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By A. F. Tarr, President,
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Once more we find ourselves on the eve of our annual Week of Prayer and Sacrifice, and again it is given to us to reflect on the blessings that a rapidly passing year has brought.

This year's blessings have been great and many. Peace has prevailed in every one of our division's countries. Financial prosperity has continued, and with it exemption from Sabbath work without any great disability to most of our members. The health of workers and members alike has been wonderfully preserved. Religious freedom has not in any material way been curtailed. Literature has rolled from our presses and into the homes of church members and of the public in unprecedented volume. Public evangelism has pressed its way into the forefront of our programme with heartening results. Church campaigns have been greatly blest, notably the Ingathering campaign, through which the gifts of thousands of non-church members have freely flowed into the Lord's treasury. The annual meetings held in nearly every local conference and mission in the Division have witnessed a new spiritual outreach on the part of many

thousands of many nationalities. Our schools have opened their doors to a larger number of Seventh-day Adventist youth than ever before. Our sanitariums and hospitals have ministered healing to many thousands of sufferers, and have been blest in so doing.

One of the crowning blessings of the year has been the personal contact we have been able again to make with a union that has been separated from the rest of the Division for many years—the Polish Union. It is from there, with the joys of this happy reunion shining in the faces of over 3,000 enthusiastic, ardent believers, that this message is now being written.

In the light of all these blessings so generously extended by God to His people, and of the more personal blessings of which each one of us is individually deeply conscious, we believe that the 1957 Week of Prayer should call from every member of the Northern European Division such fervent and spontaneous gratitude as we have never expressed before. We believe, too, that these past and present blessings—in the face of the serious times into which the world is so obviously moving, and which already envelop so many countries—call for a new dedication



Pastor A. F. Tarr

of our lives and of our all to the service of our King.

To this dedication we earnestly invite our church membership during this coming Week of Prayer. We invite you to make the whole-hearted surrender you know God wants you to make to Him, and to appropriate in its fullness the blessing He has in store for all who give Him first place in their lives. Whatever sin may still be cherished, whatever inclination or practice may constitute an idol in your own individual experience, be it selfishness, impatience, impurity, envy, evil surmising, a root of bitterness in our attitude toward a brother or a sister, a neglect of prayer or of the study of God's word, or whatever other thing we know to be dangerous to our spiritual life, shall we not determine by God's grace to put it away once and for all at this God-appointed time? How good it would be if each one of us in complete surrender would make the words of that oft-sung hymn our own earnest, fervent prayer:

"The dearest idol I have known

Whate'er that idol be,

Help me to tear it from Thy throne

And worship only Thee."

With this prayer answered—and we know how eager God is to answer it—we shall close the Week of Prayer with a note of joy and victory we never knew before.

We invite all also to share generously in the Week of Sacrifice offering to be taken on Sabbath, November 23. All of the workers will, we feel sure, wish to contribute a week's income to this special sacrifice offering. Let all the church members who can, share with us in this sacrifice. Surely we who live in Great Britain, and those who live in most parts of the Northern European Division, have so much for which to be grateful. Let us reflect that gratitude in a generous gift to God.

And so may this coming season of prayer and sacrifice bring to us one and all the blessings we need so much, and through our gifts and prayers bring unprecedented progress to the cause of God in our own community and in all the world.

Dishonesty

"If you have been withholding your tithes and offerings, it is because you have left your first love; you have set an idol in your heart. There is not the slightest hope for a branch that remains thus separated from the Vine. How many there are who die practising dishonesty towards God, robbing Him in tithes and offerings."—Mrs. E. G. White, in "Review," December 26, 1890.

The 1957 Anomabu Youth Camp,

By S. G. Arthur, Student,
Bekwai Seminary

So, another Youth Camp? Well, unfortunate reader (I call you unfortunate because you have not been privileged to see for yourself the realities of the camp activities.) Let me take you in an imaginary lorry to the home of reality—Anomabu, and to that historical Fort William situated on the tempestuous shores of the Atlantic Sea where everything depicts nature accurately and places it in its right perspective. You are on the lorry with me and a happy group of Seventh-day Adventist youth comprising Ashantis, Akwapims, Kwahus and Fantis. Where are all of us heading to? "To a Youth Camp", is the happy answer. The driver sets the vehicle in motion, and off we go to Anomabu! On the way, melodious M.V. Choruses entertain you and place you at the very vestibule of heaven where music rules supreme. At 5 p.m. you land at the shores of the Atlantic Sea where your group is joined again by some Gas and Americans. After a short introduction, the Director of the Camp, Mr. W. B. Ackah, receives all of us into the camp and through his first lieutenant, each is assigned a cabin. A devotional service marks the end of the day's activities. They do not want to tire you since you have travelled over a hundred miles to enjoy all the joys of a camp.

To be brief, I shall mention just the activities that were the most impressive. Every beautiful day is begun with the Morning Watch followed immediately by Prayer Bands and then by physical exercises. We just want to fulfil all the three aims of true education: To train the soul, body and mind. Those exercises are conducted by the energetic Mr. Larbi. Soon after room duties and bath an inspection is conducted by the Camp Padre, Mr. Collins, assisted by the camp counsellors Messrs. W. B. Ackah, Camp Director, E. K. Yeboah, A. O. Larbi, S. O. K. Konadu, Moses Agyei and S. G. Arthur. Then follows the meal to break your night's fast. Devotion comes next. Here you are revived both morally and spiritually by the wonderful inspirational talks from Mr. E. M. Collins, the former acting Principal of the Bekwai S. D. A. Training College. Crafts and hobbies are all included in your training programme, and you are assigned to one of the groups working on baskets, lettering or knitting. By

now, you will need some refreshment, so a cool orange squash and delicious Ovaltine biscuits are served. You may think that too many activities indoors may become boring, therefore you are placed once again on the beautiful shores of the Anomabu Sea where you are requested to do some swimming. You needn't be afraid if you are no swimming expert; you are not going to be drowned. Just a plunge is sufficient. But after this, I am sure, you would like to enjoy more of the warm sea bath.

Let me pause to ask. What are your aims of attending the Camp? They are, as mentioned before, to prepare you spiritually, physically and mentally as a Christian youth, to help other youth and your church to see Christ as a loving Saviour. All those M.V. activities guided by the advice of your camp director will help you to accomplish this.

In the afternoons there are games, which are specially appreciated by the six young ladies who are with us. Saturday and Monday nights the 24th and 26th of August we see a film and there are lots of other activities. We enjoyed the melodious songs of Mrs. Collins, the wife of the camp padre. By now, you need a little change. Tuesday, 27th August, four lectures are given on voluntary work in connection with the name of our society.

Your lunch is at 12 noon and supper is served at the peculiar hour of 7 p.m.

You are very lucky! Why? The Ghana Film Unit asks you to help in preparing a film to be shown in all Ghana. We all appreciated the film on Monday, now we are asked to do something for others. What a great privilege for a camper! And perhaps one day you will observe yourself in a film display.

Another inspiring lecture! Just a day before we left, Mr. Azu Mate, Senior Welfare Officer of Cape Coast District spoke on the problems facing the young independent Ghana. This topic concerns the training of our children, a subject which is near to the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist. Vote of thanks is given by Pastor W. J. Newman, President of our Ghana Mission. His wife

and Miss Leigh of the Union Office are present, too.

The camp officers are very friendly indeed. They plan an excursion for all of us. To Fort St. Jargo and the Elmina Castle. But before you reach Elmina to see all the beauties of the Castle, you pass Cape Coast. Cape Coast in itself is a large town. Cape Coast was once the capital of the Gold Coast, now the independent Ghana. After seven happy days with well planned activities, seasoned by spiritual sermons, we reach the end of the camp. Your eyes moisten as you part from all those dear friends. But the words of this song accompany you:-

Now our golden days are at an end
The parting hour is coming soon
And we know while sweet the moments
pass
How delightful has been our friendship
boon
Farewell to you, farewell to you,
Our good camp days are coming to an
end,
But we will hope for brighter days to
come
When friend shall meet friend.
We have worked together for one week
And played our games as friend with
friend
We are ready now to bid adieu
Anomabu Camp days are now at an end
Farewell to you, farewell to you



Anomabu Youth Campers

Our good camp days are coming to an end

Farewell to you farewell to you
Farewell to thee dear friends,

You will never forget the hand-shakes that followed the solemn consecration service conducted by Mr. Collins the previous night. The parting song! "God be with you till we meet again", sang with a voice which betrayed ones feelings and the rededication of each camper to God's task. But don't feel too despondent. Another year is coming and with it another camp and the opportunity of reunion.

Perhaps you won one of the camp prizes awarded Wednesday night 28th August, if you were energetic and helpful. That token will ever reflect the happy reminiscences of the camp.

To tell you of my own impressions, I may say that this year's camp has been as successful as that of past year's, if not better despite the small number. The activities pointed to the more lasting and more enjoyable activities to come in our heavenly home where Christ will be both the Padre and the Director. There is nothing to bore, nothing to inconvenience, nothing to go wrong when Christ rules supreme.

Plan to attend a Christian camp where fellowship with one another becomes a medium of exchange of happy ideas to widen our scope of knowledge in its diverse branches!

My Impression Of 1957 Ghana M.V. Youth Camp

By E. M. Collins,
Bekwai Training College

In the opinion of an observer from outside Ghana, the Youth Camp at Anomabu, Ghana, in 1957, was an outstanding success. The setting of the camp by the sea in an ancient fort provided inspiration to campers. The most outstanding feature of the camp was the Morning Watch and Prayer Bands conducted each morning. This was the real spiritual strength of the camp. Very good work was done in crafts particularly in basket weaving. The session on the work camp association provided a real challenge to Missionary Volunteers as did the talk given by the Senior Welfare Officer of the Cape Coast District.

"The Call Of The Redeemer"

By F. C. Barfoot,
Union Publishing Department Secretary



"There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it; now there was found in it a poor wise man; and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man."—Eccl. 9:14-15).

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"There was a little city, . . . and there came a great king against it." Simple, clear and understandable statement when applied to this little world of ours and Satan's attacks upon it.

"Little" only twenty-five thousand miles around it! Circled in a few days by swift winged planes and in a fraction of a second by swifter radio!

"A few men within it?" Only two persons at the time of the great attack, Adam and Eve by name.

Against the inhabitants of this little world came Satan, king of sin. He was a "great king" indeed! Back of every treachery of man, back of every open injustice and unpunished wrong, back of every war and its bloody battle-field, back of every sigh and tear, back of every heart-ache and heart-break, back of every broken home and blighted life, back of every penitentiary and jail, back of every bed of pain, sickness, and death, back of the grave itself stands this mighty king of sin—Satan, that old serpent which is called the devil.

He built a great bulwark against it. Indeed! so high so strong, so mighty is the bulwark of sin which Satan built around this "Little" world and the "few men within it," that to this hour not one man of Adam's fallen race has ever succeeded in scaling its heights, and none ever will! Hopeless and helpless we are, and completely at the mercy of this "great king"—and he has no mercy! Only ruin, slavery, and death are in his hands for us!

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COME TO CAMP MEETING

By Howard J. Welch, President,
West African Union Mission

All over the world Seventh-day Adventists love to go to Camp Meeting. There they find spiritual strength, a deeper knowledge of God's truth and Christian fellowship with others of like faith. This month and the next thousands of us in West Africa will be attending this yearly convocation of God's people. Lest you should be tempted to remain away I urge you to read carefully the following statement from God's servant:-

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

"Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed'. Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

"Brethren and Sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege."—*Testimony for the Church*, Vol. 6, pages 38, 39.

Much has been written for us about how to conduct these meetings. They are to be schools where God's people learn many lessons.

"Properly conducted, the camp-meeting is a school where pastors, elders and deacons can learn to do more perfect work for the Master. It should be a school where the members of the church, old and young, are given opportunity to learn the way of the Lord more perfectly, a place where believers can receive an education that will help them to help others.

"Parents who come to camp-meeting should take special heed to the lessons given for their instruction. Then, in the home life, by precept and example, let them impart these lessons to their children. As they thus strive to save their children from the corrupting influences of the world, they will see an improvement in their families."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, page 49.

Workers and members should do everything possible to make the meetings as spiritual as they can. Time should be taken for prayer and for Bible study. Special meetings should be held for the children and youth. Instruction may be given in health and temperance as well as in the principles of Christian home life. Careful plans should be made well ahead of time for every detail of the meeting. Even such matters as the arrangement of seating and the speakers platform can contribute greatly to the success or failure of the meeting as a spiritual revival for the members.

Sacred music can and indeed should be an important part of the programme but it should not become a means of selfish pride and should never interfere with the other parts of the programme. Singing bands while good in themselves can become a curse if used for prideful display or if their members do not come on time to meetings. No singing band should come singing to meeting after it has started and thus disturb the service. Bands should not march and sing in the night and thus lose sleep so that they cannot keep awake during the meetings.

Let us all pray for God's blessing upon our camp-meetings and then let us attend with a sincere desire to find Christ there and to help others to know Him and His power to save.

"THE CALL OF THE REDEEMER"

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But wait! Here is good news! The good news of the gospel! "Now there was found in it a poor wise man", who "by his wisdom delivered the city". "And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."—(Luke 2:12).

Hear the New Testament words ring out their glorious message in this Old Testament passage:—"There was found!"—"Ye shall find the Babe."—"In it" (the city), "Ye shall find the Babe,—lying in a manger!" He had found a way over the bulwarks of sin, erected by the great king, and, untouched by it, had reached his destination—this "little world"—and here He was found! "A poor—man." He who was rich, for your sakes became poor.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."—1 Cor. 8:9).

A "Wise man". "Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom. "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom."—1 Cor. 1:30).

"A poor wise man," viewing our Saviour's humility and perfect submission, He was "found in fashion as a man." "And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross."—Phil. 2:8).

"His poverty"—In material things Jesus claimed little in this life. Listen to His words of caution to his would-be followers; "and Jesus said unto him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath *not* where to lay His head."—(Mat. 8:20).

Who "by his wisdom delivered the city." "That He might deliver us from this present evil world." And that, too, by His wisdom. Only the wisdom of God as expressed in Christ could ever have conceived redemption, much less wrought it!

("Deliver"—what a word—"Deliver!") Hear it sing in the souls of the ransomed! "Deliver." Hear its music in the hearts of those who were once held captive within the "bulwarks" of the king of sin. Delivered from that awful sphere of sin and death into the realm of life and light under the lordship of the King of righteousness! "Who gave himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world."—(Gal. 1:4).

Surely all the world will turn to the One who has made deliverance possible for them! Sad, tragic commentary on the awful state of fallen man in the following words: "Yet no man remembered that same poor man."

It is the same today. The world goes mad in an endeavour to out-do one another in

remembering one another, but only a few remember Him who was "found", and who by His "wisdom" delivered us from sin.

The forgotten wise man! None other than the Lord Jesus Christ! Forgotten by most of the world. But the world is not forgotten by Him. "He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." He still loves it and yearns to save it. He has not forgotten. And someday those who forget Him will terribly remember!

The words of John in Revelation will ring clear and yet tragically convincing in that day. "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy let him be filthy still—and behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be—Rev. 22:12-13).

As you meditate upon this glorious truth of Redemption, think for a moment of your own experience with Jesus, trace how "He has brought you up out of an horrible pit."

Reflect how "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of His calling and what the riches of the glory of "His inheritance in the saints."

Now open your hearts and exclaim with John the Revelator,—"for thou has redeemed us to God by thy blood."

How sweetly the music of grace, penned by James, falls upon the ear. "Hearken my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom which he has promised to them that love Him?"

Weighing up the value of the riches of Christ, as compared with our material poverty in the eyes of the world, we too like the apostle Paul can say, ". . . as poor, yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing all things." What has God accomplished for you?

How are you willing to express your appreciation to Him in return for His great gift of Salvation to you? Jesus today, is inviting you to join His army of Literature Evangelists. As a loyal follower of Christ, here is your opportunity to help broadcast the three angels' messages whilst the day of grace still lingers.

You brethren and sisters are the Redeemed of Christ. You are every one "chosen vessels." God has laid the responsibility upon you of spreading the "Good News" of Salvation and Redemption.

Today in West Africa, we have over 50

Literature Evangelists, and this year so far, our deliveries have exceeded £13,000, and there is not a month that passes without we hear of souls being baptized as a result of the faithful work of our devoted bookmen.

Dear readers, as you meditate upon this message, lift up our hearts to Jesus, and join in this prayer.

"Dear Lord—

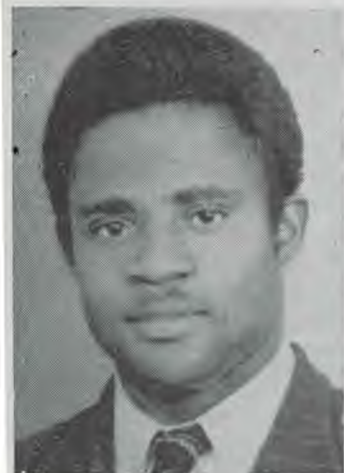
No service in itself is small,
None great, though earth it fill,
But that is small that seeks its own,
And great that seeks God's will,
Then hold my hand, most gracious God,
Guide all my goings still;
And let it be my life's one aim,
"To know and do thy will."

In conclusion, the opportunity awaits you today to join the ranks of our Literature Ministry and share your faith and joys with others.

May your response be "Here am I Lord send me."

My Sojourn In Britain

By S. B. O. Folayan



In days gone by, West Africans looked on England as a very far place. But science has since made England only seventeen hours away from West Africans.

It was a happy day for me when Pastor H. S. Pearce, manager of the Advent Press, Accra, gave me the welcome news that I was being considered for a

visit to The Stanborough Press, where I could obtain experience in modern printing methods. I well remember the days when we toiled in Ibadan on the Adana and Arab Platen machines. Our fastest machine then was a demy Wharfedale.

When our Advent Press moved to Accra, with the Union headquarters, I was called from my country to Ghana. The Division

gave the Press means to expand. The Stanborough Press which acts as our Mother Press also has donated some machines. A new factory was built, and new machines installed. Now the Advent Press in West Africa has so expanded (and is expanding) that there is need for better workers, who are more qualified and experienced.

Hence, when I was told to prepare to sail, despite the fact that I was to pay my own fare to and fro and other expenses, I took it with joy and gratitude. I packed, and after seeing to the welfare of my family, I sailed from Takoradi in September. Passing through such historic places as Paris on the Continent, my journey was extremely interesting.

Arriving in England on the twentieth, I came to The Stanborough Press where I started work in earnest. At the same time I was enrolled in the Watford Technical College to study the theory of printing, as well as the practical.

I can never say enough of the kind treatment I have received from co-workers in The Stanborough Press, of the friendly attitude, of readiness to answer satisfactorily all my questions, yes, and more than that, of showing me the technicalities of the intricate machines that are used. I was amazed at the quantity of the work produced, more than that also is the quality. Although, compared with other printing houses in Watford, this our own press might be a small place, yet no-one has anything but praise to shower on the good quality of magazines, pamphlets, and big books that are turned out by us.

Except God has taken all these things into His own hand, we could have done nothing. So, you find all the personnel of this institution or factory starting the day with God. Worship is held every morning and prayers had. Yes, God must bless the people who bring into existence the Gospel literature!

At first I thought: Will this house not go bankrupt? Here are stacks and stacks of printed books, but I have never heard of an Adventist bookshop.

But no, I was mistaken. I saw many piles of book packages sent by post and by goods train to different parts of the British Isles, to West and South Africa, as well as the Caribbean.

There are consecrated evangelists who perhaps never preach in the church—they are the Gospel literature evangelists—scattered all over these Isles. I was impressed

with the devotion, for instance, of Brother Shaw, of Sheffield, whose goal was to distribute "at the door" £100's worth of our literature in one week. There are many others whose successful efforts clear our products very quickly.

I cannot forget also the students of the Newbold College who, on Sundays, during their school year, take out our products and thus get cash to support themselves in school. Even as I write, they are scattered all over the United Kingdom scattering our finished products to the public.

Yes, my problem is solved! These books, filled with the truths of Christ and His kingdom, do not lie idle on our shelves in the factory. They are printed, sent to the literature evangelists, who take them to the public in their homes, the money comes in, together with more orders, we print more—and that is how we go on from day to day.

Did you ask me what my impressions are of England? I can tell you it is wonderful, but I cannot tell you all here.

The spirit with which our churchmembers have attached themselves to the church, the sincerity of everyone I have so far met, is amazing. I have really seen the church in action. Yes, I can never fully give the due praises to our brothers and sisters here in England when it comes to the giving of their means to help in the mission lands. Talk of Africa, and hands are already in the purses and pockets to bring liberally for missions; talk of the Pacific Islands and of India or China, help is always available. Is it in Hungary that the people are suffering from hunger and cold, the church is ready with food and clothing to be sent over.

The spirit shown me in the Stanborough Park church is excellent. Imagine the fine door-to-door collection of over £4,700 by this church alone for the work of God to go along. The youth and middle aged folks went out Ingathering, while the old supported with prayers. Come with the church on the Big Week day. Everyone was out selling *The Bible and Our Times*. It was a lesson for me.

I went to Newbold College. It is really a beautiful place. Their fine new building is now completed. My African brethren there told me of the very fine spirit of their fellow students and of their godly teachers.

Did you ask me about the weather? Yes. I find everyone in England talking weather, thinking weather, enjoying the bright sunshine of good summer, asking me how fine is the weather we have at home. I see that

the only *permanent* thing in England so far, is the fact that the weather is ever-changing! Anyway I really am thankful to God for the very nice time I have enjoyed so far here.

When I think of the very fine production of our Stanborough Press the thought that fills my heart: When will some of these books be given to my people in our own language? When will these books be translated into the West African languages? I would like to go back to print, not for the English reading class alone, but also for the masses of our members and others who read only their vernacular. West Africans,—this is a challenge to you, especially those of you that understand. Please give us the materials and you will soon be scattering the literature like the leaves of autumn.

My gratitude goes to the Board of the Advent Press for arranging this good privilege of training West African boys for better service in God's work and to the Board of The Stanborough Press for training the boys. Finally, to God for His guidance in all the arrangements.

You in England have given a lot of help to us in West Africa. I am quite sure I speak for the thousands of our members when I say we have appreciated everything—the money you have sent, and also your sons and daughters who have left your homeland to serve back there at home. They have done very well the work you paid for them to do. And I am sure, if we are faithful to the end, we all shall wear heavy starred crowns when Christ Himself comes, as a result of your sacrifice now. Please, there is yet more to be done. Work and pray for us in Africa.

CORRECTION

✘ In the October News Notes it was reported that Mr. I Ampofo had been appointed Acting Publishing Secretary for the Ghana Mission. He is, in fact, the Publishing Secretary.

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