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The New Publishing House

G. L. Anniss

We are very happy to see the continued progress being made in the building of our new Publishing House here at Accra. The picture shown on this page is now very much out of date. This shows the factory portion which at the time of writing now has all the walls completed and nearly all of the roofing fixed. We have waited long to see the erection of our new press underway, but those of us who have the privilege to watch the building now taking shape and to see the personal interest that the contractors are taking in making this a really representative building for our work, feel that we are being well rewarded for the patience which has been shown over the many delays which we have experienced.

The Office block, which is not shown in the picture, will have a very attractive entrance, over which will appear the name of the press. As we enter the main door way to the left will be the manager's office. Immediately in front there will be a well appointed office and sales counter. To the right will be the editor's and proof reading offices. There is also additional office space which at the moment may not be required, but will allow for the expansion which we feel sure will come during the next few years.

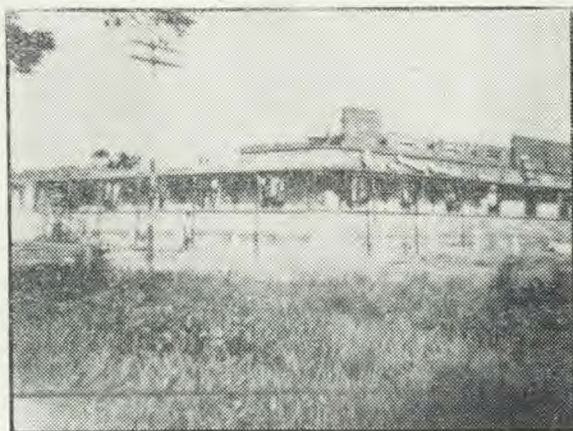
After passing through the general office we turn to the

Greetings

The officers and staff of the West African Union send Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas 1952, with the prayer that 1953 may prove to be a year of blessing and progress in your service for the Master.

right through a small passage way and then come to the factory portion of the building which is in shape of the letter "L," as shown in the picture below. The first section of this large building will be used for the composing room, and the corner immediately facing you in the picture will house the heavy machinery. We should mention that in this portion of the building the con-

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Liberia Calling

By C. D. Henri

President, Liberia Mission

Liberia urgently needs a God-fearing, consecrated, enthusiastic, aggressive, self-sacrificing, experienced, English-speaking, young, married evangelist, who is able and willing to work and live among primitive dialect-speaking peoples.

Liberia is rapidly becoming a "meltingpot" for all African people and her democratic form of government offers freedom of speech and religion to all.

There are no government restrictions to hinder in the work of evangelism.

Living conditions are normal as regards food supply and housing.

Soul-winning possibilities among Liberia's 3,000,000 people, 95% who have not heard the "Third Angel's Message", are immense.

The Liberian Mission pledges itself to stand behind you with all of its resources, assistance and counsel.

Those who after prayerful consideration hear Liberia's "Macedonian Cry", are urged to contact their local mission president for further particulars.

The New West African Union
Publishing House, Accra.

Evangelism In Sierra Leone

President — — — — —

E. Keslake

Teaching Them To Read

By H. Wilson, Acting Supt.

The workers in Sierra Leone have been conducting an all-out drive to teach the membership here to read. Unlike last year when the people were gathered to central places, this year the classes were held in each town. These vernacular classes were open to the townspeople as well as our own members. The teachers joined with the Pastors in teaching the vernacular classes. Altogether there are 9 different classes being held. The results are good.

An enlightened people makes a strong church. How can they know the doctrine unless they read for themselves. And even though there is no complete Bible available in either the Temne or Mende tongue, still there are portions of scriptures available. And the Sabbath School lessons are translated each quarter and now a Layman's Journal is published each quarter by the mission office. More literature will become available in both these languages soon.

Here is a report from Teacher S. X. M. Sankoh of a class conducted in the North. "The Temne vernacular class was opened in the native court barri of Matotoka on the night of August 6th. Teacher J. S. Myers, Mrs. Myers and myself found mixed group of over 25 waiting for the class to begin. Great was the stir on that night as the people groped their way through the darkness into the bright light of our pressure lantern and into the barri. They flocked around us eager to begin the work. Quickly the fun was over and they were ushered to vantage positions to begin to learn the phonetic sounds of the Temne Alphabet.

After five consecutive nights of practice in this way, we were able to get them to build words of two

or more letters. Soon they could begin to read in the Temne Primers that were provided for them.

Although the aggregate number on roll is 30, owing to the irregularity of the weather conditions not all have developed in the same strength. Yet we can boast of 8 strong students who are able to lead out in Temne classes in their own villages and for their own families if they desire.

I am convinced, sir, if these efforts are repeated on a larger scale the immediate future of this chiefdom will emerge with a commendable community of Temne literates."

Yours in Christ, S X. M. Sankoh.

Teacher Sankoh is on vacation from Fourah Bay College and used the vacation time to teach the people to read. Likewise Teacher J. Amara also on vacation from Fourah Bay College engaged in a Vernacular drive at Giema for the people of his town.

The reports come in from the various towns where these classes are being held and our hearts are cheered at the results. Out of this drive many names of interested ones are gathered. They wish to continue to read, to study the Word and they join with us. This is really a basic form of evangelism and we find it encouraging. Then too, it is a real contribution to the people in the town. It builds good will among them and breaks down prejudice.

In this modern age it is not enough for people just to hear the Word. They must be able to read the Word of God for themselves. We hope and pray that by the time the complete scriptures are available in these languages all our members will be able to read them. Then we will have an enlightened church and a strong church. Then our members can give an answer to every man that asketh, an answer from the scriptures for he has read it himself.

Makonie Effort

While teachers and pastors joined forces to conduct vernacular classes throughout Sierra Leone, there was one exception. Since a large vernacular drive was held last year in the town where J. A. Myers is stationed, it was decided that he should hold an effort. A Coleman kerosene projector complete with a set of Shuler film strips and other evangelistic equipment was supplied from the mission office. Evangelist J. A. Myers, who attended the Bekwai Training College in Gold Coast, was given a helper for this effort. Mr. Myers sends in the following report which we wish to share with you.

"I left my station on August 3 for a village called Makonie to conduct my effort. Mr. S. say and some of the members went with me and immediately we started to work.

"At the close of the first week, we were able to get 13 souls who gave up their names to the Master. This gave us strong courage and made us to work the more. Then at the close of the second week, we got another 24 souls brought to Christ. This brought to the total of 37 new souls. We are continuing the work with courage.

"Before we began the meetings there were a few isolated members who were holding meetings in this village. They would meet at one of the members' houses. But now that they have been increased by 37, this present house has become too small. So we have been thinking of building a small chapel where these new friends can come and worship.

"As a result we saw the chief of the town and placed the matter before him. He told us to look for land, and we have found a good spot. After we had brushed the place I told the men to get sticks so that we can start building soon. But later when we saw the Paramount Chief, the Chief of the Country, he was against the idea. Since then we have been after him but as yet he has not given his word of approval. Since he is a Mohamadan it may be difficult to

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I Choose to be a Printer

Philip H. Asare

"I am not ashamed of doing printing work, for I consider it one of the ways by which many backsliders and lost souls can be called back from all corners of the world unto salvation."

Many people are called upon to proclaim the Gospel Message through different channels—some have chosen to become evangelists, while others offer themselves as teachers, colporteurs, doctors and printers; but for me I have chosen the last named (printing) as the means by which I can reach many of the lost souls.

The voice of the street-crier is heard in one place only, and for a moment, but the printed word finds its way into the home of the individual where it remains and continues to convey the Message for an indefinite period.

It was in the year 1949 that I had a burning desire to become a printer, and I at once communicated with the Principal, Adventist Training College, Bekwai, Gold Coast, seeking an admission into that religious Institution to undergo training in printing. Although this subject was not included in the curriculum of the College, it pleased God to open the way for me and I had the privilege of being admitted the first typographer-student.

During the first year of my admission I was greatly discouraged because I could not understand the instructions being given me, but gradually I became acquainted with the situation and my difficulties and fears soon vanished. The course covered not only the art of printing but also religious instructions and other subjects which I enjoyed very well.

After completing my two-year course in 1951 and obtaining my Graduation Diploma awarded me by the College Board, I became fully convinced that I needed more training to enable me carry out my determination successfully, and in response to the Divine call, I arrived at Ibadan, Nigeria, early in 1952 to

receive further instructions at the Union Publishing House (The Advent Press). Here again I am gaining more experience in this art of printing, and I am indebted to both the Manager and the Press Staff for their assistance to, and cooperation with me during my six months' connection with the Press.

After a full year's stay in this Union Institution, I hope to go back home (Gold Coast) to put the combined knowledge I shall have acquired into practice for the salvation of my fellow believers.

I sincerely pray and trust that the Almighty God will guide me and richly bless my effort to be a true Vessel for Him.

New Press

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crete floor has been very heavily reinforced and specially built to take the new presses which will be coming to us.

We feel sure that ultimately all those who have the privilege of visiting and seeing our new press will declare it to be a worthy representative of our world wide publishing work.

In closing we should mention that we have gone ahead in faith and so far do not have all the funds available that will be required to complete this project, but we believe that as in the past good friends will come to our aid, and that before very long we shall have our new plant completely erected and free of debts.

We are very glad that Pastor Pearce will be arriving back in the Gold Coast on December 2nd, and will then take over his duties as manager of the new press and commence the task of installing the machinery in readiness for the day when our new press will be printing Gospel literature to help forward our great work here in West Africa.

A Letter To The Voice of Prophecy

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headway through their lessons that had been spread to nearly every angle of the town.

Mr. W. A. A. Voice of Prophecy student has taken his stand. He has attended our Sabbath School for three consecutive weeks and has asked that his name should be registered.

Yesterday, he visited me, and I asked how he received information concerning the Voice of Prophecy. Then he asked me to follow him. We went to Mr. O., ex student of the Voice of Prophecy who received his lessons back in the year 1948. He is a typist for the Co-Operative Department. He was pleased to receive me in his house, and promised to attend every evening worships on Sabbath days. It was through him that Mr. F. A. received his Voice of Prophecy course. The young man is also contemplating to keep the Sabbath.

Among the Voice of Prophecy students now at Ondo Mr. W. A. A. is the only man who has decided and is abiding in his promise. He has acquainted me with his friend M. A. A. who is a clerk at the Ondo N. A. Office. He too has applied for Voice of Prophecy free Correspondence Bible Course and told me that he has received lessons 1&2. He promised to attend Sabbath evening worships.

Makonie Effort

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get his word. We are going to wait until one of the Pastors can come and talk with him for us. By God's grace we will get him around some day soon and we will build our chapel there."

Even though this particular area is a pagan area, the Mohamadan influence is so strong that the progress of our work is hindered. But the workers are of good courage and they are pressing forward in the name of Christ. We ask an interest your prayers for the work being carried on in Sierra Leone.

Evangelism through Christian Education

Secondary Schools in the West African Union

G. L. Anniss

Our membership in the West African Union is no doubt thrilled to know that Secondary School Education will be available at Bekwai (Gold Coast) and Ithie (Nigeria) in 1953. The first class is due to commence in January next, and plans are being prepared for the new building that will be necessary for this expansion.

Recently when reading through the "Gleaner", a little paper that comes to our office from the North Pacific Union, in America, we came across a very interesting article on Christian Education. We believe that the message contained in this article is timely and should be considered by all of our workers and members. We are therefore quoting the article almost in its entirety. It is entitled, "*The Moral Book-keeping*" By D. N. Reiner.

"The question of profits and losses is of interest to all. Some are interested selfish reasons and others for better causes. When books are closed at the end of the year we aim to be on the right side of the ledger. There is another ledger this one stays open until the end of the time, but when once closed it is too late.

"No one wants to be a looser. For a bit of serious thinking and careful reflection let us consider a few propositions. This has to do with our children, their education, future welfare and salvation.

"1. What would it profit if I could provide money, houses and land for my son but leave him confused in a troubled world, stranded in a spiritual wilderness and lost in the end? Youth needs guidance. Our schools are havens of refuge and money thus invested will bear fruit for His Kingdom. We need to learn to put first things first. The work of education and the work of redemption are one.

"2. What would it profit if I gave my son a first-class education as provided by the schools of the

land but allowed him to fall into the hands of infidels and agnostics and consequently became stranded in the desert of false science and wicked philosophy? There are some who win yet lose while others seem to lose yet win. Wisdom and knowledge are not identical—therefore get wisdom.

"3. What would it profit if my son had a good time, made many friends and became popular but not with God? The prodigal was popular for a while but he lost his way and found the road back longer than the way out. The way to true success comes from following Jesus. Our schools educate for eternity.

"4. What would it profit my son if he knew how to make money and as a result would build up a huge bank account but had no credit in the bank of heaven? Too many parents are anxious to establish their children in this life but make no provision for the life to come. That kind of security will disappear with the crash of the markets. Christians, and especially Seventh-Day-Adventists must see beyond the things that glitter and attract. We must build for eternity.

"5. What would it profit if one knew all about sin but kept on sinning? The Jews in the days of Christ knew the law to the minutest detail; many could repeat book after book from memory, yet crucified Christ when he came. Christianity is not a way of life but life itself. Our schools help us to choose wisely.

"The above questions and a multitude of others grow out of a question raised in Mark 8:36, "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

We should like to remind members in Africa that many thousands of pounds have been donated by our brethren and sisters overseas to make these Secondary Schools possible, but those gifts will not be enough to complete the task. We ourselves in West Africa must do our part to make this new project a success. We are inviting every worker and church officer, every father and mother and all of our young people to share in this project. These schools will be your schools staffed by our own Christian teachers.

Teacher—Evangelists As I See Them

By J. O. Enwereji

I have been privileged to be in charge of our Preliminary Training Course for almost a year now. This institution came into being through the efforts of Pastor W. J. Newman and Mrs. J. D. Meade in 1951 in order to give a year's training to our youths who have passed standard six and contemplate taking up teaching as their profession. Our hearts were filled with great rejoicing when the class commenced under the principalship of Sister Meade.

In 1951 a class of thirty-three was conducted by Sister Meade. That was too much for a married lady, when one thinks of the limited time she would have for her domestic work, after a day's intense teaching. It is only those who have understanding hearts who realise how much skill, sympathy and organisation Sister Meade possessed. We commend the untiring efforts of this Sister.

Our growing need for more teachers to teach in our schools made it possible for the East Nigerian Mission to employ these youths. They are now doing their part in the Master's vineyard. May the Lord help them to bear much fruit for Him.

Call from the Nigerian Training College left the Institution Motherless.

In 1952, a plan to run two classes, one for the evangelists and the other for the school teachers was carried out. Two African workers (Pastor J. Ahamba and the writer) were asked to assist in certain lessons in the two classes. We gladly accepted the appointment. On the first day of our arrival we saw the classes at work. They were fifty-two students in number, six of which are girls; nineteen would be trained as evangelists and the other thirty-three as school teachers. After the formal introductions our work began in earnest. Two months later, a call from the Nigerian Training College left this institution motherless, and the children of the mother mourned for the great loss. These classes were then left in the hands of the two African workers mentioned above.

A Common Name Chosen

Before the departure of the principal, a common name was chosen for the two sections of the class. They were called the T. E's. Those of us who are school teachers have come across this word. May be, you have forgotten where you saw and read it. It is your very name that you bear under this denomination. We are Teacher-Evangelists, and so we are called the T. E's.

One of the usual remarks which educationists make is—"the students look happy." Our T. E's. look happy indeed. In spite of our housing difficulty, personal indifferences, our T. E's. are happy. They are happy because Bible, English, Mathematics, Geography, Denominational History, Church Organisation are taught on a higher scale. They are happy because they play games such as native games, football, and the net ball. Our girls had the opportunity of playing a net ball game against one of the C. M. S. Girls' Schools early this year and they came home as victors. The students look happy because they have learnt how to live together and above all, they are happy because they have hope that

Jesus shall come again.

In the two classes we conduct our J. M. V. Meetings on Fridays. Many of the students will be invested this year as Master Comrades, Comrades and Companions. Mid-Week prayers are held every Wednesday of the week in which the students take active part. Pastor J. Ahamba has grouped the two classes into little bands. These bands go out into the nearby villages on Sabbath afternoons to give Bible Lessons to non-Adventists. You would really be made happy if you saw these youths taking part in the finishing of God's work here on the earth. We pray for the continuous running of our T. E. Class for I am sure the Lord is going to use youths in finishing up His work.

Our Visit to Port-Harcourt

By Isaac Miller

One day in the School, while we were learning about the means of transport, we came across the word "Liners", "Coasters" and "Tramps". We all were at sea when the tutor, Pastor Ahamba, was mentioning all these names. So we made a request to the manager through our tutors, if he would allow us to travel to Port Harcourt, the nearest port, to see all these things. After a week, our request was granted. The date given to us was July 23rd. The students were very happy.

On the very day, July 23rd, we all got ready, the time scheduled for the journey was 8.30 a.m. We came out but the college lorry did not come at the time fixed and so our hearts began to grow cold. A few minutes later the lorry came at last, and we were glad again. Our manager Pastor W. J. Newman, gladly took our headmaster, Mr. Enwereji and four girls in his personal car.

Our journey was started from the mission, and Aba was soon out of sight. The driver was made glad when the students sang beau-

tiful songs. Many miles from Aba we saw changes in the features, green and thick forests, plenty of wood and straight roads. When we came across the Imo River, some of the boys were in fact afraid. We owe thanks to the P.W.D. workers who constructed the bridge.

The driver was a little bit fast and so we reached the aerodrome in time. It is a large field. After the introduction of the manager we all felt at home. While there, we saw the aeroplane coming with a terrific speed like a flying bird. We marvelled, when she landed, we saw the wonderful invention of the Wright Brothers. This aeroplane bears the name African Airways Corporation or VR-NAX. It carried passengers as well as newspapers. After few minutes, we saw the first class aeroplane, coming in the same mood. It also bears the name W.A.A.C. or NAJ. It carries passengers and mails. When this took off, we entered into the 2nd class aeroplane and saw how comfortable it was. When this took off, we entered the lorry and went to Port Harcourt town. The next place of our visit was the Power House. Readers, in fact, the machines I saw here were more wonderful than the aeroplanes themselves. We were taken round and shown the huge machine at work. The man who took us round tried to explain how the machines work, but the more he explained, the more foolish I became.

The next place of our visit is the wharf. Here again the scenery changed. There were many ships loading and off-loading. The currents of the water showed no sign of anger and so the ships lay quiet at the wharf. The liners, coasters and the tramps were all seen. There is no wonder why the prophet of God exclaimed that "knowledge shall increase and men shall run to and fro."

My Geographical tour to Port-Harcourt has given me a wider knowledge of what life is like in England.

Evangelism through the Voice of Prophecy

Principal — — — — E. E. Hulbert

Welcome!

By E. E. Hulbert

For a long time the Voice of Prophecy work has been greatly handicapped by lack of trained instructors. We were very happy that at long last our promised help arrived last July. The addition of Brother Gyabah to our staff was very welcome, and we are sure that his arrival heralds a forward more in our Voice of Prophecy work. We are expecting to have an additional Instructor from each of the two larger Nigerian fields at the end of this year. Please pray for the work of the Voice of Prophecy.

We extend to Brother Gyabah and his wife and children a very hearty welcome to the Voice of Prophecy staff, and trust that their presence with us will be of mutual benefit and blessing.

The following article is written by Brother Gyabah, who will have brought his wife and family to Nigeria by the time this appears in print.

A Macedonian Call

By Noah Gyabah

"Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Acts 16:9. How synonymous is my call to come over into Nigeria and help with the Voice of Prophecy Work. In view of the fact that we have to give account to the Master when He comes on His second Advent, I did not hesitate.

"In divers manners did the devil appear to me with pictures of discouragement telling me it was useless to accept this call being a Headmaster and also a trained teacher to leave the Gold Coast for Nigeria where things would be different and any scheduled Government increments to my salary every year I should miss. This some times made me discouraged and wished

this obligation had been removed from me and put on another man. But behind me I heard the soft words which entreated me to grasp it being an appointment from God.

"Immediately the soft words disappeared the devil brought his devilish tactics which almost made me to have overlooked the substance in the soft words but none too soon did the soft words make His second appearance to my aid. This combat of the two characters went on for some time but at last the soft words prevailed and provided me with something which made me stable in my position. This was afterwards known to be the Spirit of the Living God. So I heeded this call, wishing not to be disobedient to the heavenly vision.

"I came to Ibadan at last and started my new appointment. The devil drew nigh again and instead of my refusing his acquaintance I entertained him and he brought more vivid pictures which made me almost unstable in this appointed undertaking. The substance I received from the soft words had faded away and I was upset. Things became gloomy and disappointing. At last I had a glimpse of the approach of the soft words. "Are you learning and earning to die," He said. Immediately the soft words thrilled my heart and the gloom that downed my heart was swept away. I tried hard to recollect the things that disappointed me much when the devil visited but I found them trivial and meagre. How happy did I become and at once I vowed not to entertain the second time.

"Happily am I reporting this to you my sisters and brothers that I have been placed at a place where I feel I can present many to the Master when He comes again

"Students of this school according to their personal responses show with exceeding joy how they have

had the privilege of having become students of this institution. Students requesting for prayers and others giving their hearts to the Lord. The Principal replies to letters of students. Some letters apparently seem a nuisance but with care and sympathy we go through and write out the list of those letters and present them to the Principal to reply to them.

"We hold special prayer meetings for these who request for prayers every Thursday morning and how fervently do the members of the staff pray for them with love and sympathy.

"The Instructors busily giving instructions, marking papers, carefully keeping their grades on some special cards, recommending some successful students for Certificates, while the members of the Mailing Department are always attentively and with love mailing lessons to students and also enrolling some new ones. At the same time the typists are issuing Certificates and typing out letters from the Principal to students. How systematic is the management of the Voice of Prophecy School.

"According to our record a big fraction of the West African population are students. Every sizeable town in the Gold Coast has a student in this school, and this applies to Nigeria and the other sister countries of West Africa.

"Personal calls are often made to our office and with love the Principal attends them, solves their problems and makes them happy. Actually the Spirit of God is behind the screen and he is our Dictator and Counsellor.

"Wouldn't I with the Voice of Prophecy staff members be happy seeing through us and our effort such a multitude may be won for Christ. Would He not then say:—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make Thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," when we have so carefully used the talent the Master has given us for the accomplishment of his work?"

Thanks Be to God

By E E Hulbert

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The Voice of Prophecy is not likely ever to celebrate its centenary on this earth, but we can certainly join with the Sabbath School in thanking God for the great things He has done for us in the five years of Voice of Prophecy work in West Africa. Since the first lessons were mailed in February 1948, until the end of September this year, 34,409 students have been enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course. Of these 4,550 have completed the Preliminary Course of ten lessons, 1,523 have completed the Basic Course of eighteen lessons, and 425 have completed the Advanced Course of eighteen lessons.

We know that at least fifty-one of our students have been baptized. Unofficially we have heard of others, but as these have not been officially reported, we have not been able to report them. We are sure that there must be many others who have been baptized, but not reported. Surely with the thousands of students enrolled, and the contacts which have been made by workers, there must be many to whom the Voice of Prophecy lessons have brought conviction, and who, under the guidance of God, and with the help of the workers, have given themselves fully to Jesus.

Of course, there are many who are isolated, and too far away for workers to visit. We are told by the servant of the Lord that many who read our literature will, in the days ahead, remember those things which they have read, and in times of trial and persecution will take their stand with the people of God.

Think of the tremendous number of people that have been reached with Bible lessons. Imagine, if you can, the giving of 548,663 Bible Studies! or the preaching of 548 sermons to audience of 1,000 each! Yet that is what the Voice of Prophecy has been able to do, as the 548,663 lessons have been sent out over the period of five years since we began our work.

At present we have 3,180 active students, almost sixty percent of the total enrollment for this year. Many of these students write telling of their appreciation of the lessons, and confessing their new-found faith in Jesus.

We are always happy to hear from the workers in the field, telling of their experiences in visiting students, and of the way in which God has used the Voice of Prophecy to break down prejudice, and prepare the way for evangelistic advance. We are sharing with you in this issue of the "Messenger" a letter from one of our workers in West Nigeria. Brother Majolagbe has written several times telling of the good progress of the work in Ondo, where we have many Voice of Prophecy students. A large number of these students have shown interest in the message because of the preparation made in their hearts through the Voice of Prophecy lessons.

We hope during the last two months of this year to conduct some Voice of Prophecy Rallies in the West Nigerian Mission. If these prove successful it is planned that similar rallies will be held throughout the Union in 1953. This method of Spearhead Evangelism has brought large results in other fields, and we feel sure that in this field also much good will result.

You will be glad to know that we now have a new and more attractive enrollment form, much

easier to carry, and therefore a very effective soul-willing tool which we trust you will always have with you, wherever you go. Be sure to get a supply from your District Leader, and help to win more souls during 1953.

A Letter to the Voice of Prophecy

By S. A. Majolagbe

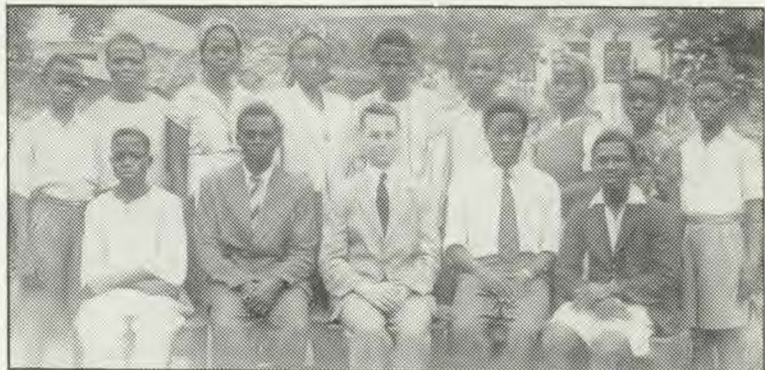
Dear Principal,

"I am glad to tell you that Mr. C. O. O. has been attending Sabbath School, though not regular for the fact that he has to go to his father's farm fortnightly for his food supplies. He has a willing heart, but his father has not consented with him to choose for himself. During every long (School) holidays he is bound to go to his father's farm to work. It is a pity to state that he has to work on some Sabbath days. Though he does not like it, but he is forced to do so. I am arranging to see his father and discuss with him.

It was through Mr. C. O. O. that I am acquainted with Mr. F. who is doing well in Sabbath School attendance. He is also a student at the Ondo Boys' High School. He told me that he has applied for the Voice of Prophecy lessons on 31st August.

I am indebted to thank the Voice of Prophecy staffs for the work at Ondo is having a good

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News Notes

West Nigeria

Pastor N. B. Nielsen, formerly of Ethiopia, will be arriving in our Union during December to take over the duties of Secretary—Treasurer in the West Nigerian Mission. Mention should be made of the fact that Brother Farrow has been carrying this work during the past six months, and will now return to his duties as director of the Awton station.

Returning Missionaries

A number of our missionaries will be returning on the M. V. "Aureol" arriving at Takoradi on December 2nd, and Lagos the following day. These include Miss Sylvia Turtill, returning to her duties at Ife Hospital, also Pastor Pearce, who however will not be returning to Ibadan, where he has served for the past six years. Brother Pearce will now be transferred to Accra, to take over the management of the new Press, now being constructed.

Brother and Sister Clarke will also be on the "Aureol" but will disembark at Freetown to join the working force of the Sierra Leone Mission. Brother Clarke will be located in Freetown to care for the work in the Colony district.

We also expect Dr. Nagel and his family back in December, but word has not yet been received concerning the date of their arrival.

The Annual Budget meeting of the full Union Committee will be held in Accra from January 14-21, 1953. We are expecting Pastors Tarr and Lindsay to be in attendance at these meetings.

Thanks For Sympathy

Pastor A. J. Dickay, of Aba, Nigeria, wishes to return thanks to all his friends, wellwishers, and fellow believers, European and African, in Nigeria and West Africa Mission Fields, who through telegrams, cables, letters, and personal calls have expressed their sympathy to him in the sad loss by death of his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Dickay on Sunday, November 9, 1952.

Attention Please

By E. E. Hulbert

Under the blessing of God, this year 1952 promises to be a fruitful year in baptisms. We rejoice with you in the fruitage of your hard labours, and praise God for His blessing on the evangelistic endeavours which He has brought, and will yet bring, to a successful conclusion.

We are happy that we have, to some small measure, been able to help many of you by sending our lessons to your interested people, and by sending you names and addresses of students. We would greatly appreciate it if, when you send your report to your Mission Superintendent, you would kindly also send us the names of all those you baptise, who have studied Voice of Prophecy lessons.

We would also appreciate any interesting stories of Voice of Prophecy students who have become Adventists. Good, clear, black and white photographs of specially interesting students will also be useful to go along with the stories if they are published in the "Messenger," or other denominational papers.

You will not forget, will you—the names, or total number, of Voice of Prophecy students you have baptised during 1952. Thank you, and may God bless you during 1953.

Choice Bits

If you must make mistakes, it will be more to your credit if you make a new one each time.

The three big stumbling blocks to advancement are: carelessness, non-cooperation, and laziness.

It is only those who do not know how to work that do not love it. To those who do, it is better than play.

He does not play the game fair who deliberately sets out to get more than he gives.

J. H. Patterson.

Win More Souls in 1953!

EVANGELISTS—

Carry a good supply of Voice of Prophecy Enrolment Forms wherever you go.

MEMBERS—

Clerks, Farmers, Carpenters, Tailors, Teachers, whatever your work may be. You are the men and women who meet the ordinary man and woman—do not let an opportunity go by to enrol your friends and customers in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School—Always carry a good supply of enrolment forms in your bag. You never know when you will need one.

IN THE TRAIN! BUS! LORRY! OR MARKET—

Everywhere there are souls hungering and thirsting for the bread of life. There are many ways to help them. But never forget to give them an enrolment form.

At Rest

Elder W. A. Spicer

We were all very grieved recently to hear of the death of Elder W. A. Spicer, in Washington, on Friday 17th October, 1952.

During the years, Elder Spicer has been a valued worker for the cause of God, and held two of the executive appointments of the General Conference:

From April 11th, 1903 to May 11th, 1922, he served as Secretary, and was then elected President of the General Conference, holding that office until May 28th, 1930.

A respected and beloved leader has passed to his rest, and his life of service should be an example to all.

A fuller report of Elder Spicer will follow in a later issue.—G. L. A.