia. We had nothing special in mind but just wanted our guests to meet the one who gave such a splendidly favourable address at the opening of the Monrovia church. As we greeted him, President Tubman placed in my hand an envelope containing fifteen crisp, new twenty dollar bills! \$300.00 for Ingathering! How did he know about the campaign? Why, he must have read it in the newspaper. We gave the editor a write up of the launching of the campaign and it's purpose for one insertion. He ran it for seven consecutive days!

Everything we have sent in has been printed. Inches published have been limited only by our failure to write. Pastors Pedersen, Vine and Chappell were given special interviews. The "YOU AND THE FUTURE" series were published again this year in another newspaper, "THE LIBERIAN AGE". We estimate that some 280 inches were printed in 1954.

**BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL**

In this branch of the Lord's work, progress has been made and souls warned and saved. The school contributed much to our evangelistic programme by providing interested persons and contacts. Two of these were baptized in 1954 and two more will be baptized in March 1955.

	1953	1954
ENROLLMENTS	438	296
ACTIVE STUDENTS	118	237
GRADUATES	38	83

Our greatest regret is that the VOICE OF PROPHECY broadcast will be off the air for 1955. Furlough makes this necessary.

**KONOLA ACADEMY**

The new boys dormitory was completed this year permitting us to accept more students. One hundred boys and forty-three girls were accepted as boarders. Forty-four came from the surrounding villages, increasing our total enrolment to seventy-four above 1953. Forty of these students are in the baptismal class. Fifteen were graduated from standard eight, six finished second year high school. our highest grade.

**FINANCES**

The following is a comparative statement for the mission for 1952—1954. God has been good to us. Our working membership, which is approximately 45 per cent of our baptized membership of 634, has certainly manifested a spirit of faithfulness and sacrifice.

	1952	1953	1954
TITHE	\$2,679.61	\$3,104.70	\$4,371.68
12 S. S. Offerings	\$740.67	924.70	961.71
13th S. Offerings	796.89	1,002.57	1,380.71
Ingathering	1,177.48	1,105.39	1,814.79
Birthday			20.81
Week of Sacrifice			72.83

**BAPTISMS**

61	92
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**GRATITUDE**

The "few and evil" days of 1954 are just a memory, Despite the sickness (greatest we have ever had in Liberia among our missionaries), despite the problems, despite death, despite every snare and pitfall of his satanic majesty—There was a measure of progress in every department. To our Divine Leader, our tribute of praise and gratitude!

Brethren King, Hamilton and Pedersen from the Division, and Brother Vine from the Stanborough Press brought inspiration, counsel and encouragement for which we are sincerely thankful.

Pastors Gibson, Cowin and Chappell from the Union Office did much to "hold up our hands," strengthen and direct our endeavours and guide us over the rough places. Both the Division and Union co-operated in helping us financially and providing another family for our ever expanding educational programme at Konola and throughout the field.

**Ivory Coast Mission**

**ANNUAL REPORT 1954**

By S. M. Ellstrom, President

We are truly grateful to the Lord for what He has done for the Ivory Coast Mission during 1954. We take no credit unto ourselves for what has been done unless it is the failure to do more. "Honesty is the best policy" and "Confession is good for the soul" so we feel that we better reveal everything, the good as well as that which is not so good, and we begin with the latter.

There are some things of which we are not proud. Our baptisms this year were only sixteen, or rather brought sixteen new members into our church membership, twice as much as last year to be sure, so we are going in the



right direction; but we lost two by death and what is worse, five were disfellowshipped, which makes only a net gain of nine. I am afraid there are about six more who should have been disfellowshipped and will undoubtedly be this year. I feel very keenly this weakness, but I believe there is a reason, which is not a part of this report. These things are not felt by the rest of you in your larger fields, but I know almost every member by name, so I am very close to everything that takes place in our churches.

Things look brighter for the following year than they ever have before. We should have at least 20 in the baptismal classes this year and the following year more. We need to branch out into many new villages, but we are unable to do this as we should for we have no one to send. It is impossible to follow up the interest we already have. I was out and preached about the Sabbath a few weeks ago in one large village and it seemed that most of the villagers came to hear me, some showing a very great interest. In another large village I have had some Bible studies and among those who attended two were very much convinced about the Sabbath Truth. Brother Buzenet and Emmanuel, our evangelists at Bouaké, visited a large village about four miles from Bouaké and they had sixty or more who listened attentively to the preaching. They are continuing their Sunday meetings in this place. In another village about 25 or 30 miles from Bouaké Brother Cowin went with us to visit a young man who wants to do something to teach his villagers. He built up a little thatched roof building and was endeavouring to hold school occasionally for the children. He has been studying the Voice of Hope lessons. At Bofia, which is about 40 or 50 miles from Bouaké we could probably have a Sabbath School of about 20 or 30 if someone could go out there every Sabbath to study with them. There are wonderful possibilities if we have some trained evangelists, and we are looking forward to the day when we shall have them, but in the meantime we must do the best we can with what we have. In spite of this very serious shortcoming the work is progressing as the following details show.

#### CONSTRUCTION WORK

We have completed building our Mission Station at Bouaké this past year and it is really an acceptable looking place. A school building of three class rooms is now almost completed on the Mission compound, so we

look for great activities there in the near future. A new cement block church building is near completion at a village along the lagoon. Another cement block building will soon be started in another village. A new school building of mud brick with a pan roof has been constructed at Yoroporia, a village out in the "bush". They are now interested in finding land at Divo, the main town in that vicinity, where they want to build a church and later perhaps a school. You see we are interested in moving out of the "bush" and into the centres for we believe that our work will go forward more quickly that way. We are still trying hard to get land at Abidjan, for we are in great need of a church there to advance the work in this largest of Ivory Coast cities. Pray that we may be able to build this year in Abidjan.

#### VOICE OF HOPE AND RADIO

We have less than a hundred enrolled in our Bible Correspondence course, not because we couldn't have more, but because we can't take care of any more. The promoter, director and personnel of the correspondence school has as most of you know one or two other things to do. There are great possibilities in this work, but we need someone to spend a great deal of time with our correspondence course. If we get on the air at Abidjan our enrolments will undoubtedly increase to the place where it will require the full time work of one man. We are looking forward to being on the radio in a few weeks in Abidjan. A couple of months ago we went to see the Abidjan Radio Station about a programme and they seemed very favourable. They suggested that it may be possible that we could have some free time, but they first wanted to hear our programme. We sent immediately to France to get some records. One just recently arrived and the day before I came over here to Accra we went to the Radio Station with it. After playing the record, which had on one side a religious programme and on the other side an educational programme, they said they would give us some time, but as they broadcast only six hours per day they could only give us one programme per week. If we wished we could interchange the programmes, thus having a religious broadcast one week and an educational broadcast the next. We would prefer broadcasting the religious programme each week. Thus far they are willing to give us free time and we hope to be on the air in a couple of weeks. Tune in Wednesday evening on short wave



60 and on medium wave 200 and you will hear at approximately 6.30 the Voice of Hope in French. I understand ours is the first religious programme on the Abidjan radio.

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

The work of the M.V. department is slowly but surely taking root in our field. One church has an active group of young people who go out and sing and preach the gospel. We need more leadership in our churches and we would see more results from our youth department. Our Investitures are creating an interest in the progressive class work. There were ten Friends and six Helpers invested at our recent Junior Camp. We were very happy to hold our second Junior Camp this year and were privileged to have with us Brother Cowin. We had a very pleasant as well as profitable week with 26 children in attendance. We were encamped by a fresh water lake in beautiful African surroundings and with opportunities to play games, to go on hikes, to learn basket weaving, to go swimming and even to go boat riding on the lagoon which was only about a mile away. The Camp this year was really appreciated and everyone is looking forward to another year when they can meet again in the same place.

### EDUCATION

Just a few days before coming over I, with Brother Buzenet, visited a church where we laid plans for another year of schooling and where we hope the school is now functioning. That will make three "bush" schools that now should be in operation. At Bouaké we hope to start a school for children in a month or so, for there are so many around Bouaké who would like to send their children to us for instruction. When buildings permit us to lodge our young men we also would like to begin our training school at Bouaké.

### COLPORTAGE

At the present, we have five colporteurs in the field, three Ivory Coast young men, one from Dakar and Brother Vaysse, who came to us from France. They have all been doing well and we truly do thank the Lord for what has been done this year in colporteur work. We started the year with two colporteurs and about the month of June our third colporteur joined our force. Then in the month of September Brother Vaysse a french man came to the field. Our sales for this past year amounted

to 761,655 francs, or almost £1,500. Of this amount our three Ivory Coast colporteurs sold for over 500,000 francs or £1,000. Truly the Lord has done wonders through our humble book men.

### FINANCE

Again we wish to praise the Lord for opening the hearts of His faithful believers, to give of their means for the support of the work. To be true, many have not given very much, but others have. Here is a comparative report of the two years, 1953 and 1954:

	1953	1954
Tithe	182,390 francs	296,465
Sabbath School Off.	56,156	62,220
13th Sabbath Off.	18,655	17,415
Miss. Extension-Missions	2,490	4,675
Thank Off.	4,275	6,035
Wk. of Sacrifice (African)	2,880	8,680
Temprance Off		1,760 francs
Ingathering	199,220	243,430
Totals	461,066	639,680 almost £1,300

Maybe I should call to your attention the fact that our Union appropriations amounted to 472,344 francs, a little less than £1,000. Again we wish to thank the Lord from whom all blessings flow.

The visit of Brother Vine and Brother Cowin at our Camp meeting this year was very much appreciated. We have a very enjoyable three days together with our believers in the Ivory Coast. I wish also to express my thanks for the visit of Brethren Pedersen and Chappell for almost a week. Their week of instruction was an encouragement as well as a help to all of us. We also had the pleasant visit of Brother King and Brother Gibson at the beginning of the year. We have had a few more than usual this year, but not yet too many, so you are still very welcome to come and see us I can assure you. We wish to express our thanks to the Division and the Union for their financial help this past year and a special thanks to the Division for giving consideration to the Ivory Coast in the coming Missions Extension Offering.

Another year lies behind us. Another year of opportunity lies ahead and we are looking forward to greater things with the help and blessing of God for the coming year, 1955.



# Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School

ANNUAL REPORT 1954

By Roger W. Coon, President

**A YEAR OF PROGRESS:** As we pause to look back upon the year that was 1954—the sixth in the brief history of the West African Branch of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School—we recognise that the progress and the accomplishments attained would have been impossible had it not been for the providential blessings of our Heavenly Father.

Although 1953 witnessed unprecedented growth, yet in the year that followed, there were still a number of significant "firsts." It was the first full year of operation in the new Liberian office at Monrovia (see figures). It was the first year that the 10,000 mark in total certificates issued for the three courses was reached, and surpassed. And on the 9th November 1954, a special ceremony was held in the Yaba S.D.A. Church, Lagos, Nigeria, to honour the 30,000th graduate of the West African Branch, in which Pastors J. M. A. Adeoye of the West Nigerian Mission, D. V. Cowin and Roger W. Coon of the West African Union, and E. W. Pedersen of the Northern European Division participated.

The West African Branch of the Voice of Prophecy is one of the 10 Bible Correspondence Schools operating under the Northern European Division.

Up to January 1, 1954 (the latest date for which figures are available, as just published in the General Conference Radio Department Report), West Africa led the Division in both total enrolment and graduates. In 1953 the school's enrolment accounted for more than one-third of the Division total for the year; and with the continuing increase during the past year, we have reason to believe that we have not relinquished our position of leadership!

At the close of the year a fourth instructor and an additional clerk were added to the staff of sixteen in the Ibadan office, to assume some of the duties which will be laid down by the Principal and his wife when they go on furlough early in 1955.

*Briefly, the accomplishments of 1954 can be summarised as follows:*

**APPLICATIONS:** A total of 9,768 applications from prospective new students were processed during 1954. Since students in the Basic and Advanced Courses are not "new," having already completed the Preliminary Course, statistical records are kept only of first requests.

Office	1954	1953	1952
Ibadan	9,342	8,737	10,327
Monrovia	426	- - -	- - -
	9,768		

**ENROLMENTS:** A student is considered enrolled when he returns the first test paper of the Preliminary Course during the period covered by the report. In 1954 the total of new enrolments was 6,288 out of the 9,768 who applied, or 64 percent. (this percentage, while not ideal, is still somewhat higher than the average of other Bible Correspondence Schools throughout the world field.) In comparison with previous years:

Office	1954	1953	1952
Ibadan	5,982	4,844	3,986
Monrovia	306	- - -	- - -
	6,288		

It will be noted that in addition to the new enrolments in the Liberian office during



Pastor Roger W. Coon presents a Bible to the 30,000th successful Bible school student.



1954, the Ibadan office has consistently made a gain of approximately 1,000 new enrolments over each of the two previous years.

**ACTIVE STUDENTS:** A student is considered active if he has returned at least one test paper during the past three months. The two offices started the year with a total of 7,595 active students, and ended it with 6,365. The high mark of the year was reached on May 1st, with a combined total of 8,235 active students. Year-end totals, in comparison with previous year:

Office	31.12.54	31.12.53	31.12.52
Ibadan	6,182	7,595	4,563
Monrovia	183	- - -	- - -
	6,365		

A more accurate barometer of the offices' day-to-day work, however, is the average of active students for the year, in which the totals for each of the twelve months are added and then averaged:

Office	1954	1953	1952
Ibadan	7,044	7,474	3,605
Monrovia	220	- - -	- - -
	7,270		

**GRADUATES:** A total of 10,644 students were graduated during 1954: Preliminary Course, 4,769; Basic Course, 3,511; and Advanced Course, 2,364. In comparison with previous years:

	1954	1953	1952
<b>PRELIMINARY:</b>			
Ibadan	4,447	5,548	3,631
Monrovia	322	- - -	- - -
	4,769		
<b>BASIC:</b>			
Ibadan	3,346	2,616	1,481
Monrovia	165	- - -	- - -
	3,511		
<b>ADVANCED:</b>			
Ibadan	2,280	1,027	338
Monrovia	84	- - -	- - -
	2,364		

The Basic Course was introduced in 1948, and a total of 12,740 have completed it. The Preliminary Course followed in 1950, and 15,217 have completed it before going on to the Basic Course. The Advanced Course was introduced in 1951, and a total of 3,871 Basic Course graduates have gone on to complete it. Thus, for the three courses, there has been a total of 31,828 graduates.

**STUDENT INCOME:** Income from student donations and the sale of literature during 1954 amounted to £750 and was approximately double that received during the preceding year, 1953:

IBADAN	1954	1953	1952	1951
Donations	£ 647	£ 342	£ 426	£ 423
Profits on Book Sales	103	56	19	25
	£ 750	£ 380	£ 445	£ 448

(Figures on the profit from book sales for 1951-2 are approximate, since cost of books was not deducted from gross sales on balance sheet during the two year period.)

The Liberian office received \$61.85 in student income in 1954.

**MAIL:** As a correspondence school, mail is the "life blood" of the institution. During 1954, a total of 74,082 pieces of mail (not including parcels and literature, of which there were several thousands) were received in the Ibadan office, and 2,633 in Monrovia.

A total of 189,639 pieces of mail (at a postage cost of £700, or 1,960 dollars US) were despatched through the Ibadan Post Office, and an additional 3,677 by the Monrovia office.

**LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED:** During 1954 some 223,237 lesson test papers were received and marked by instructors in the two offices, as compared with 216,799 for 1953. Included among the literature sent out during the year:

Office	Lessons	Books	"News"	"Signs"
Ibadan	355,516	7,984	16,200	35,810
Monrovia	15,072	32		1,258
	370,588	8,016	16,200	37,068

making a total of 431,872 pieces of gospel literature circulated throughout West Africa by The Voice of Prophecy, compared with 403,400 in 1953. (This total does *not* include the thousands of copies of "Present Truth" enclosed with lessons on certain vital topics, made possible through a generous gift by Dr. Ione R. Kilgore of California, nor the countless other pieces of miscellaneous literature sent to students in answer to Bible questions.) We believe that only in eternity will the full results of this tremendous undertaking in the circulation of the Word of God be fully realized.

#### Comparison of Enrolments by Fields:

East Nigeria	1,096	17.44%
West Nigeria	3,027	48.13%
North Nigeria	295	4.70%
Gold Coast	1,458	23.17%
Liberia	306	4.87%
Sierra Leone	102	1.62%
French Territory	4	.06%
	6,288	100.0%



**EVANGELISTIC REPORT:** As this report is being written a total of 20 baptisms have been reported. Reports received cover largely the first three quarters of 1954 only. Subsequent reports will be included in the 1955 annual report.

Liaison between the institution and the field is still far from satisfactory; During 1954 some 6,094 reports on student interests and prospective members were sent to workers and field leaders. Only 1,033 replies were received, including 519 notices that the interest could not be followed up, leaving a total of 514 students who were receiving further visits from the nearest worker.

Of those contacted, 461 believe the Sabbath truth, 60 claimed to be observing it, 66 were attending church services and 57 has joined a Sabbath School; 17 joined Hearer's Classes and 13 were in Baptismal Classes; and 276 were receiving further studies from the local worker.

**IN CONCLUSION:** Tribute must be paid to the faithful staff of workers under the direction of Mrs. E. Irene Coon in Ibadan and Mrs. Lorraine D. Henri at Monrovia, for meritorious service day-in and day-out in tasks which, by their very nature, are repetitious and monotonous. And appreciation must be expressed to the scores of friends in America whose sacrificial gifts have made possible the sending of nearly 1,000 copies of "The Signs of the Times" each week to graduates of the Advanced Course for a period of six months.

## Ile-Ife Hospital

ANNUAL REPORT 1954

By S. A. Nagel, Jnr. Medical Director.

The year 1954 was one of unprecedented progress and can well be termed the best year to date in the history of the hospital. For God's bountiful blessings which have made the achievements of this year possible we give Him our ever grateful thanks. We desire to also express our thanks to our General Conference, Division, and Union brethren for their kind counsel and inspiration given from time to time during the year. Especially do we desire to thank Pastors A. Brendel and H. Pearce for the great inspiration they brought to the hospital family during the Spring and fall Weeks of Prayer.

### STAFF

Our greatly weakened over-seas staff due to illness and furlough interruptions during the end of 1953 was strengthened during the first half of 1954 by the arrival of Sister Margret Sharp from the United Kingdom. In July, Sister E. Rose returned from her furlough in U.S. During the last quarter of the year the staff was joined by Dr. and Mrs. Peterson and family and also Miss V. Welke. We desire to express a very special thank you to our Division and Union brethren for making the call for Miss Welke possible. She is serving as the School Teacher for the children of the over-seas workers at the Ife Hospital.

In November the hospital staff rejoiced in seeing the return of Sister B. Turtill. In December 1953 she had been flown back to the United Kingdom because of the criticalness of her health. We thank God for restoring her back to good health again so that she has been able to take up the work she did so well and loved so much.

Early in 1954 Sister Frances Martz returned to the U. S. at the completion of her second term of service at the Ife Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. R. Davenport returned on furlough in December having completed their first term of service in West Africa.

God granted, as a whole, good health to over-seas and African staff alike during 1954.

Student nurses busily engaged at the Ile-Ife Hospital





Their faithful united service for God has been well rewarded by the achievements of the last year.

#### SCHOOL OF GENERAL NURSING

During 1954 there were two groups of General Nurses Graduated. Sixteen were in Class 1954 A, and eleven were in Class 1954 B. Five of the first class accepted appointments into active mission nursing posts, and all of the last eleven have shown also the splendid sacrificing Christian spirit in accepting Nursing or schooling appointments with our Mission.

The Ife Hospital, besides supplying its own needs for nurses for 1955, has placed calls with others of our graduates to fill needs in our sister medical institutions. Five such personnel have been called for the Staff of the Kwahu Hospital, and four have been called for the strengthening of the Staff at our Jengre Hospital.

#### SCHOOL OF MID-WIFERY

In August 1954 our first class of Grade I midwives were graduated. Four were in this class and all four passed commendably their Government Examination. Our school is one of the three Grade One Mid-wifery Schools in Southern Nigeria.

#### PROFESSIONAL STATISTICS

	1953	1954	Increase
Total Patients (including clinic returns and those hospitalized)	59,941	77,261	17,320
Surgicals	1,056	1,103	47
Obstetrical	516	531	15
Daily bed occupancy	85	90	5

Besides the professional load at the Ife Hospital, now for some years it has been operating the Inisha Dispensary which is located fifty miles away from Ife. During 1954 more patient visits were recorded at the Inisha Dispensary than at any other year, a total of 15,406. A graduate African nurse, trained at Ife, is in charge of the Dispensary.

The 150 foot maternity building at Inisha, having the same floor plan as the maternity block at the Kwahu Hospital is nearing completion. To date, the Inisha project has been entirely self-supporting as far as capital investment and operating are concerned. The potentials for medical evangelism in these small self-supporting centres is invaluable. We have not even begun to tap the potentials at Inisha because of the lack of time and the limitations of human strength.

#### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Two major building projects nearly completed in 1954 were the Hospital Church and the Inisha Maternity Centre. Were it not for the recent U.K. strikes the Hospital Chapel should have now been finished. This Chapel will seat comfortably 400.

In November the Hospital started a £4,500 teaching block for its School of Nursing and Mid-wifery. This building will have three classrooms, a large library room and laboratory room, administrative nursing offices and an assembly hall that will seat the entire student body and the professional family. The addition of this teaching block will greatly strengthen the position of our Schools in the eyes of the government and will aid in further improving the teaching programme.

#### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

We have ever kept before our eyes the one purpose for which the Ife Hospital has been established and that is to bring Christ to those who know Him not. Wonderful are the opportunities to sow the seeds of Truth—through the daily ward services, the clinic workshops, the bedside contacts, the literature ministries and the Bible classes conducted for our students. This programme we have been following now for some years.

#### EVANGELISTIC EFFORT

Last year, desiring to do more towards medical evangelism, two evenings a week were set aside for four months for an evangelist effort. On Sunday and Wednesday evenings, after the large out-patient waiting room had accommodated its last patient and he had gone home for the day, the janitors hastily prepared the hall for the evening meetings. Two hundred and fifty, to three hundred people were frequently in attendance, and the interest remained good throughout the meetings. I thank God for His wonderful blessings poured out during these meetings and for the good support the church membership generously gave by their prayers and by their attendances and by inviting their friends to come to the services.

#### BAPTISMS

Because of many unexpected interruptions during the end of 1954 the baptismal service was not conducted until January 1955. Twelve precious souls were baptized, three from among our student body, the rest were converts from the town. In June of 1955 another baptism is planned were a similar group



should then be ready for baptism, those who were desirous of baptism by the end of 1954 but were not quite ready for baptism. We are praying that by the end of 1955 quite a number who came into the baptismal classes as a result of the effort in 1954 will then be ready to be united with the church.

### SABBATH SCHOOL

The senior Sabbath School membership increased to over 200 during the last six months of 1954, and over 100 in the children's departments.

#### Sabbath School Offerings.

	1953	1954	increase
	303-10-2	366-17-7	63-7-5
	466-14-3	539-5-1	72-10-10

### INGATHERING FOR MISSIONS

For some years now the Ife Hospital Church has been a firm supporter of the house to house solicitation method of Ingathering. Even interrupting the busy programme at the hospital which the Ingathering does, nursing sisters, doctors, African graduates and many of our other Church and Sabbath School members enter heartily into the programme. This year the Hospital Business Manager contacted a number of firms with which the hospital does business for Ingathering donations. The response was very encouraging.

In 1953 £187 were raised during the Ingathering campaign. To date £341 have known to have been donated as a result of 1954 Ingathering campaign. More has come in since the campaign closed.

Ingathering:	1953	1954	increase
	187	341	154

### EVANGELISM REGULARLY CONDUCTED IN THE TOWN

Four regular compound meetings are being held weekly in Ife town. The students and some of the town church members under the guidance of the nursing sisters and our two African evangelists are carrying on the meetings. Each Sabbath afternoon now for nearly six months a service is being held in the Ife town jail. The response here to the message has been equally encouraging.

### NURSING EVANGELISM AWAY FROM IFE

A number of our graduates either in private practice or in government institutions are carrying on nursing evangelism. Three in one

government hospital has been granted their Sabbaths off and are building up a branch Sabbath School.

One young male graduate holds wards services in the native administration hospital where he is the surgery nurse, and here too he has been given his Sabbath off.

Another graduate nurse in private practice in a town near Ife turned in £20 - 0 - 0 tithes and £7 - 0 - 0 offerings last year. He with his wife have built up a small group of interested believers in the town where he practices.

Our one Kukuruku student, who is a senior in 1955, represents a tribe of over 2,000,000. We have not a single believer in this area. While he was home on leave in November he took with him a generous supply of our Truth filled literature and a set of Prophetic Charts. The response of the people in his own area has given us much to be encouraged about. They are calling for our mission to open up work in their area. Plans are being made so that possibly this young man might go to Ibie for two years of Evangelistic training after he graduates from Nursing. It is hoped that he will become a pioneer missionary to his own people, working as a nursing evangelist.

## Jengre Hospital

ANNUAL REPORT 1954

By J. A. Hyde, Medical Director

The year just ended, has been for the Hospital a year of happiness and achievement. Whether it has been happy because of the achievement, or achieved success because of the happiness, is a moot point, but as I look back over the years spent in Medical work in the North, the year 1954 stands out from the rest.

Early in the year the new Administrative Block of the Hospital was completed and the old Dispensary Building which has been the centre of Medical Work in the North for 22 years ceased to be used. It is now being adapted into a very nice cottage for the Jengre Overseas Nurse.

In the middle of the year we received a consignment of medical equipment from England which turned us into a well equipped unit.

In October the second ward was completed and the whole Hospital project was formally opened by the Minister of Health M. Yahaya,



the Madawakin Ilorin, in the presence of the Resident, Plateau Province. The Mission was represented by Pastor Pedersen of the Division, Pastors Gibson, Cowin and Dr. Nagel of the Union, and Dr. Hyde the Medical Director.

Finally in December, luxury of luxuries, a small portable X-ray unit with built in Fluoroscopy unit was installed, the generous gift of the Plateau Division, British Red Cross Society.

In the early part of the year there was a heavy surgical load and our beds were constantly full, and all floor space between beds occupied by mats. After the late Pastor Till's departure, however, this work had to be curtailed and three Union Committee Sessions further cut into the time available. At one stage too, the Hospital had to be shut down due to contamination by a Small Pox case but in spite of difficulties the work progressed.

In July this year we were happy to welcome our first overseas nurses, Mr. & Mrs. L. Acton Hubbard. Those of you on the Union



The Honourable M. Yahaya, Minister of Health for North Nigeria, officially opens the new administrative block and ward of the Jengre Hospital.

Committee know for how many years I have pleaded for this assistance, and we are grateful to you and to the Division for making it possible. With the loss of Mr. & Mrs. Dickey Smarts to Ife during the second half of the year our African nursing staff dropped to two, but this will be made up during 1955, and an adequate staff left for the new Director.

The Hospital staff in 1954 co-operated with the mission and cared for the central district of four companies, thus releasing all the evangelists to foster the ever expanding field. We have always made the Hospital a centre for Medical Evangelism.

It is fitting at this time to express our gratitude to the Division, the Union and friends in Nigeria, the U.S.A., and England that have made our progress possible, and to pay tribute to my devoted staff who have made Administration such an easy task for me.

Now as the time for hand-over comes, we welcome Dr. and Mrs. Herschel Lamp and family to Jengre, and pray that under his devoted leadership, the achievements of the past may become stepping stones to future progress.

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### Two Soldiers for Christ Lay Down Their Armour

Our hearts are filled with sorrow as two of our faithful soldiers for Christ have been called to lay down their lives for their Master. One, Pastor H. D. Wilson has given many years to West Africa. Miss Vera George only a little over a year. Both served God's cause faithfully and well.

### Miss Vera George

The cheerful smile and sunny disposition and willing spirit of Miss Vera George in very much missed in the Union office Accra, and in the Accra church. She passed away during her sleep early Sabbath morning May 7th. The funeral service was conducted in the Accra church on the Sabbath afternoon which was presided over by Pastor J. Ashford Hyde. Her death came after a very short illness. Only the Sabbath before her funeral, she was the acting Superintendent of the Accra Sabbath School. Just why God should allow her to lay down her life so suddenly we do not know, but God knows.

Sister M. Sharp from the Ife Hospital was visiting Accra at the time and was with her at sunset on the Friday night prior to her passing away. Miss George had been sick for about a week, and in the



hospital for a few days, and the doctors had hoped to have her strong enough to travel to her homeland in England in a few days. She was unable to speak on the Friday night but as Miss Sharp sang to her quietly to usher in the Sabbath day she smiled and motioned for her to continue. These were the last songs our sister heard as she passed away peacefully in her sleep at 2.10 a.m. the following morning.

Miss George was a Voice of Prophecy convert from England. She accepted the faith only a few years ago and began her denominational employ in England. She served in various capacities in the British Union until she accepted a call as Secretary to the President in West Africa in March 1954.

In the Union office here, she had not only served the President, but also the M. V. and Educational Secretary. She was always of a good spirit, with a cheerful and a sunny disposition, and served well. Miss George was laid to rest in the Christiansborg cemetery at Accra. She is resting awaiting the life giver in the land and among the people for whom she gave her life.

## Pastor H. D. Wilson

Pastor Henry D. Wilson was our Senior African worker. He died after a short illness at Kumasi, Gold Coast, on the 5th June, after 41 years of service.

The passing of Pastor Wilson is a great loss to our entire Union as he was, up until his illness, a short time prior to his death, serving as the Senior African Tutor for our Advanced Class of Evangelists at Bekwai.

Pastor Wilson was a son of Sierra Leone, and was born in 1895. He began his mission work as a teacher and medical dresser at our Waterloo Training School in 1914. Later he served many years as a minister in that field. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in 1929. In 1950 he was appointed as associate to the President and in 1952 he served well as the acting President of Sierra Leone for 9 months.

Pastor Wilson was a well read man and an excellent student of the Bible and Church History. For nearly two years prior to his death he was sharing his wealth of Bible knowledge with senior evangelistic students at our Bekwai Seminary. Fortunate indeed were this group of students with whom he shared the blessings God had bestowed upon him.

He rests in his grave at Kumasi awaiting the call of the Life Giver. He is survived by his wife and son Edward.

G. O. Gibson.

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# WEST AFRICAN UNION MISSION REPORT OF MISSION OFFERINGS 1954

	East Nigeria	Gold Coast	Ivory Coast	Liberia	North Nigeria	Sierra Leone	West Nigeria	Union
Annual Offering	7. 10		3. 17. 5				6. 11. 9	10. 17. 0
Ingathering	1,351. 17. 11	2,618. 9. 1	495. 15. 8	66. 9. 8	17. 5. 0	209. 4. 8	1,111. 1. 3	6,448. 14. 5
Missions Extension	33. 7. 7	16. 13. 1	1. 11. 5	66. 9. 8			3. 2. 7	121. 4. 4
Sabbath School Off.	1,910. 7. 3	1,312. 4. 9	126. 14. 4	343. 9. 4	140. 9. 9	230. 1. 7	914. 5. 2	4,977. 12. 2
13th Sabbath Off.	569. 14. 2	303. 3. 5	35. 9. 4	493. 2. 3	11. 6. 4	79. 19. 8	160. 12. 8	1,653. 7. 10
Investment Off.		8	4. 5. 9					4. 6. 5
Birthday Off.	9. 17. 8			7. 8. 9	6. 0	1. 8. 11	2. 17. 6	21. 18. 10
Week of Sacrifice	73. 10. 8	63. 13. 0	38. 0. 11	26. 0. 3	7. 9. 0	1. 11. 5	153. 16. 9	328. 2. 0
Y. P. M. V.		13. 9. 7		3. 13. 10	3. 4	2. 14. 6	12. 14. 11	32. 16. 2
Miscellaneous Off.		1. 1	3. 11. 8					3. 12. 9
Total 1954	3,913. 3. 1	4,327. 14. 8	709. 6. 6	1,585. 4. 11	176. 19. 5	525. 0. 9	2,365. 2. 7	13,602. 11. 11
Total 1953	3,902. 16. 6	4,288. 5. 3	595. 11. 5	1,178. 4. 1	260. 17. 11	611. 15. 2	1,810. 17. 4	12,648. 7. 8