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Training Members for Church Leadership

By C. B. Menser—Kumasi

During His ministry on the earth, Christ chose the twelve to be His co-workers. These He trained in a remarkable way to take the gospel to them that were living in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and other parts of the world. When the disciples were developed they took up the work where the Master left it. The same plan has been followed throughout the Christian dispensation.

Moses was carrying the work of leadership all alone. Jethro his father-in-law, through the inspiration of the Spirit, said, "The thing that thou doest is not good. Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee: thou art not able to perform it thyself alone." Ex. 18:17, 18. After this the work was made easier and complaints subsided because it was shared among others who upheld the hand of Moses in the work of leadership.

Elijah trained Elisha and established the school of prophets before he was translated. Elisha, when the time came for him to die had the work distributed among his "sons of the prophets" who warranted his special attention while he was in health. Thus we see that throughout the ages the work of God had not been done by one man. God desires that each and all take active part in it. Mention could be made of many successful

workers for God who followed this God-ordained plan for the promulgating of His cause.

Whom To Train

The Apostle Paul was one of the greatest examples of leadership. In writing to Titus, one of his trainees, he said, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldst set in other the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I have appointed thee." Titus 1:5. Leadership in the Cretian church was lacking. The church became weak and their love grew cold. Before the church was set in order, Titus, through the instructions of Paul, trained elders and leaders who took over when he was called away.

When men of ability were converted, as in the case of Timothy, Paul and Barnabas sought earnestly to show the necessity of labouring in the vineyard. And when the

Apostles left for another place, the faith of these men did not fail but rather increased."—"Acts of the Apostles," pages 186, 187.

No confidence should be lost in the members. The old as well as the new converts should receive our strictest attention and training. Concentrate not only on one, but rather the entire membership. There are abilities in many of them lying waste which when improved will be a blessing to the work.

In Gospel Workers, page 200, we have this statement, "When Christ ascended, He left the church and all its interests as a sacred trust to His followers. And the work of the church is not to be left to the minister alone, or to a few leading men. Every member should feel that he has entered into a solemn covenant with the Lord to work for the best interests of His cause at all times and under all circumstances. Each should have some part to act, some burden to bear. . . . The solemn burden of responsibility resting upon them would lead them to seek often for strength and grace.

"The real character of the church is measured . . . by the number of her persevering, faithful workers." Look not to the wealth, eloquence and influence of the individual in choosing your leadership. The last two might be some of the factors if coupled with honesty, sincerity and a godly life.

**Don't Forget
Operation
Mille-Won
September 6,
1952**

**Plan now to do your
part on this great
Baptismal Day.**

Amos was among the herdmen of Tekora. Elisha was a farmer. David was a shepherd. Peter, John and James were fisher-men, but these had made record of their leadership. The Lord can use any devoted Christian whose heart stays on Him. Unconsecrated hoary heads have no place in His work. David delivered the Israelites from Goliath when he was yet a boy. Illiterate people could be trained to become able leaders.

Need For Training

The need for training of laymen today is greater than ever. The church needs pious, consecrated, unselfish burden-bearers. The church cannot make a steady progress if this is neglected. The gathering of multitudes into the church as prophesied through the Spirit of Prophecy could not be accomplished through the efforts of the Mission workers alone. In the apostolic days, when all in the church united in the effort, many thousands were added to the church. In these last days God is waiting for the concerted action of the church that He might finish and "cut the work short in righteousness." There are many calls from newly-opened places, but because the older churches are still holding on to the evangelists, the work does not expand and go forward as it should. "The King's business requires haste" and it must not be delayed.

"Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past this has not been done. Plans have not been clearly laid and fully carried out, whereby the talents of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realise how much has been lost because of this."—"Testimonies" Vol. 9, page 116.

"It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of soulsaving depends alone upon the ministry. The humble consecrated believer... is to be given encouragement by the men upon whom the Lord has laid larger responsibilities."—"The Acts of the Apostles," page 110.

"The idea that the minister

must carry the burdens and do all the work, is a great mistake... That the burden may be distributed, an education must be given to the church by those who can teach workers to follow Christ and to work as He worked."—"Testimonies" Vol. 6, p. 435. (You can read also "Gospel Workers," page 196.)

How to Train

Christ trained His disciples by His constant association with them in his ministry. Example is better than precept. The example and character of the worker is of more importance in the training of his members. Leaders in the church should be known as possessing self-sacrificing, strong and devoted characters; those that others could look to and could call them men of God. They are to command respect by their godly lives. Godliness does not depend upon high education, wealth and ability of a person; neither the ability to lead in the work of the Lord depends upon those who have been favoured with fine environment and occupy high places in the world.

Let not the worker lead his people to depend upon him in doing everything. This weakens the entire membership and as soon as the worker is moved to labour in another place his church collapses. The idea that sometimes comes into the minds of the workers that their people are weak and could not do anything and therefore take the whole church work upon themselves is wrong and should be discarded. This deprives the members of their spiritual growth. Nobody ever knew how to do some things until after trying and constant practice.

"The minister should not feel that it is his duty to do all talking and all the labouring and praying; he should educate helpers in every church. Let different ones take turns in leading the meetings, and in giving Bible readings; in so doing they will be calling into use the talents which God has given them, and at the same time be receiving a training as workers."—"Gospel Workers," page 197.

The teaching might be hard and discouraging, but remember the many privileges and time you have
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Second Sabbath Church Offering

By J. O. Gibson

The General Conference are constantly striving in every way possible to promote more generous giving on the part of all our people. From time to time new offerings are instituted, new methods of raising larger regular offerings. All this is for one purpose—to have more money in the treasury so that larger appropriations may be made to the various mission fields, so that new areas of work may be opened up.

There is one offering that I would like to call your attention to in particular. It is known as the Second Sabbath Foreign Missions Offering. Nearly all of our churches in the homelands take an offering in the church service each week as well as the Sabbath school. Many of our larger churches here in West Africa also follow this plan. This money is usually used for church expense, church schools and Sabbath school expense. All of our churches here and in the homelands need these expense offerings. In order to create more funds, however, for mission use throughout the world we are asked to give the proceeds from the Second Sabbath Offering each month for mission purposes. Our mission field benefits greatly from this world-wide plan. "We give a little—we get a lot."

I would like to suggest that if your church is not taking an offering during the church service that you start to do so. All but the Second Sabbath of each month can be for local expense. Keep the Second Sabbath Foreign Missions Offering separate. Mark it Second Sabbath offering as you turn it in to your District Leader or Mission Treasurer. The Treasurer will in turn keep it separate and mark it Second Sabbath Offering on his report which will come to the Union. Let us each one do our best in swelling the mission offering fund. Our own work will profit greatly from this plan.

Evangelism by Every Worker

By Jesse O. Gibson

"Ye shall be witnesses unto Me." (Acts 1:8). These words of Jesus have lost none of their force. Our Saviour calls for faithful witnesses in these days of religious formalism; but how few, even among the professed ambassadors for Christ, are ready to give a faithful, personal testimony for their Master. Many can tell what the great and good men of generations past have done, and dared, and suffered, and enjoyed. They become eloquent in setting forth the power of the gospel, which has enabled others to rejoice in trying conflicts, and to stand firm against fierce temptations. But while so earnest in bringing forward other Christians as witnesses for Jesus, they seem to have no fresh, timely experience of their own to relate.

"Ministers of Christ, what have you to say for yourselves? What soul conflicts have you experienced that have been for your good, for the good of others, and for the glory of God? You who profess to be proclaiming the last solemn message of mercy to the world, what is your experience in the knowledge of the truth, and what has been its effect upon your own hearts? Does your character testify for Christ? Can you speak of the refining, ennobling, sanctifying influence of the truth as it is in Jesus? What have you seen, what have you known, of the power of Christ? This is the kind of witness for which the Lord calls, and for which the churches are suffering.

"Without a living faith in Christ as a personal Saviour, it is impossible to make your faith felt in a skeptical world. If you would draw sinners out of the swift-running current, your own feet must not stand on slippery places."—"Gospel Workers," page 273, 274.

Certainly every worker in cause of God needs the soul-filling experience of constantly engaging in personal evangelism. At our Union Constituency Meeting the first of the year, held in Accra, the following resolution was passed:—

"Whereas the hour is late and we

have much to do in warning the people of West Africa of the return of our Lord, and Whereas every worker in the cause should have the joy of bringing souls to Christ, VOTED That we recommend that plans be laid for every Union and local Mission administrator, every institutional worker, every school teacher, and every evangelist to engage in at least one evangelistic campaign in 1952."

Certainly here in West Africa we have before us a tremendous challenge of carrying the gospel to the millions that sit in darkness. I am sure it is Satan's plan to have us as administrators and workers, spend so much time in administrative work, in settling differences, in order that these things go smoothly, and even in planning for a larger work as long as it robs us of the opportunity to do personal service. I am sure that Satan would be very pleased if he could keep us so busy with even good things that we neglect our own personal relationship with God, and neglect to do soul-saving work ourselves.

Evangelism Needed for our own Spiritual Strength

"Your spiritual strength and blessing will be proportionate to the labour of love and the good work which you perform."—Testimonies, vol. 3, page 26. "Our faith should be prolific in good works for faith without works is dead."—Testimonies, vol. 4, page 145. "Christians should arouse themselves and take up their neglected duties for the salvation of their own souls depends on their own efforts." Review and Herald, August 3, 1881.

"It is a universal principle that whenever one refuses to use his God-given powers, that these powers decay and perish. Truth that is not loved, that is not imparted, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue."—"The Acts of the Apostles," page 206.

"Strength comes by exercise. All who put to use the ability which God has given them, will have increased ability to devote to His service. Those who do nothing in

the cause of God, will fail to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. A man who would lie down and refuse to exercise his limbs, would soon lose all power to use them. Thus the Christian who will not exercise his God-given powers, not only fails to grow up into Christ, but he loses the strength which he already had: he becomes a spiritual paralytic."—"Testimonies," vol 5, page 393.

As workers in the cause of God we need the maximum of spiritual strength. God has entrusted much to us and will require much of us. We are told in the Spirit of Prophecy that we are to teach the church members how to labour. Time and again we are instructed to show them how to do personal service. But, fellow-workers, can we as leaders show them if we ourselves do not constantly engage in evangelistic work? In order that we may know the best methods to use we must have experience. We must know these things first hand. We can only know them by actually engaging in evangelistic work ourselves.

No worker who is being supported by the Mission should feel that he is so busy in any line of work that he cannot take time for evangelism. One who does not take time will run a great risk of eventually growing cold and lack the spiritual power which he so much needs.

God has a Place for us

"Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. No more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."—"Christ's Object Lessons," pages 326, 327.

"Your duty cannot be shifted upon another. No one but yourself can do your work. If you withhold your light, someone must be left in darkness through your neglect."—"Testimonies," vol. 5, page 464.

God's servant here points out very clearly that God has for each of us a special work to do. This of course applies to the members, but how much more so to those who

are paid with tithe and other mission funds?

There is a thrill which comes from personal evangelism which cannot be gained in any other way. We have all watched with keen interest the rapid advance of the work in Inter-America. When visiting this field a few years ago, I could readily see one of the prime causes. The Union President ran an evangelistic effort every year, and insisted that every missionary and every one of his workers do likewise. This same individual is now out in the Southern Asia Division, and already the reports coming through intimate that there is a new day dawning for Southern Asia. Why? Because every worker is having his own soul watered by taking a leading part in actually conducting evangelistic efforts.

I was interested in reports at the Division Council last year. Some of the Union Presidents stated that every one of their local presidents and administrators were evangelists as well. Certainly this is a plan that God would have us follow, and I think we should all pray earnestly that God will help us to put first things first and not to allow our administrative duties to rob us of the privilege which we have of personal service.

Forward In Press Evangelism

by D L Chappell

During the first five months of 1952 we have had fifty-four write-ups appear in the newspapers of West Africa. Together the write-ups total 416 column inches of space. Seven pictures have been published. Two of them were large pictures of the delegates to the First West Africa Constituency Meeting

Name	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
East Nigerian Mission			
Agomo, M. W.	249	£36. 14. 0	£19. 16. 0
Anucha, S. A.	131	9. 10. 0	5. 0
Jiakpo, J. E.	96	21. 6. 0	87. 17. 0
Njiku, C.	448	60. 3. 0	21. 16. 6
Otuokere, E. A.	288	62. 14. 0	19. 6. 6
Osarobey, A. G.	540	108. 15. 6	4. 0
Ogbonna, W.	323	62. 14. 0	0. 16. 6
Owuala, N. E.	212	58. 12. 0	39. 10. 0
Onuoha, I. O.	61	9. 0. 0	9. 5. 0
Ugboaja, J. O.	274	31. 4. 6	52. 5. 6
Ubani, A. A.	142	35. 0. 0	15. 5. 0
Dogo, A. T.	136	40. 14. 0	29. 18. 3
Achor, M. N.	427	140. 11. 0	19. 15. 0
Njoku, S. N.	222	13. 17. 0	5. 8. 0
Ehido, M. A.	209	27. 17. 0	5. 4. 0
Etufuh, R. N.	398	13. 19. 0	6. 10. 3
Onuiri, S. O.	335	31. 15. 0	20. 15. 0
Obia, Joel	180	23. 4. 0	4. 14. 0
Ukonwa, D. O.	145	1. 4. 0	13. 0
P. E. C. Boys	52	1. 19. 0	1. 0
Miscellaneous		8. 15. 0	8. 15. 0
Gold Coast Mission			
Amoah, A.	112	84. 7. 0	28. 19. 3
Amping, K.	77	23. 9. 0	23. 8. 0
Clerk, C. A.	116	26. 0. 0	39. 5. 0
Counoah, J. T.	93	4. 11. 0	-
Daitey, J. A.	160	79. 16. 0	25. 6. 6
Dankwa, J. K.	105	51. 8. 6	10. 19. 0
Gyebi, J.	44	18. 13. 0	18. 13. 0
Ofori D. K.	47	-	27. 10. 0
Owusu, S. K.	113	35. 15. 0	11. 16. 0
Quarten, J. A.	157	77. 1. 6	100. 15. 8
Mensah, H. A.	99	20. 17. 6	26. 8. 0
Mawutor, R. D. K.	107	141. 10. 0	137. 13. 0
Danso Adjei	118	18. 9. 6	16. 1. 3
Mensah, S.	176	143. 5. 0	58. 18. 0
Nsiah, Samuel	179	39. 3. 0	8. 9. 0
Odai, David	59	22. 12. 6	-
Amoah, Roger O.	152	39. 3. 9	-
Miscellaneous	298	90. 1. 9	153. 10. 8
Sierra Leone Mission			
Dairy, A. N.	115	81. 0. 0	21. 9. 0
Union Totals for May	7183	1797. 4. 0	1088. 0.10
Union totals thus far	21473	8201. 13. 3	4310. 7.11

held in Accra last January. Perhaps, there have been more write-ups in the papers, but I am counting only those of which I have received clippings.

Thirty-two of the 54 write-ups were published in the Accra papers; 9 were published in the Ibadan papers; 7 appeared in the Kumasi paper; 4 appeared in the Freetown and Bo papers; and 2 were printed in the Lagos paper.

During all of 1951 only 39 write-ups, a total of 275 column inches of space, were published. We have no record of the number of write-ups published prior to 1951, but evidently, very few appeared.

We are encouraged over the progress that is being made in this department. I deeply appreciate the efforts of those who have made his good report possible.

At the West African Union Constituency Meeting in January I set a goal of 100 newspaper write-ups for 1952. As you notice, we have already past the half-way mark. God is blessing the work of our mission Press Relations Secretaries.

We solicit an interest in the prayers of our members in behalf of our newest organized department in the West African Union, the Department of Press Relations.

**Colporteur
Rally Day
9th. August 1952**

I Go To Jail

By G. L. Annis

My many friends will no doubt wonder what is behind this title. It is a story from the mission field—but let us start at the beginning. Here in Accra, Gold Coast, we have our West African Union Headquarters, while the Gold Coast Mission Headquarters are located at Kumasi, in Ashanti where there is quite a growing work.

Accra is a coastal town, the seat of Government in the Gold Coast, and therefore has the usual problems that have to be faced in city evangelism.

Located here in Accra we have J. O. Gibson, our President, D. V. Cowing, the Educational and M.V. Secretary, D. L. Chappell, the Publishing and Sabbath School Secretary and myself, not forgetting our two office ladies, Miss R. Muderspach and Miss K. Grant. A good deal of the time and energies of officers and departmental secretaries is taken up with visiting our seven local missions, two training school, two hospitals, press and Bible school, as well as taking a share in the responsibilities connected with our local church.

Accra has a fine church building, but we wish it had many more members. Plans were recently laid for a large scale effort in Accra but all difficulties caused this to be abandoned. Many efforts are being put forward to promote the work by those located here, as time and opportunity permits.

Brother D. L. Chappell, our Press Relations Secretary, has worked hard in getting newspaper reports of our visitors and activities, into the local papers. Much credit is due for the energetic way he has carried on the ingathering in the town amongst the traders, not forgetting the tremendous increase in our colporteur work, under his leadership.

Pastor J. O. Gibson, assisted by Pastor Agboka, our local African worker, are conducting a Bible Class each Monday and Thursday in the Accra Community Centre, and more recently Mrs. Annis has commenced a Dorcas Society, also meeting in

the Community Centre. These meetings are advertised along with the other activities of the Centre, and we are hopeful that as a result many new interests will be created.

Then we have four branch Sabbath schools operating. Two have been operating for some time under the leadership of our African brethren. At these two Sabbath schools we have over 100 children attending, as well as some adult interest. A third branch Sabbath school has been started by one of our new members, who has also taken up colporteur work.

Then we have the fourth branch Sabbath school, which is by no means the least. On Sabbath June 28th I had the privilege of attending it for the first time.

During last year word was received from our Voice of Prophecy school of several interests here in Accra. These Brother Chappell gladly agreed to follow up, even into the local prison. Soon there was a regular meeting time arranged, and Brother Chappell was studying the Voice of Prophecy lessons with those interested. Since that small beginning efforts have been made to bring the gospel to the prison inmates, and a branch Sabbath school has now been organised.

Brother Damson, one of our Accra members visits them every week. Brother Chappell has fostered this interest during much of his available spare time, but on Sabbath June 28th all of the men were out in the field, with the exception of myself, and it was therefore my privilege to "go to jail" to visit this Sabbath school.

I found it properly organised complete with Superintendent, Secretary and class teachers appointed, so that if no visitor was able to go it would function as usual. Following the roll call, new members were duly enlisted. I was glad to see four new members added that day. The attendance was 58, and we are hoping that many more will join the prison Sabbath school and hear the Gospel of Salvation.

As I conducted the lesson, which was developed to suit the occasion, I was very impressed by the attentiveness of these men. We

trust that as the seeds of truth are sown, from week to week, that many hearts will be touched, and when these men are released to take their place in the community again, that their influence on others will reflect the good news of Salvation that we are trying to impart to them.

We pray that these various efforts, though small in themselves, will culminate in many joining the ranks of the remnant church, and being saved eternally in the Kingdom of God.

Footprints of The Voice of Prophecy

By J. A. Enang.

Our first phase of work was to seek for the Voice of Prophecy students in Iman Western Nsiti Clans, in Uyo Division. We met some interested people who are now receiving studies from us. There are many promises made to encourage us to say that, in due time God will gather His own for the coming great harvest.

Twenty-one people attended the first lecture based on Daniel 2, and a very keen interest was shown by them as the lecture was delivered. Moreover, they asked us to repeat our visit because many people were absent and by then they will be ready to ask us about our missionary movement and decided what they will do with our mission. Who knows what they will say? We appeal that prayers be sent to the Lord of harvest to direct them in their meeting as they plan for our third visit.

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**Colporteur Rally
Day**

9th Aug. 1952

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Suggestions for Better Camp Meetings

By A. J. Mustard

The camp-meeting has long been a feature in the annual programme of God's people. In the days of ancient Israel the Lord directed that once a year they should come together for the Feast of Tabernacles. Booths were constructed in and around Jerusalem from branches of trees, and in these the people lived while they shared together the feast of spiritual things God provided for them. This mode of living reminded them of the forty years of wandering in the wilderness when their forefathers dwelt in tents, and served to impress upon their minds the truth that they, too, were pilgrims and strangers in this world. God's people today need to be reminded that this earth is not our home. This life is only a pilgrimage. Our home is above where Jesus is, and we need to watch lest we permit the things of earth to loom so large in our thinking and practice that they obscure the things of eternity.

As we draw nearer to the close of probation, the annual convocations of God's people should become ever more precious opportunities for spiritual growth and for witnessing to the unsaved. "*The camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work.* It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation. If our camp-meetings are conducted as they should be, they will indeed be a light in the world."—"Gospel Workers," page 400. This statement from the Spirit of Prophecy reminds us that through His chosen servant God has given us much valuable instruction on the conducting of camp-meetings. Following is a selection of choice quotations taken from an abundance of material in the Testimonies.

Where Should Camp-Meetings Be Held?

"They should be held in the large cities and towns where the mes-

sage of truth has not been proclaimed. It may sometimes be advisable to hold a camp-meeting for several successive seasons in the same place; but as a rule the place of meeting should be changed from year to year.

"*A mistake has been made in holding camp-meetings in out-of-the-way places, and in continuing in the same place year after year.* This has been done to save expense and labour; but the savings should be made in other lines." Ibid.

For How Long Should They Be Held?

"And they should continue for two or three weeks." Ibid.

Should We Have Large Camp-Meetings In a Few Places?

"Instead of having mammoth camp-meetings in a few localities, more good would be done by having smaller meetings in many places. Thus the work will be constantly extending into new fields." Ibid.

With What Care Are The Arrangements to Be Made?

"Every camp-meeting should be an object lesson of neatness, order, and good taste. We must give careful regard to economy, and must avoid display; but everything connected with the grounds should be neat and tidy. Taste and tact do much to attract. And in all our work we should present the discipline of organisation and order.

Everything should be so arranged as to impress both our own people and the world with the sacredness and importance of the work of God. The regulations observed in the encampment of the Israelites are an example to us. It was Christ who gave those special instructions to Israel, and He intended them for us also, upon whom the end of the world are come. We should study carefully the specifications of God's word, and practice these directions as the will of God. Let everything connected with the encampment be pure, wholesome, and cleanly. Special attention should be

given to all sanitary arrangements, and men of sound judgment and discernment should see that nothing is permitted to sow the seeds of sickness and death throughout the encampment."—"Testimonies," vol. 6, pages 34, 35.

How May Camp-Meetings Be Made Opportunities For Revival?

"At our camp-meetings there are far too few revival efforts made. There is too little seeking of the Lord. *Revival services should be carried from the beginning to the close of the meeting.* The most determined efforts should be made to arouse the people. Let us see that you are in earnest because you have a wonderful message from heaven. Tell them that the Lord is coming in judgment, and that neither kings nor rulers, wealth nor influence, will avail to ward off the judgments soon to fall. At the close of every meeting, decisions should be called for. Hold fast to those interested until they are confirmed in the faith." Ibid, pages 64, 65.

What Lines of Instruction are We to Give the People at Camp-Meetings?

"*The large gatherings of our people afford an excellent opportunity of illustrating the principles of health reform.*

As we near the close of time, we must rise higher and still higher upon the question of health reform and Christian temperance, presenting it in a more positive and decided manner. We must strive continually to educate the people, not only by our works but by our practice. Precept and practice combined have a telling influence.

At the camp-meeting, instruction on health topics should be given to the people. At our meetings in Australia, lectures, on health subjects were given daily, and a deep interest was aroused. A tent for the use of physicians and nurses was on the ground, medical advice was given freely, and was sought by many." Ibid, page 112.

"If the work of temperance were carried forward by us as it was begun thirty years ago; if at our camp-meetings we presented before the people the evils of intemperance in eating and drinking, and espec-

ially the evil of liquor drinking; if these things were presented in connection with the evidence of Christ's soon coming, there would be a shaking among the people. If we showed a zeal in proportion to the importance of the truths we are handling, we might be instrumental in rescuing hundreds, yea thousands, from ruin."—Ibid, page 111.

How Shall We Care For The Children At Camp-Meetings?

"At all our camp-meetings, work should be done for the children and youth. *A children's meeting or Bible kindergarten should be held daily under the direction of teachers qualified for the work.* At some of our camp meetings, children's meetings have been held twice a day.

"In our work for the children the object should be not merely to educate and entertain them, but to work for their conversion. This is a work of the greatest consequence to the younger members of the Lord's family.

"Such meetings for children and youth, if rightly conducted, will be attended by many who are not of our faith, and the lessons learned at the meetings will be repeated at home. Through the children the parents may be reached."—Ibid, pages 105, 106.

What Other Meetings Should Be Included In The Programme?

"In our camp-meeting services, there should be singing and instrumental music. Musical instruments were used in religious services in ancient times. The worshippers praised God upon the harp and cymbal, and music should have its place in our services. It will add to the interest. *And every day a praise meeting should be held; a simple service of thanksgiving to God.* There would be much more power in our camp-meetings if we had a true sense of the goodness, mercy, and long-suffering of God, and if more praise flowed forth from our lips to the honour and glory of His name. We need to cultivate more fervour of soul."—Ibid, page 62.

What Is The Main Object of Holding Camp-Meetings?

"In connection with our camp-meetings in past years, God's ser-

vants have improved many precious opportunities for instructing our people in practical methods of presenting the saving truths of the third angel's message to their friends and acquaintances. Many have been taught how to labour as self-supporting missionaries in their home communities. Many have returned home from these annual gatherings, to labour with greater zeal and intelligence than hitherto.

It would be pleasing to God if far more of this practical instruction were given the church members who attend our camp-meetings than has usually been given in years past. Our general workers and our brethren and sisters in every conference should remember that *one of the objects of our annual gathering is that all may gain a knowledge of practical methods of personal missionary work . . .*

On such occasions as our annual camp-meetings, we must never lose sight of the opportunities afforded for teaching the believers how to do practical missionary work in the place where they may live. In many instances it would be well to set apart certain men to carry the burden of different lines of educational work at these meetings. *Let some help the people to learn how to give Bible readings and to conduct cottage meetings. Let others bear the burden of teaching the people how to practice the principles of health and temperance, and how to give treatments to the sick.* Still others may labour in the interests of our periodical and book work. God will be glorified by every one who takes an active interest in the work of placing these books in the hands of the multitudes who are in need of the saving truths of the Gospel.

When we follow plans of the Lord's devising, we are 'labourers together with God.' Whatever our position,—whether presidents of conferences, ministers, teachers, students, or lay members,—we are held accountable by the Lord for making the most of our opportunities to enlighten those in need of present truth. And one of the principal agencies He has ordained for our use is the printed page. In our schools and sanitariums, in our home

churches, and particularly in our annual camp-meetings, we must learn to make a wise use of this precious agency. With patient diligence, chosen workers must instruct our people how to approach unbelievers in a kindly, winning way, and how to place in their hands literature in which the truth for this time is presented with clearness and power."—"Testimonies," vol. 9, pages 81-88.

Shall I Go To The Camp-Meeting?

"This is a time for every one to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrines and work. We want them to know what we are, and what we believe. We must find our way to their hearts. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do His work without the co-operation of the human agent. Go to the camp-meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. And make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and obey His commandments."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 40.

Remember Operation Mille-Won

6th Sept. 1952

Have a part in this great

Baptismal day

News Notes

Pastor R. N. Nightingale of the Florida Conference recently paid a short visit to Accra and Ihe, while en route for South Africa. Brother Nightingale was desirous of seeing the new Ihe College Church, which has been made possible by the generosity of one of our members living in the Florida Conference.

During the early part of August, more of our missionaries will be proceeding on furlough. Mrs. Newman and three children will be proceeding to England. Brother Newman will follow some months later.

Pastor and Mrs. J. D. Meade will also be leaving during August to furlough in America. We wish all these workers a safe journey and a happy furlough in their homeland.

We are very pleased to welcome to West Africa Miss C. Mullings, who spent a few days in Accra, en route for Aba, where on the 2nd of July she was united in marriage to Mr. E. L. Brown, our P. D. S. for East Nigeria. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Brown much of God's blessing as they commence their life's journey together.

During the last week of July, Miss D. Lois Burnett, of the General Conference medical department will be visiting our Union and inspecting our hospital at Ife. Miss Burnett will then proceed to South Africa.

Brother E. V. Watson, formerly M. V. and Sabbath School Secretary in Sierra Leone, has accepted a call to connect with the hospital at Ife. Brother Watson is joining the office staff and we wish Mr. and Mrs. Watson much success in their new surroundings in Nigeria.

Many of our workers and members will recall that work was commenced on our new Publishing house in Accra during 1950. Unfortunately owing to the land palaver, work was discontinued in August 1950. Now after almost two years negotiation we are glad to report that the matter has been settled, and work on the buildings will be resumed shortly.

The next issue of the "Messenger" is a special colporteur number. Be sure to get your copy, and read of the progress of the Literature Ministry. You will be inspired by the wonderful growth in this department. Why not have a part in this great work? If you are interested consult your P. D. S. or Field Superintendent.

We are very pleased to report the return of Pastor and Mrs. Brendel, and children, and we would assure them of a very warm welcome as they return for a further term of service.

Choice Bits

To complain that life has no joys while there is a single creature whom we may relieve by our bounty, assist by our counsels, or enliven by our presence, is to lament the loss of that which we possess, and is just as rational as to die of thirst with the cup in our hands.

—Fritzosborn.

Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great.—Emerson

If good seed is put into good ground, some of it will be sure to grow.

The grand essentials of happiness are: Something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.—Chalmers.

Footprints of The Voice of Prophecy

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Evangelistic Open air Meetings

Owing to several disappointments in our plan to have a hall for Evangelistic Effort we began to conduct a typical pre-effort meetings in the open air. We began to print small posters which helped to announce our meetings. Despite the opposition of another mission by conducting their own meeting after ours is held the people favoured our message and were very sorry for our failure to get a hall where we could act fully as they saw before in our effort of 1951.

This open air meeting is in progress until the court hall is ready for us to use for the public effort.

We appeal for prayer. We are doing our part in the work and believe the Lord will not forget at last to crown our effort with success.

People who are the most difficult to please are often the most worth pleasing.

Training Members for Church Leadership

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spent to become what you are. Perseverance overcomes difficulties. Take your ease to God in prayer, do your part faithfully and you will be astonished at the result. Everyone is apt to make mistakes and the infallible man is yet to be born. When your learners make mistakes do not be fussy, scold and be hard; be considerate. Your diligence, your persevering, submissive spirit will build them up and will implant in them the fine attributes of a leader. The Scriptures lay down with care the qualification of local elders and deacons. Other officers in the church should measure up to that standard also. Read I Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:2; I Peter 5:1-3.

In every church the following officers at least should not be wanting:—Elder, deacon, deaconess, church clerk, treasurer, missionary leader, organist, S. S. superintendent, S. S. secretary, leader of Dorcas Society, M. V. Leader and M. V. secretary.

The Value of The Trained

The trained are fortified against the temptations of Satan. The responsibilities in the church are more easily handled and a new vision of the work of carrying the message to heathen round about is given. The church really becomes the "light of the world" because from its portals the radiant beams are seen far and near.

When love, unity and godliness reign supreme and are rooted on the Rock of Ages, then the church becomes the object of the love and care of the One who died to "present it to Himself holy and without blemish". The song is then fulfilled which says, "But the Church of Jesus constant will remain: Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail".

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