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P.S. Please give me a
life history of yourself, I
shall do so too when next
I write. That will help a
great deal in the work.

Dear Friend,

I realise that it is over a month
since you wrote me your letter, and I hasten
to apologise for the delay in replying, which
was due to the fact that we were on
holidays, and came back into residence
about a fortnight ago.

I have to confess that things
are now really beginning in the Gold
Coast. The work is well advanced
in our university. The University itself
was founded in 1948 - just about seven
years ago, and I am among the fourth
batch of bachelors students who may be
graduating this summer, if we manage
to go through our exams. There is much
spade work to be done here, and that is
what we are concentrating upon now;
to do any greater work would be nearly
futile.

Here, in the Gold Coast, there are two
bodies which could actually work in coopera-
tion and make advances in apostolate
work among graduates: the University

college here, and the Kumasi Technology College, where there are a few number of Catholics. But the fact is we have not been able to make a joint meeting or programme, and that is what I propose to suggest at our next meeting, with the members of these two bodies, and the graduate Catholics who are in the ~~world~~ country organised, we shall then be able to say that we have achieved the first steps in getting through the work.

I don't know very much about groups in other universities, and I am ashamed to exhibit my ignorance to you who ~~has~~ ^{have} heard so much from me in Africa. Distances are our greatest problem. The nearest university to me in Nigeria is four to five days land journey from here. Transport system is not as comfortable and reliable (in parts) as might be wished.

The second problem is lack of money. As I said, before hand, everything is starting in the old boat. And, though, the country is rich, the individuals are not really so. For many of us here, it is a hardship to maintain ourselves, and we undergo these hardships because of future prospects. If money were available, what I would suggest would be

a series of conferences of different groups in Africa - say, for instance, as a start, a conference of university groups of the whole of West Africa. At this conference, the difficulties and problems might be discussed and solutions found to them.

The kind difficulty is the level of education. More than 75% of the population here is illiterate - unlike many of your European countries, and we will have to solve how our work might be quickly and easily effected with the mass of people.

Apart from the Aquinas Society, which is on the basis of a Newman club, we have a small group of legionnaires and this is all I can boast of as the work of the A.S.S.C. You will be a great help to me in solving these problems, because your experience in the work obviously is needed by a freshman like me.

We have only two women here now, and therefore, cannot form a Catholic group of women.

I do not mind your asking so much of me? I shall do my best to let you become ^{more} acquainted. The first thing you can do to help is to send me the Constitution of a typical group, which will serve me as a model.

To write in French, if you wish. I can read fluently, though it will be rather difficult to write, since I have not done so for four years. Let me hear from you, and treat this letter as an introduction. Yours in X's Edward.

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