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BEKWAI LADIES ON THE MARCH

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The women of Bekwai have made great strides in the work of God. Not only the Dorcas Society but also the girls of the Secondary School and the Training College.

The Dorcas women have spent many hours making children's clothing, embroidering table covers, repairing old clothing given by church members, and making various types of articles. This work was done in preparation for a sale to bring in funds for the Dorcas work. The women who were not able to attend the sewing classes gave material and others donated foods to be sold. The day the sale was to be held, some of the women were busy placing prices on the articles for sale and others were preparing foods to be sold. Some of the articles for sale were old dresses, shoes, handbags, children's clothing, table mats, and several kinds of African foods, cakes and biscuits. Even before it was time for the doors to open, crowds of people including many of the

students were waiting anxiously to come in and purchase articles. Although there were set prices on each article, the women had to reduce many of the prices; however, they were blessed to add to the treasure eight pounds-fifteen shillings.

Sabbath afternoons the Dorcas, which include some of the college girls go to nearby villages with the picture roll and pamphlets carrying tidings of a soon coming Saviour. They also carry baskets of food to give to the sick and needy. Many of the women are able to give talks directly to the people in their own language as some time is taken in the Dorcas sessions to teach them

how.

We leave the Dorcas now to discuss the progress of our Secondary and Teacher Training girls. As it is the duty of every young woman to know how to make a house into a home, the girls have been studying how to make their homes attractive. They were given practical experience by



The Dorcas Society Group at Bekwai

improving their dormitory and Domestic Science room. For several weeks everyone worked together painting walls, scrubbing tables, nailing milk crates together, which were given by the college kitchen to make dressing tables to put by each girl's bed. This was not all, windows were washed, curtains, bedspreads and dressing table covers were made. Flowers were also planted around the dormitory, in short, there was quite a transformation. Although the girls worked hard, they were quite pleased when they had finished. To inspire them we had "Open House" and invited the staff, their wives, and the male students to view the improvements. The girls were also successful in completing their dresses for a fashion show at the end of the School year.

The women of Bekwai truly should be commended for their accomplishments. Our compound homes are taking on a new look; the women have improved their homes by making use of what they have with only a few additions. They have planted flower gardens and vegetable gardens as the latter saves on the family income. Our women are beginning to take their places in society and in educating their children for usefulness in this world and for a home in the better world. Please remember them in your prayers as they go forward in the work of God.

ADVENTIST YOUTH IN ACCRA

By R. McADAMS

Accra 1957, there is an air of expectancy in the city. The whole community is alive to the fact that a great event is about to take place. Independence, the magic word which means so much to the people of this new territory of Ghana. The streets are gay with bunting, the hearts of the whole population are filled with an ardent fervour, knowing that in a few short days Independence Day will be here.

This feeling of gaily and expectancy is not confined solely to just the nation as a whole but is manifest in countless thousands of other places, villages, towns and homes throughout Ghana. In the Churches of Ghana, this feeling of achievement is showing itself in many ways. The call to service is blessing the youth in Accra and the Seventh-day Adventist youth are in the forefront of this march of progress.

The Missionary Volunteer Courses have been run at the Training College at Bekwai for sometime but in Accra there has been no permanent organized Youth Movement for our Youth. On Friday evening 8th February 1957, at the Young People's Meeting, Miss Barbara Leigh gave a short talk on the Missionary Volunteers and their work and a small playlet was given by three of the young folks present illustrating it. It was proposed that a meeting be held on the following Tuesday and as many people as possible were asked to attend. And so it was that on Tuesday 12th February 1957, the inaugural meeting of the Accra Master Guide Club was held, in a room of the Advent Press, kindly lent for the occasion by Pastor Pearce. The meeting commenced at 7 p.m. under the leadership of Miss Leigh and was opened by Pastor Keslake asking God's blessing on the assembled company.

It was found during the opening address that a few of those present had already studied and passed part of the requirements for the Master Guide. Needless to say this proved a great boon during the instructional part of the evening when those who were invested as Friend or Companions rendered invaluable assistance instructing the boys and girls who were not members. When the opening address was over a pleasant hour was spent in sorting out those present into groups and commencing lessons in the various classes. There are two in the Friend Class while ten or more of the older members decided to go straight for the Master Guide Course.

When the instructional period was completed, an enjoyable and very hilarious hour was spent by members and instructors alike in a variety of games which left everyone in a state of great merriment. However order was soon restored and the first meeting of the Accra Master Guide Club was closed with the final prayer and blessing pronounced by Pastor Pearce.

The first meeting. Is there ever anything quite like the first? The knowledge that you are among the founder-members of an organization the pioneers who blaze the trail for others to follow. A certain reticence and shyness pervades the atmosphere but this is soon dispelled as one joins in the work and games in the common endeavour. All too soon the meeting ends and as you wend your way homewards, full of good things that you have seen, heard and done, realization comes. The realization that *you belong*—not just to a community of people but to that wonderful army of folk dedicated to the spreading of the Gospel in our generation.

ADVENTISTS AND FOOTBALL POOLS

By PASTOR E. E. HULBERT,
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In this age of "get rich quick" enthusiasts such a device as the "Football Pools" is sure to find a ready response among young people in West Africa. For as little as sixpence per week, it would seem, a person may be "lucky" enough to win several thousand pounds. Should Seventh-day Adventists take part in this means of getting rich quickly?

Let us go back to the origin of football pools. They really began with organized betting on the football field, where persons who favoured a particular team would bet on it. Large amounts were won or lost in this way, though winnings did not reach such large proportions as in present day football pools. Often a man would stake his whole weeks salary in a vain effort to win a large amount or meet debts incurred in previous unsuccessful bets, while his family at home were starving.

Money hungry capitalists cashed in on this desire to get rich quickly by setting up football pools, which is simply betting by post. Some are deceived because the word "betting" is not used on the forms. You are just asked to "forecast" the winning teams. However, it is exactly the same as betting. Football pools are simply a means of drawing money out of the pockets of unsuspecting people (thousands of whom cannot afford even to waste sixpence a week) and giving out a small part in prizes, but lining the pockets of the operators with a sizeable profit. Only very rarely does anyone win a large amount. Most winnings amount only to a few pounds or shillings. The large sums which very occasionally hit the newspaper headlines are very few and far between, and there are millions who may spend their sixpences and shillings all their lives and get absolutely nothing in return.

Seventh-day Adventists should, by precept and example, abstain entirely from this device of the devil, designed simply and solely by his Satanic Majesty to draw money out of the pockets of all who can be deceived, and lead them to poverty. Rather than spending sixpence a week on the very uncertain chance of winning a lot of money, would it not be better to spend a like sum on some good—denominational books or magazines,

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Mrs. Elijah
and her
friend



YOU TOO CAN DO IT

By I. NWAOBIA
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My faith is always challenged when I hear and see the wonderful work of some good Adventists, especially those of lay members. Accompanying is the picture of Mrs. Elijah and her friend who is a teacher. Mrs. Elijah, on the right, is also a school teacher in one of the Methodist Schools under Calabar Province in East Nigeria. Immediately she accepted our faith she did not hesitate in sharing her faith with others. Not long after, she made the truth known to her friend standing with her in this picture and her friend accepted it also.

Today Mrs. Elijah is in trouble with her husband who is a school master and who has not accepted the truth. Nevertheless she has formed a Branch Sabbath School near her station and another one two miles away from her station. Every Sabbath she goes two miles away to conduct Sabbath School while her friend stays home to take charge of the one near her station. This means a great deal of sacrifice on the part of these ladies, but what a joy it is to her to be able to work for the Master.

Let our song today be: "What have I done for my Lord. . . I had better begin today to do something for my Lord." May the Lord bless the untiring effort of Mrs. Elijah and her friend in proclaiming the good tidings in their vicinity that it may result in souls saved.

All Christian religious bodies celebrate the communion service in one form or another. Some celebrate it each week; others less often. In theory, all recognize its spiritual nature and value, and consider it one of the most important religious exercises of the church. Seventh-day Adventist churches the world around follow the practice of joining in the communion service four times each year; consequently, it is referred to as the quarterly service.

We have been given no specific instruction in the Bible as to how frequently we should participate in the service. Jesus said, "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." We believe that conducting the rite every three months is frequent enough to keep its significance and lessons before us, but not so often that it becomes commonplace.

What is the spiritual significance of this service? If this is forgotten or not understood, it is of little or no value to the participants.

As the Sabbath serves to remind us constantly of the creative power of God, "the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was given to commemorate the great deliverance wrought out as the result of the death of Christ. Till He shall come the second time in power and glory, this ordinance is to be celebrated. It is the means by which His great work for us is to be kept fresh in our minds."—*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 652, 653.

The Foot Washing

In order to grasp fully the lessons of the Lord's Supper, we must go back to the incident that immediately preceded it in that upper room. None of the disciples had taken advantage of the opportunity to use the water and towel that had been provided for washing the feet before the Passover feast began. This was ordinarily the work of a servant, but since none was present, one of the disciples should have volunteered. When it became apparent that they were determined not to perform the duty, Jesus proceeded to wash their feet, and thus He taught the disciples a very important lesson. Even Judas "thrilled through and through with the impulse then and there to confess his sin."—*Ibid.*, p. 645.

Why did Jesus assume the role of a servant and wash the disciples' feet? Because a spiritual cleansing was involved. This is evident in the brief conversation between Peter and his Lord. When it came Peter's turn to have his feet washed his whole soul

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rebelled against this humiliation on the part of the Saviour, and he exclaimed, "Thou shalt never wash my feet." Jesus' solemn response came: "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." There was deeper significance to this act than merely that the Son of God was humbling Himself and stooping to wash the feet of fallen men. Jesus was trying to show them that there was another and higher cleansing of which this act was a symbol.

When Peter realized something of what Christ meant, He wanted Jesus to wash also his head and hands. But Jesus revealed the spiritual significance of His act as He replied, "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit." Peter and his companions needed a fresh cleansing from sin. "Pride and self-seeking create dissension and hatred, but all this Jesus washed away in washing their feet."—*Ibid.*, p. 646. Only one—Judas—was not spiritually clean after Jesus had performed this act. The value of the washing of the feet is determined by the degree to which the heart is changed.

To the repentant soul, having his feet washed in preparation for the Lord's Supper is a renewal of his baptism. He stands before God as though he had just come from the watery burial in newness of life. This is God's way of keeping fresh the spirit of joy that fills the life of one newly come to the Saviour. There is a consciousness of sins forgiven and a sense of oneness with the Father.

Furthermore, it should be looked upon as a great privilege to follow our Lord in this humble service for a fellow believer. We are told:

"In washing the feet of His disciples, Christ gave evidence that He would do any service, however humble, that would make them heirs with Him of the eternal wealth of heaven's treasure. His disciples, in performing the same rite, pledge themselves in like manner to serve their brethren. Whenever this ordinance is rightly celebrated, the children of God are brought into a holy relationship, to help and bless each other."—*Ibid.*, p. 651. "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them."

With heart cleansed and filled with gratitude, one leaves the preparatory service and

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turns to the communion table, where he joins his brethren in commemorating the atoning death of Jesus Christ, and in being reminded of His second coming. The unleavened bread and the unfermented wine show the Redeemer's uncorrupted nature, of which His followers are to be partakers. This is not to be a time of sorrow for sin, or to recall one's shortcomings. The preparatory ordinance has cared for these things if it has been entered into rightly. This should be a period of solemn joy—solemnity in the thought of the price paid for our redemption, and joy in what that redemption means to us.

It is vital to our Christian experience that we keep before us the infinite sacrifice made for us by Christ. Thus in the communion service we see again the broken body of the Saviour hanging on the cross, and the blood trickling from His head, His hands, His feet. We are led to exclaim with the centurion, "Truly this man was the Son of God. (Mark 15:39), and to say with Paul, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Gal. 6:14.)

The communion service is to be observed "till he come." Each time we eat the bread and drink the wine we testify to our dependence upon Christ to prepare our lives for His coming.

Preparation Necessary

Sometimes men and women take part in the communion service with little thought as to its spiritual meaning. Although every detail of the service should be carefully organized and efficiently carried out, it must not become a mere form. Preparation to appreciate the true significance of the rite is like preparation for the Sabbath. It cannot be made in a moment. The Sabbath must be kept in mind all through the week. So must the sacrifice of Jesus be kept constantly in mind.

"To the death of Christ we owe even this earthly life. The bread we eat is the purchase of His broken body. The water we drink is bought by His spilled blood. Never one, saint or sinner, eats his daily food, but he is nourished by the body and the blood of Christ. The cross of Calvary is stamped on every loaf. It is reflected in every water spring. All this Christ has taught in appointing the emblems of His great sacrifice. The light shin-

ing from that Communion service in the upper chamber makes sacred the provisions for our daily life. The family board becomes as the table of the Lord, and every meal a sacrament."—*Ibid.*, p. 660.

"He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." (John 6:56, 57).

"To the Holy Communion this scripture in a special sense applies. As faith contemplates our Lord's great sacrifice, the soul assimilates the spiritual life of Christ. That soul will receive spiritual strength from every Communion. The service forms a living connection by which the believer is bound up with the Father. In a special sense it forms a connection between dependent human beings and God."—*Ibid.*, p. 661.

FAREWELL TO MISS ROSA MUDERSPACH



It is with regret that the many friends of Miss Muderspach in the West African Union bade her farewell as she left on March 1 in preparation for taking up work in the office of the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in Washington D. C. Miss Muderspach has spent nearly twenty years in service in West Africa, first

as Secretary-Treasurer in the old Nigerian Union and for the last ten years as cashier and accountant in the West African Union Mission office. Miss Muderspach was a very capable and efficient worker; financial statements, workers statements and other items placed in her hands were always out on time even though it often meant many long hours of overtime work. Miss Muderspach was always very quiet about her service, never liking to appear in public but willing to do the work and let others take the credit. Her services have been very greatly appreciated by all who had any association with her while she was here.

While we are indeed sorry to lose her from our West African working force, we are happy that she can go on to make a contribution to the work in another area. We are sure that her work in our graduate school in America will be as greatly appreciated as it was in West Africa.

Miss Barbara Leigh who has served for the past year and a half as secretary to the president of the West African Union Mission is taking over the position formerly held by Miss Muderspach.

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or other things of lasting benefit? If we want to invest sixpence a week in something that will bring treasure in heaven, let us put it in the Sabbath-School offering, or in some other worthy branch of the Lord's work. The reward is infinitely more certain, far more enduring, and has the added advantage that the prize is not won at other people's expense. Indeed, the treasure invested in heaven by way of the Sabbath-School will earn untold interest in souls won, suffering relieved, and blessings received.

Surely the instruction given by Jesus should be the guide of Adventist Youth, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:19-21.

THE PRECIOUS PROMISE

By T. A. ONWUNALI

When I think over the great promise given by God, and also our Lord Jesus Christ, I am impressed very much in heart and reminded of the request which says "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," and the precious promise which says, "Prove me now herewith if I will not open to you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive



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it." Malachi 3:10. Now, Christ speaking through St. Paul at Ephesus, said it is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35. It is when we realize this promise and think over it and ask our Father to send us His quickening Spirit that we shall be able to return to God His own.

He does not ask us to bring two, three or four but only one-tenth. He knows all our difficulties hence He asks that. He asks us, will a man rob God? Then we shouted wherein have we robbed thee, forgetting that it is in His Holy one-tenth (tithe). Last year, I entered into Colporteur Ministry; I was not worried about tithing. I thought it to be a trivial thing without knowing that if some one wants to thrive in his business he must give God His own. Not until God made me to know the importance of this, was I able to give God His Holy tithe and to receive His blessing.

The proclamation of this commission in which our Lord said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15 needs our tithes and offerings.

Now, Brethren and Sisters all over West Africa let us call our minds to the precious promise of God which must be true and let us begin today to give God His own faithfully so that our hope will be to receive His blessing according to His Holy promise since we have known that it is more blessed to give than to receive. May God bless us all till the blessed Hope.

THE WORLD'S LAST CHANCE

By ROBERT L. ROWE

If the Infinite Father takes note when even the sparrow falls, how it must pain His heart as He sees the legions of the lost!

Some are the very flower of civilization— attractive, intelligent, ambitious, likable. Men respect and admire them, but they have left God out of their reckoning. Some are the ordinary people—hard working, active, friendly perhaps, but blinded by the god of this world. Some are individuals of whom no nation could be proud—thieves, drunkards, outcasts, the dregs of civilization. They have turned away from God, and curse rather than praise Him. Some are the ignorant, the unwarned—the hundreds of thousands who have never heard the story of salvation. God sees them all—the unnumbered millions of the lost!

"The heart of God is moved. Souls are very precious in His sight. It was for this world that Christ wept in agony; for this world He was crucified. God gave His only-begotten Son to save sinners, and He desires us to love others as He has loved us. He desires to see those who have a knowledge of the truth imparting this knowledge to their fellow men."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 16.

But does the church share God's burden for the lost? Do we really believe that the end is near? For more than 110 years we have solemnly preached that "the hour of His (God's) judgment is come!" Probation is now about to close. Let us, who have long preached these truths, honestly, searchingly ask ourselves, Do we really believe the message that we preach? Do we believe that this generation must finish the work of God? Do we really mean it when we say this is the last warning message?

The third angel's message threatens the most awful punishment ever visited upon men, the wrath of God unmixed with mercy. We teach that we are called by God to warn the world to "flee from the wrath to come," that this is the last warning message, and that there are no more to follow. Do our works show that we believe it?

The Lord's messenger describes the condition of many: "I have been shown that God's people who profess to believe present truth are not in a waiting, watching position. They are increasing in riches and are laying up their treasures upon the earth. They are becoming rich in worldly things, but not rich toward God. They do not believe in the shortness of time; they do not be-

lieve that the end of all things is at hand, that Christ is at the door. They may profess much faith; but they deceive their own souls, for they will act out all the faith that they really possess. Their works show the character of their faith and testify to those around them that the coming of Christ is not to be in this generation. . . . Their preparations are being made to remain in this world. They are adding house to house, and land to land, and are citizens of this world."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 2, pp. 196, 197.

If we really believe the solemn truths we preach, our every act should show it. And whether we believe or not, God is giving multiplying evidences that Jesus soon will come. It is the world's last chance! O that this thought might somehow burn itself into our consciousness!

"In mercy to the world, Jesus delays His coming that sinners may have an opportunity to hear the warning and find in Him a shelter before the wrath of God shall be poured out."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 458.

Eternal night is nearly here. Darkness is settling over the myriads of the lost. What is position, wealth, or talent; yes, what is life itself, in such an hour!

The time has come to "Sound an alarm throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Tell the people that the day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly. Let none be left unwarned. We might have been in the place of the poor souls that are in error. We might have been placed among barbarians. According to the truth we have received above others, we are debtors to impart the same to them."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 22.

O that we might see the world as God sees it, that we might see the millions of the unwarned and unsaved going down to Christless graves! With such a vision we could say with David Brainerd, "I cared not where or how I lived, if only I might win souls to Christ." When such a spirit controls God's people, the work will be done quickly and Jesus will come!

"God planned the system of beneficence, in order that man might become like his Creator, benevolent and unselfish in character, and finally be a partaker with Him of the eternal, glorious reward."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 4, page 473.

Notes From The Ghana Mission President

The President has just visited every church and company in the Wenchi district. Forty-three souls were baptized in this area.

The Secretary-Treasurer is checking accounts in three of our fourteen districts.

Plans have been made to raise another £4,500 for the Ghana Adventist Headquarters church in Kumasi.

The new acting Principal of Bekwai is giving an excellent spiritual lead to our Educational Unit.

We are looking forward to the arrival of a Bible Teacher to take charge of our Evangelistic course which is now beginning.

Francis Buoh left by plane on February, 22nd for U. K. to study Pharmacy. We wish him God's blessing on his undertaking.

Pastor C. B. Mensah will attend a Home Missionary Convention to be held in Birmingham, U. K.

The Voice of prophecy programme has been accepted on the Radio-Diffusion at Bekwai. Brother Farrell is making excellent contacts.

Pastor Essien who has worked for forty-two years is now going on sustentation. We wish him God's blessing as he lessens his activities after so long a service.

Brethren M. E. Ampate and S. K. Boamah are in Lagos assisting Pastor Henri in his Evangelistic effort.

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We are weaving the threads of our life's web day by day, and its colours are sometimes somber, sometimes gay. For we dye it with every passing thought, and with words and deeds is the pattern wrought.

The pattern will grow in likeness of our creed. If the thoughts be loving and tender, fair the deed, it glows with a beauty rich and rare and its fadeless colours are passing fair. But, alas, if interwoven oft with sin, and the somber threads of evil woven in, the pattern is marred as the shuttles fly, and the colours fade as the days go by.

We are weaving the webs of eternity day by day. If we make the pattern beautiful, as we may, the Master weaver will, one by one, test the glowing colours, and say, "Well done."

Our weaving days will vanish by and by, and the busy shuttles will motionless lie. God grant that each weaver may do his best, and his finished fabric may stand the test.—Mrs. Carolyn Southall, *Sunshine Magazine*, May 1956.