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Our Real Goal

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The goal set before John the Baptist was "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." To an even greater degree that is also the goal of the Church of God today. This is the goal of all goals.

John was to prepare a people for the first advent of Christ. The church today is to get people ready for His second coming. John's work was confined to the restricted area of Palestine and its environs. Our work extends to the remotest regions of earth, and includes men and women of every tribe and nation.

Our chief goal is not to have great institutions and fine churches. True, these are necessary and should be representative of the great message that we bear, but these things are all temporary. They are a means to an end. And at last they will all perish.

We cannot take our institutions, churches, or other possessions with us to heaven. We can only take people. The new earth will be populated with people whom other people have brought with them. It is people that God wants.

Jesus came into the world to seek and to save people. He left the ivory places for that purpose alone. He erected no great monuments upon earth. In fact His only monument was a rugged cross planted on Golgotha's hill. He sought no fame or position, and accumulated no riches. But He drew men to

Him, and prepared them for heaven.

In certain countries today our institutions in which we have delighted and have taken justifiable pride have been rudely taken from us, and are now in the hands of those who have no interest in God. Some of these may become a total loss to us, since we may never get control of them again.

But one thing is certain. Truth planted in the hearts of men and women cannot be uprooted. Once an individual accepts Christ and the gospel and remains loyal, he becomes impregnable to the efforts of the enemy. As long as he maintains his confidence and trust in God, his title to immortality and a home in heaven cannot be taken from him.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or

famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8 : 25-30.

"People" prepared for the coming of the Lord will therefore constitute our only harvest in the last day. Jesus will send forth His angels to the four corners of the earth to gather together His elect. Everything else will perish. Only those people who are prepared for immortality, will escape the besom of destruction. "The wicked shall be cast into hell, and all the nations that forget God," but His people shall be saved.

To "make ready a people" should therefore become a burning, all-consuming ambition and goal of each follower of Christ. It should be your goal and mine, and now!

If we fail to prepare at least one soul to meet Jesus, we shall have NOTHING to take with us. Empty-handed, we will stand before the Lord. Our lives will have been spent in vain.

At the last General Conference session a goal was set to double our church membership within the next few years, perhaps by the next session. Some stood aghast and felt that this was rank



Northern European Division Headquarters.

presumption. But in actual fact it is so easy to accomplish. If every church member would help in reaching the goal, it could be realized in a much shorter time.

To double our membership within a period of four years would mean that each church member would need to get just one person into the church. To do anything less means to do nothing. We cannot bring less than one if we are to accomplish anything.

One in four years! Who will say he cannot find just one and bring him in? God promises the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us. His Spirit also will prepare hearts to receive His message so that the seed we sow will fall into fertile soil. The latter rain in its fulness will come to the church just as soon as we all take this soul-winning goal seriously, and undertake our task in His name.

What will the situation be with us when Jesus comes? Shall we stand before Him with at least one trophy of our service, or shall we be empty handed and ashamed.

One soul in four years! Won't you go out and find that one now and bring him in? All the resources of heaven are available to help you. Angels will go with you. The Holy Spirit will guide you and God will work with you.

Do it now. Tomorrow may be too late.

Gold Coast M.V.'s Move Forward

By J. C. Vetter

August 8-14, 1951 saw the first boys camp in the Gold Coast. There were 40 boys from most of the districts that gathered at Agona, Ashanti, for the camp. It took some of the boys two days to reach the camp, however, all arrived safely and all returned safely to their homes. Some came from Techiman in the northwest of Ashanti; some from Kwame Danso in the north. One boy found his way from Kikam in the southwest part of the Gold Coast, where the Advent Message first came

to the Gold Coast, and of course many came from nearer places.

The usual camp plan was followed. Two ladies did the cooking for the boys.

Several crafts were taught. Among the favourite crafts were crepe flower making and book binding. M. V. classes were also taught. Some of the boys had been preparing for investiture before, so we were able to invest 26 as Friends, Companions and Comrades.

Each evening a large camp fire was built and one or more sticks of bamboo were put in the middle to punctuate the story of the evening by its one or more explosions.

One of the big features was the

Greetings

By Dr. L. M. Hamilton

It is a pleasure to write these first words of greeting as I arrive in your midst to work with you as you plan for further progress and study the problems of Christian education in this great field. It is encouraging to know how much has been achieved up to the present. Yours has been a splendid record of unselfish service on the part of both teachers and leaders, and I am glad to be associated with you in the task that still lies ahead.

The Master Teacher calls upon us to continually advance, and upon the foundations already laid we must provide the necessary educational facilities to train workers in every line of endeavour that will advance the cause of God in West Africa and hasten the day when Jesus will return and gather His faithful children. Above all, our schools should serve as one of the most important evangelizing agencies in our midst, not only in the training of evangelists but in the conversion and retention of our own young people.

To this end I pledge my own untiring efforts and prayers as we work together to make Christian education an effective force in this vast and fruitful field.

Sunday hike of about five miles. New plants and other features of nature were studied and a new appreciation of the creative power of God was the aim of the hike.

Pastor P. H. Stearman delivered the Sabbath message and made a call of consecration and reconsecration in which every boy in camp participated. Our hearts rejoiced that the boys were choosing the path of righteousness.

On the last morning everything was set in order before leaving and pictures were taken just before we left camp. It seems to the writer that the camp was a success, since the boys did not desire to go. However, the counsellors said they were ready to go home.

Why I Became a Colporteur Evangelist

BY A. N. Daitey

I feel it an immense pleasure to express my views of entering this noble work of colporteur evangelism. Being a member of the great Advent Movement, I realized the need of speedily carrying the third angel's message to the people of this sin-sick world of ours, and especially to my own people here in the Gold Coast.

After considering the canvassing work and having it explained to me in its right light, I saw that it would be the right channel through which I could bring many lost souls to the Saviour. The Lord is richly blessing my labour. I enjoy my work.

Dear believers, the fields are really ripe for the harvest. It is the augmenting of this colporteur work which will provide an opportunity to let many in this generation know more of the love of God, His plan of redemption, and the imminent coming of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Let everyone who is hearing the silent call of the Holy Spirit put on the whole gospel armour of God and carry the message to every nook and corner and thus hasten the day for the completion of our eternal salvation.

Our Relation to Political Organisations

By R. O. Wosu

Editor's Note.—This timely article is presented at this time, for the careful consideration of every worker in our field.

During a series of meetings of workers in the North Nigerian Mission, held December ending 1950, the superintendent Dr. J. A. Hyde asked me to speak on the above subject. As we all felt that it is a timely message for all workers in view of the nation-wide politicomania, and political freedom movement that is absorbing the interests of the masses of the people in the whole of West Africa, the superintendent has instructed me to reproduce the same message for the use and guidance of our native workers in other mission fields.

The Message Reproduced

"The powers that be are ordained of God." Rom. 13 : 1-3. "He removeth kings and setteth up kings." Dan. 2 : 21. He ruleth in the kingdoms of men.

Under the Theocratical form of government under which the Israelites were administered until the time of the prophet Samuel, God was the Legislator. But man is a free moral agent and does according to his will for weal or woe. The nations had perverted this God-given freedom and so were differently ruled, and the people of Israel, during the declining years of the prophet, demanded to be ruled like the nations around, and being permitted they copied them to their own hurt.

Now, as in the time of Jesus Christ, and also centuries before then, the nations have departed from that form of righteousness which alone exalts a nation. They do not take God into counsel. They have excluded Him from the sovereignty of the world, and have almost entirely left Him out of their reckoning. And the results have been as we see them—national hatred, war and bloodshed.

This state of affairs from the very nature of things is inevitable and must continue until the setting up of Christ's Kingdom on the earth. Jesus recognised this when He counselled separation between church and state. He says, "Render therefore unto

Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." Matt. 22 : 21.

We must be loyal to all and any powers—foreign or indigenious, that God has permitted or may permit to rule over us, including the self-rule that the subject nations yearn and clamour for. We should pay taxes to the government, we must pray on behalf of rulers and obey them in all things that are not conflicting with the requirements of God. But we are not to take part in politics. We should not even express our views on the matter.

Any worker who takes part in politics or even in conversation reveals his preferences or prejudices, must of necessity favour one party against another, and in that way limit his influence with the people and endanger the cause of the truth he represents.

We are called to preach the message of soul-saving to perishing mankind, irrespective of nationality, colour, creed or education. We should not discuss politics, nor weaken our influence or jeopardise the cause.

God in His Word has told us the part that the governments of this world will play in persecuting the Commandment-keeping people of God and forcing upon them the observance of Sunday, the counterfeit Sabbath, on pain of economic and social boycott, confiscation of properties, prison and finally decree their death. To vote any body into office then is to be a partaker of his sin.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion

hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel. And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God, as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them: and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate," said the Lord, "and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." 2 Cor. 6 : 14, 17.

These questions are rhetorical and are intended to make emphasis. There can be no partnership between believers and unbelievers. We are not to shun the world as we must needs be taken out of it. We are to be good citizens, loyal subjects. We are to be good mixers and yet not get mixed up with the world.

Ministerial Reading Course

By J. O. Gibson

Union Ministerial Secretary

The 1951 Ministerial Reading Course is now available. Some have already received theirs. If you do not now have yours and if it is not on order and you desire a set, you should order them at once. They are a wonderful set of books as you will see from the following list.

Aflame For God

A report of the pre-council of the Ministerial Association at the recent General Conference.

The Ministering of the Spirit

By A. J. Gordon

Evangelism According To Christ

By Gains S. Dobbins

Ellen G. White and Her Critics

By F. D. Nichol, a wonderful book on the defence of Sister White.

Every Member Evangelism

By J. E. Conant

This is an excellent book. It will probably cost only about one-tenth of the regular price. Every evangelist should order one and get a new concept of our Lay Evangelism.

The total set will cost about £7.10.0. plus postage. If you are an ordained minister you will be entitled to your regular discount. Order now and improve yourself for "Greater Evangelism."

Note.—The "New Church Manual" is ready for distribution. All orders for the above books should be placed through your mission.

A Thank You

The Sabbath-School Departments of the Northern European Division and the General Conference were thrilled with the 13th Sabbath material that you sent along to us to pass on to them. They have said that it was most interesting material and they congratulate you. They have asked us to pass this word along to you. We too thank you most sincerely.

Union S. S. Department

Blessings From the Coming Week of Prayer

By A. F. Tarr

One of the inestimable benefits of being a Seventh-day Adventist is the privilege of sharing with many thousands of fellow-believers, the world around in the blessings of an annual week of prayer. It seems so fitting that as we approach the closing days of another year we review with gratitude the many evidences that have been ours of God's guiding, protecting hand. Every day that has come and gone has brought with it fresh demonstrations, in one way or another, of that providential care.

Not only does a review of these blessings awaken gratitude in our hearts, but it also constitutes an assurance that the One who has led us in days gone by will continue to guard and guide us in the days ahead. Each succeeding year seems now to be calling for an increasing measure of trust. The way before us from a human point of view—seems overshadowed with unprecedented uncertainty. But how comforting the reminder that the path we follow is illumined at every turn by light from the very portals of heaven itself. It is a light which, accumulating through the centuries, seems focussed upon the very generation and day to which we have come. Prophets, thousands of years ago, portrayed with unerring accuracy the very things we see transpiring today in the world around us. And with equally startling accuracy there has been graciously vouchsafed to our own church through a later manifestation of the same gift of prophecy, a more detailed and close-up view of those stirring conditions now marking earth's closing days.

All of these benefits seem to crowd in upon our minds during these annual weeks of prayer, and they remind us of what godly, earnest lives we should be living who believe these things, and whose pathway has been so gloriously illumined.

In this respect the week of prayer is a period of stock-taking of our own individual lives as well as of our church. It brings us to our knees in our homes and in our churches, in earnest heart-searching for the reason

for past failure, and for larger power to reach that standard of Christian living that our Lord expects of us before His coming.

We are directed in that heart searching by especially prepared messages from watchmen whom God has appointed to guard the affairs of His people, and to warn of the coming dangers. These messages can only be of help to us as we read them in our homes or attend the meetings where they are read. Or, preferably, would it not be possible for us to do them both? As weak spots are revealed in our lives it is our responsibility during the week of prayer to put them away and to determine by God's grace never to indulge them again. Only by so doing can this coming week of prayer be the blessing to us that God intends it should.

One of these weak spots that we may not have sensed as we should, and which will be emphasized in at least one of the messages this week is the measure of sacrifice we are making to speed on the work of God. The Seventh-day Adventist church has, through the years been noted for its generous giving. That an organization so small and so relatively poor should give so liberally has been a matter of astonishment both to the world and to the membership of other churches. Without doubt this reputation was well deserved in the past. Our members did give out of all proportion, humanly speaking, to their financial ability. But with the passing of the years and the changed economic conditions, the question does now arise whether aside from tithe our gifts have risen proportionately with our earnings. This is a subject that it would be well for us to ponder as we enter another week of prayer. Have we been as liberal with God as He expects us to be in these closing days of His work? Or are the cares and attractions of this world claiming a larger share than once they did? Let us ponder this question very carefully as upon our knees we ask God to guide us into the richer experiences He wants us to enjoy.

On the closing Sabbath, November 24, the great offering of the year is to be taken. This is an offering that, in various parts of our division, has in past years been spread over two different periods; the week of sacrifice which has come about the middle of the year, and the annual offering which has come on the last Sabbath of the week of prayer. It is our earnest hope that the amalgamation of these two offerings will bring no less but rather much more into the mission treasury. We invite every worker and member to enter into a real season of sacrifice, giving no less than a full week's income, and if possible adding to it what was formerly given as an annual offering. We believe that a sacrifice like this will, apart from its blessing to our mission field, cause rejoicing in the courts of heaven and bring a richer, fuller experience into the individual lives of the givers.

May God bless the membership of the Northern European Division during this coming week of prayer, and enable us all to gain new victories in our own personal lives, and to give more generously toward the support of our quickly closing work.

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D. L. Chappell

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Why Do We Eat?

By Mrs. Ethel Welch

For almost 100 years Seventh-day Adventists have believed and taught that healthful living is of great importance in promoting a good Christian experience; and the choosing of *proper food* is the most important part of healthful living.

In order to be able to choose proper foods, there are certain questions which we must be able to answer. The first question is, "why do we eat?" It is true that we must satisfy our hunger, but we must know why the body needs food so that we can choose food that will best satisfy the needs of the body.

It may be helpful to think of our body as a lorry. We all know that a lorry will not run unless we put petrol in it. The petrol is a fuel, which when it burns produces heat and energy to make the lorry run. Now we all do a lot of walking, and so do a lot of work. The body, like the lorry, must have fuel to give it energy for work, and also to keep up the body heat. The foods which have power to provide heat and energy we will call fuel foods. Examples of fuel foods are: cassava, rice, yam, etc.

But the body needs something besides heat and energy. The lorry is always wearing out and needing to be repaired. Can you repair it with petrol? No! And what if you want to make a new lorry? Can you make it with petrol? No! The body is also continually wearing out; and needs to be repaired daily. It cannot be repaired with fuel foods. Likewise a child cannot grow on fuel foods. Therefore, we must not try to get along on fuel foods only.

The good Lord has given us a special kind of food which will make a child grow, and which

is also capable of repairing the body from day to day. We will call these foods the building foods. Examples of the building foods are beans, groundnuts, meat, eggs, milk, etc.

Now in the lorry they put some oil to make the engine run smoothly. They add water to protect it from getting too hot. Air is put in tyres to protect it from bumps on the road; likewise there are certain kinds of foods which help to regulate the body processes, and help protect us from diseases and sicknesses. We will call these foods the regulating and protective foods. Examples of these are: green leafy vegetables, whole grain cereals, and fruits.

Water is also necessary to help regulate body processes. The study will continue in the next lesson.

How to Care for Your New Baby

By B. M. Turtill

A new baby is a precious gift of God and therefore has the right of being given very special care and attention. The mother who knows she is going to have a baby should visit her doctor or nurse so as to get help and advice as to the best way of keeping healthy. When she knows her baby is about to be born she should call her nurse or go to the hospital for her delivery.

This is important because special care is necessary at this time for both mother and baby. Cleanliness is a great factor in the maintenance of health, and the least contamination of dirt may result in a serious illness to either mother or baby and sometimes both.

When the mother and baby are left to each other they become acquainted and are soon used to each other.

After a few days the mother is quite used to her new baby and can handle it carefully. Sleep, rest and food are necessary things for a healthy child. A new baby will sleep most of the 24 hours each day.

Feeding is of course an essential thing in it's life and a healthy mother will breast feed her baby every three to four hours during the day.

One night feed may be necessary, but as baby grows used to his new surroundings he will learn the difference between day and night and will, if properly trained soon sleep through the night.

Clean cooled boiled water should be given to baby between feeds, at the age of two weeks orange juice can be added by very small amounts at first, and gradually increased until baby has the juice of an orange each day.

Bathing should be carried out once or twice a day. See that baby's eyes and nose are clean and his body kept free from perspiration. Oil his skin after bathing or use a little powder especially where two skin surfaces meet. Baby will soon become cross and unhappy if he is left dirty and becomes sore as a result. If his mouth gets little white patches on it take him to the doctor or nurse who will advise you how to care for it.

Last but not least watch his stool every day, a new baby will pass between two to three yellow stools a day and this is a good guide as to the child's health. If he does not pass stool well be sure to see the nurse about him, who will if necessary advise you to see your doctor.

Mother is an important person to her baby and she should have plenty of rest, exercise, good food, milk and clean water to ensure a good supply of breast milk for her child.

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Let Us Go to Magburaka

By E. Keskake

Let us go to Magburaka the most rapidly growing city in Sierra Leone. Already it is well on the way to being the largest city in the Northern Province.

The stimulus for all this growth is the new government construction. Administrative buildings, large education projects and the new hospital along with other improvements as new roads, alterations in the rail line and installation of electricity.

Magburaka is to be a great educational centre for the north. Here a large central school, though not fully completed, is already in use. In close proximity construction is moving along on the buildings for a Teacher Training College. Standing on the elevation where this construction is taking place one can look across to the opposite promontory and see the vast area of land that has been cleared lying on either side of the road leading to Mabonto the district headquarters. On the north side of this road the new Girls' Secondary School will be built and close to it the new hospital. Opposite, the south side of the road, is to be the large government reservation and administrative buildings.

One gets an impressive idea of the elaborate plans taking shape by looking at what has been done in the central school. Truly it is a magnificent group of buildings. Buildings that would do justice to any city in Europe or the United States

Beautifully equipped dormitories are located in a large two storey building. Between each two dormitories are the sanitary facilities of the most modern type, porcelain wash basins and bath, flush toilets and showers.

Opposite to the dormitories across a wide lawn are the class rooms. Both buildings are connected by a covered walk.

Central to these two long buildings fronting on the covered walk is the large dining room which is also used as an assembly room for programmes. Behind the dining room and adjacent to it is the culinary department.

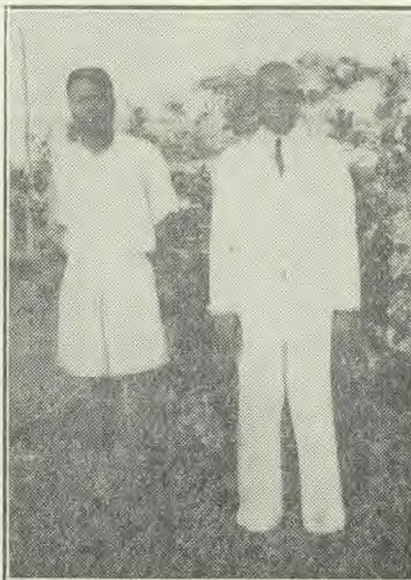
The administration block housing library and offices, extends at right angles to the class room block on the far side of the dormitory unit.

One hundred and eighty boys are already in attendance at this ultra modern school. Fees charged by the government are small. Everything for a whole year is included in the charge of £7. 10s. Fourteen of our own S. D. A. children are attending this school, this year. Unfortunately no provision is made for Sabbath privileges at all. These boys are breaking the Sabbath each week they are here. My heart bleeds as I see them here at the peril of their souls. Certainly their parents are not yet aware of the grave danger in which they have placed themselves and their children. Satan is making a strong bid for our young people in Sierra Leone.

Magburaka is assuming large importance as a centre for Mission work in the north. New sites are being selected by missions for building new centres of administration for their work in the north.

We have never had any work nor worker in Magburaka until this year. The nearest we have come is a mile and a half away where we have a struggling little company at Magbese.

From the earliest days of our



T. K. Kagbo and Pastor Nicol, workers in the Sierra Leone field.

work it has been recognised that Magburaka is a strategic centre. Elder T. M. French, one of the earliest pioneers in the mission made a trip to Magburaka with a view to opening a station there. Later Pastors Lowe and Langford toyed with the idea. Each of the last three superintendents have recognised that immediate efforts must be made to open the work in Magburaka, but circumstances prevented the plan materialising.

Last year definite plans were made for Pastor Nicol and Mr. T. K. Kagbo, who had just completed his training in evangelism at Bekwai, to locate in Magburaka in January of this year.

This they have done. With the meagrest of facilities they are carrying on their work. The night I was there, after dark, Pastor Nicol moved the chairs and some benches out on the space between his house and the road. A table in the front served as a light stand and speaker's desk. People began to gather. When the crowd was large enough for a song service Pastor Nicol led out. He has translated many of our English choruses into the Timne language. How the people did sing!

It was particularly interesting to hear Pastor Nicol lead out in the song which Pastor Gibson and I had taught him just a short time before as we travelled together from Magburaka to Mabonto and back to Matotoka. He had translated the song into the Timne.

"Be careful little hands what you do
For your Father up above
Is looking down in love,
So be careful little hands what you do."

It was a song that had taken well with the Mende tribe when presented at our evangelistic effort in Bo and now the Timne people are quite as enthusiastic about it.

These meetings are bearing fruit. Already there are over fifty enrolled in the Baptismal class and more are being added all the time. We look for a large baptism when these will have completed their studies two years hence.

Prayer

By D. B. Adeshina

1. What is prayer? Act 1:13, 4; 2:1-4; 4:31.

NOTE.—Pray is power received from above. It is the way to communicate with God directly.

2. How often should we pray? Ephesian 6:18, 1 Thess. 5:17.

NOTE.—So, we should be praying always and not be discouraged. Luke 18:1.

3. David's own anxiousness of better determination and others. Psa. 145:2; Psa. 54:17; Dan. 6:11; Psa. 119:164.

4. The importance and benefits of prayer. Psa. 65:2; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 8:32; Matt. 7:11.

NOTE.—Prayer has done many wonderful things upon this earth and is still doing.

5. The blessings rest upon asking in faith with no doubt. Matt. 7:7, 8; Jas. 1:5-8; Matt. 11:24.

NOTE.—"Prayer is not overcoming of God's reluctance; it is the taking hold of God's willingness." Mark 11:24.

NOTE.—Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend.

6. The place of prayer in services held by the church. Mark 18:19; Jas. 5:16; 1 John. 3:32.

7. Reasons of attending prayer meetings and why so many do not attend and how to make them attend. Heb. 10:25; Acts 2:42.

8. Hindrances to prayer are to be removed away. Psa. 66:18; Job 11:14-19; Prov. 15:29; Isaiah 1:12, 16; 59:1, 2.

The Sabbath-School

By T. K. Olufemi

1. Study to show thyself approved unto God. II Timothy 2:15.

The Love Of Our Study

2. As little babe love the milk. I Peter 2:2.

Hour of the Sabbath-School

3. Peter and John went up to-

gether into the temple at the hour of prayer. Acts 3:1.

Attendance of the Sabbath-School

4. Till I come give attendance to reading, to doctrine, etc. I Tim. 4:13; Psalm 122:1.

5. Let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God. Jeremiah 31:6.

Picture Rolls

By J. C. Vetter

In one of the Scheuler study slides there is a picture of a group of Africans sitting on the ground looking at the picture roll before them. It is a picture that never fails to draw laughter from an African audience.

The reason? It is something near to their present situation. They marvel at pictures of themselves on the screen. They like pictures and any kind of picture is appreciated.

Sometimes they wonder how it is possible to obtain "photographs" of heavenly things. Or they may believe our message because they have seen it in the picture. We try to lead their minds from the picture to the true source—the Bible.

From this you can see the simplicity of their faith. It rather reminds us that the Saviour said "Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven." Matt 18:3. Although they are as little children at first they grow at a remarkable pace, and if they are given opportunity will soon leave off the "milk" and want stronger food. But no matter how much they like the stronger food they always like picture rolls.

It has been interesting to see the various places the picture roll ends up. Sometimes a man who believes comes to you and asks you to "dash" him a picture roll. It is not unusual to find one of the pictures in a chief's palace. Sometimes his own pictures are even near his fetish. (What a contrast between Light and darkness) we do not mind, because it represents the spread of light, that is what Dark Africans need, light and more light.

"Delivered From A Snare"

By S. K. Osei

Nyamkeh Siah, a member in the baptismal class, is the younger brother of Pastor Benson. This young man went to the diamond area to seek for diamonds. One day, when he was in the diamond area, he went to the bush to find some palm branches for roofing his house. He went away about two miles from the house and as he walked through he shouted aloud, and a friend who then was cutting palm wine near by heard him and came to his aid. The friend, seeing that he could not help the poor fellow in the trap, told him to wait patiently in the trap, as he ran home to call many people to come and help.

While he was in the snare, alone in the bush, two miles away from home, he sang a song which means I lift up my eyes unto the mountains, from where does my strength come? My strength cometh from the Lord, the Creator of Heaven and Earth. After singing the song he vowed to the Lord that he would give ten shillings and six pence thanks offering unto the Lord. Soon after the friend had gone eight men came from home to rescue him. They cut a big stick so that they pressed the strong bar of the snare to get it loose enough to free his foot, but that method could not help.

While one of them went home again to call many more men, the rest of them decided that if they hesitated the foot in the snare would soon be cut off. One of the men had an idea. He hammered a small peg through a small opening near the foot. The opening became wider and so he put in it a bigger peg. Through this medium the foot was taken out of the snare. He could not walk and so was carried and sent to Tarkwa hospital. He has not yet fully recovered, but by God's help he can walk around. On the 26th May, 1951, he attended church at Kikam, told the story to the Advent believers, and paid his vow. This was what he said in addition:

"I cried unto the Lord in the days of my trouble, and He delivered me out of my distress."

How I Found Christ in Prison

By E. L. Abbew

The request for me to narrate the story, "How I found Christ in the Prison" came to me unprepared.

Being a Sabbath-keeper, I had to work in the prison ration room from morning till evening on Sundays. The only time that was left for me to rest or to read was between the hours of seven and nine p.m. after which all lights were switched off which made it impossible for any one to read or write.

As time and necessity of materials were against me, I was forced inwardly to begin my story with a paragraph which should have been the middle part of my story.

I became a convict prisoner in the year 1948 as a result of the disturbances in the Gold Coast in February, 1948.

Two weeks after the rioting and looting in the Gold Coast, I was arrested and charged with a false charge of house-breaking and stealing. Without the exhibits of my looted articles or breaking implement, I was tried and convicted upon conspired evidence of some witnesses.

In the early part of 1949, a European, by name Mr. W. J. W. Burton, who was then the Superintendent of Prisons at James Fort Prison, Accra, asked one morning, if any of the prisoners wished to take a free Bible Correspondence Course from the Voice of Prophecy. I was one of the many prisoners who expressed their desire to do so. We submitted our names, and in the course of a few weeks, we began to receive our lessons. Having had the Christian spirit already within me, I studied my lessons with a desirous heart. Each time that I received my lesson and studied them, my heart drew nearer to Jesus my Saviour, for in my former church we were not taught such lessons as keeping the Sabbath, which is very important in the ten commandments of God, tithing, the symbols of the Prophecy of Daniel, showing plainly where we stand on God's timetable.

By the time I finished the twentieth lesson and received my certificate, I felt within me that I had found the real way to Christ. Since then, it has been my ruling passion that I should be released from prison to enable me to reveal the truth to my relatives and friends who still bear the mark of the beast on their fore-heads.

Ever since, I have been praying fervently to God day and night, and I have every confidence that the Lord shall release me soon, to send this message to friends outside the prison.

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Our West African delegates to the Paris Youth Congress with Pastor R. D. Vine at Stanborough Park Church, England.