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It has become a tradition in ECWA Secondary School Miango to hold a graduation speech and prize day for the graduating classes (SS3 and JS3) every one year. This has been the situation for about five years now. The occasion is not just like any other ceremony. It is one that is highly symbolic. Symbolic in the sense that it commemorates a special tradition – the end of Junior Secondary School and the aspiration of the senior, as well as the completion of Senior Secondary and the introduction of “life in the larger society” with as the immense challenges of it. Having said this, think it is of great importance to intimate the students with the information they need to make the right choices and to be able to adapt into the new world without losing focus of the truth. This is why the theme of this year’s Annual Year Book says “fear the Lord....”

As Prov. 3:7 put is, “Fear the Lord, and depart from evil’, it urges all to shun all appearance of anything wrong and maintain focus with Almighty. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge , but fool despise wisdom and instruction; Prov. 1:7. My child, don’t lose sight of common sense and discretion. Hang on them, for they will fresh your soul. They are like jewels on a necklace. They will keep you safe on your way, and your feet will not stumble. You can go to bed without fear; and you will lie down and sleep soundly. You need not be afraid of sudden disaster or the destruction that comes upon the wicked, for the Lord is your security. He will keep your foot from being caught in a trap. (Prov. 3:21-28).

This is the fifth edition of “The Dove”. It is , of course, an improvement from the fourth, both in quality and in quantity of prints and pictures; quantity of the highly educating articles and fascinating graphics. The articles are arranged in the order or relatedness and entitled with catchy headings. There are write-ups on career guidance,

read and learn, history, Science and Technology, from the mail bag, and of course, time to say goodbye. There are jokes and entertaining stuff scattered intermittently across the book to tickle you as you peruse through. For every piece in this book, there is something to either learn or enjoy. I want to particularly advise that you read the articles of Prof. Naomi N. James-Rugu and learn how to take care of yourself from some living things in our environment. Some of these..... can actually pose great danger to health, therefore, read and learn. In this book are other articles by both staff and students of the school. They simply give us a tip of the iceberg of their wealth of knowledge and experiences. Catch a glimpse of some these pieces, then you will understand what I mean. Reading, they say, makes man, so read.

I must use this opportunity to give big kudos to the Principal of the School, Mrs. Elizabeth Zamani for her unalloyed support to the Editorial Committee while the Project was on course. Thank you very much indeed! Big thanks go to our technical consultants, Mr. Adebayo Charles and Mr. Musa Ali Gama for their inputs. I want to also thank our sponsors for taking advantage of this razzmatazz of a magazine to market your services. I know it has already paid off. To my colleagues in the Committee, you were simply wonderful. This work is a product of your tireless and constructive efforts. I owe you all the thanks.

As we wind down this academic session; as we send-forth our graduating students; as we reposition ourselves for individual and cooperate activities, may the good Lord through His infinite mercy guide and guard our hearts unto every good work. May we find favour with Him as we fear and serve the Lord. Amen.

Fare thee well, beloved SS3 graduands!

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