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DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

By A. F. Tarr

President, Northern European Division

We desire to share with our church membership throughout the Northern European Division a portion of a letter received from J. I. Robison, associate secretary of the General Conference. It reads:

"The General Conference officers in planning for the coming Session in Cleveland, have been giving serious thought to the importance of this meeting to our world work, both at home and abroad. We are living in very serious times and our work, world-wide as it is, becomes involved in every crisis, either political or economic, wherever it may strike. These crises are multiplying and we recognize that we must depend more and more upon the strength that comes from prayer and a full surrender to God in these hours of international tension and constant upheavals in so many lands.

"We feel that at the coming General Conference Session we ought to join in a special season of prayer and fasting to invite the fullness of God's blessing and the plenitude of His power, not only upon the Session itself, but upon our work and workers in all parts of the world field in these crucial times. We have therefore appointed the first Sabbath of the Session, June 21, as a day of fasting and prayer."

The purpose of Brother Robison's letter is not only to tell what the brethren assembled at the General Conference plan to do. It is also to invite the church members in all lands who cannot be present at that meeting to join with their brethren and sisters in Cleveland, in praying for God's richest blessing to be poured out on His church, both in Cleveland and all over the world in this momentous hour.

Brother Robison further suggests that the fast now called for "need not be a complete abstinence from food but a fast like Daniel experienced when no pleasant food was eaten but extra time given to earnest prayer and supplication."

We are confident that every worker, church officer and member in the Northern European Division will respond to this earnest call to prayer issued by the General Conference. Both the occasion and the hour demand it. We want with all our hearts that the power of God shall attend His people in their individual lives and in their great task in these closing days. We desire most earnestly that every plan laid and every appointment made by the General Conference be in harmony with His will and be a contributing factor toward the hastening of His coming.

Everything about us seems so unstable and so unsatisfying. The coming of God's kingdom is the only sure hope that we have. All else seems to pale into insignificance compared with this. How reassuring, therefore, to learn that the theme which the General Conference brethren have chosen for their great gathering is "Thy Kingdom Come."

We desire that this petition be the earnest burden of every supplication on June 21, and further that in every church a portion of the morning service be set apart for prayer for the presence and guidance of God at the General Conference Session. With a united cry ascending from the hearts and voices of Seventh-day Adventists in every land, surely the promised blessings of God will be bestowed in copious measure both on the assembled delegates in Cleveland and on God's faithful ones in all the world.

Mighty To Save

By M. A. Moses, Assistant Principal,
Teacher Training School,
Nigerian Training College

"God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." "We have nothing to fear except as we forget the way in which the Lord has led us before." There are significant experiences in life to prove and justify vividly the truth of these maxims. Such was the experience of the members of Nigerian Training College and Adventist High School family in general and Mr. G. G. George and family in particular this last week of prayer.

The younger of the two sons of Mr. G. G. George, was taken seriously ill just a few days before the commencement of our week of prayer, held February 15 to 22. The younger child, who is about six and a half months old contracted an acute diarrhoea with a very high fever accruing from teething. Each dawn of a new day found the child's condition worse. As newly settled members on the compound, the parents became discouraged as many thoughts flashed into their minds. Hope seemed to desert them as every treatment proved ineffective. The child was finally rushed to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Umuahia—Ileku.

It was in the hospital that every treatment was given only to prove fruitless. The hope of life gave way to that of death. The fever became serious as the child's temperature rose to 104 degree. The condition apparently defied all that medical science could boast of. All the doctors, nurses and servants surrendered in despair as the child was left for the cruel hands of death to play the last diabolical role. Necessary arrangements for the removal of the "Corpse" were made by the parents who would even not believe an angel that the child could survive through the next hour. Indeed, man had now reached his own climax in the attempt to restore life.

Under these circumstances, the whole of the Training College and High School family claimed the wonderful promises of the Lord as ardent and sincere prayers ascended to God's throne of Grace. Our God could not ignore the prayers of his children.

A miracle not inferior to those wrought around the borders of Capernaum was instantly performed definitely in answer to the prayers. Divinity came down to Humanity and redeemed the child that was already in the claws of death. What medical science failed to cure, the prayers of God's children

healed. So to-day, the child that was almost dead is alive again! And as we behold him, we are constantly reminded that man's extremity is God's opportunity.

Mampong Church School

By J. K. Amoah, District Pastor

For many years, the thought of opening a Primary School, has been in the minds of many workers who have worked in Mampong Ashanti, Ghana, thirty-six miles from Kumasi, the Ashanti capital. This town ranks next in authority to Kumasi, according to tradition.

However, after much forethought, prayers and preparation, this nucleus Primary one School opened on January 28, 1958. To our surprise, and as an answer to our earnest prayers, parents and guardians came to the Church grounds, begging for admission for their children, and at present we have 73 children on roll.

Surely, the Lord has answered our prayers, and we do have the ultimate hope, that with your support and prayers this small beginning will grow into a full stream school. At present it is being conducted in the Church and very soon the building of a class room should engage the attention of the Church.

May God help us to keep the supreme objective in our minds, as we seek to win the hearts of the children for Jesus.

M. V. Week of Prayer At Matotoka Sierra Leone

By T. K. Kagbo

It is a denominational practice for Seventh-day Adventists the world over of annually setting aside a week of prayer for the Youth attending our denominational Schools and Churches.

And so it was, that from the 15th to the 22nd of March inclusive, our Primary School at Matotoka was privileged to have the service and experiences of Pastor A. O. Kennick from the Yele District. During his stay, Pastor Kennick was engaged with the School children for one hour every morning of each school day, and with the church on every evening.

Matotoka is one of the most difficult towns

in the Northern Province of Sierra Leone. Eighty percent of its inhabitants are Muslims, with twenty percent Christians. The percentage in the school is however about 60 percent Christians and 40 percent Muslims, the difference being due to the fact that about 50 percent of the school children come from surrounding villages where we have our own denominational Church Companies.

It is, however, a voluntary obligation with all school children to attend all religious services of the school, irrespective of whatever religion the child is.

"The Pastor has come again." "Which Pastor?" "The Pastor who taught us those sweet songs last year like 'Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.'" "So has he come again? Yes, I can remember him. He knows many songs, and he can sing sweetly. He has come again to teach us more songs and teach us more about how to be good boys and girls."

The children were happy for the Pastor's coming. Fifteen minutes each day before the usual morning school bell, the children assembled in the church building to listen to 'the Pastor.'

Each morning 'the Pastor' talked to the children on subjects centering round the M.V. Motto, Law and Pledge. For the five morning and eight evenings the Pastor laboured earnestly for the school children and the church members.

The seed has been sown into the minds of these young Muslim children. We hope that some day some of these young Muslims will take a stand for Christ.

Help Wanted

By J. Ernest Edwards, Associate Secretary,
Home Missionary Department

When Martin Luther set out on the work which shook the world, his friend Myconius expressed good wishes. "But," he said, "I can best help where I am. I will remain and pray while you toil."

Myconius prayed day by day, but as he prayed he began to feel uncomfortable. One night he had a dream in which he saw the Saviour who showed him His hands and feet. He saw the fountain in which he had been cleansed from sin. Then, looking earnestly into his eyes the Saviour said, "Follow me". The Lord took him to a lofty mountain and pointed eastward. Looking in that direction

Myconius saw a plain stretching away to the horizon. It was dotted with white sheep, thousands and thousands of them. One man was trying to shepherd them all. The man was Luther. The Saviour pointed westward, Myconius saw a great field of standing corn. One reaper was trying to harvest it all. The lonely labourer was spent and exhausted. Myconius recognized in the solitary reaper his old friend Luther.

"It is not enough," said Myconius when he awakened, "that I should pray. The sheep must be shepherded; the fields must be reaped. Here am I; send me." He went out and shared his old friend's labours.

God does not intend that the harvest of the world shall be reaped by a great reformer or by conference workers. He calls you as His disciple to "work today in My vineyard." Our Master is in a hurry to finish His work. He is waiting for you. Grasp the opportunity for aggressive Christian service. The best days of soul winning are before us. Respond to God's "Help Wanted" by saying "Yes!"

Adventuring With God

Lord of life and death,
We thank Thee for the great adventure
of life,
Its uncalculable chances,
Its mighty opportunities.
We thank Thee that—if we have Thee with
us—
There is no monotony or weariness in the
world;
But we go on—forever exploring and
adventuring,
Across new seas where ship has never
sailed before;
Over towering mountain-ranges,
Whence we look forth upon new expanses
of wonder
Heretofore unseen by the eye of man.
We thank Thee that, for those who dwell
with Thee,
Each day opens new a continent of vivid
experience;
Each day shows new a world to conquer;
For Thy love is new every morning,
And life with Thee is daily born again
from its beginning.

—Anonymous.

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24, 25).

The rewards of obedience cannot be purchased in any earthly mart. They can be obtained only from Christ. He promises to all who follow and obey Him such strength and stability of character as to make them equal to all the emergencies of life.

In the great parable that closes the Sermon on the Mount, our Lord speaks of two houses built on two foundations. The main point to be noticed in this parable is the importance of obedience for stable character. The man who builds his house on the rock is the man who hears and obeys. The man who builds his house on sand is the man who hears but disobeys. The wise man obeys. The foolish man disobeys. The wise man saves his house by obeying; the foolish man loses all by disobeying.

The lesson is obvious. The emergencies of life—rain, floods, winds—beat upon both houses. But one stood, the other fell. The foundation made the difference, and it is obedience to God's commandments that gives staunch foundations to human character. Popularity, fame, success and wealth are desirable, but they cannot be depended upon when the storms of life strike.

An individual or church considering an exchange of obedience for popularity is contemplating an exchange of rock for sand. This is because popularity is as subject to change as the winds that blow from every quarter of the compass.

Public opinion, upon which popularity depends, can deify you today and curse you tomorrow. It shouts your praises one hour and hisses its anathemas of hate the next. It crowns you with garland leaves one moment and with a crown of thorns the next. As foundation material for stable character, popularity is nothing but shifting sand.

Fame? Experience has taught that fame is a gaily coloured bubble which when it bursts leaves nothing behind but airy nothingness. It is exceedingly poor material upon which to erect your castle of hope. It just does not hold up.

When the tempest breaks, success and wealth have a way of eluding those who pursue them and escaping those who possess them. If the rich and successful of history

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could speak, they would testify that as a foundation for character, materialism is nothing but sand—treacherous sand—against which the tempest will prevail.

Therefore, rocklike foundations of character come only by obedience to Christ. The building of His precepts and laws into concrete acts of daily life ultimately produces a character that resists not only the storms of life but which also will stand unshaken when every earthly support is removed in the coming time of trouble.

Concerning this we have been told: "It is necessary that every individual member build upon the Rock, Christ Jesus. A storm is arising that will wrench and test the spiritual foundation of every one to the utmost. Therefore avoid the sand bed; hunt for the rock."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 129.

Obedience and Knowledge:

Another compensation of obedience is the acquisition of spiritual truth and knowledge. Generally, knowledge is looked upon as belonging to the mind. This, of course, is true of certain factual knowledge, as scientific experiment and theoretical truth. It is certainly not true of spiritual knowledge.

We do not grasp Biblical knowledge by the intellect alone, but with the whole nature. Said our Lord, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God" (John 7:17.)

Commenting on the truth that obedience opens the door to spiritual understanding, the servant of God declares: "Disobedience has closed the door to a vast amount of knowledge that might have been gained from the scriptures. Understanding means obedience to God's commandments. The scriptures are not to be adapted to meet the prejudice and jealousy of men. They can be understood only by those who are humbly seeking for a knowledge of the truth that they may obey it."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 112.

It is not to an intellectual aristocracy but to a believing body of obedient saints that God grants spiritual revelation. Intellectualism is desirable, but never at the expense of loyalty and obedience to God's revealed will.

Often church members request an evalua-

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tion of certain tracts and publications prepared by either apostates or enemies of the truth. Of course, the chief purpose of these tracts is to convince the reader to withdraw his membership from the church and unite with the apostate movement. False doctrines and off-shoot movements will be with us till the end of time. How then may one distinguish between truth and error?

Christ tells us how. Be obedient, He admonishes, to the revealed will of God, and you will know "whether it be of God." None need be uncertain as to what is the revealed will of God. Said the psalmist: "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:8.)

God's will for us is wrapped up in His ten-commandment law. Every act of loyalty to it clarifies the mind and enlarges the area of our spiritual knowledge. Every fulfilled obligation to God and man makes clearer the distinction between truth and error.

As long as we are constant in our obedience to God's law we need not fear the wolves in sheep's clothing who are seeking to tear down the remnant church of Christ. Neither are we called upon to stone the wolves or to chase their whelps. If we attempted to do this it would draw us away from our duty and obedience to God. This is precisely what the wolves desire.

Let the wolves wail and howl! That is in keeping with their predatory nature and task. Our task is infinitely greater. It is to keep our feet in the unswerving pathway of obedience, which leads the remnant people of God into the kingdom. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." (Revelation 22:14.)

Said the servant of God: "Satan seeks to counterwork the work of God, and he is constantly urging men to accept his principles. He represents the chosen people of God as a deluded people. He is an accuser of the brethren, and his accusing power is employed against those who work righteousness. The Lord desires through His people to answer Satan's charges by showing the results of obedience to right principles."—*Ibid.*, page 296.

Obedience and the Holy Spirit:

In addition to being the basis of stable character and the organ of spiritual knowledge, obedience to God is also the conductor of spiritual power. That power is the Holy Spirit, "whom God hath given to them that obey him." (Acts 5:32.)

Here is the deciding factor that makes for victory or defeat in an individual's Christian experience. Victorious living is not a matter of strength or might; it is a matter of surrendering oneself moment by moment to God in voluntary obedience.

The instant a man decides to obey, God acts in that man's behalf. Let a man decide to keep the Sabbath, to pay an honest tithe, to obey the laws of health, to be truthful, to be pure, to be honest, to refrain from vulgarity, obscenity, or swearing, to honour his parents—in short, to obey all of God's commandments—and God will supply the power to make that decision possible.

God always backs the dedicated will. Witness the children of Israel at the Red Sea, Elijah on Mount Carmel, Joseph in Potiphar's house, and the three Hebrew worthies on the plains of Dura. No sooner did they act obediently than God acted savingly. When God's people, individually or collectively, take the field of action obediently, they can count on the supporting battalions of heaven to take the field with them.

Do we want victory over sin? That victory is possible only through a grant of power from God. The power is the Holy Spirit, which God gives to them that obey Him. It is the measure and degree in which we align our wills with God's will that determines whether we shall experience victory or defeat. Total obedience means total power, and total power means total victory.

No matter how deep-seated the sin habit may be, God will give us strength to overcome and will supply every deficiency of character when we resolutely set about to do His will. Here are two marvellous promises that bear this out.

The first one is from Paul's writings: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities." (Romans 8:26.) This assures us that no spiritual infirmity is beyond the power of God. He not only forgives sin but makes provision to conquer sin.

The second one is from the writings of God's servant. She says: "He who walks in the way of God's commandments is walking in company with Christ, and in His love the heart is at rest."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 331. Think of it! When we walk obediently,

we walk in company with Christ. This means that He is with us in every trial and perplexity of life and that we are not alone when the storms of life assail. This walk begun on earth is continued in heaven at the second coming of our Lord.

The greatest obstacle to the finishing of God's work in our own lives and in the whole world is the refusal of the human mind to submit wholly to God's revealed will. Our own experience and that of the church is sluggish because when God's commands run contrary to human nature, the commands are either slighted or forgotten. How else can we account for our lack of individual and collective power.

Do we really want victorious power? Then let us first acquaint ourselves fully with God's will. Let us know what God would have us do in regard to the ordinances of the Lord's house, the financial support of God's work, the education of our children, the matter of personal health and hygiene, the principles of Christian modesty and adornment, Christian recreation, the Christian home, proper Sabbath observance, et cetera.

On these and other equally important matters we need to be crystal clear as to what God requires. We should know this for ourselves. We can know by diligently reading the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

With knowledge comes the moral responsibility of obedience. God is not interested in irresponsible promises and wishful thoughts. It is far too easy for many of us to substitute words for resolute decisions.

Nor does the Lord regard our acquaintance with the truth and with those who obey it as a substitute for obedience. It is a wonderful thing to have loyal Seventh-day Adventist parents and to have had the privilege of attending our denominational schools; but this apart from personal obedience will not save us.

Christ accepts, saves, and keeps us on one condition. We read: "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother". (Matthew 12:50), and "not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). If these texts mean anything, they mean that Christ recognizes no ties but those of unreserved surrender and obedience.

As we read these and similar messages no doubt we agree to their truthfulness. But this is not sufficient. Our admission of truth,

our appreciation of its clarity and logic, our desire to be with those who believe and obey it, is not what Christ wants. He wants us!

Always His first and last demand is for our complete obedience to His will. Having accepted Him as our Saviour from sin, let us now by our obedience acknowledge Him as Lord of our life.

His Week of Prayer

By H. E. Rieseberg, Acting Principal- Manager

The week beginning February 15 was a Week of wonderful spiritual revival at Nigerian Training College and Adventist High School. Pastor Konrad Mueller, our new Bible Teacher and church pastor developed a very fine series of talks around the story of the Prodigal Son. The entire staff co-operated with prayers and counselling of students. As the week progressed it was evident that God was leading us in a very special way. On Thursday night a public call for consecration was made and the response was really thrilling. On Friday morning some forms were passed out on which each student and teacher could put his response in writing. The results were indeed gratifying. Over 30 indicated a desire to be baptized in addition to over 130 who indicated a desire to join a special Sabbath-afternoon Bible Class in which Adventist doctrines would be studied. Over 30 students also indicated a desire to enter the ministry while 57 said they would like to be colporteur-evangelists. Eighty-seven Adventist students expressed a desire to study soul-winning methods and six non-Adventist teachers indicated an interest in a weekly Bible fellowship Class.

In addition to this fine report we are preparing over twenty people for baptism this month. These are all people who had been studying in the baptismal classes at the School last year.

During our Week of Prayer we were blessed with a wonderful miracle of healing in answer to prayer. The little baby belonging to Mr. and Mrs. G. G. George, one of our new teachers was taken to the hospital the previous week. On Sunday night we learned that there was no hope for the child's recovery. Today, with gratitude to the Great Physician, we report the child alive and well. This wonderful experience added to the blessing wrought during a very inspirational devotional week.

Achievement of A Middle School

By J. K. Boateng, Headteacher

Among the Middle Schools under the management of the Ghana Seventh-day Adventist Mission is the five year old Ntonso-Ashanti Seventh-day Adventist Middle Mixed, founded in 1953, under the pioneer headmastership of Mr. William B. Ackah. The premises of the school has been made more beautiful by the planting of shade trees, decorative plants and flowers, and is the outcome of the work of the pioneer teacher and his successors.

Early July of 1956, Messrs. P. H. Aboasu and J. K. Boateng, the writer and headmaster of the school, were transferred to Ntonso to fill the vacant places created by the sudden leaving of the headmaster and one teacher.

Having studied existing conditions of the school's dire need for modern teaching aids, there was an ample opportunity to get them; for a majority of the pupils were skilful in 'Nnwomu'—cloth designing craft, a paying enterprise in the town. Consequently, we started the Nnwomu, but not without opposition from some of the townsmen who later exhibited an interest, when money, secured from the project, was expended in procuring needed supplies for the school for the amount of £58 10. 0.

In church activities too, the Missionary Volunteer, Sabbath School and Thirteenth Sabbath programmes: these students usually express profound appreciation to their Heavenly Father for His daily blessings. In the two successive Harvest Festivals of 1956 and 1957, the children responded heartily so that the sums of eleven guineas and seventeen guineas were raised respectively.



A teacher and some Form 4 pupils in front of the Ntonso Middle School.

We were very glad for the scholastic achievement, due to the united efforts of pupils and teachers, and feel that the Lord rewarded our efforts and prayers.

A Modern Paul

By A. S. Sesay, Sierra Leone

During the early days of our Mission at Makali, when Pastor S. C. Nicol was working there, one man, Pa Alpha was brought into the Advent truth. For some time this man and his family were attending our meetings.

One day however, he had a small misunderstanding with one worker, who succeeded Pastor Nicol. From that time, this man and his family left the church.

As Paul of old, this man started to persecute the Church. He did all his best to spoil the work of God here. He went from one big man to another, persecuting the Church. He also went around to the various villages on the same mission. As a result of his work, the Chief and some of the big men started to dislike our work here. On account of this, there arose small troubles between the Paramount Chief at Makali and the Mission workers. The result was, that both the Church and the school were closed for some years. Pa Alpha who had been converted into the Muslim faith, still continued with the persecution of the believers.

While he was working hard to spoil the Mission work, his elder son Mr. I. B. Gbla, now a teacher at the S.D.A. Mission School at Mayeppoh, was praying to God without ceasing, so that he may turn his father's heart back to his old religion. Early one Friday morning in the early fifties, the son called his parents and asked them to please return to their old faith. He quoted Acts 4:12, and spoke nicely to them about the love of our Master, but they could not see with him. After some time, he came again to them and quoted the same scripture to them, and reasoned with them. They listened patiently while he was talking, but there were no response. When the son's talk was finished, he bowed his head praying, when he looked up into heaven tears ran down his cheeks. Upon this manifestation of their son's love for them, they could not resist any more. From then on, this man had fully dedicated both himself and his family unto the Lord.

Praise unto the Lord, that the wife and

elder son of this man have become full baptized members of our Church. The father is in the baptismal class. During the evening meetings he is taking active part testifying of God's love. The interesting thing about this man is, that he compares his life to that of Paul. How he like Paul once persecuted the Church, but now is testifying about Christ and Him crucified.

Let us pray that God will completely take the heart of this man, so he can be baptized and strengthen the Church.

Ghana President's Notes

A refresher course for our Evangelists is taking place at Bekwai during the school holiday. Pastor L. Nielsen, our Bible teacher is taking a keen interest in the strengthening of our Evangelistic forces.

Number of our Pastors have been conducting revival meetings and Training Light Bearers courses.

M.V. Week in our schools. Much preparation was made by our M.V. Secretary, and where our Headteachers co-operated much good was done. In fact who can measure the good in the lives of our youth.

The "Share Your Faith" had some interesting experiences.

The President together with the Book and Bible House Manager visited the South-east section of Ghana. Land has been secured at Aflao for a school. The building is to be erected by the local people.

News Notes

✕ During the past weeks, several overseas families have left the field for their homelands, and some of them will attend the General Conference Session.

✕ Pastor and Mrs. C. D. Henri and three children left Lagos in March for their furlough after having spent most of their tour in evangelistic work in Lagos. Pastor Henri is the Union Evangelist.

✕ Pastor and Mrs. G. M. Ellstrom and two children have left for their furlough. Pastor Ellstrom is the president for the West Nigerian Mission.

✕ Pastor and Mrs. R. W. Coon of the Voice of Prophecy passed through Accra recently on their way home for furlough. They will have an extended leave during which time Pastor Coon plans to take advanced study.

✕ Pastor and Mrs. H. J. Welch left Accra April 21, for their furlough. They will also attend the General Conference.

✕ Dr. and Mrs. P.A. Lowe left Accra on May 5 for London. They will spend their leave in their homeland. Dr. Lowe is one of the doctors in our Kwahu Hospital in Ghana. Mrs. Lowe, before her marriage last July, was one of the nursing sisters in the same hospital.

✕ Pastor J. M. A. Adeoye of the West Nigerian Mission left Lagos May 6 for London, on his way to attend the General Conference Session. Later he plans to spend some months attending the Seminary in Washington D.C.

✕ Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gutekunst announce the arrival of little Sylvianne Joy in Biemme, Switzerland on March 21. Brother Gutekunst is the president of the Ivory Coast Mission.

✕ Pastor and Mrs. Keslake and Phyllis left in the middle of May for furlough in the homeland.

Violet Welke

We were made sad at the news of the death of Violet Welke, our late church school teacher here at Ile Ibe. She passed away at a hospital in Canada 30th of March, 1958.

She had been at this hospital only one year when she had a severe stroke in October, 1955.

Her work here was a great inspiration to all of us because of her deep christian experience and unending vision and talents used in selfless service. She helped open new Branch Sabbath-Schools which hundreds of children still attend.

Repeated strokes and finally the complication of pneumonia has taken her life.

Death doesn't part us forever and we hope to meet her together with the souls that she has won on that great resurrection morning.

Esther Mae Rose

We were very sorry to hear of the death of the little son of Brother and Sister A. Okoro of East Nigeria. Brother Okoro is a member of the staff of the Nigerian Training College at Ihie.

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