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LONDON NOTES

The members of London's B.M.E. Church supplied the music at Westminster Hospital morning service on Sunday. They were accompanied by Rev. Geo. Boyce and Rev. E. Richardson.

We are glad to report that Mr. Wm. Groat and Mrs. Ruth Lewis are again at their homes after recent illnesses in Victoria Hospital.

Rev. George Boyce presented his credentials as pastor at B.M.E. church for the incoming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jenkins and children Douglas and Leslie Ann, are motoring o Nova Scotia, where they will spend several weeks with Mrs. Jenkins' mother, Mrs. Barton of Nova Scotia.

Miss Aldine Anderson, Marion Turner, Messrs. Henry Turner and Barry Howson visited friends in Pt. Huron for a few hours.

Representing the church at the recent Annual conference held in Windsor at the B.M.E. Church there, were: Mrs. Owen, church delegate; Marion Turner, Young People's delegate, and Thomas Clinton, Sunday School representative.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Hill of Trafalgar St. for a few days, have been Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lloyd of Chagrin Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Washington of Cleveland, Ohio.

Visiting friends in London for the past week, Mrs. Howard of Toronto has been the house guest of Mrs. P. Brown, Mrs. Jas Hill, and Mrs. Mary Drake.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Washington of Cleveland, Ohio, have spent a few hours visiting with Mrs. A. Brooks, cousin.

Plans are underway for the Annual Community Family Club Picnic. Refreshments and games are well arranged. Be certain to bring your friends and your family to Lot No. 2, Springbank Park on Civic Holiday. Bus will leave 95 Glenwood at 11:30 a.m. on route to B.M.E. Church on Grey Street, where the bus will continue to Springbank Park. Races are underway at 1 p.m. Bus will leave the park at 7:30 p.m. on the return.

Mr. Freeman Redmon of Toronto visited at the home of Mrs. F. Howson for a few hours.

Also in London during the past week, attending the Jehovah Witness Conferences, were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Salmon of Toronto, Ontario

THE KING WHO FINALLY GREW UP

Kabaka Edward Frederick Mutesa II, hereditary ruler of Buganda in British East Africa, sits on throne in his palace at Kampala. Province has million population.

When the Kabaka (King) of Buganda stepped off a British government plane at Entebbe airport after two years of exile in England, the voices of his people rose like joyous thunder over the land. Along the 20-mile drive to the capital city of Kampala, her was showered with tropical flowers and given wild acclaim. For 31-year-old Edward Frederick Mutesa II, once lightly regarded as "Freddie the playboy king," it was a demonstration of welcome befitting the responsible ruler of the leading province of Uganda, the richest cotton and coffee producing area in Africa.

The week-long celebration of the Kabaka's homecoming was a vote of confidence to youthful Freddie, who

"FREEDOM" — A GREAT PLAY

We bid a warm welcome to the members of a great force which has brought the play "Freedom" to Nigeria. It is understood that this great play will be coming to Enugu soon. We consider it to be an event of extreme significance for a group of our own countrymen from the different parts of the African Continent to have decided to write a play on such a theme. — "Freedom" points out the highroad to unity. Its challenge is forthright.

The play deals with the basic issue—not the attainment of self-government, which for us is assured, but the quality of self-government that is to be practised. These men of MRA are pioneers of a new battle that has to be won — the battle for unity, honesty in public and private life and democracy based on absolute moral standards.

We consider the timing of the play to be JUST RIGHT for this year, 1956, to be Nigeria's year of destiny. The visit of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh has focussed the attention of the country on the need for maintaining the national unity which the Royal Couple's visit has occasioned. We believe this FORCE can fulfil it.

Many of our leaders from all parts of Nigeria owe much to Caux for the influence of MRA since 1949 has been greater than anyone can assess. It has produced stability in this country without which the Queen's visit would not have happened. We believe that the play "Freedom" can make permanent the spirit of unity we are enjoying at the moment. The coming of the play "Freedom" at just this point is extremely appropriate. The eyes of all Africa and of the whole world are upon us for the attainment of self-government depends on what we make of it.

THE PLEASANT WAYS OF HOMES

I love the pleasant ways of homes.
Where time is held in gracious hands
And thoughts are shared in quietness
With someone else who understands.

I love the peace of growing things,
The whispering trees, the singing birds,
And Nature's simple melody
That runs too deep for human words;

The lowly tasks of every day,
The family meals, the friendly cheer;

The little daily services
That sharing makes so close and dear,

The ancient, ordered plans of life
That hedge us in along the way
But hold within their friendly hands
Some bit of glory for each day.

—Frances McKinnon Morton

had of always been so popular. Crowned Kabaka at 17, he soon afterwards went to live in London and study at Cambridge University. Back i Buganda, he was criticized for his clipped accent, English manners and "man about town" reputation. It was not until Freddie spoke for his chieftains in demanding independence for Buganda, and was exiled for his efforts, that his people recognized him as a maturing leader.

Reunited with the Nabagereka (queen) and his six-year-old daughter in their palace 4,000 miles from London, the king seemed further sobered by a condition under which he regained his throne. A descendant of a line that has ruled Buganda 900 years, Mutesa II was stripped of absolute powers and made a constitutional monarch.

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The advertisements are designed especially for the Negro press and will cover personalities in some unusual fields. First in the series of insertions featured New York City Councilman Earl Brown and highlighted a typical working day in the municipal leader's life.

Other personalities scheduled to be similarly featured include: Miss Arden E. Hill, the country's first Negro television editor who is presently assigned to the National Broadcasting Company's Continuity Acceptance Department; noted author Roi V. Ottley, whose recent biography of Robert S. Abbot, founder of the Chicago Defender, has won wide acclaim; Miss Gladys Riddle, reservation agent for National Airlines and Brooklyn Dodgegr star Roy Campanella.

OUT OF DARKNESS

by Dino F. Courreay

With silent lips I bead my grief;
With sacred trust my vows I keep
So, tortured, bound, with no relief,
What can I do but pray and weep?

When furrows steal upon my cheeks
And circles shade my drooping eyes;
As grief her saddest language speaks
Hushing even her softest sighs!

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Or silken fetters, deftly bound,
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