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The Urgency of Our Need

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

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

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

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

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

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

and enthrone Him in our lives.

Paul assures us of God's plan to work in us (Phil. 2:12, 13) "for His good pleasure." We cannot make, of ourselves alone, any changes within. God does not expect this of us for He knows that it is just as impossible for us to accomplish as it is for a leopard to change its spots.

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

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

There is reason to believe that were we what we should be before God, the results of the efforts we now are making would be multiplied

a hundredfold. This bears close study by each one for himself. What a tragedy it is if we are retarding the reaping of the harvest by our own unsatisfactory attitude and spirit in God's work.

This is a time when all of us need to examine carefully everything in our lives that has any relationship to Jesus Christ. Our lives are now to manifest to angels and to men that we are rising up to full strength in the Lord to bring to completion the ministry which the Saviour gave in His great commission.

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

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

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

Sierra Leone Mission

President - - - - - E. Keslake
 Secretary-Treasurer - - - - - V. C. Brown

Annual Report for the Year 1951

By Edgar Keslake

The work in Sierra Leone is largely a work of Faith. Materially we have little to work with—no institutions of any kind except for a few primary schools. However by Faith in God and Love in the hearts of the brethren we have tackled the great task of preaching the Third Angel's Message to the 2,103,590 people of this predominantly Mohammedan country. While results can never be satisfying until Jesus Himself says "Well done," we are greatly encouraged and deeply grateful to God for the success He has permitted us to see during the year 1951.

Evangelism

The one thing that has outshined everything else this year is evangelism. The ministers and evangelists of the Sierra Leone Mission have exerted themselves to the utmost in an endeavour to preach this message. In many cases were this the regular army there would be citations for even going beyond the call of duty. For I know that even when sickness cut some low even to death's door in their weakened condition, they continued to carry on a remarkable evangelistic endeavour.

Highlighting the evangelistic attempts was the large meetings held in Bo. On the last night by actual count there were 3,984 people in attendance. There had been meetings with much larger crowds at the beginning so it is safe to estimate that no fewer than 5,000 people at a time attended these meetings. These large meetings placed the Seventh-day Adventist Mission in the spot light. All over Sierra Leone people have been talking about the wonderful open-air meetings that were held at that time, and requests have been coming in for the meetings to be repeated elsewhere. Results from these meetings have been of an unexpected kind. In the town



E. Keslake

of Bo itself very few accepted the truth, but in the surrounding towns there have been many and today we have at least one new little chapel where upwards of 50 people worship each Sabbath as a direct result.

In other places there are similar results on a smaller scale. Truly it was a success. Would God that similar public meetings could be held each year in various places.

I am happy to tell you that in each district of the Protectorate there are one or more companies of believers in places where there were none at the beginning of the year. Places where we once were have been reopened.

Something new is happening. Today we are not begging for a hearing or permission to enter. To the contrary on every hand we are being urged to come into their towns and villages. God's spirit is working upon heathen and Mohammedan hearts causing them to first build places of worship and then to invite us to occupy the chapel. I have been present on two occasions when such places—at the

insistence of the people—were dedicated to God. I tell you it is a strange sight to look out upon the group who have erected the building and who consider themselves to be the S.D.A. people of that community, still in their heathen, or Mohammedan state, not one yet instructed in our message. It is thrilling to return to these places later to find them singing our good old songs of the message, cleaned up dressing like Seventh-day Adventists, the air no longer tainted with tobacco smoke nor the odor of palm wine. It is something new when two Mohammedans yet uninstructed make a "palaver" at the dedication of a Christian S.D.A. Chapel for each wanted to have the privilege of opening the front door and from then on they attend the chapel as their place to meet God instead of the mosque. God give us men—and means to support them—so that we can instruct those who keep knocking on our doors, and meeting in these new little "Houses for God."

School for Lay Evangelists

This is our three point programme for village evangelism. 1. A house of worship in each village. 2. Worship every morning in this house. 3. Everyone learning to read for himself. Brethren, this is past the planning stage, it is really working.

So many of our people are illiterate that any attempt at lay work or lay workers training must of necessity include teaching them to read the vernacular.

This year we conducted two schools of Evangelism, one for the Mende and the other for the Temne people. In charge of these schools we placed our very best instructors. Three things were taught. 1. Reading the vernacular. 2. Bible Doctrines. 3. Methods of presenting this message. The groups remained together for 6 weeks. Before returning home each student had preached at least one evangelistic sermon. It is marvelous to hear a person who could not distinguish one letter of the alphabet reading well after only six weeks. Today these students are forming the spear head for our evangelistic endeavours and are responsible, I feel, in no

small measure for the many calls we are receiving to come and help.

Translation

Vital to this vernacular campaign is the need for reading matter in the native languages. Consider that there is no Bible in any of the languages of Sierra Leone. We cannot refer to texts giving references, we have to quote the full text when it is used.

The first part of the Baptismal Manual is very nearly completed. This year we are putting out a quarterly mimeographed journal entitled in the Mende "Sos Madihoumɔi"—"The Strong Active Churchman," and in the Temne "Umemba Ukaunde"—"The Preaching Member." The first issue already prepared contains besides promotion material 13 studies prepared by Pastor Wilson which have proved so effectual in the hands of teachers when doing vacation evangelism. Now our vernacular reading laymen will be able to use the same studies in their evangelistic work. Future issues will carry translations of selected Bible Studies from the Book "Bible Readings," one for each Sabbath of the quarter. Later these other translations can be printed as a book. Really we need two other translators to be associated with Pastor Wilson to give their full time to this work.

Baptisms

In the Bo District alone our baptisms this year was greater than for the whole field in 1950. You may recall that last year our total baptisms numbered 98, this year our baptisms number 186.

Schools

A few more children attended our schools this year. Our schools are in a pathetic condition. Nevertheless we are thankful that for the first time we had three teachers who hold certificates, on the staff. In 1952 we will have five who hold the Teacher's Elementary Certificate. Three of our senior teachers are attending Fourah Bay College, while the Mission supports their families. They are working on the next higher Teacher's Certificate.

Even before we have been able to bring one of our schools up to the proper standard we are being

forced to do something in the way of secondary education if we are to prevent the best of our elementary students from being siphoned off by the government and other missions.

Sending our young men to Gold Coast or to Nigeria for teacher's training is not even approaching a satisfactory solution. Despite our greatest effort, we were only successful in securing two to attend Bekwai in 1951. It remains to be seen how many will be going to Nigeria this year. Four are under appointment but at least two of these have sat for Njala—the Government Training School. Anyone who feels he can possibly enter Njala would rather do so than attend our schools. The reason for this being that at Njala everything is free and in addition each student is paid £40 per year while in training. When they have completed training they have to work for the Government for a period of two years. Thus far we have been unable to get any of those who have finished this two year period to return to the Mission.

There should be no delay in tackling the vexing problem of education in Sierra Leone both in the elementary standards and on through secondary school if we are to be assured of qualified S.D.A. workers in the future.

Finances

It is impossible to give a final figure on the tithe and offerings for the year. Suffice it to say that there have been gains. There is much room for improvement however before one can feel that most of our people are really tithe payers.

Ingathering has been most difficult this year. Many places where we used to get £2 and £3 this year gave only 5/- and even less. I have been trying to analyze the reason for this sharp decline but have not yet come to a satisfactory conclusion. One thing is certain on every side we are asked to tell what we are doing in Sierra Leone. They throw it in our faces that we keep asking for money, and at the same time we have been unable to maintain even the schools we have had. Particularly they point

to the work of the E.U.B. Mission and ask where are your schools like Harford, Prince Albert Academy and Taiama and Jaiama? Where are your hospitals like Rotifunk and the one being built at Taiama? and so it goes.

M. V. Department

Mr. E. V. Watson was appointed as the Secretary for the M.V. and S.S. Departments. He is essentially an M.V. Man. A born natural for this work, consequently great progress should be expected in this department. Indeed we have not been disappointed. Investitures, have been many. In several places where there has never before been any M.V. work there have been small investitures. The Giema District tops the list with 103. Bo runs a close second with 82. Yele comes in third with 57. All invested at the same time. Other investitures run the grand total up to 272.

Incomplete reports prevent me doing justice to the M.V. Department but that the young people are doing their part is evidenced by the fact that Giema reports that M.V.'s are responsible for 10 baptisms and 11 baptized in Fala were instructed and prepared by M.V. Allieu Momoh. Doubtless when the full truth is known there will be many more to their credit.

I feel that I must pay personal tribute to the young people who have worked tirelessly in various villages taking care of the interest previously mentioned. At the time of the Campmeeting in Bo, I sought to honour those in public who have been working for the groups about Bo, for at that time the various ones from these villages had been invited to attend and it looked as though all invited must have come for there was a large attendance.

You know I was disappointed for the young men had slipped away to their villages to care for the people who could not come in. Any way the entire congregation stood in honour of their faithful work.

General

"And what shall I more say? the time would fail me to tell of people redeemed from the powerful (Continued on page 5)

Gold Coast Constituency Meeting

By P. H. Stearman

More than one hundred ministers, teachers and other workers gathered at our Training College at Bekwai, Gold Coast on April 21st for the annual workers' meetings. We were privileged to have with us T. J. Bradley, Ministerial Association secretary of the Northern European Division, whose Bible studies and sermons were greatly appreciated by all. Other visiting speakers were Brethren J. O. Gibson, D. V. Cowin and D. L. Chappell from the West African Union.

Pastor Cowin opened the one-day teachers' institute on Monday evening with an inspiring address and appealed to the teachers to give good consideration to their destination and career in life and, furthermore, to guide the students placed under their charge to make right decisions in this vital matter. A most helpful series of discourses was given by Pastor Bradley dealing with the Holy Spirit, showing how He uses us and the conditions by which we may be filled by His influence. Pastor Bradley said, "One of the first conditions we must recognise as necessary to receiving the Spirit is our need of submission to God. Christ is Lord of all or He is not Lord of all." And again, "God can do a lot with a broken life if we give Him all the pieces."

The two days appointed for the Ministerial Institute began Tuesday evening when Pastor J. O. Gibson, president of the West African Union spoke to us upon Isaiah's vision of God. Part of the time of the workers' meeting was devoted to the presentation of fifteen-minute papers on subjects dealing with vital matters in church life, such as, "Organisation and Discipline in the Church", "Standards of Christian Marriage", and "The Value and Significance of Church Ordinances". Discussion of these topics followed the presentation of the papers. At the close of the workers' meetings a small gift was presented to Pastor Bradley as a token of the appreciation of the African Evan-

gelists who were privileged to have a part in the campaign which he conducted in Kumasi and who attended his School of Field Evangelism.

On Thursday evening, April 24th, the second constituency meeting of the Gold Coast Mission was opened by the president, Pastor A. J. Mustard. Just on two hundred delegates were present from all parts of Gold Coast. The province of Ashanti, where our work was established about forty years ago, had many representatives and it was a joy to see so many familiar faces present. We were also happy to meet a number of new leaders of our work recently established in British Togoland and Northern Territories.

One of the first items of business before the delegates was the happy requirement of voting into fellowship the twenty-six churches organised since the first constituency meeting held just three years previously. There are now fifty organised churches in the Mission and one hundred and forty-three companies. The church membership almost doubled in the three-year period, increasing from 2,238 to 3,775 at the end of 1951, whilst the Sabbath-School membership stood at 13,156.

The business sessions proved to be most interesting and a number of far-reaching resolutions were adopted. Of special interest were the plans for evangelistic and educational endeavours for the next two years. All workers of the Mission pledged themselves to take part in active evangelistic campaigns for at least two months of each year, and plans were laid for holding strong evangelistic efforts in the near future in all large centres of population in this country. Those responsible for the educational progress of the field presented plans for beginning a secondary school in the Gold Coast in 1953. The whole congregation expressed heartfelt thanks to the General

Conference and Northern European Division whose generosity have made such a move possible. It will fill a long-standing gap in the educational programme of the Mission and give many of our youth who have been attending outside secondary schools the chance to further their education under the tutelage of Seventh-day Adventist instructors. Financial support for this school was pledged by the delegates.

On Sabbath morning the congregation was swelled by the influx of many members from our churches nearby. The open-wall style of the church, however, permitted the many who sat on forms outside the church to see and hear all that took place within. D. L. Chappell, secretary of the Sabbath school department for the West African Union was appointed superintendent of the Sabbath school for the day. A painting executed by one of the African workers, depicting Elder James White writing up the first Sabbath school lessons as he sat by the roadside, reminded us that this year will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Sabbath school department. In the Sabbath morning church service Pastor Mustard pointed us anew to the work of Christ Who came "to seek and to save that which was lost".

On Sabbath afternoon a solemn and impressive ordination service was held when J. C. Vetter and Owusu Ansah were ordained to the Gospel ministry. Pastor J. C. Vetter has been working in the Gold Coast Mission for the last six years, part of the time as vice-principal of the Bekwai Training College and more recently as secretary of the educational and M. V. departments. Pastor Owusu Ansah has worked as a minister for almost twenty years in the Gold Coast and was a missionary in the Ivory Coast for a few years. In the ordination sermon T. J. Bradley vividly portrayed the urgent duty of ministers to act as faithful watchmen. He then outlined the numerous characteristics and abilities which the minister,

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Secret of Success

By Z. N. Imo,

Success lies with you if you use your talent in the right way. There is no magic about success. You can achieve it. If you prove yourself as one called of God to the ministry, you must meet with success. You will surrender your life to Him. You will not be a blunt instrument in His mighty hand for the service. Progress will fill your heart and you will be more desirous of doing that which will please Him.

Plan your work not only to please the man you are under, but to please God. Pray for the plan and the progress of the work. Depend wholly on God. Tell Him with earnestness of heart that the work is His and you are only a co-labourer with Him.

Do the business as a good farmer does in his farm and expects for better products during the harvest. Forget all about the salary you receive. Regard it as a mere allowance, and hope for unmeasurable remuneration which will not be given you over the earthly wooden counter, but over the heavenly pearly one. There Jesus will the merciful Chief Accountant who does not under-rate His faithful worker.

Do your service as if you are in person with God and hearing Him constantly say with pleasing voice to you, "Please, try and let us finish it very soon."

A gospel minister asked me some time ago, "My friend, how do you work that we always hear about progress of your district?". This question was addressed to me at my station where I was about three years ago.

Instantly, I answered the genuine minister, "I do not work more than others, but the little I do, I do it with my whole heart, asking God to bless the wee small effort used." I prayed to conquer pretension and egotism. With ultimate mind, the little I teach or preach, I must see that I do the same.

Pastor R. Wosu taught us that a thing presented to a person is

an income, that tithe should be paid on it. I was personally convinced. I immediately prayed for forgiveness of the past ones and started then to be praying. I noticed that my private tithes from gifts and crops from my little garden promoted tithing system and offerings in the churches I was caring for.

I hope if we believe definitely that this Gospel must be finished by us, we must give it our whole heart. We must be good examples.

Let us now put our efforts to finish up the work and have our rest at once.

Sabbath School by the Roadside

By Pastor A. J. Dickay

An interesting and unique Sabbath School service was conducted by the roadside between Port Novo and Cotonu in French Dahomey on December 29th by the East Nigerian delegation to the first West African Union Constituency meeting held in Accra 1st-7th January 1952.

We reached this lovely spot among the palm trees late Friday evening. We prepared for a much needed sleep and rest and laid plans for holding our Sabbath School on the morrow. We did not have the expected rest and sleep, however, because of the mosquitoes that inhabit that region. Such huge fat mosquitoes and so daring ones, I have never seen before. They so worried us that sleeping was impossible and many of our group patrolled the highway until morning. We were very happy when the morning dawned and the mosquitoes retreated to their hiding places.

After breakfast we gathered in the shade of a group of palm trees and began our roadside Sabbath School, with Pastor W. J. Newman acting as superintendent and Pastor W. G. Till serving as song leader. Our first song was, "We love the place wherein Thy honour dwells" sung in Ibo.

Following Pastor Wosu's sincere and earnest prayer, we studied the lesson for the Sabbath, unhurried by any time schedule. All ten of the pastors took a lively part in the teaching of the lesson. We really had a good time.

In response to Pastor Meade's missionary appeal our group of 22 gave £3.10.11d. for the 13th Sabbath Offering. Pastor Meade's throwing in another penny to bring the total to £3.11.0. gave others an idea and when all had stopped giving, we rejoiced to find that our total offering was over £4.

With another hymn and a short prayer by Pastor Meade our never-to-be-forgotten "Sabbath School by the Roadside" came to its close.

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heathen Society, and of lepers baptized, and of the Witch Doctor baptized, of the women also who were threatened by their husbands if baptized. These and more have obtained a good report through faith."

Lastly I must tell you that while we have had our problems and difficulties there has been a beautiful harmony among our workers. The love of Jesus has bound us together. My brethren have been devoted to me and to each other and more to the cause of God. At one time or the other everyone of my ordained pastors came to the point of death. There was a time when only one could be up and around, he later almost died with a severe attack of yellow fever. But God came very close to us all and these good men though not as strong as before are carrying on a strong work for God. Tonight they with me praise God for what He has done through us and our associates in enlarging the cause of God in Sierra Leone.

When the earth is lightened with the glory of God, Sierra Leone will not be in darkness.

A Miracle of Growth

Christian Education—in the West African Union Mission

Summary of Data on Closing and Opening School Reports to the Union—1951 and 1952

Mission or School	Number of Schools		Number of Teacher		Number of Pupils	
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
1. East Nigeria	23	24	144	155	3142	3839
2. Gold Coast	44	58	131	145	3309	4056
3. Ivory Coast		1		1		20
4. Liberia	3	4	12	13	330	350
5. North Nigeria	1	1	4	3	78	60
6. Sierra Leone	9	9	23	25	632	656
7. West Nigeria	16	19	63	78	1521	1597
1. S.D.A. Seminary	1	1	8	9	61	85
2. Ife Nursing School	1	1	3	5	40	52
3. Ivory Coast Training Class	1	1	1	1	6	3
4. Konola Training College	1	1	1	1	10	9
5. Nigerian Training College	1	1	8	8	79	85
West African Union Mission Totals	101	121	398	444	9207	10812

RECAPITULATION

Union Totals	1949	1951	1952	Increase Since 1949
No. of Schools	97	101	121	29
No. of Teachers	323	398	444	131
No. of Pupils	8216	9207	10811	2596
No. of Training Schools	3	5	5	2
Teacher in Training Schools	19	21	24	5
Pupils in Training Schools	109	196	234	125

"A Church is no stronger than its preparation to care for the boys and girls and young people within its 'gates'; and a denomination is no stronger than its system of education for the boys and girls and young people within it." What will you do, now, on behalf of your own children and youth?—

D. V. Cowin

Union Educational Secretary.

Plans Are Being Drawn Up To Open Two New Secondary School Departments in The Year 1953

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Ivory Coast Mission,
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Gold Coast Mission,
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West Nigerian Mission,
P.O. Box 19, Ibadan, Nigeria.

East Nigerian Mission,
S. D. A. Mission, Aba, Nigeria.

North Nigerian Mission,
S.D.A. Mission, Jengre, via Jos, Nigeria.

The Mightiest Weapon of The Church Militant

By L. H. Davidson

P.D.S. Gold Coast Mission

For the past few years we have listened to appeals for funds with which to provide weapons for troops. These weapons were used for the destruction of human beings and cities. In the warfare against sin, the Church is in need of weapons, and Christian soldiers to carry them. We have a weapon that is both a healer and a destroyer. It destroys prejudice while it repairs the breach between God and man, bringing them into a closer relationship.

Some years ago an article appeared in a Catholic magazine concerning this mightiest weapon of the Church. Here is the statement: "Build churches, establish sanitariums and hospitals, erect orphanages and homes for the aged, give of your means to the poor, give to the church and to missions, go to mass; do all of these things, but

if you neglect to use the mightiest weapon of the church—Roman Catholic Literature—you fail to take part in the most important work of the church today." Yes, literature, Seventh-day Adventist literature, is the mightiest weapon the church has today. It is a weapon that we should use to the maximum here in West Africa.

No literature can compare with Seventh-day Adventist literature in teaching people the Truths for this time. Years ago the servant of the Lord wrote, "Papers and books are the means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. In enlightening and confirming souls in the Truth, the publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished by the ministry of the Word alone."—"Manual for Canvassers," page 8.

Every church member can have a part in distributing Adventist literature. Let every Adventist (Continued on page 7)

From

Woman to Woman

Sponsored by the Women's Welfare Organisation

Jengre,
27th April

Dear Brother Cowin,

Your letter regarding women's work has just reached me. It is a very good thing for the Union to put its hand to the women's work. For the twenty-eight years in the different areas that I have been, I have always had a number of the women of the churches around me, teaching them various things dealing with the women's sphere of work, such as home training, sewing and knitting, simple treatments, baby care, etc., and it has been appreciated by the few. I have found, owing to variations in market days that it has been difficult to keep to a certain day at a certain time each week. Nevertheless good has been accomplished in the small groups. When groups are just formed it is difficult to get them to bring the wherewithal to work with, so it has been a continual drain on my pocket, personally, until such a time as they can be taught to make things to sell and make sufficient profit for a working base. In areas such as here in Jengre it will take many months before any one of the women will be able to bring in sufficient earnings from their work for future Dorcas work. Naturally, local handcraft can be used for selling. In Ibadan and Aba such projects are not too difficult. I have not only succeeded in getting the women to make and sell the garments for bringing in Harvest Ingathering money,—but also for real Dorcas work, such as: buying and making things for Ife Hospital,—buying things for motherless babies, and visiting the sick and needy. In some places it may be easy or

advisable to consider fees—but every place, I think, will have to work out its own possibilities in that line. Fees may be the means of keeping many away from the meetings. The folk in the Aba district have been paying fees—for years—but not much. The money has been used for regular Dorcas work.

All meetings should be started with a short Bible study or talk—but if all the time is going to be taken up with these study subjects and training, then the society could hardly be truthfully called Dorcas Society. Certainly the principles of Dorcas work can be upheld and practised as occasions arise. I have been making enquiries around here regarding the frequency of meetings—and at present most are favourable to twice a month. Weekly meetings are preferable but not always practical in every place.

Men should only attend when invited to take a duty or give a talk, and then just occasionally.

Although I have continuously been helping the women since being out here, I shall be very interested and thankful to see somebody of the new generation shew us new ways for these meetings. Evidently the days of visiting around the compounds and shewing the women on the "spot" the right and wrong ways of doing things, is a thing of the past, and still this sort of women's training has a proper place.

Wishing you much of God's blessing, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. G. A. Till

Points On Living

Try to live for one week without grumbling.

Be severe with yourself, but gentle with other folks.

The men who master situations master themselves first.

Better let favours seek you than spend time seeking for them.

Faith is the leading characteristic of men of honour and heroism.

A hope for the future that is not based on the right effort in the present is a "false hope."

He who appreciates the help of others most will get the most good out of others.

An understanding heart is superior to an understanding mind, and a religion without emotion is a cold, cheerless affair.

Where there is darkness be a light; where there is a desert be a fountain; where there is need be a giver; where there is trouble be a peacemaker; such are the children of God.

There are three classes of Christians (1) the canoe variety who depend on their own efforts for salvation, (2) the sailboat variety who are subject to every wind that blows, and (3) the steamboat variety who have accepted the power of God with'n.

The Mightiest Weapon of The Church Militant

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church in West Africa organize into literature bands. You may purchase from the Mission small books, magazines and tracts, which you can sell, loan, or give away to people in your neighbourhood. But many of you can do even more. You can become a colporteur evangelist, a full time user of the mighty weapon of literature, and thus in a definite way beat back the forces of evil.

We wish to share with the women in our entire Union a most encouraging letter about the "Women's Welfare Work" from one of our veteran Mission workers.

We solicit additional responses and material from all of our women in this great field. Let us all do all we can to develop the "Women's Work" in each church and community.

D. V. Cowin
W.A.U. Dept. Secretary

News Notes

Pastor W. P. Bradley, Associate Secretary of the General Conference arrived in Accra on 16th May. After spending the week-end at headquarters Brother Bradley proceeded to visit a number of mission stations in Nigeria, before continuing his journey to the South African Division.

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Davenport arrived in Nigeria at the end of May to take up duties at Ife Hospital during the absence of Dr. Nagell. We are glad to have these additional overseas workers on our staff, and welcome them to the West African Union.

Pastor and Mrs. D. V. Cowin and Dorane leave Accra during the last week of June, en route for England, where Pastor Cowin will be attending a Northern European Division Educational Council. Following these meetings Pastor Cowin and family will proceed to America on furlough. We wish them a pleasant stay in their homeland.

Pastor and Mrs. G. N. Banks and family whose furlough was due last year, left Monrovia during May for America. Brother and Sister Banks have delayed their furlough so as to give time for other overseas workers to return, and also await the arrival of the new Secretary-Treasurer. Our good wishes go with these workers as they return to their homeland for a well earned rest.

Every English speaking family is entitled to a free copy, each month, of the World Edition of the Review and Herald. It is suggested that any worker or member entitled to a copy, but not receiving one should inform the District Leader or the Mission office and request to be placed on the revised mailing list. This should be done immediately.

A Stitch In Line

One day an old umbrella mender knocked at the back door, and we gave him a job. As he mended the broken and torn umbrella, he seemed to take unusual pains, testing the cloth, carefully measuring and strongly sewing the covers, so we remarked: "You seem unusually careful."

"Yes," he said without looking up, "I try to do good work."

"But," we suggested, "your customers would not know the difference

until you were gone. . . Perhaps you expect to come back this way again some day?"

"No, I shall probably not come back."

"Then why are you so particular?"

"So it will be easier for the man who follows me," he answered simply. "If I do bad work, my customers will find it out in a few weeks, and the next old umbrella mender who comes along will get the cold shoulder."—"Religious Telescope."

Choice Bits

Quality is not accidental; it is the result of intelligent effort.

The prizes of the world go to those who are orderly, industrious, fair, and temperate.—Thomas Feather.

If something goes wrong, it is more important to talk about who is going to repair it than who is to blame.—Francis J. Gable.

When a man is in earnest, and knows what he is about, his work is half done.—Honora Gabriel Mirabeau.

If money is desired, it seldom comes. If it does, it disappoints. Buying a cheap article to save money is like stopping the clock to save time.

Half the world's troubles, political, business, and personal, result from misunderstanding. Taking the time to sit down and talk it over has saved nations the security of their people, employers the confidence of their workers and men the loyalty of friends.—The Lamp.

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God's watchman, needs to possess and develop. The ordination charge and the address of welcome were given by Pastors J. O. Gibson and A. J. Mustard respectively.

For some time the training of national workers to occupy higher positions of responsibility has been going on. All, therefore, were much gratified to learn of the appointment by the West African Union Mission of C. B. Mensah as assistant to the President and S. Adusei as assistant to the secretary of the M. V. and Sabbath school departments of the Gold Coast Mission. Their fellow-workers wish them God-speed in their newest undertakings.

One other outstanding anniversary which was brought to our attention at the meetings was that which Pastor J. Garbrah celebrates this year. Just forty years ago Brother Garbrah entered the ministry and has worked continuously for the Mission since that time. Although now on sustentation he is still upholding the message on the coast at Shama.

It was fitting that workers and church leaders should join together in a service of consecration at the close of the meetings. Many gave testimony to the Lord's guidance in their lives and pledged themselves and their possessions anew to the finishing of His work in this great and needy field.

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