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## Hallowed by Thine Aim

By J. A. McMillan—President, South England Conference

The coming of a New Year reminds us of the swift passage of time. Moses, the man of God who led ancient Israel, has left these wise words: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psa. 90:12. Each one of us should have an aim in life, an objective worthy of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

God has a plan for our life, and each of us should seek to cooperate with God in realizing that plan. Most of us have an inner urge to accomplish a goal, to fulfil a purpose. Surely the little boy was right after all who misread the Lord's prayer and translated it "Hallowed by thine aim." Unholy ambition, lust for fame, wealth or power—these destroy the soul. We need to pray that the Lord will hallow our aims in life.

If we drift along we shall find life pass us by and discover too late that we have wasted our substance. The tragedy of the prodigal sons was that they wasted their lives. The younger son wasted his health and his wealth in riotous living. That is a danger that is hardly likely to confront an Adventist youth. But the elder brother had also been a prodigal. He had remained dutifully inside the father's fold, but there he had wasted his affections and opportunities. All the years that the younger brother was "afar off," he had never once entered into the father's concern. He was a stranger to the loving

heart that bled for the younger boy's return. May it not be possible for some of us to be strangers to God's yearning for the lost? Sister White speaks of some who "have not opened the heart to receive the grace of Christ; they know not the operation of the Spirit; they are as meal without leaven; for there is no working principle in all their labour, and they fail to win souls to Christ. They do not appropriate the righteousness of Christ; it is a robe unworn by them, a fulness unknown, a fountain untouched." Review and Herald, Nov. 29, 1892. "So teach us to number our days that we may cause wisdom to come into our hearts." (margin)

In reaching our aims, there are three things we need to do according to Paul. Phil. 3:13, 14.

### 1. Forgetting

"The things behind forgetting."

How important it is in life to have a "good forgettory." To forget all the failures, the disappointments, the disillusionments, the wrongs and injuries received, is to avoid that root of bitterness springing up that poisons the life. "All men get bitten, only the foolish get bitter." But it is equally necessary to forget the successes, the privileges, the achievements of the past, in order to grow to the fulness of the stature of Christ. That "self-important bearing" is an indication that we cannot forget our value, our worth, or our pride.

In this connection it is a good thing to remember our lowly beginnings, both as a denomination, and as individuals. The scriptures enjoin us to ever keep in mind these things as incentives to humility and gratitude. Isa. 51:1; Eph. 2:11.

Humility is young ambitions ladder

Whereto the climber upward turns his eyes;

But when he scales the utmost round,

He then unto the ladder turns his back,

Despising the base degree

By which he did ascend."—Shakespeare.

### 2. Aspiring.

"And reaching forth"

The New Year brings a challenge to each of us. We should be growing wiser, more efficient, more Christlike. Many of us are content with mediocre achievements when the heights are beckoning us on. A hallowed aim does not mean a low aim. "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children." Robert Browning rightly says:

"Ah, but

A man's reach should exceed his grasp,

Or what's a heaven for?"

Paul tells us that he aspired to winning Christ, that he might be found in Him, that he might truly know Him, experiencing in his own life the power of His resurrection

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# Evangelism Unlimited!

By T. J. Bradley

Division Secretary, Ministerial Association

Among the many commands which our Lord gave to His followers, one stands out with challenging simplicity. Its very brevity adds power to its utterance. The command is "Go" "Go, and tell My brethren. . . ." "Go and search diligently. . . ." "Go ye and learn. . . ." "Go quickly. . . ." "Go and teach all nations. . . ."

It was vital to the early church that the fires of personal and public evangelism should burn with consuming heat and set the servants of God, baptized as they were with fire, going through the highways and byways winning souls and converting thousands. The initial success which attended the apostolic proclamation of the Gospel is startlingly summed up by Paul in the words of encouragement in Colossians 1:23: "The faith . . . was preached to every creature which is under heaven." "By the co-operation of the divine Spirit, the apostles did a work that shook the world. To every nation was the Gospel carried in a single generation. Glorious were the results that attended the ministry of the chosen apostles of Christ. . . . Not in their own power did the apostles accomplish their mission, but in the power of the living God, with the might of omnipotence God worked through them to make the Gospel triumphant."—Acts of the Apostles, pages 593, 595.

However, we should all remember that "God's work is to be carried forward with power" and finished in triumphant glory. "Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward! Angels of heaven will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the regions beyond can never be laid down till the whole earth is lightened with the glory of the Lord."—Gospel Workers, page 470.

Too often the Lord's "Go" is interpreted as Great Obstacles, and we shrink before the challenge of Evangelism. But to-day let us revise our thinking and elevate our

vision; God's Offers . . . Greater Opportunities.

"We must now by the Holy Spirit's power proclaim the great truths for these last days. It will not be long



before everyone will have heard the warning and made his decision. Then shall the end come. . . . God is the great Master-worker, and by His providence He prepares the way for His work to be accomplished. He provides opportunities, opens up lines of influence, and channels of working. If His people are watching the indications of His providence, and stand ready to co-operate with Him, they will see a great work accomplished." (Testimonies, Vol. 6, page 24.) The expression, "if His people are watching," indicates the possibility of a lethargic attitude toward our most vital commission.

While the five foolish virgins slept, the bridegroom arrived for the marriage festivities! While the landowner slept, the enemy sowed tares in his field! While the disciples slept, Jesus fought the supreme battle of His earthly life, alone!

It would be an unforgettable embarrassment to the church of Jesus Christ if, with unprecedented opportunities for evangelism on every hand, God should find His appointed representatives asleep in this critical hour. We should determine now whether we are conquering enemy strongholds for the Master or whether we have been conquered by the dangerously soothing spirit of lukewarmness, which changes Golden Opportunities into Great Obstacles and prevents us from Going Out on our God-appointed task. "Everywhere the light of truth is to shine forth, that hearts now in the sleep of ignorance may be awakened and converted. In all countries and cities the Gospel is to be proclaimed. . . . The time has come, the important time, when, through God's messengers, the scroll is being unrolled to the world. The truth comprised in the first, second, and third angel's messages must go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; it must lighten the darkness of every continent and extend to the islands of the sea." Evangelism, page 19.

"Go ye into all the world"—is our challenging commission. The day of resting has not yet come.

## Ilorin Arouses

By A. E. Farrow

The Ilorin district is one of our oldest mission districts, now an outpost of the West Nigerian Mission. I well remember the first time I went to Shao. At the time of my first visit, I naturally asked to see the site where the oldest mission station had once stood. It was all in ruins, and I was depressed to think of the opportunity which had been that of the people there, but was not grasped at the time.

How different my last visit, when I had the joy of baptising thirty souls. Ruined buildings—Living souls—what a contrast! A spiritual house is being built with lively stones, so much more precious than bricks and mortar, with eternal value.

The Ilorin District is arising.  
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# A Thousand People Celebrated The Centennial Sabbath At Erunmu

By J. A. Makinde

(Sabbath-School Secretary, West Nigerian Mission)



For the sake of convenience in our field, and as a simple means of sharing the benefits and the blessings of Centennial Sabbath Programme with even the smallest company in our field, the date was changed from September 27th to October 4th and 11th in the North Eastern and the South Western parts of our field respectively.

We had a number of centres in each section of the field and certain experienced workers took charge of the different centres. Seeing that I shall not be able to write about each centre, I shall write about the biggest centre.

October 11th, 1952 will ever be remembered by our Sabbath School members in Erunmu District. Before I continue the account of this memorable occasion, I should first of all, tell readers who are not familiar with this town of its location. It is a small town about fifteen miles away, north-east of Ibadan, the largest city in West Africa. Erunmu was Pastor D. C. Babcock's first station in Nigeria.

The first Sabbath School in Nigeria was made of the perfect number—seven. This number included the chief who cheerfully gave a piece of land for church building; and one of his sons, who at first agreed only to be the preacher's interpreter but not an Adventist because of the ridiculous name (Boda-o-wa) given the Adventists by another body of believers. The name means a group of deserters or culprits. But finally his own Bible proved his former belief to be false and unscriptural; and consequently he became the first native Adventist worker in Nigeria.

Now you have had a fair knowledge about Erunmu and you have seen what a very small beginning the Sabbath School had when it was first conducted here early in 1914. But I would like you all to open wide your minds' eyes, and follow me to Erunmu to witness the Centennial Sabbath School Celebration.

Before the first bell was rung, the teachers from the district had already taken their seats with the choristers singing melodious hymns under the booth specially prepared for this occasion: and as the first bell rang, people from the home church (Erunmu Church) began to come in groups of threes and fours. And as the time went on they began to come in twenties and thirties, and filled their own side of the booth. Just before the ringing of the second bell people from the district churches came under the booth from every corner, and filled the whole booth.

The Centennial Sabbath School then began according to the Suggestive Programme. Visitors were welcome and the hearts of all present were filled with joy revealed in their smiling faces;

As a continuation of the Programme, the church Elder, Mr. J. A. Kilanko was then given the honour of standing before the congregation to relate some of his experiences in

becoming a Sabbath School member. In forsaking the dark old way for the light and the truth of Christ, he was forbidden by his father to attend the Sabbath Services. But as he could not forbear doing what he had already known, he had to do double portion of work on Friday in order to please God and his father as well. But this did not satisfy the father. Finally, he had to make the same decision with Peter and his associate, "We ought to obey God rather than men." To day he is the church Elder, and he is free to do anything for God.

The lesson study closed that session of the anniversary. But I should not leave one important fact about the officers of that day. It will definitely be of great help and courage to you all to hear that I was surprised to see how untrained native S. S. lady officers directed so ably, the affairs of that grand Sabbath School. This really proves to me that if our women are really interested in this great work, they will work wonderfully for God. And it would be very good if all our women here in Nigeria, and in any other place who are in the same stage, would emulate the spirit of these willing lady officers.

The sermon topic for the day was "The Lord hath done great things for us," and the writer was the speaker for that day. His aims were (1) to lead as many souls as possible to Christ, and (2) to stir up everybody for action in the Master's Service.

In trying to achieve these aims the congregation was reminded of the good things God had done through the world-wide Sabbath Schools spiritually, intellectually, and financially. After this the congregation was brought nearer home to see the benefits we had derived from the Sabbath Schools. Very outstanding among the benefits pointed out to them are the large sums of money

given us for a hospital in the West, money for the Teachers' Training Institution in the East and money for another hospital in the North of Nigeria. The greater blessing is the spiritual moulding of its members' lives, and training members for service in the Master's Vine Yard.

The attendance at that important Sabbath School was found to be a little over a thousand regardless of those standing afar off to listen and to see what was happening. My heart was filled with great joy as I saw the whole congregation stand up to consecrate or reconsecrate themselves when the closing appeal was made; and they pledged themselves to bring more people to the Sabbath School and to train them for church membership.

The Lord was definitely with us, and that session ended in happiness for every member, as he or she went to eat and to rest for a while.

The period between the preaching service and the afternoon meeting seemed too long for the people, hence they started to rush towards the booth before the time, all eager to know something about the beginning and growth of the Sabbath School. Ding-dong! Ding-dong! Ding-dong! the bell rang, and once more a sea of heads appeared under the booth.

The congregation took a part in reciting Psalm 136, as those appointed to do it recited the first part of each verse. Then the Sabbath School History was given in a dialogue by three brothers and a lady. At the end I was asked whether they could not have more of the History of our church, (privately.) This proves a success of that meeting.

In general, the whole affair was a success; because the spirit of God was revealed in the way every worker in that district co-operated. Pastor Dare, the Minister in charge of the district was fully occupied in the general preparation. Mr. Fatade, the Headmaster of our school, and Mr. Aina the M. V. Leader of that church did a lot in preparing the participants in the Centennial Programme. Many items of music were presented at the meeting; and it gives me joy to say that Mr. E. A. Oyelese the Organist and Choir Master, supported by other workers

taught and led the singing of the melodious songs.

Now the first century of the Sabbath School is over. Not many of those who witnessed the beginning of The World Sabbath School live to see its 100th birthday, if any. We are entering into the second century, a half of which we could not boast that we shall definitely live to see. Could you readers, boast of that? As we could not boast of tomorrow, I think we should now make the most of our time and talents to improve our Sabbath Schools in Attendance, Daily Study, and Offerings. Anyway there are some other things accompanying those three things mentioned above. Regularity and Punctuality "should go" with Attendance; Prayer For Understanding Hearts should go along with Daily Lesson Study; Liberality and cheerfulness should accompany the giving of our Offerings.

Brethren and sisters, I am appealing to you to make the expiration of the first century of the Sabbath School the beginning of better Sabbath Schools here in our field and elsewhere. Try and do what you can, when you can, and how you can, to encourage proper Sabbath School evangelism. Why wasting time! why putting off till tomorrow what you could do today? Why sleeping when the night is far spent? Have you forgotten the question put to you by James the Apostle, and the answer he gives to it? "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and vanisheth away." James 4:13, 14. Remember therefore that better Sabbath Schools—better Daily Lesson Study—Better Christian living will lead souls to Christ and to heaven.

God bless you all to that end.

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### Hallowed by Thine Aim

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life, the fellowship of His sufferings, so that he might grasp that purpose for the fulfilment of which Christ has laid hold of him, and that in this way, he could be assured of the resurrection from among the dead. Phil 3:8-11. Here are worthy aims.

### 3. Achieving.

"I press on."

Paul bares his soul to us in this prison epistle and reveals the dominating urges of his noble life. This was the "one thing" that controlled and directed all his energies and activities. It was surely the example of Paul that inspired Philip Doddridge to write, just two hundred years ago, the stirring lines

"Awake my soul! stretch every nerve,

And press with vigour on;

A heavenly race demands thy zeal,

And an immortal crown."

As you and I face the challenge of 1953, may we have a hallowed aim, and "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, let us press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

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### Ilorin Arouses

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Shao, the mother church, is not yet organised, but has now increased to the place where this is possible. What encouragement to the early missionaries! They cast their bread upon the waters and it is now returning in a rich harvest of souls. Truly every man's work shall be made manifest—"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward." 1 Cor. 3:15.

Let us lift up our hearts in thankfulness to God that His servants' work has not been in vain. Thirteen of the thirty souls baptised were from Olugbija. They had come into the church by the faithful labours of the two or three previously baptised members, over a period of many years. Our prayers should be that God will continue to bless Brother L. Bolarin and his teacher co-workers as they labour in this district of promise.

## "After Many Days"

by H S. Pearce — Press Manager

"How is the work progressing on the new publishing house building in West Africa." This has been a constant question as I have travelled during my recent furlough. In almost every country of our Division believers and friends have shown their great interest in what is being accomplished here in West Africa. I was very happy to be able to inform them that at long last the building was under construction. Now with a very grateful heart and a deep sense of the overruling guidance of God it is a pleasure to announce that the project stands completed.

The photograph on this page shows the work almost completed, and will serve to show to our believers and many friends what a splendid building it is. We have been very fortunate indeed in our choice of contractors for this work, for the firm entrusted with our order has shown great interest in producing a sound, yet very modern structure.

The unfinished portion above the entrance has been left for the insertion, in pre-cast concrete letters, of the selected name for this new institution. It has been felt by some that a new title should be sought for our publishing house, and it is hoped that this will be decided upon at the forth-coming Union committee meetings in January.

At the time of writing the work of construction and decorating has been completed and the task of installing the new machinery has commenced. We hope that before the end of the first quarter of 1953 the transfer of the machines from our former premises in Nigeria and the re-erection and installation in the new building will have been finished and thus enable us to commence sending forth the printed pages bearing the glad tidings.

It has certainly been "Many Days" since this project was first launched—almost four years—and many have been the disappointments and setbacks, but now these things are all

in the past and we look with confidence to the untried future.

The new publishing house building has ample space for our present needs and plenty of room for expansion. The thoughts of working under such ideal conditions after the cramped and lowly quarters we have used for the past years are exciting to say the very least.

"After many days" the Lord has graciously answered our prayers and now we behold this beautiful new edifice, a building of which all can be justly proud. We will continue our petitions to our Heavenly Father that the institution that will be housed therein may be equally beautiful, that His Holy Spirit may guide and control at all times, and that from this publishing house the light of God's truth may be sent to illumine every corner of West Africa.

We solicit a continued interest in your prayers for the success of the Literature Ministry in this great Union.



The New Press as it appeared early in December. As soon as the building is completed, a fuller report will be given and up to date illustrations.

## Colporteur Report for November 1952

Name	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
<b>East Nigerian Mission: E. L. Brown, P.D.S.</b>			
Agomo, M.W.	67	4 10 0	8 6 0
Amanka, B.A.	304	10 8 0	6 0 0
Amachigh, E.P.	214	6 15 0	14 0 0
Dog, A.T.	106	7 16 6	26 11 9
Ehido, M.A.	76	1 10 0	2 19 0
Njoku, C.	42	6 5 0	3 12 0
Ogbonna, W.	136	35 0 0	6 0 0
Owuala, N.E.	347	32 0 0	17 0 0
Obia, J.A.	197	3 0 3	1 4 0
Osarobey, A.G.	218	36 14 0	—
Ubani, A.A.	112	1 8 6	49 5 0
Ugboaja, J.O.	250	16 2 6	46 13 6
Etufulgh, R.N.	82	6 7 4	3 0 0
Miscellaneous	39	4 10 0	21 18 5
<b>West Nigerian Mission: J. J. Hyde, P.D.S.</b>			
Ladipo Joseph	78	11 7 10	4 5 4
Oriaku I.C.W.	279	70 10 0	14 17 6
<b>Gold Coast Mission: L. H. Davidson, P.D.S.</b>			
Agraw Amoah	123	65 11 0	15 12 0
Amoah, Roger	241	59 9 6	61 18 3
Ampim, J.K.	104	36 2 0	13 11 0
Arthur, H.G.	40	1 5 0	11 14 4
Agyei, Danso	113	33 1 0	22 8 0
Antwi, B.A.	118	80 5 0	68 17 0
Abbey, N.K.	131	357 10 0	339 4 0
Clerk, C.A.	192	97 17 0	62 2 0
Daitey, J.A.	147	47 7 6	39 19 6
Dankwah, J.K.	171	113 5 0	151 15 0
Duncan, S.B.	48	2 15 0	11 7 0
Enim, M.A.	94	37 0 0	60 0 0
Gyebie, Joshua	53	14 2 0	3 16 0
Glover, Vincent	90	37 18 0	20 10 0
Kyei-Nimako, F.A.	80	24 5 6	57 9 3
Kofi Tekyi	40	59 0 0	18 0 0
Mensah, H.A.	114	82 5 9	18 8 3
Nkansah, E.D.	80	31 11 0	25 10 0
Ofori, Samuel	54	36 0 0	52 0 0
Owusu, S.K.	131	108 10 0	138 10 0
Odai, David	112	51 8 0	17 14 6
Quarten, J.Q.	42	42 16 0	65 18 6
Accra Auxiliary	60	57 14 6	36 7 6
Miscellaneous	107	266 11 4	267 18 4
<b>Sierra Leone Mission: V. C. Brown, P.D.S.</b>			
Daitey, A.N.	229	43 10 0	76 11 11
Union Totals Nov. 1952	5258	2068 5 0	1863 15 2
Union Totals thus far 1952	51688	19,229 2 5	11,275 5 10

## Life for the Service of God

by Andrews Albert Sarffo  
(Student Bekwai Seminary)

This year 1953 will afford many opportunities of witnessing. As a Christian you have a duty to perform in testifying to the saving grace of the gospel of Christ.

But do not forget that your life must support your testimony. There is no greater need in the world today than the witness of consecrated lives.

Never be ashamed of your colours; put them on, unfurl them to the gaze of men and angels.

By your choice words and a consistent course of action, by your

daily living, your earnest piety, make a telling confession of your faith, determined that Christ shall occupy the throne in the soul temple; and lay your talents without reserve at His feet to be employed in His service.

For your present and eternal good, it is best to commit yourself wholly to the right, that the world may know your good works. The world has a right to know just what may be expected from every intelligent human being. He who is a living embodiment of firm, decided, righteous principles, will be a living power upon his associates; and he will influence others by his Christianity.

## Worldliness in the Church

God designs that his people shall fix their eyes heavenward, looking for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. While the attention of worldlings is turned to various enterprises, ours should be to the heavens; our faith should reach farther and farther into the glorious mysteries of the heavenly treasure, drawing the precious, divine rays of light from the heavenly sanctuary to shine in our hearts, as they shine upon the face of Jesus. The scoffers mock the waiting, watching ones, and inquire, "Where is the promise of his coming? You have been disappointed. Engage now with us, and you will prosper in worldly things. Get gain, get money, and be honoured of the world." The waiting ones look upwards and answer, "We are watching." And by turning from earthly pleasure and worldly fame, and from the deceitfulness of riches, they show themselves to be in that position. By watching, they become strong; they overcome sloth and selfishness, and love of ease. Affliction's fire kindles upon them, and the waiting time seems long. They sometimes grieve, and faith falters; but they rally again, overcome their fears and doubts, and while their eyes are directed heavenward, say to their adversaries, "I am watching, I am waiting the return of my Lord. I will glory in tribulation, in affliction, in necessities."

The desire of our Lord is that we should be watching, so that when he cometh and knocketh we may open to him immediately. A blessing is pronounced upon those servants whom he finds watching. "He shall guard himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them." Who among us in these last days will be thus specially honoured by the Master of assemblies? Are we prepared without delay to open to him immediately and welcome him in? Watch, watch, watch. Nearly all have ceased their watching and waiting; we are not ready to open to him immediately. The love of the world has so occupied our thoughts that our eyes are not turned upward,

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# M.V. YOUTH WEEK

7-14th March

## Why have a Youth Week?

We live in a complex age  
Youth are confused.  
Hearts are troubled.  
The world is full of allurements.  
Youth are being led away from the church.

This is a time of special danger.  
Many look lightly upon religious convictions.  
Employment for true Christians is hard to find.  
The enemy of souls is influencing our youth.

## Our Youth need to have their own Week

### What is M.V. Youth Week?

M.V. Week is a special series of inspirational meetings for the youth.  
It is intended to win the careless and indifferent.  
The spiritual experience of all should be deepened.

It should be a delightful prayer experience.  
Decisions for Christ is the goal.  
The church will be awakened anew to its responsibility to youth.

## Evangelism and Sharing-Your-Faith are the Prime Purposes

### Who is responsible?

Mission M.V. officers and all church leaders to take the initiative.  
Enlist all to help.

Pastors & M.V. officers work out the plans.  
The entire church seeks to save its young people.

## Three Purposes

1. Develop soul-winning vision among youth so as to share in responsibilities of the church.
2. Create deeper interest and feeling of sympathy by church for its young people.
3. Winning of youth to decide for Christ and help to make the conversion lasting.

## Twenty Hints

- 1 Daily services in church or homes during the week.
- 2 Prepare plans thoroughly and use literature.
- 3 Use attractive posters and announcements.
- 4 Ask the youth to attract and invite other youth.
- 5 Make all meetings vitally interesting.
- 6 Organise prayer and personal work bands.
- 7 Make interviews and meetings evangelistic.
- 8 Recognise the organisation of the M.V. society.
- 9 Lead youth to make a decision for Christ.
- 10 Follow, if possible, plans in the M.V. Program Kit.
- 11 Urge all to do personal work.
- 12 Help the youth to find their place in the work of the church.
- 13 Include all types of devotional features.
- 14 Emphasise and organise the M.V. classes.
- 15 Results will be in proportion to prayer and preparation.
- 16 Plan definitely for follow-up work after M.V. Week.
- 17 Give opportunity for public testimony.
- 18 Organise a baptismal class.
- 19 Encourage the youth to become Sabbath School members.
- 20 Open the doors! Young people are won to the church through their fellow-youth.

## News Notes

### Returning Missionaries

We have previously reported the anticipated return of Dr. Nagel and Brother Keslake and their families. Unavoidable delays, however, occurred in their return, but we are now glad to know they will be back at their stations by the time this Messenger is published.

We are glad that Pastor D. V. Cowin and his family will be back with us on January 13th, just in time for Accra Committee meetings.

### Annual Meetings

The annual audit and Union committee meeting will be held in Accra from January 14-21, when we expect all of the Union committee members to be in attendance. In addition we will have in attendance Pastors Tarr and Lindsay, our Division President and Treasurer. Following the Union meeting Brother Lindsay plans to visit various parts of the Union.

It is anticipated that the Gold Coast committee meeting will follow immediately after the Union meeting. The Nigerian fields to have theirs during February and Ivory Coast, Liberia and Sierra Leone during March. Pastor Tarr hopes to be in attendance at the Gold Coast meeting and Pastor Lindsay at most of the other field meetings.

### Visits to New Press

Plans have been made for Mr. J. H. Craven, the manager of the Stanborough Press, our British publishing house, to visit our new press and some parts of our field early in 1953. Our colporteurs have sold many Stanborough Press books during the past years, and we know Mr. Craven will be pleased to meet many of our bookmen.

### Ingathering Results

Brother Chappell has been busily engaged with Ingathering during November and December. Final reports are not yet available, but together with his associate workers, in Accra, Freetown, Lagos and Monrovia, we know that at least £600 has been collected.

Recently the Accra Church held a Harvest Thanksgiving Service and raised £61. 13s. 4d. for the Ingathering Fund.

### Thanks For Sympathy

Pastor A. J. Dickay, of Aba, Nigeria, wishes to return thanks to all our friends, wellwishers, and fellow-believers, European and African, in Nigeria and West African Mission Fields, who through telegrams, cables, letters, and personal calls have expressed their sympathy to him in the sad loss by death of his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Dickay on Sunday, November 9, 1952.

## Gems From Week Of Prayer Sermons

By Elder George Vandeman

Associate Secretary of General Conference Ministerial Association

A Buddhist commented, "Your Christ is wonderful, but why aren't you Christians more like Him?"

It is impossible at one time to give the impression that Jesus is mighty to save and that we ourselves are clever. Jesus died to save me fully.

There are three classes of Christians (1) the rowboat 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 within.

Say to God, I'll trust, not I'll try. To say I'll try is to tell God you mean to do it yourself. Let go and let God.

When temptation knocks, think about something else.

## Worldliness in the Church

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but downward to the earth. We are hurrying about, engaging with zeal and earnestness in different enterprises, but God is forgotten, and the heavenly treasure is not valued. We are not in a waiting, watching, position. The love of the world and the deceitfulness of riches eclipse our faith, and we do not long for, and love, the appearing of our Saviour. We try too hard to take care of ourselves. We are uneasy, and greatly lack a firm trust in God. Many worry and work, contrive and plan, fearing they shall suffer need. They cannot afford time to pray, or to attend religious meetings, and, in their care for themselves, leave no chance for God to care for them. And the Lord does not do much for them, for they give him no opportunity. They do too much for themselves, and believe and trust in God too little.

The love of the world has a terrible hold upon the people whom the Lord has commanded to watch and pray always, lest coming sud-

denly he find them sleeping. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world; if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him; for all that is in the world the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

The man in the parable had not where to bestow his goods, and the Lord cut short his unprofitable life. So will he deal with many. How difficult, in this corrupt age, to keep from growing worldly and selfish. How easy to become ungrateful to the Giver of all our mercies. Great watchfulness is needed, and much prayer, to keep the soul with all diligence. "Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is."—Testimonies Vol. 2 pages 194-198.

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