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## “Come . . . We Will Do Thee Good”

By E. B. Rudge

Secretary, Northern European Division

“We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel.”—Numbers 10:29.

The Week of Prayer and Sacrifice for 1952 comes to us with our world facing an intensified feeling of impotence and helplessness before a steadily rising tide of fear that is surely destroying man's sense of security and tranquillity.

This is the Day of Preparation of which the prophets have spoken. The world is preparing for Armageddon! God is preparing for His final Hour of Judgment! Christ is preparing “to appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” Such a time of preparation as we now face, the world has never known. It is the Day of God's Preparation, (Nah. 2:3). It is the Last Time, (2 John 2:18).

At such an hour, what is the responsibility of God's church? Should not the church be “ready,” (Matt. 24:44) and “waiting” (Isaiah 25:9)? Are we as a Church ready and waiting? If not, should we not then become busy with the work of making our “calling and election” sure? What does God expect of us in such a time as is now facing our world?

### The Day of Preparation

His Church has been called into being to witness to the reality of

God, (Isaiah 43:10-12) and to the fact that He alone is able to save man from sin. Through His Church God calls upon men to find in His only-begotten Son, the way from death to life eternal. His command is—“Go, teach, baptize.” He has made His Church the agency through which salvation is offered to all men everywhere. Like Moses of old, we are to say today: “We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: Come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel.” This is our task. This is the invitation we must give at home and to the lands afar. This is the burden of the great three-fold message of Revelation 14. Millions in our own Division remain unwarned. Millions are waiting for the invitation—“Come thou with us, and we will do thee good.”

### The Day of Opportunity

Here is the appeal of the servant of the Lord: “A thousand doors of usefulness are open before us. We lament the scanty resources at present available, while various and urgent demands are pressing us for means and men. Were we thoroughly in earnest, even now we could multiply the resources a hundred-fold.” “Church members, let the light shine forth.”

“Visit your neighbours, and show an interest in the salvation of their

souls. Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions.”

“Strive to arouse men and women from their spiritual insensibility. Tell them how you found Jesus, and how blessed you have been since you gained an experience in His service.”

“This is genuine missionary work, and as it is done, many will awake as from a dream.” Vol. 9, page 38.

“The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them” Vol. 9, page 19.

If we could but successfully apply this God-inspired instruction as a Church, what a mighty revival would come to us in the homelands and in the mission fields. How quickly would the unwarned hear the invitation: “Come thou with us and we will do thee good.”

### The Day of Dedication

That God's work of preparation may be hastened, shall we not dedicate ourselves anew at this time to the grand and glorious task of urging men everywhere to find in

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## Evangelism In East Nigeria

President

W. J. Newman

### President's Notes

By the time this goes to Press, Brother and Sister Futcher will have arrived. Brother Futcher is coming as our Educational Secretary.

Baptismal Goal for 1952 has been reached—Over 1,000 souls have been baptised.

Lay-Members' Councils. Fourteen were held. The following goals were made:

Bible study—7910

Souls to be won—1340

12 churches have been organised this year. Brother Logan is laying plans for a good harvest from the Gentiles to reach our Ingathering goal. The house for the Associate to the President is almost finished. Money is coming in from all districts for the Secondary School. Plans for raising money for our hospital at Elele are materialising. Colporteur deliveries so far have exceeded £1435.

### Personal Evangelism

By W. J. Newman

In East Nigeria our population of over 10,000,000 is made up of villages and small towns. These thousands of villages present a challenge to the workers and members of our constituency.

There are no large halls or meeting places where thousands can hear the message of salvation. The dry season, which with us is very short, is usually occupied with Ingathering, Camp-Meetings and transfers.

East Nigeria no doubt holds the highest percentage of non-baptised Sabbath School members in the world. While it is true that practically 50 percent are children, it still leaves us with too many unbaptised Sabbath School members. Our experience has been that many of these souls are content to stay simply as members of the Sabbath

School and make no attempt to become full members of God's remnant church.

What is to be done? This is where personal evangelism must take place. These people have been preached to and at for many years while they have slept in their contentment. Our evangelists and lay-members are visiting the homes of those people. Using all legitimate means of "compelling" them to come in.

"Talk of Christ, and when the heart is converted, everything that is out of harmony with the Word of God, will drop off of itself." —E. G. White.

How often we urge people to stop doing this or that, when Jesus in the heart would solve the problem. Yes, Brethren, not until we get into the homes of people and tell them what Jesus has done for us, will we see thousands coming in daily.

### Village Evangelism

During 1951 and this year we have been conducting a large number of small efforts lasting between two to six weeks. Subjects dealing with, "The Word of God," "How Sin Came," "Its Solution," "God's Will and Promise," "Preparation for His Coming," are given. Having convinced our hearers that Jesus is coming again and of our need to prepare, we invite them to join a Bible Class to study more of His Word and know His will. Thus instead of introducing them to the Sabbath School or even to the Sabbath, we have got them studying God's word because of their desire to meet Jesus.

I am firmly convinced that if we can build upon "the desire to see Jesus" and not Sabbath keeping, we shall see large numbers prepare and confess publicly through baptism that they have found Jesus.

"Present Jesus because you know Him as your personal Saviour. You need not present doctrinal points unless questioned. But take

the Word, and with tender, yearning love for souls, show them the precious righteousness of Christ, to whom you and they must come to be saved."—"Evangelism," page 442.

The results of our Village Evangelism are very encouraging. In every case a new Bible Class has been formed with 10 to 40 members, the fruitage of which will be seen next year.

I am writing this at Ahoada, perhaps the wettest place in the coast. The roads are practically impassable with a motor. Even the District Officer and his wife had to get out and walk. Well, strange to say, in spite of the fact that "rain is made here" not one of our evangelistic meetings was disturbed by rain. When the full report comes in I am sure many names will have been added to the Baptismal Classes.

Through our Lay-Members' councils many of our members dedicated their lives to personal work, that of visiting people in their homes and going through a series of Bible Studies. Not only will this bring more souls but it will close the door to apostasy. May we, evangelists, teachers and members take part in this grand work of saving a soul from eternal destruction.

### Non-Adventists Interested In Our Work

By A. Adiele

The District Leader A. Adiele summoned a meeting, and it was decided that we should celebrate what is known as "The District Welfare Day", which took place on Sunday, April 20, 1952. Many personalities responded to the invi-

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Tithe Sabbath

9th Nov., 1952

tation. To suit the occasion, we voted the sum of £5 for light refreshments.

We had five tables, ten men for each table, with its chairman. The main chairman was Mr. Igbor the clerk of Native Court, Akabuka Group Court. The function was opened with religious and educational activities, after which the District Leader invited the help of the people, and introduced the aim of the function, which is "Share with Us." Mr. A.W. Miller then gave a brief history of our work in Ogba land. After this, further religious and educational activities were performed by the scholars. The donations amounted to over £23.

At the close of the entertainment, the chairman-in-general closed the function with words of prayer, thanking God for His wonderful work towards the occasion.

## Evangelism at the Foot of the Hill

By M.O. Dyboh,

Just at the foot of the Aba Water-side Hill, a timely and soul-stirring lecture was delivered each night for a fortnight, on various religious subjects of which our Lord's second coming was the chief topic. Pastor E.E. Onumaegbu was the leader, together with other church members who were each delegated to deliver a lecture.

The first night there were not many hearers by reason of the fact that it rained heavily that evening, but we were not discouraged. We walked about and called people together to form a small gathering. After saying prayers the lecture started. To our surprise, the second night before we came to the spot, there had already

gathered a large crowd waiting for us to come. From the second night onward we were very happy to welcome a goodly number of people who were very anxious to hear our message for them.

Amidst the crowd of people present, there were, no doubt drunkards, who came only to disturb and not to partake of the bread of life, but after a little while they kept quiet and listened. It was a somewhat sad fact that many, many souls have not even heard of the Lord's second coming and the preparations that are vitally necessary for meeting Him.

Notwithstanding the fact that each lecturer held the attention of the audience, there were jeerings by the swashbucklers from every angle of the square. There was, however, radiant feeling among the listeners and much eagerness to



The Working Force of the East Nigerian Mission outside the new Church of the Nigerian Training College, Ihie.

put questions to the lecturer and know more of the word of God. All their questions were answered to their satisfaction, Voice of Prophecy enrolment forms were given out and many of the hearers were only too happy to enrol in this free Bible Course.

While each lecturer delivered his well-outlined lesson, our members kept up their enthusiasm, watching and listening with breathless interest.

At the close of this evangelistic project, Pastor E. E. Onumaegbu appealed to the people to join a Bible Class so as to learn more of God's word and will. Fourteen decided to join a Bible Class and more promised to do so. Much is being done to encourage them to join the Baptismal Class.

Most of the people were very sorry to see us close these interesting lectures.

We are appealing to our brethren and sisters all over West Africa to help us out in praying so that God may bless our effort and that these souls may be won into God's remnant church.

### Evangelism Marches On at Kagbo

By S. Nwibiko

The four mission workers of the Abua District and one faithful lay-member set out on the 8th of August to make an evangelistic assault on the town of Kagbo.

Our few faithful members of Kagbo received us gladly and after enjoying the Sabbath worship with them we turned our faces towards those who were still ignorant of our message, and living under the grip of heathen custom.

The purpose of our arrival was soon noised abroad by the man with whom we lodged, who went from place to place gathering the people to the hall which we had selected. This kindly man showed an active interest in our work and provided us with light, chairs and table. Attendance on the first night numbered 89, but at the close of the campaign we realized that God had blessed us by increasing our attendance every night until it was not possible for all to be seated.

### He Knows

By H. Logan

Faith reaches far beyond the realm  
of reason,  
Its treasures vast contain a countless  
store  
Of answers to our greatest problems;  
Teaching us to rely on our Father  
more and more.

What gain 't would be if every  
question

And every dispute that arose  
Were humbly submitted to His  
revelation  
Leaving man no will but His to  
choose.

And yet in times of most perplexing,  
When issues involved demand  
attention.

How often do we in pride contending  
That our's is the way for lack of vision.

Remember still thou man so small,  
E'en though you've had your say  
And gained the vote that clinches all,  
God rules and reigns and calls you to  
account today.

So be not wise and try to work your  
plan,  
However bright and fanciful it be  
But place your all in His loving hand  
And know the joy of faith so free.

Then all the problems that you face  
You can humbly place before the  
highest throne,  
And rest secure in His loving embrace  
Knowing that His life is lived and not  
your own.

The people were very much thrilled at the revelation of Bible truth which we brought to them.

Opposition then arose and one particular representative of another church warned his members not to attend any more of our lectures. Still, the same members had acquired such a thirst for truth that they were coming privately to our lodging place to study the Bible with us. Some youth who were enrolled in the Bible Class were threatened by their parents, but these young people replied that they would be willing to leave their homes, if necessary, in order to attend Sabbath School and Bible Class. They further testified that they were anxious to make sure of a place in God's coming Kingdom.

It was with much regret and heavy hearts that we as workers had to leave these people so soon.

Yet we trust that the Mission will shortly send a worker to gather them into the Lord's barns for the harvest is ripe.

We are grateful to God for this experience and we daily pray that He may water and cause to grow the seeds of truth that have been sown in this dark area.

### Juju Was Destroyed Umuocha District

By R. Wigwe

It is interesting to note God's wonderful work at a village called Umuazuoma Umuohia. The message has been given to this village but they refused to receive it because the villagers gave a strict law that none of their sons and daughters should be allowed to become an Adventist. There is power in God's Word. According to the word of Isa'ah, the Prophet, "the grass withers, the flowers fade but the word of our God shall stand for ever." (Isa. 40:8) According to God's saving power, there was one young man in this village and his mother 70 years of age who were converted to the truth on a sabbath a few days ago. This young man and his mother requested that we come and destroy their juju. The old woman has a familiar spirit, she began to explain how much she had suffered since her connection with juju. One large room was set apart for the juju, then we used a basket packing them out to the street and burned them up. A sermon was given them that God is a true creator, all the false gods will perish in the days of the Lord's anger. After the sermon the repentant man began to ask what good thing he could do to become a real Christian. I told him "not until you enlist your name in the baptismal class will we let you know." May the Lord help this man to make his decision a firm one together with his mother so as to stand fast in their faith.

**"He that winneth souls  
is wise." Prov. 11:30.**

Colporteur Report For August 1952

Name	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
<b>East Nigeria Mission: E. L. Brown, P.D.S.</b>			
Agomo, M.W.	126	£16 16 0	£17 4 6
Amaraihe, J.O.	148	26 0 0	-
Dogo, A.T.	89	56 9 6	11 10 0
Ehido Marcus	183	34 1 6	7 18 0
Etufugh, R.N.	75	16 19 6	4 8 0
Jiakpo, J.E	199	36 4 0	1 13 0
Njoku, C.	190	9 2 6	21 8 0
Njoku S.N.	115	5 0 6	2 0 0
Onwubere, N.M.	1 0	32 10 0	-
Ogbonna, W.	158	19 7 6	7 6 6
Owuala, N.E.	88	4 17 0	10 0 6
Obia, J.A	144	13 7 6	2 5 6
Onuir, S.O.	128	17 10 6	11 12 9
Otuokere E.A.	179	11 15 0	10 13 0
Onumadu, E.A.	69	31 13 0	-
Onwere, J.W.	100	6 0 0	6 0 0
Osaroby, A.G.	247	52 3 0	19 6 0
Ogbonna, J.I.D.	60	22 13 6	6 6 0
Osuka A.A.	75	9 19 6	1 0 0
Ubani, A.A.	12	76 5 0	43 2 0
Ugboaja, J.O.	198	52 1 0	79 15 6
Young Achor, M.N.	363	64 4 0	23 0 0
Miscellaneous	49	20 17 0	60 10 0
<b>West Nigeria Mission: J. J. Hyde, PDS</b>			
Ladipo Joseph	199	30 11 2	14 1 2
<b>Sierra Leone Mission: V. C. Brown, PDS</b>			
A.N, Daitey,	121	48 5 0	38 0 8
<b>Gold Coast Mission: L.H. Davidson, PDS</b>			
Amoah, Agraw	68	29 17 3	6 1 3
Amoah, R.O.	186	60 12 0	34 8 9
Adjei, Danso	104	17 19 0	17 8 6
Ampofo, I.K.	56	45 16 3	7 4 0
Arthur, H.G.	48	3 15 0	13 18 0
Ampim, J.K.	51	21 1 0	6 16 0
Clerke, C.A.	169	67 5 0	66 11 0
Daitey, J.A.	167	60 5 0	10 13 6
Dankwa, J.K.	122	147 15 6	11 11 0
Enim, M.A.	134	25 19 3	13 0 0
Gyebie, J.	135	43 11 0	43 11 0
Kvei-Nimako, F.A.	60	29 12 6	23 19 6
Mensah, H.A.	118	35 10 9	8 7 3
Mawutor R.D.K.	126	83 0 0	-
Owusu, S.K.	125	102 5 0	88 9 3
Ofuran, T.	119	-	2 5 0
Osei, D.K.	76	18 9 6	10 6 0
Odai, David	116	80 19 6	11 3 0
Kofi, Tekyi,	220	34 2 6	13 0 0
Antoa Auxiliary	40	4 2 0	4 2 0
Miscellaneous	126	53 4 9	40 5 3
Union Totals, August 1 52	5930	1914 1 11	846 17 10
Union Totals thus far 1952	37400	13644 12 11	6998 8 7

Evangelism in South Africa

The South African Union is just about to launch a very interesting experiment in evangelism in the rural areas. The plan is briefly this: Three evangelistic teams will be made up (for one of the conferences) consisting of the evangelist, the pianist, and a song leader. Each team will hold three meetings in the middle of the week in each town. For six weeks following these series of meetings, twelve Voice of Prophecy lessons will be sent out to the interested people, whose names will be secured at the public gathering. In the subjects presented in the lessons, no controversial topics will be dealt with. The sole purpose is to win men for Christ.

At the end of six weeks, a second series of meetings will be undertaken in each town, lasting for three nights, and presenting the Sabbath question rather fully and possibly the subject of baptism. Further Voice of Prophecy lessons will follow these meetings. Co-operation is to be maintained between the Voice of Prophecy and the group of workers, so that any interest which is aroused and requires immediate attention can be dealt with by the workers on the spot. If the experiment proves successful the interest will be further developed by one central meeting some weeks after the second series. At this meeting the main effort will be to secure decisions from those who have not already decided to accept the Truth. It may be that the brethren will even hold a third meeting in each town, but they expect to learn by experience as they go along. For a long time we have been faced with the problem of how to reach many of our smaller towns where it has been inadvisable or impossible, because of lack of workers and funds, to hold a full-fledged campaign. This is a new and interesting experiment as far as this field is concerned, but we are looking forward with eager anticipation to a rich harvest. It is possible that others will want to try something similar.—

August Evangelistic Newsgram.

Field Leaders may want to give study to this plan for use in their fields. J.O.G.

TITHE SABBATH

9th NOVEMBER, 1952

All workers should plan early for a good promotional programme on this day.

## Sabbath School Dept.

Union S.S. Secretary - - - - - D. L. Chappell

### Interesting Facts About the Sabbath School

(To the Close of 1951)

Organised Sabbath Schools—17,373; in North America, 3,127; in all other countries, 14,246.

Membership—1,034,160; in North America, 249,396; in all other countries, 784,764.

Branch Sabbath Schools—2,799; in North America, 422; in all other countries, 2,377.

Subscriptions to "Sabbath School Worker"; 39,685 (as of December, 1951).

Total Sabbath School Offerings—since beginning of plan, £28,492,044, 0. 6.

Investment Fund—since beginning of plan in 1925, £1,590,150. 13. 2.

Birthday Offerings—since beginning of plan in 1919, £530,050. 13. 5.

Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings and Overflows for 1951—

First quarter—£94,852. 2. 4; overflow to South Africa £15,473. 11. 8

Second quarter—£93,837. 2. 0; overflow to South America £15,258. 13. 0

Third quarter—£91,840. 7. 0; overflow to Formosa £14,859. 5. 11

Fourth quarter—£108,610. 17. 5; overflow to Inter-America £18,213. 8. 1

Offerings by Decades :

1886-1891 - - - - - £24,501. 15. 3

1892-1901 - - - - - 80,529. 5. 7

1902-1911 - - - - - 275,682. 8. 11

1912-1921 - - - - - 2,355,046. 2. 8

1922-1931 - - - - - 5,924,964. 10. 2

1932-1941 - - - - - 5,608,604. 13. 8

1942-1951 - - - - - 14,222,715. 4. 3

Total - - - - -£28,492,044. 0. 6

In West African Union

(As of 30th June, 1952)

Organised Sabbath Schools: 318

Branch Sabbath Schools: 145

Sabbath School Members: 30,629

Average Weekly Attendance: 19,817

Baptised Church Members: 12;454

Sabbath School Offerings for Second quarter 1952: £2,000

Amount of Tithe for Quarter: £4,903

Number Sabbath School Members Baptised during 2nd Quarter, 245

Remember—The overflow for first quarter 1952 will benefit West Africa.

Are you doing your share each 13th Sabbath?

### Hour of Prayer

As you will recall, at the time of our Constituency Meeting in January we took the following action:

#### CALL TO PRAYER

Whereas, the problems in our individual fields are many in regard to evangelism, education and the general advancement of our work, it is recommended that a time be set apart each week when each individual shall pray for these special problems facing our work.

#### VOTED

That the time for this prayer be at sunset each Sabbath (Saturday) evening.

I am wond-ring if each of our workers and church members are faithfully observing this special hour of prayer. Certainly we have before us a mighty task, that of carrying the Gospel to the millions here in West Africa. We need God's help and the power of His Holy Spirit.

May each one of us join together at sunset at the close of the Sabbath wherever we are and uplift our voices to God thanking Him for His blessing and requesting the Power of His Holy Spirit to complete the task before us.

### Operation "Mille Won" Victorious

Jesse O. Gibson

Union President

I know that Sabbath, September 6th, was an extremely interesting and busy day for all our pastors and workers. I could hardly wait to get the reports by telegram and cable from the various fields.

The first report came in on Monday from North Nigeria who reported 34. On Tuesday 83 were reported from Sierra Leone and West Nigeria who reported 111. This left our two biggest fields to report. On Wednesday a report came in from East Nigeria of 474, and that afternoon the Gold Coast sent a partial report of 375. I was really thrilled to know that we had gone well over our 1,000 goal for these figures total 1,077. The Gold Coast later reported 43 which brings the total for the day to 1,120. God has certainly blessed your efforts. You not only have reached your goal but have gone 10 per cent above.

I know that this has meant hard work for all of you teachers and evangelists in preparing these many candidates for baptism. It has meant real hard work for you field leaders in organising and promoting this project, and for you pastors in carrying on heavy baptismal programmes during that day I am anxious to hear the detailed reports but I know that some were out starting baptisms just after sun-up on Sabbath morning and continued late in the day visiting several centres on the one Sabbath day.

Thanks again for your splendid co-operation and may this be just a beginning of greater evangelistic efforts all over West Africa.

From

# Woman to Woman

Sponsored by the Women's Welfare Organisation

## A Worker's Wife and Her Place In The Church

By Mrs. J. J. Hyde

I would like to talk today about the place of a Mission worker's wife.

When a woman is married to a Mission worker she should give very serious thought to her position and what it means to her. She is going to be the mother of churches. And, please God, she will have a very big spiritual family.

Let us remind ourselves of the duty of a wife to her own children, and then see how we can compare this duty with her duty to her spiritual children.

With her husband she first brings her children into the world and then it becomes her part to feed and clothe them, to keep them and her home clean and an example to those around her. To her girl children she owes the duty of training them to become pure and industrious women. She it is who should guide their footsteps and guard them from the dangers which may befall them.

The father, her husband, will deal with their sons. He will teach them the tribal history and how to behave themselves as good and loyal and wellbehaved members of it. He will teach them how to farm, how to build a house, and how to do many other duties that fall to the lot of men.

So it is with the spiritual father and mother. The worker's wife with her husband brings spiritual children into the Church. She must be able to give them spiritual food, to teach them clean and faithful habits, to help them in their sicknesses. She it is who should give counsel and advice espe-

cially to the girls and women of the church, helping them to do their duties as Christians and to overcome the sins that may trouble them. In fact, to help them to grow up into full manhood and womanhood in Christ Jesus.

But how can a worker's wife teach others to do all these things if she has not herself reached a true standard in Christian living? How can she teach others to be clean and healthy if her home and children are both unclean and unhealthy? How can she lead others to God if she herself fails to bring her own children together daily for family worship? Only if she herself sets a good example can she ask others to follow her.

She cannot do this herself, she needs God's help. So she should spend some of her time in studying God's Word and in praying God to help her to bring up her spiritual daughters in such a way that they will be worthy to be called the daughters of our great King of heaven.

It is to us women that God has given this work to do—let us not give it to our husbands.

Mrs. E. G. White tells us that we must work to save our women. She also says that a worker's wife can reach people that no worker could do; so that with her husband she should work untiringly to save souls for Christ. God's servant further says a worker's wife can be a great blessing and she can be a great curse if she is not truly a Christian and does not know how to prevent herself from speaking idle words,—those words for which we know we must give account in the judgment.

These are strong words. But may God help us to be blessings and not curses.

If the church where she is stationed is not fully organised, it may be her duty to call her women together some time on the Fridays well before the coming of the Sabbath and clean the house of God and make it ready for the coming of God to meet His people during the Sabbath day. It is a good plan when all is ready, to gather her helpers and pray that God will accept the work they have done and that He will come and bless His people during the Sabbath.

There is one more thing in which we worker's wives should set a good example—We should be careful and guard the beginning and the ending of the Sabbath.

How often do we see the sun going down on Friday and then remember that the water has not been drawn nor sufficient wood cut for the fire? We may have ground our corn early enough, but it is only when we hear the sunset bell begin to ring that we remember other things that we have not done. Perhaps we have not swept the rooms since early morning. So quickly we try to do the work and yet go to sun-down worship. The result is that our house is not really clean and we arrive at the church dirty, and very late too.

Dear sisters, this ought not to be so.

We should meet God at the very beginning of the Sabbath clean, quiet and unhurried. Then we can receive the blessing He wishes to give us,

Similarly at the end of the Sabbath let us stay with God till the last minute reluctant to let Him go, just as we do with very welcome guests. In this way we will carry into our daily lives the blessings and strength which God has given us during the Sabbath. In this way, also, Sisters, we will be able to help and to guide those whom God gives us to help.

May God help us women truly to become "workers together with God."

## News Notes

### New Press

We are glad to report good progress on the Press building. Already the foundations are all laid, and the walls are quickly rising from the ground. It is anticipated that the building will be completed before the end of 1952. Pastor Pearce, our Press Manager, is expected back from furlough in December, and will then be busy erecting the new machinery. We expect the new Press to be operating early in the new year.

### Congratulations

Word has been received that Dr. and Mrs. Davenport, of Ife Hospital, are now the proud parents of a little son, Robert Lee, born on August 26, 1952. We offer our sincere good wishes and congratulations.

### Liberian Mission President

Information has just come to hand that Pastor Banks and family who recently went on furlough, will not return to our Union. Brother Banks has spent six years in Liberia, serving that field as Superintendent. Pastor C. B. Henri, has been appointed the new superintendent of the Liberian Mission, and will take up his duties as soon as he returns from furlough.

### East Nigeria Educational Secretary

We are very pleased to be able to report the arrival of Brother and Sister W. G. Fitcher in Aba. Brother Fitcher has been appointed Educational Secretary for East Nigeria, a post for which he is well qualified, having obtained his B.A. from London University, and also a Diploma in Education from Cambridge.

### Returning Missionaries

In addition to Pastor Henri and his family mentioned above, Pastor and Mrs. Welch will be returning to Bekwai, and Pastor and Mrs. Keslake to Sierra Leone during this month. We trust that all these families have had an enjoyable furlough and we welcome them all back for another term of service.

### Calendars 1953

Have you ordered your Morning Watch and Christian Home Calendar for 1953? Your order should be forwarded to the Mission office or Book and Bible House as soon as possible, otherwise you may be disappointed.

### Division Visitors

We have received information that Pastors Tarr and Lindsay will be visiting our Union for the annual committee

meetings in January, 1953. It is not yet known how long they will have for visitation in the field, but word will be sent out as soon as possible.

### Week of Prayer

November 15-22nd has been set aside for our annual Week of Prayer. We trust all workers will plan special meetings for their churches, so that it will be a period of spiritual refreshing for all of our members.

## "Come . . . We Will Do Thee Good"

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Christ the only way to life eternal, and a share in the place of which God has said "I will give it you"? Such a dedication will call for self-surrender. It will mean a sacrifice of many personal pleasures. But how small and insignificant these so-called sacrifices will seem when we stand before the great eternal Judge and hear Him say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Let us willingly "pay the full price" (1 Chron. 21:24) for the joys of our service to Christ and the offering of ourselves in surrender to His will, that through us "such as be saved" may find their way into the Kingdom of God.

*"Arise, therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee."*

## REMEMBER

# -TITHE- SABBATH

## 9th November, 1952

## "How the Message Reached Ubio"

By J. N. Imebuoge

The Missionary Volunteer Society went to Ubio and preached the gospel message there on several occasions. The people's hearts were adamant due to idol worship and superstitious beliefs. Finally, Brother Victor Obuzo from Odioku church, took an orphan boy from Ubio village, whose name is Wilson Ogbobula. This boy was keeping his little store at Obioku where he embraced the gospel message and became a Sabbath keeper. Brother Obuzo planned to train Wilson as his own son.

In the year 1952, he was admitted into the P.T.C., Aba, and Brother Obuzo is responsible for all his expenses. The life of our good members influenced many people in Ubio. Today twenty are keeping the Sabbath in a nice prayer house, erected by our faithful lay-members in this district.

Ubio, Edeoha, and Ubasana received two weeks systematic Bible Studies during our "August Spear-Head Evangelistic Campaign." Before the end of the campaign decisions were made and many accepted the Truth. On one bright Friday morning the 29th August, 1952, the President of East Nigerian Mission Field visited Ubio and Ubarana. Many interested men and women were asked to join the Bible Class in order to study and know the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6.) 38 responded and gave their names.

The President also visited the homes of these interested people, offered prayer and shook hands with many of them.

Finally, I appeal for the prayers of our earnest believers for God's guidance and protection over those who have been convinced.

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