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THE 1958 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

By Roger W. Coon

The city of Cleveland, Ohio, a large mid-western city of more than one million population, was host to the 48th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which opened with its departmental pre-sessions on Sunday, June 15.

Delegates of the home and missions unions of the Northern European Division were located in the large 14-storey Hilton-Statler Hotel, about a ten-minute walk from the spacious Public Hall where all meetings of the convention were held.

Furloughing missionaries who represented West Africa as delegates were: H. J. Welch (delegate-at-large); T. W. Cantrell (Liberia); R. W. Coon, Dr. R. E. Davenport, G. M. Ellstrom, C. D. Henri, and Miss B. M. Turtill (Nigeria); E. Keslake (Ghana); and A. M. Moyer (Sierra Leone).

New missionary appointees en route to West Africa who were able to spend a few days before sailing and were thus made delegates included: M. E. Cross (Nigerian Training College), J. Fridley (Union Educational Secretary), W. L. Parker (Bekwai Seminary), and W. F. Riley (Nigerian Training College).

Our one national delegate was Pastor J. M. A. Adeoye, field evangelist of the West Nigerian Mission, Ibadan. Dressed in his colourful *agbadas*, Pastor Adeoye was probably one of the most photographed delegates from our entire Division.

Of particular interest to denominational workers among all the delegations were the departmental meetings which began Sunday morning, and continued until the grand opening of the Session on Thursday evening,

June 19. Leading out in these workshops and seminars were the departmental secretaries of the General Conference in Washington and their assistants.

The keynote of the convention was sounded by Pastor R. R. Figuhr in the opening meeting. As President of the General Conference he reviewed briefly our world work during the past four years since the last session was held in San Francisco, California, in 1954. Business transacted at this meeting included the official seating of the 916 regular delegates and delegates-at-large, and the accepting into our world organization of a number of union and local missions and conferences in various lands which were created since the last General Conference session convened.

After the main public meeting was concluded each of our eleven world Divisions of the General Conference met privately to choose their representatives for the Nominating Committee whose duty it was to recommend names for all officers and departmental workers of the General Conference and the various Divisions.

Early in the session greetings were read from many veteran workers of many years service who were unable to attend. In addition, a telegram of greeting and congratulations from Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States, was received which read:

"Please give my greetings to all attending the 48th Quadrennial World Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

"Representing many countries but united in one faith, your delegates will find strength

and inspiration in their meeting together. Dedicated to the truth that sets men free, their ministry contributes much to the lives of many around the world.

"Best wishes for a splendid conference."

Personal appearances to welcome the delegates were made by the Hon. Ralph S. Locher, director of law for the city of Cleveland (representing the Mayor who was unable to attend), and by the Hon. C. William O'Neill, Governor of the State of Ohio.

Sabbath, June 21, was a special day and Adventist members from many nearby States gathered in Cleveland to worship with the delegates. More than 17,000 Seventh-day Adventists attended the Sabbath School and Divine Worship services held in Public Hall, and in a nearby Baptist Church where a separate programme was presented to the teen-age and college youth who came to the convention.

The special Million Dollar offering was taken at the 11 o' clock service, at which time each Division reported local collections taken earlier for this special fund for world evangelistic advance. The goal of One Million Dollars was not only reached, but the overflow was nearly an additional 25 percent! A total of \$1,217,500 (£434,821) was raised—the largest offering ever taken in the history of the Advent Movement!

Sabbath afternoon witnessed a special World Pageant of Missions in which the national delegates and visiting missionaries dressed in the costumes of the people living in the areas they represented. Their march from the rear of the auditorium to the stage alone took nearly a half-hour. Only a fraction of those appearing were allowed to speak due to the limited time available. West Africa was ably represented by Pastors Welch, Adeoye, Ellstrom, and Henri who spoke briefly of the progress and needs in our Union.

Except for the second Sabbath, June 28, the remaining meetings of the session were devoted to reports of departments and institutions and to the election of officers for the next quadrennium (1958-1962). R. R. Figuhr, World President; W. R. Beach, World Secretary; and C. L. Torrey, World Treasurer were re-elected.

Changes, however, were made in a number of other General Conference and Division positions. These will be reported in detail in the daily *Review & Herald* bulletins which regular subscribers will receive without additional charge. All Northern European Division officers and departmental secre-

aries were re-elected with the exception of Pastor E. W. Pedersen, who was chosen to become an associate secretary in the General Conference Home Missionary Department and Alf Karlman was chosen treasurer to fill the place left vacant by the retirement of Pastor G. A. Lindsay. Pastor C. R. Bonney Principal of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School in London, was elected to the Radio Department of the Southern Asia Division.

The final programme was held Sabbath afternoon, June 28, and on Sunday, the following day, the delegates began leaving Cleveland for their various destinations around the world. Taken as a whole, the session was a most inspiring one, and will long live in the memories of those privileged to attend.

God, Touch My Life!

God, touch my ears that I might hear
Above earth's din, Thy voice ring clear;
God, touch my eyes that I might see
That tasks Thou'd have me do for Thee;
God, touch my lips that I might say
Words that reveal the Narrow Way;
God, touch my hands that I might do
Deeds that inspire men to be true;
God, touch my feet that I might go
To do Thine errands here below;
God, touch my life that I might be
A flame that ever glows for Thee.

—Author Unknown.

Choice Bits

Ideals are like tuning forks. Sound them often to bring your life up to standard pitch.—*S. D. Gordon.*

The frontiers are not gone. There is no limit to undone things.—*Ruth Smeltzer.*

It is not who is right that is of greatest importance, but what is right.

The less men think, the more they talk.

The best pay for any work is experience. It is the one thing no one can take away from you.

Many people are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

An arrow may fly through the air and leave no trace; but an ill thought leaves a trail like a serpent.

Discontent is the penalty we must pay for being ungrateful for what we have.

There is no virtue in doing what you like; like what you do.

Prepare To Meet Your Lord — II

By Evangelist J. S. Dwumoh

Dear Readers, here again is the second series of the above topic. In this second series I am going to talk about spiritualism and how it has got hold upon the minds of so called Christians.

Whenever such word "SPIRITUALISM" is mentioned people begin to wonder what the speaker or the writer is going to say about it. This same doctrine was common at the time of Paul and he even said, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." I Timothy 4:1.

As I go round from place to place and from house to house I used to hear from people asking questions about the dead and where the spirit goes when someone breathes the last breath. They ask this question simply because they believe that when one dies, one's spirit goes to stay somewhere and live again.

According to the writings of the Apostle Paul we read, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like." Galatians 5:19-21.

According to the devices of Satan his followers have changed some of these evil names to modern so as people may not actually see that such practices are those that Paul spoke about. Many secret societies and lodges have been instituted to teach such things which being so wisely taught, people have lost sight of its evil deeds.

Now we have such names as Palmistry, Psychic, occultism, magic, Graphology, Mysticism and many others and these are taught in a way that people delight in them. "From the beginning until now, Satan the rebel sovereign, has been busy recruiting subjects. He has an immense host of angels, as well as an innumerable company of human beings, who follow his leadership. These spiritual hosts of wickedness are combined into a most complete organization, vast in its extent, comprising, principalities, and powers, over which are shrewd, able, intelligent world rulers.

This gigantic federation of evil spirits and evil men is organized into a cunning, crafty system over which Satan himself presides. He determines its principles, directs its poli-

cies, decides upon its programme, and devises its propaganda." *Spiritism and the Bible*, page 7, 8.

At the time of Israelites

God warned the Israelites against this doctrine by saying, "When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shalt not be found among you anyone that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God."—Deuteronomy 18:9-13.

Character of Satan

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar and the father of it."—John 8:44. "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil." I John 3:8.

Admonition to Christians

"Pray without ceasing"—I Thessalonians 5:17. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15. "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." 2 Timothy 2:7. "These things speak, and exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee." Titus 2:15.

"Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men that turneth from the truth." Titus 1:14.

Our hope is to be constantly strengthened by the knowledge that Christ is our righteousness. Let our faith rest upon this foundation, for it will stand fast forever. Instead of dwelling upon the darkness of Satan and fearing his power we should open our hearts to receive light from Christ and to let it shine forth to the world, declaring that His power is above the power of Satan, that His sustaining arm will support all who trust in Him.

Lagos is a large city, as West African cities go, with a population of over 312,000. Three principal tribes live there, the Yoruba, Ibo, and the Hausa. The population is over fifty percent Moslem. There are some few Christians, and the rest are pagan.

On a back street is a little Seventh-day Adventist Church of about thirty members. The church was old and dilapidated; one hundred children were taught the elementary grades in it for five days a week, and we had services in it on the Sabbath.

A great deal of witchcraft and juju is used and practised; the dread killer and enslaver, Indian hemp, is brought into the city by sailors, and is growing in use; palm wine is sold and drunk almost everywhere.

Over a million pounds is spent yearly for the importation of every conceivable brand of beer and alcoholic liquor. Tobacco, already a scourge, is growing in popularity and use. Add to this a population greatly divided by political and nationalistic feelings and you have an up-to-date picture of modern Lagos which provides a challenge for the preaching of the Third Angel's Message.

Eighteen months of difficult and intensive evangelistic endeavour have passed. Five campaigns, held four nights weekly, and lasting from two to three months each, have been conducted; thousands of pieces of literature have been systematically distributed; many hundreds of visits have been made and Bible studies given; eight thousand names of interested people secured, and three hundred and thirty five Sabbath decision cards signed.

Our methods? Such as would be used in most any city in Europe or America with little difference. Since the two major languages are English and Yoruba, the messages were given in English and translated into Yoruba. The use of slides, film strip, and even black light were almost a necessity. Visual aids of some type are still of paramount importance in West African evangelism. After-meetings, Bible correspondence courses, and many other methods were used to encourage decisions for Christ.

The results? There is a new church group, with an average attendance of twenty-five to thirty, on Lagos Island; the average attendance of the Yaba church has trebled, hovering between eighty and one hundred; seventeen to twenty new converts meet in a new church group at Ikeja; and scores are in the valley of decision being aggressively followed up by our African evangelists. The

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normal time for the baptism of new converts in West Africa is two years, so we had the joy of baptizing twenty-three.

Two field schools of evangelism were also conducted. For the first one, two evangelists from Sierra Leone, two from Ghana, two from East Nigeria, one from North Nigeria, and three from West Nigeria participated. Classes in Bible Doctrines, Spirit of Prophecy, denominational history, and practical evangelism were conducted four mornings weekly. The afternoons were used for visitation and Bible classes.

The second school was conducted in conjunction with our last public campaign in Lagos, which was held out of doors. The entire eleven members of the Advanced Evangelistic Training Course of the Nigerian Training College, composed of evangelists from Ghana, East Nigeria, and West Nigeria participated, as well as five new evangelists from West Nigeria. The same type of programme was followed as in the first school as far as time and responsibilities permitted.

The work was not ours alone. We were grateful to the Liberian Mission for permitting Pastor and Mrs. D. H. Hughes and family to join us for the major campaign in Lagos. Pastor Hughes, as singing evangelist and instructor in the school of evangelism, and Mrs. Hughes as organist and music instructor, gave invaluable service. The District Leader, Pastor J. E. Adewoye and wife were avid students and faithful workers giving unstintingly of time and talent in leading the entire church membership in co-operation and service. Mr. Caleb Adeogun, though the Principal of our Lagos elementary school and studying for an external examination, sacrificed time needed for study and preparation to be our loyal interpreter and musician.

There was no officer or member of the Yaba Church who could not be called upon anytime for any service and who would not give that service without reservation.

We are also grateful to Pastor Ellstrom, President of the West Nigerian Mission; Pastor R. W. Coon, Principal of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School; Dr. Sherman Nagel, Medical Director of the Ile-Ife Hospital, who came when needed to show sound movies or render any other service.

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And to Mrs. Henri, my partner in service, who in spite of caring for three very young children and the multitudinous chores of running a household, conducted the singing, played the organ, and provided special music.

The people of Nigeria are as lovable, kind, sympathetic and sincere as one could find anywhere in the world. We thank God for the happy privilege of being able to sow the seeds of eternal truth in Lagos. Pray with us that God will give an abundant harvest. Our few African evangelists, who shoulder the responsibility of cultivating and watering the seed, need our earnest prayers and encouragement.

We cannot console ourselves with the idea that Lagos has been warned. Multiplied thousands still have not heard the message; the immensity of the task appalls us. Scores of great Nigerian cities await the coming of the Advent preacher and evangelist. How long must they wait? Humbly, we beg, unite your prayers with ours that the Omnipotent One will provide the men and the means to finish the work in Nigeria and West Africa.

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me . . .

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. . . .

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

—Psalm 51.

The Hour For Action Has Arrived

By Pastor S. K. Essel—Obuasi

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.—Matthew 13:44.

The treasure of over five million heathen souls lies hidden in the remote fields of Ghana today, and within the reach of the present generation of the church.

In the Psalms, it is written: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Psalm 2:8.

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ at Calvary paid the full price for redemption of every heathen soul in Ghana.

Now God says, "You can possess these uttermost parts of Ghana yourselves; The heathens are our own inheritance." To possess such a treasure, should we not "sell all what we have and buy that precious field?" The vast field of over five million un-evangelized souls.

To approach these people, we must be men of integrity; Men of conviction; Men capable of decisions and of action, as men like Stephen, "full of faith and power."

Like Paul whose life was constantly in peril as he advanced to possess the heathen treasure of his generation.

Our chief aim as Pastors and Evangelists of today in advancing or possessing these inheritance are the following:-

1. Regardless of peril.
2. Regardless of sacrifice.
3. And regardless of resistance.

Brethren, we are the rugged pioneers of faith today who will respond to this challenge.

Where are the brave and courageous men who are ready for the monotony of religious competition?

Why is it that the marks which lead to these vast treasure are trodden by few?

Could it be that men are no longer willing to dedicate themselves in sacrificial devotion to reach the lost for Christ?

Brethren, if we all are willing to form such "HALLELUJAH CHORUS", then I urge you all to take your place among the ranks of the apostles and share this unclaimed inheritance among the heathens, and thus help broaden the field, full of action which lies before us.

Evangelistic Refresher Course

By J. A. Boateng,
Missionary Volunteer Secretary,
Ghana Mission

Twenty-one evangelists were called from their fields of labour to attend a five-day refresher course at Bekwai. And there-on the college campus, these old students, together with other teachers, met and enjoyed the spirit of Christian fellowship, learning and discussion. The time was most profitable. For as Prince Emmanuel's band of workers gathered, our loyalty to His task was renewed, new ways and means of furthering the cause surveyed, our mental faculties refreshed, and our association with each other strengthened.

The six dynamic speakers indeed contributed much for our spiritual welfare. And these were:- Pastor L. Nielsen, Mr. R. D. Jordan, Mr. E. Collins, Mr. H. I. Dunton, Pastor J. K. Amoah and Pastor D. N. Agboka. Among other lessons they presented were, "Challenge of Evangelism," "Christ Centred Preaching," "Prophetic Guidance," "Child Evangelism," "Life of Evangelist," "Your Intellectual Life," "Spiritual care of the Church," and "Our Relationship to other Churches." There was an influx of questions, but the principal lecturer, Pastor Nielsen answered them all. During a discussion on "Educated Ministry," we all felt the need for higher training in order to meet the present academic standard.

Sabbath afternoon found us very active in "Share Your Faith" work. Led by the District Pastor we conducted an aggressive house to house Bible Reading at Sanfo. As many delinquent and backslidden members as could be met were made to retrace their steps to the Saviour.

It was not too easy for us to depart when the day arrived. It seemed as if every lip was saying, "why not tarry yet a little while." And yes, we wished we could stay longer to receive the invaluable lessons that Pastor Nielsen had for us. Plan to attend next time because "the more anyone has advanced towards perfection the more patiently and quietly he will bear with, though not foster, the imperfections of others."

Yes, I say plan to attend in order to "Keep your mind on your work (ministry), not your work on your mind."

Lost, A Word

I lost a cross word yesterday,
Unguarded, from my tongue;
It slipped into the atmosphere—
Then trouble had begun
A dozen others followed it;
They filled the room with grief.
No matter then what word was said,
It could not bring relief.
If only I had stopped that word
Before it crossed my lips,
My day had been a happy one—
And sweet with fellowships.
I think I wasted yesterday;
Hurt self as well as friend.
Today I want to watch my words,
And let not one offend.

—Gertrude McDaniel in *Capper's Weekly*.

The Light In The Window

By D. A. Delafield

Years ago, in the great north country, a trapper and his dog team got lost in the vast regions of snow and timber. It was bitter cold, and the trapper knew that he must continue moving or he would freeze in the subzero weather.

Nearby, but unknown to the trapper, was a cabin where a man and an Eskimo boy were seated at a table in the centre of the room. A fire burned in the stove a few steps away. The man in the cabin was impressed that he should move the table to the window. He did not know why and he resisted the impression for some time. Finally he could not resist any longer and moved the table and the lamp to the window. The Eskimo boy did not understand why he did that, since it was cold near the window and far away from the stove. But God was working in His mysterious way.

At that very instant the lost trapper saw the light in the distance and headed his dog team for the cabin. Then in the snowfall he lost sight of it. Again he caught the gleam of light from the window, and mustering his remaining strength, he urged the dogs toward the cabin. He knocked weakly, then groaned out his plight and stumbled in as the man opened the door. While the Eskimo boy took care of the dogs, food was provided for the nearly frozen trapper. For three or four days the two trappers stayed in this cabin. Then the storm abated.

During this time the men and the Eskimo boy studied the Bible together. After that the trapper went on his way, but he was not forgotten. The kind man who lived in the cabin mailed books to him at the nearest point on the trap line. After some months the trapper gave his heart to Jesus and began to observe the Seventh-day Sabbath. He also accepted the Bible teaching that Jesus is coming again soon, and that Christ died on the cross to save him from sin.

And do you know, he became a Seventh-day Adventist and was baptized! Someone asked him one day how he was converted. He then told the exciting story of the time that he nearly froze to death in the snow.

"I never would have survived," he explained, "if it had not been for that light in the window."

If you think of yourself as a little cabin in the wilderness of people about you, and your witness for Christ as a light in the window, perhaps it will help you to see that the influence of your Christian life can shine far. The universe is God's house, you know. One day God set His star out in the window. The Wise Men followed that star and found Jesus. This meant that God's Son had come to save the lost.

We are to shine for Christ, that those who are lost in sin will find their way to the light of God's truth.

Activities Of Women In S. D. A. Church Otun, West Nigeria

By Mrs. C. W. Adeogun

"A vision appeared unto Paul, a man from Macedonia stood and said, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us' Acts 16:9.

It was a fine morning when a teacher visited my husband who inquired from him about the progress of his church. The teacher answered that only six members were present the Sabbath before. The teacher expressed sorrowfully that there were no women. When I heard this, it pushed me out of bed, and looking at the face of the teacher, I found that he is in person of Mr. D. O. Ogunyemi from Gogo. I requested to know from him why there was no woman in the church, he answered that they always kept in on Saturdays, and will never come to church. Ah! This shocked me greatly because there were many women in the church

in 1929 during the time that Pastor D. B. Alabi was in charge of the church. I expressed my willingness to come over and help him (the teacher), he readily agreed that I should come.

The following Sabbath, after teaching the Sabbath School Lesson in Otun church, I gave a challenge to all the women in the church. I expressed to them that our fellow women in the Lord are dying at Gogo, and that they are weary in attending church services, and that Satan wanted to win them to his side. All the women in Otun church answered in one accord, "We will go and preach to them. We will go and hold revival Sermons. We will go and serve the Lord at Gogo."

Upon arriving at Gogo, we met only four men in the church. They were gazing at us with a great amazement. We, from Otun had the patience until the end of the services for the day. It was after this that I stood up to tell them our objective or aim in coming to them. At the end of my speech, a young man who was weeping because of gladness in seeing us ready to go and preach to their backsliding wives and women stood up and volunteered to take us from house to house. A band of us who went from Otun that day divided ourselves into groups, and did a lot of house visiting that day. We returned the first Sabbath, and after that repeated our visits. I personally afterwards went there every Sabbath for complete three months.

The first woman we visited was afraid to see us, but we smiled to her and showed our interest in her. We told her the reason of our visit to her, and then she expressed that her husband was not steady in that when he turned away from S.D.A. Church and joined the Catholic Church, she was thinking of following him to the new church, he joined the C. M. S. again; and this was why she sat tight at home thinking that the husband might come to S.D.A. Church again. At the end of her story we knelt down and prayed and we sang "Pass me not, O Gentle Saviour."

Surely God answered our prayer because this woman and others from Gogo were baptized early this year at Otun. Mr. D. O. Ogunyemi always reports to me that the women are increasing in number every day. I am happy too to see that the women in Otun church are increasing before I left the place. How happy shall it be when we shall all meet at Jesus' feet!

Note: Mrs. Adeogun is the wife of the acting president of West Nigeria.

—Editor

M. V. Week of Prayer In Ghana

By J. A. Boateng,
Missionary Volunteer Secretary

The reports of the M.V. Week of Prayer in Ghana have been satisfactory. So far, out of the 19 reports received, over 2440 pupils benefited from the reading materials, 1602 responded to appeals and 621 testimonies were given. It is believed that almost all our 73 Primary and Middle Schools participated but reports could not reach us in time.

The purpose of this Week of Prayer was threefold. To show that the faith of Jesus is the only true faith, that the greatness of God's purpose for us is revealed in the provision He has made for deliverance from sin and the immensity of our reward. But the motive behind the Share Your Faith programme was to reveal the love of God and to give advertisement to our schools.

Monday, 31st March was the Share Your Faith activities. And among other things done were the distribution of tracts and papers, cleaning of compounds, supplying of firewood, and prayers offered for the sick. The interest was great as some useful remarks were given by many Headteachers.

Here are just four of the outstanding remarks made by some of the Headteachers: Writes Mr. J. E. Gyimah of Asamang, "Very indelible impressions created. Practice must be yearly custom." "Our activities have really advertised our School," remarks Mr. E. I. Ansong of Nkwatia. Mr. J. O. Boateng of Forikrom says, "Great interest was aroused. Three more children added to the number." And Mr. S. E. Opam of Agona completes by saying, "The Week of Prayer was both profitable and successful. Monday activities were most interesting and were appreciated."

The Joy Of Giving

There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.

And there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue.

They give as in yonder valley, the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space.

Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth.

—Kahlil Gibran in *The Prophet*

Heaven's Dividends

Every coin of earthly treasure
We have lavished upon earth
For our personal worldly pleasure
Purchased no eternal worth.
Though the spending was not losing,
Yet the dividends were small;
It has perished with the using;
We have had it—that is all.
All the gold we leave behind us
When our death shall end our gain,
Though in life it did e'er blind us,
We did gather quite in vain.
For in death we cannot use it
To help Heaven pay the cost,
Nor in other worlds expect it;
What we hoarded, we have lost,
But each gift of love's oblation
God considers as a loan;
What we gave in self negation
We may safely call our own.
For the treasure freely given
Is the treasure that we hoard,
Since the angels save in heaven
What is lent unto the Lord.

—Adapted by J. A. Buckwalter
with apologies to an anonymous author.

News Notes

- ✧ Word has been received that Mrs. Gerald Gutekunst and two children have returned from Switzerland to their home in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.
- ✧ Brother and Sister W.B. Ackah left Ghana on a French Boat to England via France where they plan to spend some time studying at Newbold College.
- ✧ Brother Henry Owusu left on the M.V. Aureol July 31 for the United Kingdom where he is to study at the Edinburgh University.

We wish these Brethren and Sister every success in their endeavours.

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