



# Visitor From Africa

Among the recent visitors to Ecusta was Dr. Harold Canning, Medical Missionary to Nigeria, Africa, sponsored by the Citadel Square Baptist of Charleston, S. C. He has obtained a one year leave of absence to study new methods of treatment and new medicines for tropical diseases. During his leave he will also visit all parts of the country, lecturing in many of the larger cities.

Dr. and Mrs. Canning were the only white persons living with the Urohobo tribe in an isolated area of Western Nigeria. During his three years stalling the first electric lights in that area.

In building the hospital, Dr. Canning tells us that the women did most of the heavy work. They carried bags of cement from the river landing to the hospital site, two miles distant. The local carpenters, who received 30c per day for their work, built forms and poured cement blocks for the building.

The Urohobo tribe changed their name several years ago from "Sobo", since Sobo meant "Human Sacrifice." Unlike most of the tribes in Nigeria, this tribe has no written language, and, since there is no arguments over the spelling of words, secretaries have an easy time. Dr. Canning states that he thinks it is better for him to teach English to the natives than it is for him to learn the Urohobo language. Each tribe has a different language, and, since there is one or two in each

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DR. HAROLD CANNING