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## Pastor E. E. Cleveland

Fills Centennial Hall

In Monrovia



On the night of March 7 about a thousand of Monrovia's best inhabitants including many persons of prominent position in the government filled the beautiful Centennial Pavilion to hear the Gospel message proclaimed by Pastor E. E. Cleveland. Probably no where else could an Adventist

minister have so wonderful a privilege as in Monrovia. Through the personal help of President, William V. S. Tubman, Pastor Cleveland and the brethren in Liberia have obtained the use of this beautiful modern hall. It is fully equipped with about 1,000 seats, a piano and other needed furniture.

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By HOWARD J. WELCH - President - West African Union

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All of this was placed in the hands of the brethren absolutely free without charge.

From the opening of the Evangelistic meetings on the night of February 21, the Lord has greatly blessed the Evangelistic company. Due to the fact that the Centennial Pavilion was not available for two weeks it was necessary to start the meetings in the grounds of the Sports Commission. This was under the open sky and rain was feared, but although rain fell on other nights and at other hours not once in the two weeks did the rain disturb the meetings or affect the attendance. Every night large crowds were present and showed genuine interest.

The company for this effort is made up of Pastor E. E. Cleveland, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference; Pastor C. D. Henri, Ministerial Association Secretary of the West African Union; Pastor L. E. Daniels, President of the Liberian Mission; Pastors Adeogun and Makinde with Brother Adewusi of West Nigeria, Pastor Dogo of the Voice of Prophecy, Ibadan, and a number of the Liberian workers. Pastor Daniels is leading the music and Mrs. Daniels plays the piano. The members of the Monrovia Church have given strong support. Every Sabbath the members of the Evangelistic company and the church members join in fasting and praying for souls in Monrovia. We are sure that God is going to bless their faith and efforts with a large number of converts. The large attendance and interest give cause for real encouragement.

On April 12 Pastor Cleveland will start an evangelistic effort in the Baden Powell Hall in the city of Accra. The hall has already been rented and the seating is being arranged. Pastors Cleveland and Henri will be joined there by workers from Ghana, East and North Nigeria and the Ivory Coast. Regular classes are held every day for the workers in such subjects as Evangelistic Methods, Ministerial Ethics and Bible Doctrines. The services of Pastor Cleveland are greatly appreciated by the West African Union Mission.

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## Let Your Light Shine

By PASTOR C. B. MENSAH,  
*President, Ghana Mission*

In our recent Ghana District Leaders' meeting, ample time was taken to explain in details the resolution on Letting the Light Shine, as adopted by the Constituency. All the Leaders were encouraged to start the programme with full force in their churches.

As I go round meeting the church leaders in their districts for special meetings, I again have emphasized the importance of the resolution and they were instructed as how to make their charts to include every willing member in the programme and also try to make the unwilling ones to be willing.

In one of the Districts the District Leader embarked on an extensive tour of his dis-

trict and in every church the members have signed the pledge.

The Education and Missionary Volunteer Secretaries are working hand-in-hand, visiting our schools in the M.V. Week of Prayer encouraging the Youth to faithful living and active service in soul winning for the Master. Our Publishing Department Secretary has given it a front page in his monthly Newsletter to the Colporteurs, calling all his bookmen to "Let Their Light Shine in Fifty-nine." With all our forces being mobilised we hope to make a real success with the help of the Lord in greater soul winning this year.



# CUT A LITTLE TALK A LITTLE...

By J. A. BOATENG,  
*Sabbath School Secretary,*  
Ghana

Elder E. B. Hare from the General Conference Sabbath School Department made the above statement while engaged in the Sabbath School workshop. Those of you who had the opportunity of participating in the Sabbath School Rally Day at Bekwai and Accra, will long remember this indefatigable worker for God.

Soon after the West African Constituency Meeting in Nigeria, the Union Sabbath School Secretary, F. C. Barfoot, arranged to hold a rally. It was a joy for I knew the abundant blessing those participants would gain from the talks and demonstrations of Pastor Hare and Pastor M. E. Lind, from the Division.

It was a busy rally day indeed. For whilst Pastor Hare was at Bekwai Pastor Lind was actively engaged in conducting evening meetings with the members at Ntonso and Kumasi. Inspiring talks and demonstrations reached the students from Pastor Hare. Some yelled: "What a man!" "He is a magician!" And yes, a spiritual magician indeed!

But a full time programme was run at Accra at the week-end. Everyone was alert on Sunday during which time the gateway of the eyes, nose, mouth, ears and hands sprang into joy for work. To see Elder Hare in his Sabbath School demonstrations were simply captivating.

Some of the interesting things we learnt from folded papers were: rainbow, Jacob's ladder, Crown, Christ the pilot, tree of life, little box of obedience etc. Indelible impressions were made as we were taught to sing two songs to march with "rainbow" and "crown."

"Who made the beautiful rainbow?"

I know, I know;

God made the beautiful rainbow—

That's why I love Him so."

"I will wear a crown in my Father's house,  
In my Father's house, in my Father's house;  
I will wear a crown in my Father's house  
There is joy, joy, joy!"

I really doubt whether there has ever been a Sabbath School Rally in which so much was done and learnt as this. A new day has dawned for our Sabbath School work in Ghana. Let us never forget that "the influence growing out of Sabbath School work should improve and enlarge the Church. . . There is a most precious missionary field in the Sabbath School and if there are now omens of good, they are only indications and beginning of what may be done."—*Counsel on Sabbath School Work*, page 9.

## A Man!

God, make me a man!

Give me strength to stand for the right  
When other folks have left the fight.  
Give me the courage of the man  
Who knows that if he will, he can.  
Teach me to see in every face  
The good, the kind and not the base  
Make me sincere in word and deed.  
Blot out from me all shame and greed.  
Help me to guard my troubled soul  
By constant, active self-control.  
Clean up my thoughts, my speech, my play,  
And keep me brave from day to day.

Oh, make of me a man!

—Author unknown





*I hurried along*

UNTIL . . .

By WARREN WITTENBERG

"Say, Brother Baldwin," the conference M.V. Secretary asked, "what is the best route to take to Willoughby?"

Very patiently Brother Baldwin, who had shared the hospitality of his home for the night, gave detailed instructions. Thanking him, the minister stepped into his car and was about to leave when his host reached in through the open window and in a fatherly way, said, "Elder, permit me to give you just a little advice."

Respectfully, and prompted somewhat by curiosity, the minister responded, "Go right ahead, Brother Baldwin," and with a chuckle in his voice continued, "maybe I need it, who knows."

With a twinkle in his eye the older man said, "It's like this, Elder. About thirty-four miles from here you will come to the town of Chagrin Falls. Just the other side of Chagrin Falls there is long winding hill. As you go up that hill you will see a number of signs saying 'Do Not Pass' or 'No Passing Zone.' Take my advice and obey those signs. Believe me, it's important. I learned the hard way."

As the minister noted the sheepish grin on the face of the bright-eyed old man, he could not subdue his curiosity. "Just what do you mean?" he asked. "By what 'hard way' did you learn the importance of obeying those road signs?"

"Well, it was like this," Brother Baldwin began. "A short time ago I was driving up that long hill just beyond Chagrin Falls. I saw those signs that said, 'No Passing Zone' and 'Do Not Pass.' In front of me was a big truck and trailer heavily loaded with steel. It kept going slower and slower as the driver kept shifting into lower gears. I had to stop often because even in my lowest gear I could hardly go slow enough

"Finally the truck driver opened his door and stepped out on his running board. Then, holding onto his steering wheel with his right hand, he very energetically waved with his left hand for me to come on and pass him. I thought of the 'No Passing Zone' signs. Nevertheless, I could see that the way was clear ahead. I reasoned that truck drivers usually know their business and it surely would be safe to follow his advice. After all, he was a nice, honest-looking fellow and no doubt had been over the road scores of times.

"So, Elder, I pulled out and went around him. Three of the many cars behind me followed and went around too. It was with a feeling of accomplishment, relief, and real satisfaction that I hurried along the rest of the way up the winding hill until—well, until I reached the top. For at the top of the hill," and here Brother Baldwin stopped a moment and looked the minister straight in the eye,



"at the top of the hill a State patrolman waved me and the three cars following me down to a stop.

"We parked on the shoulder of the highway while the officer gave us a severe talking to about obeying or disobeying 'No Passing Zone' signs. He concluded by presenting each of us with a ticket that eventually cost each of us twenty dollars. Believe me." Brother Baldwin emphasized again, "obey those 'No Passing Zone' signs. I not only got into difficulty myself but I influenced three other drivers to get into trouble, too, by my mistake."

This conference M.V. Secretary has never forgotten that advice and that story. And how appropriate is similar counsel when given to youth climbing the winding trail of life today. How important that young people obey God's signs guarding their health, their social behaviour, their thinking, their speaking, and their character. So many even well-meaning individuals are ready to wave us on to disobedience. The way to wrong often looks clear and harmless to our feeble human eyesight.



*The advancement of righteousness has always been the work of an enlightened minority. — Ruth Smeltzer.*



For a time our disobedience may seem to provide carefree, clear travelling ahead. But, young people, "be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23). Disobedience to God's signs and warnings along life's pathway can lead eventually only to sorrow and heavy fines.

"O that young men might appreciate the high destiny to which they are called! . . . Begin your work with high and holy purpose, and be determined that through the power of the grace of God, you will not diverge from the path of rectitude. If you begin to go in a wrong direction, every step will be fraught with peril and disaster. . . . You need your intellect strengthened, your moral energies quickened, by divine power."—*Messages to Young People*, page 22.

"The youth, if right, could sway a mighty influence. Preachers or laymen advanced in years, cannot have one-half the influence upon the young that the youth, devoted to God, can have upon their associates."—*Ibid.*, page 204.

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# The Progress

of God's Work

in Lagos District

By J. E. ADEWOYE

*District Leader*

Three successful Evangelistic Efforts have been conducted in the Lagos District. The first one started in July 1958 at Mushin. Twelve meetings were held and all were very well attended. We had problems in getting a meeting place and electric lights, but through the Lord's help, we were able to solve the problems.

Brethren E.A. Akintunde and J.A. Adeniji as well as many of our members helped us faithfully throughout the effort. When the meetings were over we had fourteen interested people with whom we had our studies. During the house-to-house visitation, two families of backsliders were reclaimed to the church and are now members of the Sabbath School.

The effort brought a blessing to all of us and increased our Sabbath School membership at Mushin. Today we have 21 Sabbath Keepers at this place. One of them was baptized last November.

## *Ikeja*

When we finished all our preparations for the Ikeja meetings, and were about to start the service I had an accident on my way to Ibadan to give the report of our work to the President. Although Satan tried his very best to hinder the work in this way, he failed for God overruled and the effort began. While I was in the Hospital, Mr. Akintunde headed the team and the members gave them one hundred per cent support. They conducted six meetings before I was discharged. When I came back many people were in attendance. We continued preaching for fourteen meetings. At the last service Pastor Hughes from Ibadan showed us some moving pictures. We have eleven new believers most of whom are attending Sabbath School regularly.

## *Lagos Island*

The Island of Lagos was the third place where we conducted an Evangelistic Effort.



After we had finished the arrangement, our first meeting started at the Campos Square. After many people had attended the first three meetings, the Electricity Corporation of Nigeria came to disconnect the electric light we were using, but we were able to enter into another agreement so our meetings continued.

Pastor Adeoye, the Field Evangelist, gave three sermons during this effort and near the close of the meeting, Pastor C. D. Henri, our Union Evangelist came over from Ghana and we were happy to have him deliver the last three sermons.

As the result of the effort, we have sixteen new believers with whom we are now studying. Many of them complained of Sabbath difficulties, but some of them had gone to their employers for the Sabbath Off.

Glory be to God because the number of our members had been increased in all the churches in Lagos District. Many backsliders have taken their stand for Jesus and they are now attending our services regularly. They are also remembering their financial obligation to God. I must express our appreciation to our members for the help they rendered during the Evangelistic Campaigns. Many of them even took part in the house-to-house visitation.

Twelve members were baptized in Lagos on the 22nd of November and many are now in the Baptismal Class getting ready for Baptism during 1959. Pray for our success as we are labouring for Christ day by day to bring the gospel to all parts of the Lagos District before the Second Coming of our Lord.

DUBA YANA ZUWA

## Camp Meeting

in North Nigeria

By HOWARD J. WELCH, *President, West African Union*

*Duba Yana Zuwa.* These were the strange words on a banner in front of the large booth on the grounds of the Mission at Jengre in North Nigeria. These words in the Hausa language mean 'Behold He Cometh.' The camp meeting in which this motto expressed the key thought was probably the first of its kind ever to be held in the North Nigerian Mission. A count of people present on Sabbath and Sunday indicated that approximately 800 people were in attendance.

The pavilion or booth was formed by laying grass as is used in roofing thatch on a frame work of poles. Boards placed across bricks and cement blocks formed the seats. Light lines had been strung from the Mission and Hospital light system, and so at night every thing was bright.

The President of the field Brother B. A. Roberts and the African workers had done an excellent job in planning the meetings. In spite of a shortage of water every one seemed happy and the Spirit of the Lord came near in the meetings. Some of the people who attended came from as far away as Kaduna and Kano. Some of the local

chiefs attended the meetings and gave very earnest attention to the messages. At the last meeting on Sunday night a number of people indicated their desire to join a baptismal class.

Speakers for the occasion included Brother J. Fridley and the writer from the West African Union, Dr. D. I. Peterson and G. W. Turnbull of the Jengre Hospital, and of course a number of the North Nigerian pastors with their President, Brother Roberts. On the last night of the meeting the workers who had attended the meetings in Ihie, Nigeria, demonstrated what they had learned in the Sabbath School Convention by waving rainbow flags and singing in English, 'God made the beautiful rainbow.' The applause from the audience was enthusiastic.

Following the camp meeting, the field committee of the Mission met to lay plans for the coming year. The reports of the past year were very encouraging. North Nigeria led in the West African Union in percentage increase in baptisms and in increase in In-gathering funds raised.



## NEWS NOTES

✱ Miss Betty Jenkinson left Lagos on March 10 for furlough in the United Kingdom. Miss Jenkinson is a nursing sister from the Ile-Ife Hospital in West Nigeria.

✱ Mr. and Mrs. J. Rigby and daughters Lynette and Sandra left Takoradi on April 8 for England for furlough. Brother Rigby is the secretary-treasurer for the Ghana Mission.

✱ Pastor and Mrs. D. H. Hughes and children David and Angela will be leaving for furlough to the United States the middle of May. Brother Hughes is director and principal of the West African Union Voice of Prophecy, and Sister Hughes works in the secretarial department.

✱ Miss Claudienne Gordon is spending her local leave in Accra where she is pianist for the Cleveland Evangelistic Effort. Miss Gordon is a nursing sister from the Ile-Ife Hospital.

## Cleveland's

### EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN IN ACCRA

By C. D. HENRI

On Sunday evening, April 12, at 7.30 p.m., 1,200 people crowded into Accra's most beautiful and modern auditorium, the Baden Powell Centenary Memorial Hall for the opening of the Cleveland evangelistic campaign.

The platform was beautifully and tastefully decorated in modern style and colour. A beautiful drawing of the compassionate face of Christ hanging from the ceiling was the attractive centre piece. Seated behind the ministers' chairs there was a mixed choir of eight voices, tastefully robed in blue and white, and behind the choir the two instruments, an organ and piano. Ceiling high and facing the congregation on a back ground of mahogany coloured ply wood was the motto of the campaign in large white letters, 18" high, "YOUR BIBLE SPEAKS!"

As the subjects were presented, on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, under the powerful soul moving power of the Spirit and the gifted eloquence of Pastor E. E. Cleveland, hearts were mightily stirred and the attendance continued to grow, until there was standing room only.

At this writing, ten nights of wonderful meetings have passed. The attendance still amazes us, what the results will be, we cannot tell, but our faith envisions scores added to the remnant church. We solicit your prayers that there shall be a mighty harvest.

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*which is*

### The Word of God

*Eph. 6:17*

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# TIME

Time is money. It is very precious in the life of mankind. It must not be wasted on trivial matters. Must be well guarded and it must be used in proper and beneficial way. Think of your time and be punctual in everything you do, for punctuality is the soul of business.

*God is particular of His Time*

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law." Galatians 4:4.

"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Time to be born, and time to die.

Time to plant and a time to pluck.

Time to kill and time to heal.

Time to break down and time to build up.

Time to weep and time to laugh.

Time to mourn and a time to dance.

Time to cast stones away and a time to gather stones together.

Time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.

Time to get and a time to lose.

Time to keep and a time to cast away.

Time to rend and a time to sew.

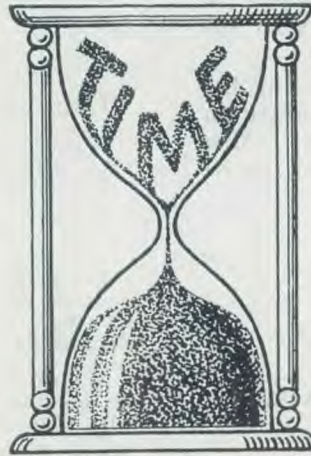
Time to keep silence and a time to speak.

Time to love and a time to hate.

Time of war and a time of peace."

—Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Opportunity offers itself once and for all, as some one said, "Time and tide wait for no man." We have no time to lose. Practise economy in the use of your time.



**Time Is  
Running Out**

"Are you awake to these solemn realities? Do you realize the grand work of preparation that is going on in heaven and on earth? Let all who have received the light who have had the opportunity of reading and hearing the prophecy, take heed to those things that are written therein; "For the TIME is at hand." 6T page 404.

The little time we have must be engaged in the work of preaching the truth, if we will wisely employ our time. Golden moments are thrown

away in unimportant conversation, in indolence, and in doing those things which are of little consequence.

A time will come that we shall be forbidden to preach the gospel and so let us stand on our feet and use this little time that we have in preaching the gospel.

Dear reader, would you be mindful of your time as you read this article? Are you going to resolve and use your time correctly? If you have it in view then I humbly beseech you to pray daily and ask the Lord to help you to use your time correctly in His service.

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