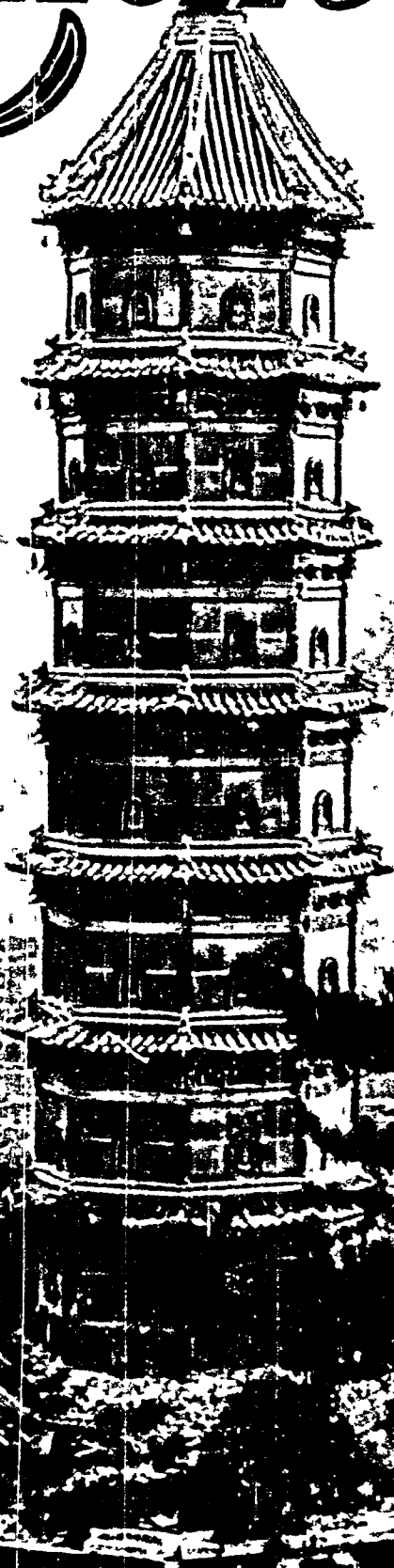


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THE COVER is the famous Jade Fountain in the "Western Hills" of China six miles northwest from the beautiful old capital city, Peiping. This picturesque seven-story octagon pagoda with its tinkling bells adorning every eave-corner is one of the favorite scenic spots of China's most renowned city. From the pagoda's crumbling base one can look unto the purple hills to the northwest and down to the southeast upon the canal flowing from the fountain into seven beautiful lakes that feed the mote around the *Forbidden City* of golden-roofed palaces and royal grandeur. News comes that the Japanese did not destroy this famous Jade Fountain's colorful pagoda.

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To the Baptist World

Greetings

*To the Members of the Baptist Communion
Throughout the World—*

At the opening of a New Year we once more greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The unity which our Alliance represents is a blessed reality for which our people in every continent give thanks to God. We have seen new evidence of this in the year that is passing away.

We recall with joy the series of Regional Conferences in Europe in which we were privileged to participate. Difference of race and language vanished in the all-pervading sense of oneness in Christ; and the Zurich World Conference, bringing together young Baptists from East and West, North and South, provided a fitting and impressive climax.

India has seen the birth of an All-India Baptist Union, embracing men varying in race and speech, but unified by their common loyalty to the Gospel. China, where linguistic difficulties are fewer, but distances great, has laid firm the foundations of her national Baptist Alliance.

Our hearts are specially drawn to our fellow-believers in certain lands.

We share the universal horror at the cruel wrongs inflicted upon China. We pray that our Baptist brethren, all other Christians of that land, and the whole Chinese people, may be granted strength, courage and patience under their trials, and a happy issue from all their afflictions.

In Russia, through the long years, our people have suffered and still remain faithful. We dare not forget them.

In Rumania, ecclesiastical and civil authorities have tested the soul of our brethren, but the "sufficient grace" has not failed. With clear mind and strong heart, they maintain their witness, and as their story is told to the world, it has evoked admiration as well as sympathy.

These are days of fierce challenge. In wide areas of earth, religious liberty has been trampled under foot, and in others it is menaced.

Such days need us. The story of our past with its witness for liberty reinforces our energy for present-day tasks. Truth and freedom are unconquerable. Though alone, we would still stand for these Divine ideals, and we gladly join hands with all fellow-Christians who are ready to serve them. But as heirs of Helwys, Roger Williams and John Bunyan, we Baptists feel the responsibility of our heritage. We must bear unflinching witness for truth and freedom. Nineteen-thirty-eight calls for that witness. Let us enter the New Year resolved to maintain our loyalty to Christ and our liberty in Him.

May God grant you all a year made strong and joyous by His holy presence!

We are, dear Brethren, yours in the fellowship of the Lord Jesus.

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Survey of 1937

The *International Review of Missions*, quarterly published under the general supervision of the International Missionary Council, devotes large space each January to a review of the conditions effecting the missionary work in all parts of the world and of the status of the missionary cause. This year the *Review* occupies one hundred pages, with seven additional pages giving the main facts concerning Roman Catholic missions for the year. Barely five pages are devoted to "the sending countries," which might have had much more attention. Every student of Missions will be interested in these surveys, gathering together, as they do, the items that have attracted his attention all through the year.

One does not need to say that such a survey has to take account of serious hindrances and upsets of plans during the course of the twelve months. In almost all lands now, our work must be carried on in the midst of confusion, uncertainty, conflict, hindrances of many kinds. Worst of all, at least in its immediate bearing, is the war in China, with its upsetting of all the normal activities of life, of government, of business, of religious and educational activities. The destruction of missionary property is beyond present calculation, but runs far into the millions of dollars.

Very many missionaries have been compelled to leave China, and many more would have left but for the courage and devotion which led them to ignore, and occasionally under pressure defy the calls of their home governments to evac-

uate. They felt, rightly, that this was the hour of supreme need for their presence in China, for the sake of their Chinese friends as well as fellow Christians, and for the sake of guarding as far as possible the entire interests of the work. We are bound to sympathize with many who reluctantly came away because it was evident that in their cases the cause would be best served by their leaving the work to others.

With all the diversion of interest, the destruction of centers of worship and service and the impossibility of continuing normal methods, there has been deep interest in the Gospel and wide recognition of the need of God and His saving grace. Conversions continue.

The China Christian Council, and the various denominational agencies are not only changing their programs to meet the immediate needs but are reviewing and reconstructing their plans with a view to the opportunities and demands that will follow the present crisis.

The higher schools where leaders are trained and ideals are developed have in most cases found, and made, it possible to carry on in the midst of all the confusion and loss. Our own Shanghai University, driven entirely from its main campus, has found locations in various places in the International and French Settlements for the different departments and has more than half the normal enrollments. The teaching staff are living and working on desperately reduced income. Refugee missionaries from other stations are in part supplying positions made vacant by evacuated members of the force. While the formal reports for the year must show large losses

in some of the figures, the spiritual records will tell of spiritual blessings and achievements, in character and in heroism and in hope that must shine with the glory of God's grace.

In Japan the whole population seems to have been mobilized in sentiment as well as in service for the imperialistic venture. We who are as much as thirty-five years of age will be able to understand this if we reflect on our own war enthusiasm in the days of the World War. The Christian forces have been so interpreted and so adjusted as to leave them free to go on with their evangelism and education, and there have been many baptisms. There are indications that the Christians have been able in great measure to keep hatred and meanness out of their hearts, and there are numerous indications of fellowship interchanges between Chinese and Japanese Christians. There will be interesting stories to come out when once again some things can be told that must now be sacred secrets.

In India, where Southern Baptists have no work, the year has been marked by distinct, if not definite, advances, and the power of Christianity grows although Mohammedanism continues to add large numbers of converts. Mass movements from one religion to another offer grave difficulties. These have been studied carefully by Christian leaders—there is a large volume of a few years ago dealing with the subject comprehensively. For the most part one gets the impression that the importance of personal conversion and living experience is appreciated by even the denominations that in the West have stressed this too little; yet, without lack of sympathy and insight into the social conditions that obtain in India and without putting up improper barriers to group acceptance of the faith of Christ.

It has been a year of distress and anxiety for the evangelical work in Europe. Conditions in Italy, our oldest field, have been very difficult. The vicious war which other

influences carry on in Spain has made it impossible for us even to know much of what is going on with our brethren in that distressed country.

In Rumania, where our Baptists have grown with such amazing rapidity, the government has been very unfriendly and for a time seemed determined to suppress and root out the Baptist movement entirely. Thanks to the skill and patience of our Representative there, of the General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, and of our Convention Committee on Public Relations in Washington, the situation looked brighter at the end of the year, but with much cause still for fear of the destructive influence of the Orthodox (Greek Catholic) ecclesiastics on the national authorities for the suppression of our work.

In South America political conditions have not been satisfactory. The totalitarian regime in Brazil is disquieting, but has thus far wrought no direct damage to our work. The transfer of responsibility to Brazilians rather than missionary bodies goes forward, not without difficulties and problems, but with hope and growing assurance. In all our work in that continent there is on the whole a healthy and hopeful condition.

In Mexico the skies begin to clear, and by our work among Mexicans who have come in such vast numbers into the United States, especially Texas, a vigorous Mexican Baptist denomination is growing rapidly under the combined or cooperative efforts of the Home, Foreign and State Boards.

In Nigeria the smallness of our missionary force has hampered our work, and the affliction of yellow fever which robbed us of two noble workers has made heavier the strain. But there is marvelous readiness, often eagerness, for the Gospel and baptisms multiply. The great need is for trained native leadership. Baptisms are continually reported in almost embarrassing numbers unless there were more possibility of adequate training of the converts.

Palestine-Syria is in the throes of strife and political complications under which any successes or even hopeful efforts are surprising. We are going forward and the workers are full of courage.

In far-away Manchukuo our few workers are untiring and there is much readiness for the Word.

A GLANCE AHEAD: 1938

During the first week of the New Year, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of Southern Baptists' Foreign Mission Board, took his place in The Foreign Missions Conference of North America, meeting this time in Toronto, Canada. For forty-five years this organization has been a clearing house of information, inspiration, Christian fellowship, study and conference among those charged with responsibility for the evangelization of the world through the established Boards of the various American denominations. They have developed the strategy of Foreign Missions through these decades. For many years our Board shared in the deliberations of this conference contributing and receiving help. Now when the problems and challenges are world-wide and complicated, it is a great thing to have this established Conference wherein the responsible directors of our American Christian forces can each share in the experience and wisdom

of all. Without knowledge of what is said and decided in this conference no Board could intelligently carry on some of its work; and it is unthinkable that any should depend wholly on printed reports for what he needs to know and can best know only by sharing in the development and formulation of plans.

In December of this year there is to be held in Madras, India, the decennial Conference of The International Missionary Council. This was to have been held a few weeks earlier in Hangchow, but the Japanese have made this impossible. Momentous questions will be under consideration affecting every phase of missionary work in the next decade. It is surely to be hoped that Dr. Maddry can be present in that conference. While no definite plans have as yet been formed, it will be needful for a special conference to be held concerning the future of Christianity and its missions in China, so soon as the present crisis shall be decided in its general features. That a definitely new era will open in China and in all the Orient is very clear. It is to be hoped that conditions will be so far advanced as to call for such a conference either just before or just after the Madras conference. It is going to be a great day in China when this tempest is overpast. Southern Baptists ought to get ready for it, in attitude and in spirit and in determination.

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Baptist Young Women

Charles E. Maddry

One of the most wholesome trends in the older mission fields today is the growing sense of need and the demand for a trained native leadership. The growing indigenous churches in all lands are keenly alive to the acuteness of this problem and, in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, are doing every-

of this Training School that began its first session in October with twenty-one students. Missionary Maude Cobb and Mrs. Bela Udvarnoki, the wife of the President of the Hungarian Baptist Seminary, are members of the teaching staff. The Board has never launched an institution with greater promise.



Missionary Mildred Cox and her Brazilian Training School girls, Recife, Brazil

Martha Thomas Ellis, Principal of the new Training School, Buenos Aires, Argentina

thing possible to supply this need. The Board has made greater progress in the training of pastors and evangelists than in the training of women for efficient leadership and service in the churches. On many of Southern Baptists' mission fields today there is a new awakening to the importance of offering worthy and adequate training for young women who are offering themselves in ever growing numbers for special service with women and young people.

We are, therefore, happy to announce the auspicious beginning of the new Woman's Missionary Training School in Budapest, Hungary. After years of preparation, this new institution has been made possible by the Foreign Mission Board through gifts from the Woman's Missionary Union of the South. Missionary Ruth Mahan is the directress



Five young Mexican maidens who are now attending the Mexican Baptist Seminary, San Antonio, Texas.



The Board announces also the formal opening of the Woman's Missionary Training School in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for Spanish speaking South America. We saw the imperative need for such an institution when we were in Argentina. The Foreign Mission Board assigned the splendid property in Buenos Aires, formerly used as a boys' school, for the home of this new Woman's Missionary Training School. The Board sent out Missionary Martha Thomas Ellis as the directress and the first session enrolled ten students. The River Plate Convention (Argentina and Uruguay) is solidly behind this new undertaking. This will mean a new and better day for Baptist work in those lands of marvelous potentialities.

Next September we plan to move the Mexican Woman's Missionary Training School from San Antonio to El Paso, Texas, for the training of young Mexican women in the Southwest and from Old Mexico. The Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary will be moved to its new home at El Paso with the beginning of the next session in September. We will announce shortly the ap-

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pointment of a new Mexican missionary as the directress of the proposed new training school.

Thus the Foreign Mission Board is moving in widely separated mission fields for the better training of leadership for the growing native churches.

The Woman's Missionary Training School for Japan is now in its third year with six students enrolled. The school will be moved at the end of the present session from Fukuoka, where it has been carried on in connection with the Theological Seminary, to Kokura, and become a vital part of the large Baptist School for Girls at that place.

Mrs. Maude Burke Dozier is the Principal of the Japanese Missionary Training School, and the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention has given funds for the erection of the Training School building to be built on the campus of Southern Baptists' Girls School at Kokura.

Kamilla Pannanhalmi and Etelka Mulnar, two of the leaders in the new Training School at Budapest, Hungary. The girls like their uniforms

One of the oldest and most successful missionary Training Schools established by the Foreign Mission Board is the James Memorial Training School at Bucharest, Rumania. There are twenty-nine students enrolled this year, and soon a new and larger building must be provided to care for the growing student body.



James Memorial Training School, Bucharest, Rumania



Mrs. Everett Gill and Miss Ruby Daniel are carrying on the work of this school since the marriage and resignation of Miss Earl Hester as Principal.

The Woman's Missionary Training Schools in Southern Baptists' oldest mission fields of China and Brazil will be dealt with in a later issue.

The establishment and maintenance of these Missionary Training Schools by the Foreign Mission Board in all lands has been made possible through the generous support given by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptist Training School for Japan. Miss Shimose (in American dress) has come to the W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Kentucky, to study. This leaves six girls in the Training School in Fukuoka, Japan



Changing China



Evangelist Leland Wang telling war-torn China that there is a God of Love. The Chairman of Station XMHD (760 K C- 394.6 M) is S. U. Zau, builder of two missions in Shanghai, deacon of North Gate, and brother-in-law of Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling, who visited America last year

THE Chinese word for "challenge" is composed of two characters meaning *opportunity* and *danger*. China challenges today. China offers great opportunities for living, for applying, for teaching, for preaching the Gospel of Christ Jesus. But with these *opportunities*, there is grave *danger*.

But "God hath not given us the spirit of fear: but of power and love and of a sound mind." The Power of His Presence, the Love of His Spirit and the Wisdom of His Guidance are sufficient for 158 Southern Baptist missionaries who have *chosen* to remain in China that they may minister to the suffering and sorrowful.

SINGING AWAY FEAR

One of the missionaries writes that Chinese Christians are finding comfort in singing:

"I Will Trust and not be Afraid"

"I will not be afraid,
I will not be afraid.
I will look upward,
And travel onward,
And not be afraid.

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Chorus:

"He says He will be with me,
He says He will be with me.
He goes before me,
And is beside me,
So I'm not afraid.

"His arms are underneath me,
His arms are underneath me.
His hand upholds me,
His love enfolds me,
So I'm not afraid.

"His Word will stand for ever,
His Word will stand for ever.
His truth it shall be
My shield and buckler,
So I'm not afraid.

"He will give grace and glory,
He will give grace and glory.
His cross before me,
His banner o'er me,
So I'm not afraid.

"So we go singing onward,
So we go singing onward.
We're pressing upward,
We're marching homeward
To Him unafraid."

A REVIVAL IN HWANGH-SIEN

China is a vast country, three times as large as the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Southern Baptists have work in six of the eighteen provinces of China. And a few of these stations have escaped so far the dreadful death wages of war.

From Mrs. W. B. Glass, nurse in the Warren Memorial Hospital, Hwanghsien, comes the following, dated December first:

"Here in Hwanghsien we have been wonderfully blessed in that so far there have not been active hostilities, but everybody is keenly watching for every bit of news from all centers of fighting. We are wondering just what will soon be happening here in Shantung, for things seem to be moving in this direction. But we are not afraid and

shall never cease to be thankful for the privilege of being here.

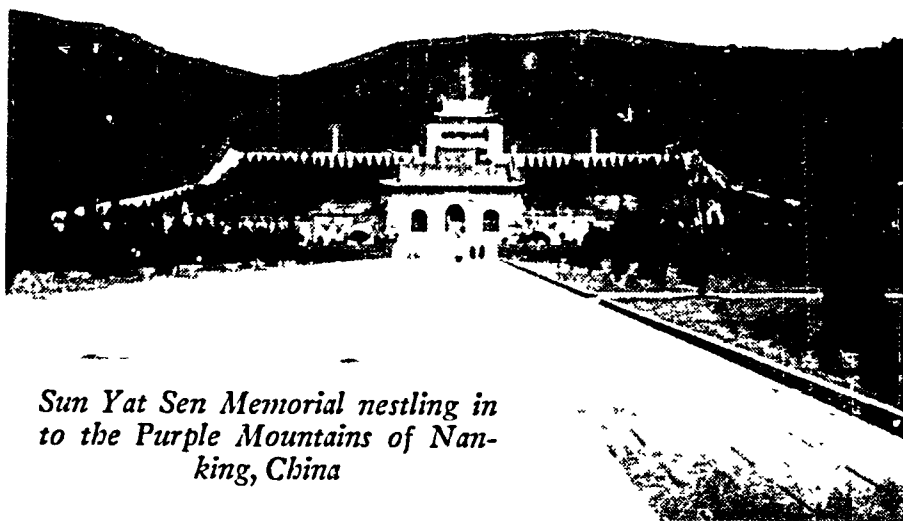
"November 14, our little pastor baptized sixty into our church and for a week following an intensive city-wide campaign was carried on in our city church. The Seminary dismissed classes and all did house to house visiting, inviting the city people to the services, three times daily at the church. The weather was ideal and how the people came!

"The preaching was done by two Chinese brethren and such clear heart-searching messages as they gave! I have never heard the gospel message given more forcefully. By the end of the week over a hundred had signed cards indicating their desire to become Christians. The Seminary had to resume work, but it seemed unwise to close the meetings, so early morning prayers at 5:30, an afternoon meeting, and another in the evening, have continued until now. The number of believers has grown to 267.

"December 5, a class for these inquirers will be held, and then there will be baptism again. From the time the first class started, November 7, until this week, Miss Anna Hartwell has lived over at the church, had a 'kang' or bed in a tiny little room on the church property. Really she had the time of her life. Because of the very cold weather coming on now, Dr. N. A. Bryan insisted she must sleep at home, but she spends the days there. It was great to see the church full day after day listening with wrapt attention to the old, old Story.

"While we have not been caring for the wounded men, we have had a number of cases who have been wounded in training, some new recruits who are being trained for service, and quite a number who had bones broken while digging trenches. Two very pathetic cases were injured by rolling pieces of trees that they had to prepare for

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Sun Yat Sen Memorial nestling in to the Purple Mountains of Nan-king, China



Dr. Hermon C. E. Liu, President University of Shanghai. Dr. Liu is one of 200 Chinese promoters of higher education who are now on Japan's black list



When one looks at this happy Christian father and his two lads on a picnic last spring, one is reminded that thousands of Chinese children of Christian parents have been orphaned as war has snatched away into death their beloved parents. Their only hope for life must come from America. One dollar feeds a child for a month. China Relief!



Mrs. T. W. Wang, Principal of Primary School, Quinsan, whose husband was Principal of Boys' School, North Gate Church, Shanghai, before the war. Both are now working with refugees



Homeless, hungry little Chinese children and feeble old grandmothers call to Christian America for HELP!

building gun pits. Both had partial paralysis. One had a broken back. He is merely a boy of nineteen years.

"In the group baptized, several were patients who had believed while in the hospital. And there will still be others for the next group to be baptized."

FROM CANTON DAILY NEWS

Only a few paragraphs gleaned from the columns and columns of Canton casualty stories reveal some of the horrors that the Chinese are suffering daily:

"A little after one o'clock yesterday morning because the enemy had reason to suppose the Government had moved at least partly to Tsingyuen as many as fifty bombs were rained on the county seat. Among the structures demolished were the County Hall, the Tsingyuen Middle School, and the Confucian Hall, and over fifty private buildings. Over 200 were either killed or wounded.

"Fully twenty-one Japanese planes made for Chungfa at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. Pavillions, and rest-houses were ruthlessly bombed, and the front wall of the hotel was blown down. The casualty list runs to 100.

"After crossing the Whampoo, the Japanese planes flew over Santao, and dropped a bomb which struck the library of a primary school. One of the three library attendants was badly injured and later died.

"The transport Mofung, which was sunk late yesterday afternoon by the Japanese planes, foundered after thirty bombs had dropped on her. At the time of the sinking, the passage boat Liming, bound for Macao from Kongmoon, was passing Linfashan, and she drew the attention of the Japanese planes, which machine-gunned her. Scores were killed and injured while many passengers who jumped overboard were drowned."

MADAM CHIANG APPEALS

To Missionary Peyton Stephens, now in Missouri, comes the following appeal from the Christian and American trained Mei Ling Soong Chiang (Madame Chiang Kai-shek):

"You must be following the developments here very closely, but you can hardly picture the bestiality of the onslaught we are experiencing. I do not know what the outcome of this war will be. We are fighting against tremendous odds. But whatever advance the Japanese army may make is due to the weight—to the tonnage—of their explosives, not to their valor or superior tactics. To give you a single example: they let loose about ten tons of explosives in one raid alone, on the Nanking Central University.

"I shall not write about the atrocities which happen daily in many parts of our country, and some of which I have witnessed with my own eyes.

"All I will say is—do not put off writing about China. Tell your country, tell the world what China stands for. Tell them also that China is united as she has never been before. That our soldiers, our whole population, are behind the Government, ready to defend our good earth to the last. That—far from demoralizing our people—every Japanese bomb that is dropped to shatter our homes and kill thousands of innocent civilians, strengthens our patriotism and our will to resist the aggressor.

"Tell them also that they can help—every one of them can do his share—to end this war. Japan will yield to one thing, and one thing only—economic pressure. Ask your readers not to buy or sell Japanese goods. Go further and ask that all imports from and all exports to Japan be stopped. And remember that every day of war means thousands of human lives sacrificed. God bless you in your endeavor to end this merciless slaughter. Yours sincerely, Mei Ling Soong Chiang (Madame Chiang Kai-shek.)"

DEATH AND ASHES

News from China announces: "We wait with anxious hearts as our ancient and modern China crumbles into ashes underneath the onslaught of the engines and instruments of DEATH which the Japanese have borrowed from our supposedly civilized Western Nations. The same machine guns in Japanese airplanes that mow down herds of dairy cows also mow down thousands of helpless men, women and children as they flee for their lives from their burning cities. We have learned recently what the Japanese mean when they talk about, 'mopping up,' after they have taken a city. They mean not only finishing the murder of whom they wish but also looting to the extent of their hearts' desire. After the fall of Shanghai some of our Baptist missionaries tried for days to get through the Japanese red-tape. The Japanese replied that our great Baptist Compound had already been looted, but our missionaries reached the compound just as four Japanese trucks were driving out of the compound loaded with the furniture and the last of the earthly possessions of our Baptist missionaries. Brother W. H. Tipton's house was nothing but a mass of ashes and ruins."

IN JESUS' NAME

People throughout the South are asking: "Why are the missionaries remaining in such grave danger in China today? Why don't they come away?"

"If we come away now, we have no right to go back when the war is over. If we cannot now *live* what we have preached, we surely can never have the boldness to return like hypocrites with only a lip-message. There was never a time so fraught with opportunities as now," reply the missionaries.

Southern Baptists' 158 missionaries are daily facing this question in their own hearts, and in their living-reply, they are telling the Story of Love—even the Love

that compels them to remain to minister *in Jesus' name* unto the many who suffer and sorrow without hope.

Refugee camps: Bamboo mat sheds with piles of straw on the frozen "good earth"; thousands shivering, suffering, sorrowing; scores ill unto death; multitudes wounded and maimed; hundreds of little children whose parents have been snatched away by a bomb before their "very" eyes; crazed, crying, crushed old women and mothers bending over the unburied dead; scores of babies being born every day of refugee mothers who tuck their naked off-springs into their bosoms in an effort to shield them from the cold and death; every one hungry and thirsty—and not enough food even to ease the gnawing pangs in the stomachs of the little children, without considering the old people.

Southern Baptists are ambassadors of the Christ in the midst of these conditions. They call to their comrades east of the Pacific back in the homeland to help them *in the name of Jesus* to respond to these *opportunities* fraught with *dangers*, too. The *challenge* has captured them. And they are counting on their comrades to see them through. A letter's postage stamp will save a life in China for a day; a dollar for a month; ten dollars, ten lives; a hundred, a hundred lives—saved *in the name of Jesus!*

Churches or individuals wishing to heed this challenge to save lives in the name of Jesus will send their gifts to Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia, AT ONCE.

LATEST NEWS FROM CHINA

Up to the time of going to press *The Commission* has received no news of any casualties among Southern Baptist 158 missionaries who have chosen to continue their ministry in China during these dreadfully dangerous days. The Foreign Mission Board calls Southern Baptists to prayer of praises unto God for His gracious, loving care of His children.

In Our Midst --- China

SAXON R. CARVER, *Furlough Missionary Studying in New York City*

We like to go to the Young China Restaurant, a few blocks from our apartment, for meals; in fact we have been so often now that the proprietor recognizes us and immediately brings the pot of tea and small handleless cups, as well as the Chinese menu for he knows that we want real Chinese food, and not chop suey. It is not only for the food that we go, however, though it is a welcome change from American flavors. Nearly every time we meet students there from International House; often we meet men and women who are alumni of the University of Shanghai, now studying here in New York at one of the larger universities. Always our conversation centers around that country dear to our hearts, China. We sit far into the afternoon drinking cup after cup of tea, with the waiter hovering near to add boiling water and to catch what we are saying "on the fly," for he too has relatives in cities that are being bombed, and is collecting funds for refugees as is nearly every other Chinese, or friend of China. On the wall is a prominent chart depicting the progress of the boycott and the report of buttons saying "Boycott to Stop Japanese Aggression" distributed in this area.

Last Sunday we had as our guest Mr. S. S. Beath of the University of Shanghai, and we were joined at the table by Mr. Wang of South China and Mr. Yen of Shanghai. The latter is a graduate of our school (University of Shanghai) and the son of a well-known Christian doctor who is on the Black List. Our discussion turned to the attitude that Chinese students in America should take. How difficult is their situation. It is one thing to study abroad when conditions are normal, and the family at home is well and safe. It is an-

other to be ten thousand miles away from those one loves when a madness not yet called war is raging and lives are unsafe from dawn to dawn. Communications from China directly are so rare and take so long to come in their roundabout way that these sons and daughters of that land have weeks of uncertainty after each report that they read in the press before they can possibly know that their dear ones are yet alive. At first, when hostilities broke in the later summer, a bank moratorium in China made it impossible for them to receive any funds for their daily necessities. That situation has been temporarily relieved now, but the financial and practical uncertainties are insignificant compared to the distress of mind and spirit.

A Chinese friend here, from Nanking, who had left his wife and children in the mother country last August, became so concerned that after much counsel and prayer he sailed recently for home. Nor did he know where to look when he reached his native shores, for his cables had been unanswered. Meanwhile has come the devastation of Nanking. Another friend now lies in the hospital ill from anxiety about his wife, his old mother and two small sons. The mother of another Christian friend died while fleeing from her home. Moonbeam Tong, who is studying at Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, writes me that her brother has been conscripted for military duty. Yesterday I was talking with Dorothy Chang; she was concerned because her father is feeble, and says that he will not leave his home at Kuikiang on the Yangtze which will probably be the next front after Wuhu.

And yet in spite of problems like these, in spite of personal losses, these Chinese student friends of ours

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are brave and sane and courageous. Many of them feel that it would be useless to try now to return to China and that their greatest contribution to their country can be made after their period of study is over. Their faith is being tried and tested, and it is growing along with the growth of their need for grace. One girl told me, "If it were not for my belief in God now I could not bear this separation from my people, but I know that He will protect His own, and I trust Him."

Many Japanese students here, too, are unhappy and upset. My son one evening made the mistake of calling a Japanese man a Chinese, and I was about to apologize for him when the gentleman said, "Do not excuse him. I feel honored." A young Chinese

Ph.D. in Economics was searching for himself some next steps, and he declared, "I have Japanese friends. I do not wish to kill them. They do not wish to kill me. It is their military which is out of hand. But how my people must suffer meanwhile."

If ever we are to be kind to the stranger in our midst, now is the time for us to act, to show these foreign men and women that our sympathy and understanding are real, that our God is a just God, and is with us and with all His people, even unto the ends of the earth.

Drs. Andreas Udvarnoki, M. Baranyay, and Everett Gill in front of the Baptist Seminary, Budapest, Hungary



This Is Europe Calling

EVERETT GILL, European Representative, Bucharest, Rumania

Southern Baptists have been giving their interpretation of the Gospel in Europe for more than sixty years. Our Italian Mission was founded in the period of the rise of modern Italy and the taking of Rome by Victor Emanuel in 1870.

Just prior to the World War, while the writer was superintendent of the North Italian Mission, he made on his own initiative a tour through Austro-Hungary visiting the various Baptist groups. As the result of that visit and upon his recommendation, the Foreign Mission Board extended our work in Europe so as to include Bohemia. In the same period plans were being made whereby work was to be undertaken also among the German-speaking Baptists of Austria, but the outbreak of the World War put a stop to all such further plans. Thus it was that Southern Baptists were already lengthening their cords of missionary endeavor in Europe before the World War.

At the close of the War the tragic needs of European Baptists led to

the holding of the "London Conference" in 1920. One of the results of that historic meeting was that there was assigned to our Southern Baptists for cooperative missionary work a vast new field.

Extent of the New European Field:

The extent of this new field of missionary work is considerable, even vast. It comprises lands between the Atlantic on the west and the Black Sea and the Ural Mountains on the east; and from the Eastern Alps and northern Russia on the north to the Black and Adriatic Seas on the south. The five countries comprised in this new and vast field are Spain, Jugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania and Russia. If we should include Siberia, in which an interesting and successful work was begun in the same period, then our new field extends all the way from the Atlantic on the west, across the whole of Eurasia, to the Pacific on the east. •

Type of Work in the New Field:

The type of work in this new foreign field is as new as the field. It is not new, naturally, in the homeland. It is a type of "Home Mission" work undertaken in foreign lands, that is, *the helping of work already in existence*. It is a cooperative missionary work.

We did not initiate work in any of these lands. Most, if not all of it, is indigenous. Like "Topsy," it just "grewed up." The story of the beginnings of the work of the Gospel in these lands reads like the Acts of the Apostles. We have had the privilege of entering into the labors of others along with their spiritual children. These various national and language-groups of Baptists have their own national and provincial conventions, and we have our own missionary organization; and we work side by side trying to live and labor with mutual respect and in Christian love. The principle is that every autonomous Baptist body must respect the rights of every other such body.



Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Sezonov, Baptist
Seminary, Bucharest, Rumania

Methods of European Missionary Work:

Our methods of work are largely conditioned and limited by the greater needs of work. We are seeking to help these European brethren in those matters where they are weakest, for lack of trained leaders, and in enterprises which demand the outlay of capital.

At the close of the World War our European brethren were practically bankrupt. The help we gave was, and still is, timely and highly appreciated. The principal needs and types of work may be included under these heads: training-schools, publications, chapel-building and "students' homes."

We do not attempt *direct* evangelism in these five countries, for two principal reasons: we cannot and we *should* not. In most of these lands direct evangelism by foreigners is illegal; preaching, or "propaganda" as they call it, being allowed only to the citizens of the land. This arises out of this new and fearful idea, afflicting the whole world, or *super-nationalism*,

or as they call it over here, *chauvinism*, a sort of exaggerated and at times almost crazy patriotism. It is a condition, however, which all have to take account of.

The second reason why we do not attempt direct evangelism and soul-winning is that this is pre-eminently the work of the native, or national, populations themselves. It is their inborn duty to win their own co-nationals to Christ and not to lean on foreigners. Furthermore, they can win their own people a hundred times more easily than foreigners can. It was asked more or less openly when we first came over into these parts, "What are these foreigners doing here? They are not here for any good purpose. *What do they want?*" They could not conceive of a pure altruism. That anyone would go to any land, except for the purpose of getting something out of the land or people, was unthinkable. The best evangelism, therefore, can be done by the native brethren. It is a truism among students of missions that no nation or people was

ever won by foreigners. Missionaries from abroad may, and usually do, begin such work, but the main winning must be by the native pastors and missionaries themselves.

Seminary Work:

The need of seminary and training-school work has been recognized from the first, for the young preachers and the young women. Hence, from the first of our new work in 1921 we have supported the Baptist Seminary, already founded by the brethren of the land in Budapest, Hungary.

For a year or two we assisted in sustaining a seminary in Russia till it was suppressed and funds confiscated by the Bolsheviks.

Likewise we founded and for a time conducted a seminary in Spain.

We founded and still conduct a Baptist Seminary in Bucarest, Rumania. And now after fifteen years of waiting, we seem to be on the eve of founding a training school for young men in Belgrade, Jugoslavia.

Girls of Hungary like to wear their native costumes



Training Schools for Young Women:

Our James Memorial Training School for young women in Bucearest has been doing a holy and significant work for some years. And now we have opened in the autumn of this past year a similar school for young women in Budapest, Hungary.

All the while we turn our eyes and hearts, with prayers and expectation, toward Russia, now closed to gospel work. We are convinced that in time, by the grace of God, Russia will prove to be the greatest field for the Gospel of all the ages. That is, unless the former state-church does regain the upper hand, which thing no one expects. That great and unexampled world revival, which Dr. Strong thinks is foretold under the figure of the Millennium in the Revelation, might well begin in Russia during the lives of some young people now living. This is not prophecy, but a consuming hope.

Publications:

The need of religious and denominational literature in most of these lands is not only real and pressing, but tragic. These peasant-farmer preachers who never have had, nor can have, a regular semi-

nary training must have what is next best, a working-library, which will in an elementary way supply their lack.

Our denominational papers, weekly and monthly, are a real power. We need more such. It is axiomatic that the press is the greatest power in the modern world. A vast amount of propaganda for all the *isms* that seek to overturn the world is carried on by books, pamphlets and the press in general. No intelligent or informed person needs any argument on this point. If we wish to make an impression on Europe with our interpretation of the Gospel, we shall have vastly to enlarge our publication work. At present we are playing at the task.

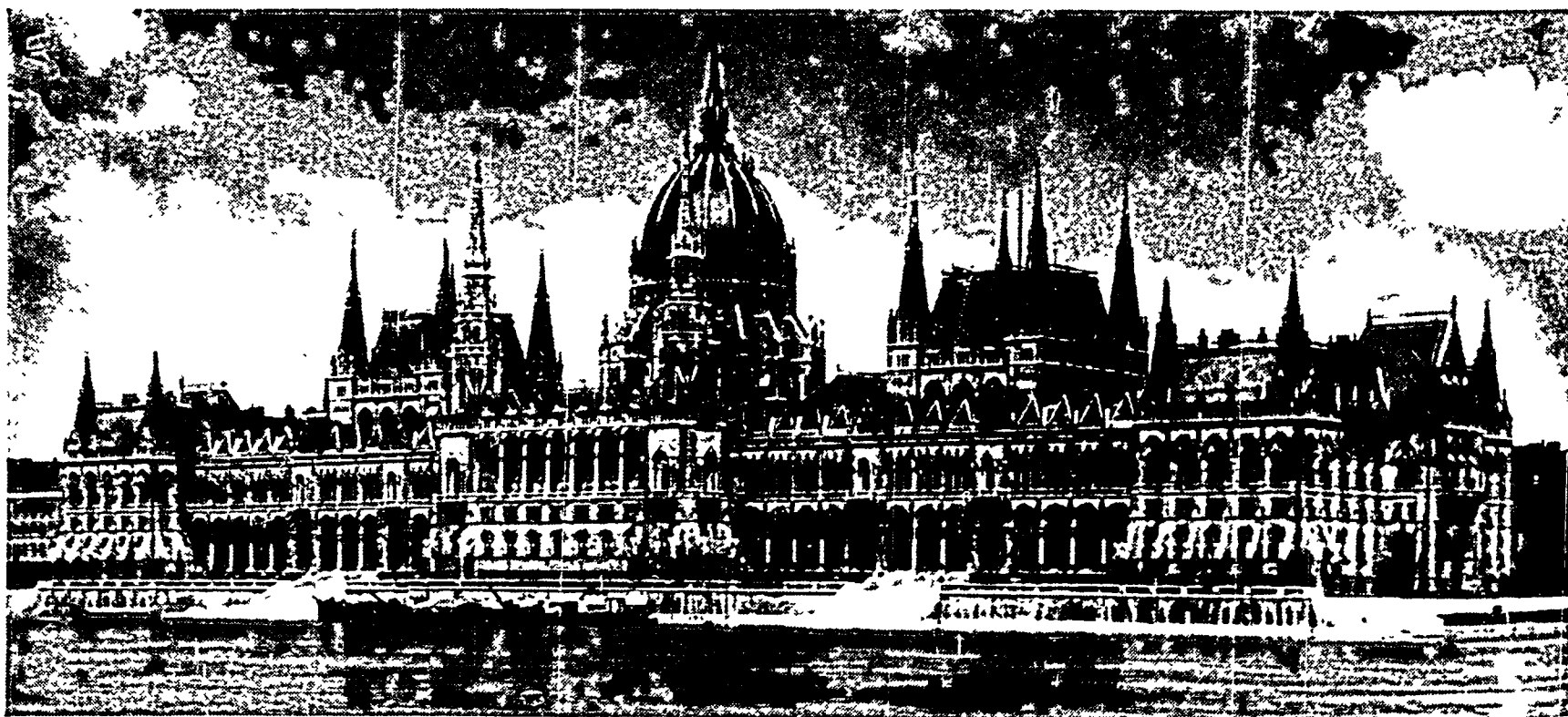
Chapel-Building:

The first thing a small group of converts does over here is go to work and try to build a "prayer-house." If we should take the time and write a small book on "Chapel Building in Europe," tears of sympathy and rejoicing would flow, and a new impulse for a deeper consecration would arise in our hearts. The story would be heart-breaking and inspiring.

These people do not wait for the American to come over and do

their sacrificing. They work and toil and suffer and sacrifice to the limit—the men, the women, the children, and even friends on the outside through sheer admiration often help. The effect of the Christian life on outsiders may be illustrated by an incident in a country in Eastern Europe. The Baptist church was holding its services when several young women came in to see who these Baptists were and what the service was all about. The services were so moving, the truth so beautiful and compelling, the people evidently so sincere, that their hearts were deeply touched. When the police entered with their brutality to break up the meeting, with the evident purpose of "beating 'em up," they saw these visiting girls there and yelled at them, "Are you Baptists, too?" With serene heroism, they moved over and joined the crowd of worshippers waiting to be beaten, and replied, "Yes, we are Baptists!" Who would not rejoice in the privilege of working with such heroes, though they are uncultured, untrained, and even at times downright ignorant, but who have the heart of the early Christians who counted it a joy to live or die for Christ?

Baptist Seminary and Training School, Budapest, Hungary, faces the beautiful Parliament building across the Danube



Baptist Hostels:

This is only another name for a "Baptist Boarding-House," or "Home," for students who are away from home studying at a high school or university. We have no Baptist colleges or universities yet. At the present moment and for long periods to come they will be able to get their academic training only in the state-schools and universities. But we must do something to furnish them with "Homes," or as some call them, "Hostels," or as they call them in Rumania, "Firesides," so that our young men and women may get their education and at the same time conserve their faith and Christian devotion. Our plans have been ready for years, but the great depression intervened.

This plan is the cheapest, and I feel will prove to be the best,

for training our Baptist young people both in foreign lands and even in the homeland. For us it will mean, at the first, the outlay, not of hundreds of thousands of dollars, but only of a few thousands. As the work grows, every few years an addition for another group would be made costing comparatively little. If we are to get and to hold our Baptist young people here in Europe, and help to lift the work from that of being a peasant-movement, so as to reach the more cultured and educated classes, then we simply must be intelligent and sacrificial enough to meet this so great necessity of the Lord's work. Europe does not ask the huge sums granted the other lands where other plans must be sustained, because they are already begun. The "Hostel-Plan" is all we ask for to supply the present and pressing needs.

This Is Europe Calling!

The call consists in the significance of Eurasia in the affairs of the world; in the sacrifices of these humble and heroic groups which God has raised up by the reading of the Scriptures; in the success of the labors of those who are not waiting for their work to be done by others; in the fact of the destiny of the world being bound up with the destiny of Europe; in the fact that we must help our European brethren stretch their hands across the vastest of all continents and touch those of our brethren of the lands of the Rising Sun and encompass with their prayers and labors great Russia, the land of the unknown. Can't you hear? Or does the sputtering of the "static" of closer-by interests interfere? This is Europe calling!

Notes from Nigeria

GEORGE GREEN, M.D., *Ogbomosho, Africa*

Our New Mission Journal—The missionaries, pastors, teachers and members of Baptist churches in Nigeria, West Africa, send through their Secretary their most cordial greetings to all readers of THE COMMISSION. The readers of this mission journal are investors and active partners in the great missionary business enterprise of the King of kings, and through the pages of this journal will keep informed of the progress in the work of Christ's Kingdom throughout the sixteen mission fields of our Southern Baptist Convention.

Our Mission Field in Africa presents opportunities that encourage and challenge those whose hearts and hands are actively committed to the missionary enterprise. We have a great people in Nigeria, great in numbers, great in urgent needs, great in opportunity, great in responsibilities, and great in possibilities. There are nineteen million

people, diversified in tribes, languages, stages of civilization and in religion—Pagan, Moslem, nominal and actual Christian; all needing that which the full Gospel of God in its application to all phases and conditions of life can supply.

Church Buildings in Nigeria—The gospel message comes to a town or village. A company of people become interested in the message. They decide to meet together to talk about the message and try to worship. They decide to build a chapel. The Chief of the town gives them a plot of land. The British Official in charge of the District approves the gift of land on which the chapel is to be erected. Usually without aid from outside sources, this company of Believers-to-be erect a grass-roofed building. The walls and seats are of sun-dried mud. Openings in the walls do duty for doors and windows, and thus the first chapel or

Christian meeting house is erected in the community. A piece of railroad iron suspended from the limb of a tree may at first serve as a bell to call the people together for worship, and the fervent worship from the hearts of the people in that grass-roofed chapel is acceptable to the God whom they love and try to serve.

A growing and progressive congregation calls for a larger and a more substantial building. Funds are contributed, materials gathered and purchased, and a larger and more permanent building with cement rendered sun-dried mud walls, well framed roof covered with corrugated and galvanized sheet iron, is constructed. The inside of the roof is sometimes ceiled with grass mats or boards. Doors and windows are made of wood. There are concrete floors and comfortable wooden benches. On the outside, as well as the inside, the walls are limewashed

or distempered, and the woodwork painted.

Schools in Nigeria—It is to be expected that Baptists would have schools in Nigeria. Successful evangelism begets the demand for schools. The school, whether it be a "Bush School," or an "Academy" in the seaport city of Lagos, must meet the requirements for its grade of school, as required by the Education Department of the Government of Nigeria. The system starts with the infant class in the vernacular and goes on through the course of the curriculum leading to the junior Cambridge examination, or matriculation into English universities; it also includes industrial, agricultural, domestic science, and normal teacher training. So your school system in Nigeria is of a high order, and is rendering its proper service in the Christianizing of the younger generation in Nigeria.

Camp of Hope—This is the name given to the Leper Colony operated by the native administration of the Oyo Province, and supervised by the medical staff of our hospital at Ogbomosho.

More than one hundred lepers are residents of the Colony; most of them are in the earlier stage of the disease and give promise of apparent cure or arrest of the disease, by the scientific medical treatment and the equally scientific routine of life at the colony. The buildings are of two types as shown in the photographs. The iron roofed buildings are more durable but expensive. The number of persons seeking admission to the colony was large. Funds for the buildings were limited, so the cheaper yet comfortable native type of buildings with the grass roof cottage plan was adopted, and forty of these cottages have been built at relatively small cost. This phase of mission work gives opportunity for the threefold ministry of the preaching and the teaching service, a day school with a certificated teacher, and medical treatment giving the needed injections twice a week, and other medication leading on to an apparent cure of the disease, or an arrest in the course of the disease.

Converts at the Leper Colony who desire to be baptized and join

a Baptist church, are baptized on profession of faith and are received for the time being into the membership of one of the Ogbomosho churches.

African Pastors — African churches and congregations need African pastors. We have many churches, more than two hundred, but very few pastors and not enough workers. This need of pastors, God called and well trained men, to teach and lead our churches, is one of our greatest needs today. We have our seminary to train the men, but we do not have the men to train. The teaching profession, and the opportunities in government and commercial positions, with a relatively large monthly salary, and pension provision for the sun-set years of life, make it difficult for a qualified man to hear the call to enter the ministry with its uncertain and relatively small salary. We are praying for God to call the right type of man into His vineyard, and at the same time we are working to institute a plan whereby the churches shall be led to provide adequate and regular support for their pastors. Thus we are seeking to encourage men, and even women who feel called of God, to give their lives to the ministry and service of the churches; and to be willing to enter upon the necessary training for efficient and effective service. We thank God for the men we have working with us in pastoring these churches.



Grass-roofed Cottages, Leper Colony, Camp of Hope, Ogbomosho, Nigeria, West Africa



Iron-roofed Leper Building at Camp of Hope, Ogbomosho, Nigeria, West Africa

Support of African Pastors and Workers—Each mission station and district has a group of native pastors and workers. The policy of the Mission is to encourage every church and congregation to contribute toward the support of their pastor and worker. In the days of beginnings, and in very difficult fields, the contribution to the worker's salary is often quite small, and the amount paid by the people locally is supplemented by the Mission from appropriations made by the Foreign Mission Board for native workers, or from funds contributed from churches in a district, or by friends interested in that special work. We need in each mission station and district a *Pastoral Fund*. Some of our friends in the homeland in their zeal for the work of the Kingdom in Africa, wish to support a native worker in Nigeria, sometimes paying as much as one hundred dollars a year for this purpose, and ask that a special worker be assigned to their church or missionary society. This is commendable and sounds very good from the American end of the line, but it is not the best way from the point of view of the missionary who is trying to develop the churches of his mission station or district in the grace of the support of their pastor and worker. It raises many problems and creates real difficulties sometimes between the missionary and his workers.

Will you let your Secretary for Nigeria suggest a better way? Should your church or missionary society wish to link up with the native work of a special station or district, in place of asking that a special worker or pastor be assigned to you in return for your gift, let that special gift, if it is to be designated, be sent through the treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board designated to the pastoral fund of the special station or district, and then through that pastoral fund your special gift will aid several pastors and workers. From time to time the missionary in charge of the mission station or the district or your Secre-

tary for Nigeria, will send you a report of the work being done by these pastors whose salaries are supplemented from the pastoral fund to which you have contributed. A group photograph of the pastors aided from the fund, with the names of the pastors or workers, could be sent to you, and a bond established between your church or missionary society and the mission station in Nigeria, and at the same time you will be helping to forward the Mission's policy of developing self-supporting Baptist churches.



Five Nigerian Baptist Pastors from Awe, near Oyo

International Missionary Council

Madras, India

The last meeting of the International Missionary Council was held in Jerusalem in 1928 and did more to mold and shape missionary thought and action of Protestantism for the past decade, than any other meeting since Paul faced his critics in that first Jerusalem Conference nearly two thousand years ago. For ten years preparation has been going forward through numerous committees for the next meeting of the Council to be held in Madras, India, December 13-30, 1938. Delegates from every nation and state

THE SIXTH WORLD CONGRESS

The sixth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance is scheduled to meet in Atlanta, Georgia, July, 1939.

Atlanta Baptists have already been joined by the mayor and all of the citizens of that great city in preparing for the coming of their fellow Baptists from around the world.

The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance has already appointed the following international committees who will report to the Congress in Atlanta: Baptists' part in the abolition of war; Baptists' contribution to Christian unity; Baptists and the World Conferences that convened at Oxford and Edinburgh in 1937.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

The Foreign Mission Board has received to date \$234,066.45 from the special Lottie Moon Memorial Christmas Offering for this year. "Without these generous gifts from our good women, I do not know what we would do," declared Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary, when these figures were announced to him.

"A great and substantial part of the work of this Board is supported by special offerings of Woman's Missionary Union of the South."

or political division in Christendom will be present. North America was allowed forty-five delegates. These were elected by the Missions Conference meeting in Toronto in January (1938). Southern Baptists were given one representative out of the forty-five for North America and Secretary Charles E. Maddry was elected as this representative.

The meeting at Madras next December will be, by all odds, the greatest and most far-reaching gathering of Protestant Christianity since the days of the apostles.

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ECHOES OF MY VISIT TO PALESTINE

Clyde H. DuBose, Richmond, Virginia

Southern Baptists' young missionary, Leo H. Eddleman faces not only the difficulty of learning the two spoken languages of Palestine, but also a national upheaval that threatens to close temporarily one of the mission points in the Holy Land.

Dr. Eddleman is brilliantly mastering the first of these obstacles. Whether preaching in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv or Nazareth, he is faced with the possibility of his congregation's containing both Jews and Arabs. It is necessary therefore, that he speak first in Hebrew and then in Arabic. Having not yet perfected his Arabic, he is assisted in this second language by a Christian Arab.

But the second problem that daily stares the missionaries in the face is the influence of the political friction upon their work. Over the barren hills and dry wadis of Palestine hangs an air of nervous tenseness. Darkening clouds float low. Rumblyings of dissatisfaction which have spasmodically belched forth into bloody reality are beginning to grow louder. Each breeze that sweeps across the ancient mountains brings new tidings of potential disasters. Each sun that rises over the gray waters of the Jordan looks down on new fears and hatreds.

BETHLEHEM



FIELDS AND FACTS

Two peoples are at each others' throats. Each is bent on its own empire-building. And each is determined to carry through, regardless of the inevitable price that must be paid in human lives.

In short, it is realized, even by the most optimistic, that Palestine faces the darkest of futures. Its national and political life has reached an impasse, and this impasse may not be broken until either the Jewish or Arab peoples, or perhaps their English "God-father," have spilled their blood "from Dan to Beersheba."

For the Holy Land this is nothing new. Since the days of Abraham there has been constant warfare. On several occasions the population has been completely subdued and carried into captivity. Its horizons have constantly been blackened with seemingly impenetrable storms. Few eras of prosperity, such as that experienced under the reign of Solomon, have ever been known by these people.

Palestine is a land of quarrels, especially Jerusalem. In Jerusalem every one quarrels. The Arabs quarrel among themselves. The Jews quarrel among themselves. The British and foreigners in general, quarrel among themselves. And not only Jerusalem, but the greater portion of Palestine, seems

to be thus affected. Only a few places are peaceful, and the most outstanding of these are the places sacred to the life of Christ: Nazareth, Galilee, and Bethlehem. During all the riots of recent years these have been the least affected.

AMERICAN MISUNDERSTANDING

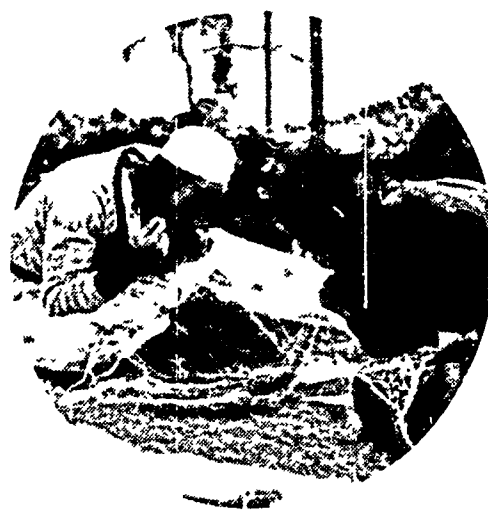
In America there has been, in many cases, a complete misunderstanding of the political turmoil behind the present-day strife in the Holy Land. There has been, too, a complete misunderstanding of the Arab people, because they are so seldom seen.

It must be remembered that in the United States there are a number of Arabs, though not a large number as foreign population goes. They are known over here as "Syrians." Before the World War, Syria included all of Palestine, and was controlled by Turkey.

The word "Arab" is most comprehensive. It is like the word, "American." It includes many types of persons. There are the Bedouins, or roving, tent-dwelling, herdsmen. Some of the Bedouins from the South and East, it must be admitted, are rather wild-looking creatures. Others are cultured.

The Bedouin tribes have their

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The Commission

"Sheikhs," or tribal rulers. This writer is personally acquainted with the son of a Sheikh from Beersheba, a cultured and highly-educated young man who wears European clothes and speaks English very well. With his light complexion, he could easily pass for an American citizen. It is unusual, though, to see European clothes among the Bedouins, most of whom wear the robes and hata-egal, or head dress.

Then, there are the "fellaheen," or farmers. They are very much like the Bedouins, but live in houses in fixed locations. They, too, usually wear the ancestral robes. Lastly, there are the city folks. Most of these wear the European dress and speak English, and quite often many other languages, with the greatest of ease. Many have been educated in Europe and America, or at the American University at Beirut. They carry on their businesses and professions in much the same fashion as do Americans.

It is this latter class who control the political life of the Arab nation. It is they who shape the internal and foreign affairs of their people, and not a wild band of Bedouins with flowing robes, laden with daggers.

The city folk have very light

complexions. Some are as light as any Englishman. These are apparently descendants of European tribes. Others have all shades of skin color, including the completely black. The black Arabs are descendants of tribes who drifted over from Africa.

There are a little more than 900,000 Arabs in Palestine in comparison with the Jewish population of about 450,000. A few thousand foreigners complete the total. This means that about one third of the total population is Jewish. Before the World War the ratio was about one seventh. Most of these immigrants have come from Germany, Poland and Russia.

MOSLEMS IN CONTROL

Of course religion plays a great part in the life of the Holy Land. Except for a small per cent who are Christians, the Arabs are Mohammedans. Difficulty arises through the fact that the places sacred to the Jews and Christians are also sacred to the Moslems. They even glorify Christ to a certain extent, believing Him to be an inspired Man of God.

Every spot controlled by these Moslems is closed to Jewish or Christian worship. This includes the Temple Area in Jerusalem. The Jews are allowed to use the outside

of the wall, said to be the original, as their proverbial "Wailing Wall"; the site of the Upper Room; the Cave of Machpelah at Hebron, and many others.

Roman Catholics control the majority of these sacred places. The Greek Catholic, Armenian and Russian churches claim a few. But the Protestant churches have practically nothing to do with the control of these shrines and places of Biblical interest.

This does not mean, however, that the Protestants are without churches in Palestine. The Church of England and the Scotch Presbyterians are fairly strong because of the British control of the land. The Southern Baptist work in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Nazareth is making a telling impression upon both Jews and Arabs in Palestine.

But all of these evangelical churches are facing the problem of what to do at the time when that inevitable "bomb" explodes with such a detonation that it will shake the whole earth.

At the outbreak of the World War England decided to strike at Turkey for the South and East, moving up from Egypt and the Persian Gulf. Short of man power as it was, Britain decided to enlist the aid of the Arabs of Palestine,



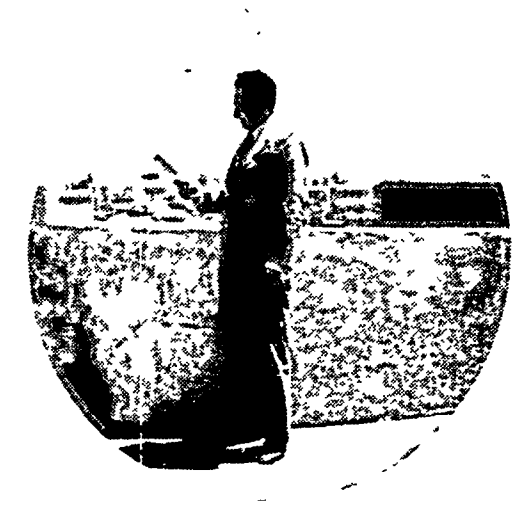
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PRESIDENT ISAAC BEN ZEVIE

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who had for many years been longing for their freedom from Turkey.

In 1915, Sir Henry McMahon, then England's high commissioner to Egypt, promised King Hussein, grand sherif of Mecca and the leader of all Arabdom, that if his people would aid the English in the war against Turkey and the Germanic powers, all the Arab states, if conquered, would be given their freedom.

On November 2, 1917, Sir Arthur Balfour made the now famous Balfour Declaration, promising the Jews a national home in Palestine in return for certain considerations.

The two promises naturally conflicted when the time came for their fulfillment. The Jewish people, and most of the English officials, claimed that the McMahon correspondence with King Hussein did not promise Palestine proper, but all the other Arab lands held by Turkey before the war. McMahon himself, no longer high commissioner, was silent about the matter until last July. A few days after the question was discussed in Parliament, he, suddenly and for some unexplained reason, sent a letter to the London Times saying that the Jews were right and that Palestine was not promised to the Arabs.

The correspondence in question has never been published. It is in the possession of His Royal Highness, the Emir Abdullah, ruler of Trans Jordan, and the son of the late King Hussein. The writer visited the Emir this August and made it a special point to ask about the correspondence. His Royal Highness replied most emphatically that, according to these letters, Palestine was to be made a free Arab state.

A DECADE OF DISCORD

There has been constant trouble since the Jews began going to Palestine in larger numbers. But conditions did not become critical until 1929, when a number of riots broke out. One of the reasons for this outbreak was the Moslem de-

mand that the Jews discontinue their use of the Wailing Wall. They attacked a group of Jews marching down towards the wall.

In 1936 there occurred riots that amounted to open warfare. England rushed in thousands of troops. Railways were bombed and open fighting took place everywhere. Many lives were lost on every side. Many young British soldiers laid down their lives. This resulted in the formation of the recent British Royal Commission, headed by Lord Peel. It was the report of this commission, last July 7th, that recommended the partitioning of Palestine.

The mandate would be abolished and an Arab and Jewish state set up. The Jewish state would include a small but fertile strip of land along the coast. The Arab state would include the rocky hills of the eastern section and the desert-like wastelands of the South, joined onto Trans Jordan. The "mixed" towns which fall in the Jewish state, Tiberias, Safad, Haifa and Acre, would be retained by Great Britain for a period of mandatory rule.

An international corridor would be set up between Jerusalem and the Mediterranean Sea, meeting the sea at Jaffa and Tel Aviv. But Jaffa would remain an Arab city and the adjoining Tel Aviv a Jewish city. Great Britain would control the corridor. The holy places would be controlled by England under a special mandate.

For England the set-up is perfect. She would retain control of the much-needed Mediterranean coast and Haifa, its most important port. She could easily have a land route to the Gulf of Aquaba, where she could meet her ships from the Red Sea. She would maintain the important holy places and Lydda, the important railroad junction. And, most important of all, she has given the Jews and Arabs something to think about for the next several years.

Many believe that the Jewish people as a last resort will accept the plan. This is based on a recent

conversation with Mr. Isaac Ben-Zevie, president of the Jewish National Council, which controls the Palestine Jews. Mr. Ben-Zevie said that if they could be given some of the Negeb, or Southland, it "would make it much easier to accept the proposal." When the Zionist Congress met in Zurich, Switzerland, August 3, there was much talk in favor of acceptance. A committee was appointed to find out officially what the Jews could expect.

The Arabs, on the other hand, have set up a howl that was heard clear to India. The Arab higher committee, headed by His Eminence, Haj Amin Husseini, the Grand Mufti, sent telegrams to Arab kings, princes, and leaders over the entire Moslem world, invoking their righteous wrath against the very thought of dishing out part of the Holy Land to the Jews.

They accompanied this with a hurried statement to the world in general that the partition scheme would never be accepted by the Arabs, and that their antagonists were running the risk of the entire Moslem world. According to unconfirmed statements, there are 300,000,000 Moslems in the world. A short while later the committee published a full-length report, stating their grievances and declaring they fully expected their fellow Moslems and the Near East to back them up. Just how far these fellow Moslems are going to risk their lives and liberty to help Palestine is another question. A visitor in Palestine feels a decided lack of unity among all Arabs.

So Palestine will go on with her internal and external strife, destined for wars and rumors of wars, fighting as a matter of daily sustenance. But through it all she will survive, and perhaps some day be again a mighty land.

One singular thing about our Christian faith is that it is not merely a social creed, but a revelation from God.—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek.

Merely A Missionary

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This letter was not written for publication, but it is so typical of the vast amount of work, the loyalty, the love, the faith of our missionary mothers that we want to share it with Southern Baptists.*

My Version

May I give you my version of Ben's last trip?

On the afternoon of his departure, the children and I gathered around the front door-step awaiting the taxi that was to take Ben to the station to be gone for weeks. He had on his heavy boots and corduroys. He was going second class. He was taking only the barest essentials for the trip, but they made more luggage than he could carry conveniently. My lips were sealed for I could not have said a word and do it with courage. I was letting him go into dangers known and unknown. He had only his youth and splendid physique to fight the dangers of intestinal parasites from the water he would drink, his persistence to cross snake ridden forests and alligator rivers, and only the hand of the Lord could guide him across the swampy bog-country. I knew in my heart that God had guided and protected us so far, and the only thing I could do now, was to leave him in the hands of the Lord, and know all would be well.

Many times on the following days the food would choke me when I thought that perhaps he was going hungry—and he really was. I would wake in the night and ask God that he might meet up with people who would deal kindly with him, and he did.

Of course all preachers' wives finally come to the point where they realize that the rearing of the children falls mostly to their lot. I am now beginning to realize some of the things mother has gone through, and to appreciate her gallant spirit. One must help the girl



Mrs. Ben Oliver

with her arithmetic and bolster up her courage when she is laughed at for being a foreigner, and forever find something for her to do. We never attend the moving pictures here nor allow the children to do so, and that question has to be met at each turn of the road with them. One must get the son's dog out of the dog pound where he was placed by the dog catcher. One must teach him not to play marbles for keeps, only to fight in self-defence, teach him to like practising his violin, and face all the other problems that arise sometimes so unexpectedly with child-rearing. One must take care of the "littlest baby" and take heart and joy from her sweet little smile, and send it by silent telegram to her daddy. The bills have to be paid and all other business transactions and decisions have to be made alone, for weal or woe. Above all, in order to do it all with any grace,

one must keep in very close touch with the Father, for guidance and peace.

My Dad

It has been a long time since I have known anything quite so challenging as dad's share of the journey. The people in that far country have been asking him to come for a long time. He had told them that it would be impossible, because the journey is so tedious, and he cannot ride a horse any more on account of his leg. But they promised to carry him over the part of the trip he could not make any other way. Mother and I went to the station to see him off. Everything of devotion, sacrifice, pure unselfishness and love, I can learn from her. She has made that trip herself and knew what dad was going into. She told him goodbye with a smile on her lips but a breath of prayer in her heart and placed him, too, in God's hands.

Well, the joy of the home coming makes the absence worth all its anxiety and pain. The Lord brought both of them back to us, sunburned, but happy as they have ever been in their lives. What continually surprises me is that they do these valiant deeds and are surprised when we think they are doing anything out of the ordinary. Ours is a glorious life, rich and brimming over, and we are glad you sent us here!

Future Reminiscences

When I grow old, I will look across to my husband and say: "Do you remember 1935?"

And he will say, "How can you ask such a question. Don't you know that was one of the happiest years of our lives?"

And I will answer, "Of course. That was the year you finished at the Seminary, and the year the Board appointed us as missionaries to Brazil. But I think 1936 was nice, too. You and the children learned how to make yourselves understood in Portuguese, and I had the year of unalloyed joy with

mother and dad after fifteen years away, and it was the year our little Joyce was born. Do you remember how dear and cuddly and warm she was, and what an adorable smile she had and how merrily her little eyes would crinkle up and . . ."

"Goodness, there is no stopping you once you get started on those children of ours."

Well, the years will be so full and happy and I will be able to say, "I am glad I have lived."

The Convention

In the last days of January we had our convention here in Curityba. Mother had nine or ten people over there and I had four here. It was a pretty busy time for us all. Joyce was little better than a month old, and I had her to attend. She is such a good baby that I was able to do everything else, too. I cooked all that week for nine people, attended the afternoon and night services of the convention, sang in the choir, played in the orchestra, presided and planned with the others for the W.M.U. part of the convention and saw that the children got their lessons.

Our Y. W. A.'s

This year, we are starting for the first time to organize the Y.W.A. for the girls in the different churches of this field. We organized the first one here at my house last month and the girls seem to be very enthusiastic. We have interesting things to do for our personal service. Several times a month they meet here to sew and embroider and knit, and I serve them coffee and cakes. This week they are decorating the church for the wedding of one of the girls, who is marrying our splendid worker, Carlos Ukstein. Last month we filled two hundred little sacks of candy to distribute to some children.

In a short while, I will leave the two older children with mother or somebody, and tuck my baby

under my arm and go with the young woman who was elected for the leadership of this work to start new Y.W.A.'s in several of the other churches.

May I ask your prayers for one of my girls. She is really and truly converted, I believe, but is very timid and afraid to make the first step. She is beautiful in heart and soul and has a lovely little face with soft dark hair. I covet her for the Master.

I must stop now, feed the family, go to town and see if I can find the music for the wedding, come home and feed the baby, then walk down to the church to practice, come back to fix supper for a hungry man that gets in on the night's train, and to a business meeting of the church tonight.

Give our kindest regards and love to Mrs. Maddry and all the others in the office there. Sincerely, Edith Oliver (Mrs. Ben Oliver), Curityba, Parana, Brazil.

EVERY TWELVE HOURS

The delegates at the Foreign Mission Conference in Toronto, Canada, in January, pledged to pray for the Madras Conference at least fifteen minutes every twelve hours from now until the Conference meets next December 13-30, and to enlist as many others as possible to keep these trysts.

The program for this world Christian conference scheduled for Madras, India, will center around five major points: "The *Faith* by which the church lives; the *Witness* of the church; the inner *Life and Power* of the church; the church in its *Relationship* to its environment; and lastly, the possibilities of *Closer Cooperation* within the church."

The place of meeting will be the new buildings of the Madras Christian College at Tambaram, fifteen miles out of Madras. This place of meeting was officially opened by the Governor of Madras, Lord Erskine, last January 1937, when the century-old college moved into its new quarters.



Links In Italian Chain of Prayer

ENRICO PASCHETTO, *Turin, Italy*

The Secret of Power—One of the dearest experiences of my Christian ministry in Turin is that of the conversion of the family "B," where previous to the coming of salvation, there was truly hell.

There was the most irreconcilable discord between the husband and wife, especially on account of the irregular life of the husband. They decided to separate. Then, strange to say, and

evidently from a higher wish, the husband, following a pretty woman one evening, entered our little chapel at Lucento.

It seemed to him that the preacher spoke only and expressly to him as if he knew him very well; he was so deeply touched by this that he began to



*Rev. and Mrs. L. Paschetto
and Family, Turin, Italy*

come regularly to all of the meetings. The Word of God accomplished its work in his heart: a real change took place in his conduct, his speech, his deeds, his relations with his wife. She was quickly impressed by this profound change in her husband, who, however, told her nothing. Each evening he went out only to return after his wife was already asleep.

One night even though she was already in bed, she heard him come in; the door of her bedroom was standing opened a little and she could see her husband kneeling and praying for a long time. She was so touched by this that she asked him the next morning where he went every evening. "Come and see!" he replied very happily; and that evening both of them came to the temple of God. Immediately she understood quite well the secret of the miraculous change in her husband and from henceforth was present by his side at all the services. The Peace of God was re-established in their home and both of them soon confessed with joy

through baptism their faith in Jesus Christ.

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A Long Chain—An old lady was converted in 1931, and soon she began to pray for the conversion of her daughter who followed marvelously and quickly in the same year. The mother and daughter began then to pray for the husband of the daughter who gave himself to the Saviour in 1932. The three turned then with their persevering prayers to the other members of the family, and in 1934, five of them were converted. And this chain is not yet finished: two other members are already seekers, but the prayers continue!

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Fourteen Links—In 1930 one of our messengers carried the Gospel into a family that has the beautiful name of "Hope." In a little while the old mother, and then the two beautiful daughters and two of the three sons, accepted the Saviour. But the third son resisted strongly.

He was an atheist and never missed an opportunity of insulting with violent and offensive words and gestures the faith of his mother and of his brothers. But in the family and in the church they prayed with insistence: in 1936 he was conquered, and in the same year he confessed his faith by receiving baptism.

An old aunt, who, quite attached to the Virgin Mary, was still resisting, now followed him and began to carry the Word of God into another branch of the family. But the story does not end here.

A young workman was living in this house when the family was working for the conversion of the atheist son. This young man was also without faith. Little by little he was touched by the Gospel and began to speak of Jesus and of His words in the family of his fiancé. Briefly: the father of the young fiancé has given himself to the Saviour. All the members of the family were against him and actively resisted him.

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Editorials

A WORLD GONE MAD WITH FEAR

A mysterious and unreasoning sense of *fear* has gripped the heart of the world. The nations are paralyzed with fright. More than half of the nations of the world are in bondage to the cynical and brutal militaristic war lords. For twenty years the peace-loving democracies of the world have been losing ground. Respect for fundamental human rights and international law, built up through long centuries of struggle and sacrifice, no longer exists among these aggressor nations, bent upon wholesale murder and robbery on an international scale. The mad and ruthless scramble of these aggressor nations, preparing for war, is the most insane and appalling thing ever witnessed

by this or any other generation. Likewise the peace loving democracies of the world are caught in the wave of a fear complex that is sweeping the nations and they are joining in a frenzied race for rearmament. Unless God Almighty intervenes to check this diabolical madness, civilization will destroy itself within a decade.

America's Attitude—What shall be the attitude and policy of our country in the midst of a world gone mad with greed and insane with fear? For individuals and nations alike, who fear God and love justice and right, there is but one haven of refuge and safety in an hour like this. We are driven back on God and on the word of God. In God's word and in the teachings of Jesus, we find sure guidance for troublous times like these.

We need to remind ourselves that

Jesus in the closing chapters of Matthew's gospel foretold all of these things that are happening before our eyes today. He said there would be wars and rumors of war and great distress coming upon the nations. In the light of world trends today we see the fearful prophecy of Jesus coming true in our day.

If America, therefore, is to escape the awful doom that is now fast coming upon the war-mad nations, she must speedily set her own house in order.

A Sane and Just Neutrality—In doing this, we must, as the friend and helper of all the nations, strive under all circumstances, to maintain a just and sane neutrality amid the strife and passion now sweeping the nations. Now is the time for cool heads and wise counsels in the guidance of the international affairs of our nation. The selfishness and greed of the munition makers and all those who would fatten upon the sale of war materials, must somehow be curbed and restrained. It will be easy in the hysteria and madness of a world conflict, to be swept from our position of a sane and just neutrality, into active participation in a conflict not of our making. Let our people be on guard, therefore, against every influence and interest that would sweep us into an awful conflict that will surely destroy us and civilization itself.

Repentance and Return—The nations in their mad lust and greed for place and power have forgotten God. If America would save herself from the doom of the nations, there must be a return to God in humble repentance and re-dedication to the high and holy principles and ideals upon which the nation was founded. Devotion to God and a zeal for righteousness and fair dealing among all people and nations have made this nation great. In sorrow and shame we must confess that this nation, so highly favored and blessed of God, along with all the nations, has forgotten God and forsaken His ways. If the religious leaders of America, sensibly conscious of their responsibility

ity, will call our people to a season of prayer, repentance and confession of sin—personal and national—if America will return to God, we firmly believe that this nation will escape the threatened calamity fast coming upon many nations. In repentance and in returning to God this nation will experience a new birth of freedom and come to a new sense of right and justice for all men.

The One Solvent—The one and only power that will save and restrain the war mad nations is the Gospel of Christ. There will never be the love of peace and a passion for justice and international morality in Japan, nor Italy, nor Germany, nor Russia, until these nations have Christ and His Gospel's saving power. Southern Baptists have sadly failed Japan in that we failed to send her the Gospel. Twenty-five years ago we had thirty missionaries in Japan and the outlook for our cause was hopeful. We failed to maintain the work in a worthy way and our Japanese mission has steadily lost ground until today we have only eleven devoted missionaries left in Japan. Surely we have failed God and failed Japan, and today China is going through her Gethsemane because of our failure and neglect. Only Christ and His Gospel can save Japan and China and all the nations from the certain suicide of another world war. It behooves God's people, therefore, in this favored land to hasten the sending of the Gospel of love and peace to all the nations still in the midst of sin.

Fear Not—What shall be the attitude of God's people as they face this dark future? Amid the raging of the storm and hate and fear now sweeping over the world, we hear the Prince of Peace saying, "Fear not." These two blessed words run like a refrain throughout the word of God and in the New Testament they are often on the lips of Jesus, as He calms and comforts His frightened disciples.

Angelic Visitors—For four hundred years the voice of God's

prophet had been silent in Israel and Judah. The people were weary with the fruitless waiting through the slow creeping centuries for the long promised Deliverer. Far away in imperial Rome ruled the cruel and ruthless Caesar, the current dictator of his day. On the hills of Bethlehem, peaceful minded shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks by night, when suddenly God's angel appeared in their midst, "and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Fear not, He has come. Surely that is the best news an angel messenger ever brought to men! In this hour of darkness, let us take courage and be not afraid, because He came to earth one day as the Redeemer of men, and He is here today!

He Lives—An appalling tragedy had happened in Jerusalem. Jesus, whom His disciples believed to be the long expected Messiah of God, had been cruelly and brutally murdered. He was dead and the disciples had seen sorrowing friends place His lifeless body in Joseph's tomb. Then there followed three days of darkness so dense and hopeless that no ray of earthly light could penetrate. On the morning of the first day of the week came the glad news: "He is risen." Everything was suddenly changed and the disciples were like new men.

Jesus is alive. He lives and rules and reigns at God's right hand. He holds in His pierced hands the destiny of men and things and nations. When the war clouds have passed and cruel and bloodthirsty dictators and outlaw nations have had their little day and gone to their doom, Jesus the risen Christ will be leading on to victory.

"Fear not: I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth and was dead: and behold I am alive ever more, Amen: and have the keys of hell and death."

THE SPIRIT THAT CONQUERS

For six months a terrible and bloody war has been devastating China. We still have in China 158 heroic and devoted missionaries. Most of them have been compelled to flee from their homes and mission stations. Many of them have lost their household goods, books, clothing and in some cases they have narrowly escaped death. Many of these faithful men and women have been under constant fire and bombardment for months. All around them there are multitudes, shepherdless, homeless, freezing and starving. These missionaries have elected to stay on with the Chinese and do everything possible to alleviate the suffering of the people and give them the comforts of the Gospel. The spirit of *sacrifice* and *devotion* to Christ and His cause, as exhibited by these missionaries is unsurpassed in the annals of missionary history. As an evidence of the spirit and determination of the missionaries, we quote a paragraph from a Clipper letter just received from Secretary Rankin of Shanghai:

"Sometimes I am afraid that my letters may give to you an exceedingly gloomy outlook for mission work. I naturally write you about the difficulties and problems. The outlook is dark, but we are in no sense despairing. Whatever the condition of the future, we are going on with God's Kingdom work. If we can't follow one road, we will find another road. The saving Gospel of Jesus Christ must be given to the people of the Orient, regardless of what the political situation may be. We may be disorganized for the time and may have to make tremendous re-adjustments in our program and methods, but we will not stop. I do not believe there is the least feeling among the missionaries of giving up. There is a steady determination to keep burning the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these dark days. God is still in

the hearts and lives of His children and we have evidences that he is working in the hearts and lives of His people in China today. 'If God be for us, who can be against us?' " Surely this spirit will win!

THE LOST NOTE OF CHRISTIANITY

The Lost Note of Christianity is the note of expectancy. First century Christianity was courageous and aggressive to the point of boldness, and always and everywhere radiantly and triumphantly expectant. The believers accepted literally the command of Jesus to give the Gospel to every creature and went forth secure in the confidence that He would be with them always and under all circumstances until the end of the age.

The Lost Note

The Christianity of the twentieth century has lost that note of optimism and triumphant expectancy. A spirit of pessimism and doubt has crept into many of our pulpits and gripped the hearts of believers everywhere. Since this cruel and bloody war flamed forth in the Orient, Christian people everywhere are asking if it is not the end of all our hopes and plans for the evangelization of the millions out there, yet unreached. Christian people everywhere are bewildered and confused. They stand aghast and horror stricken before the wanton and unrestrained slaughter of unarmed men and innocent and helpless women and children. Many are wondering after all if the Gospel of Christ is able to save a bewildered, stricken and dying world. What word of hope have we for a doubting and groping world in this heart-breaking hour? Is there any balm in Gilead? Is there anyone able to deliver a race dying in sin?

The Purpose and Plan

First of all we should remind ourselves that wars and rumors of

wars are nothing new in the history of missions. The things that are happening now in various parts of the earth are just what Jesus said we might expect. No one can read the 24th chapter of Matthew without seeing that the prophecy of Jesus is surely being fulfilled in our day and coming to pass before our eyes.

Let us remind ourselves also that from all eternity God has had a purpose and plan for the redemption of His prodigal and sinning race. The average person imagines that the redemptive ministry of Jesus began at Bethlehem and ended on the Mount of Ascension, whereas it began in the eternal counsels of God before the worlds were formed. Christ was a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. The redemptive ministry of Jesus will not end until every tongue and tribe and people have heard the good news of salvation. The *purpose and plan* of God for the redemption of the race is not yet fulfilled, and wars and pestilence and the violence of ungodly men cannot defeat that purpose nor bring it to naught. Jesus is not discouraged because He knows the eternal plan and purpose of God in human redemption. We take the limited time view, the view of the years, the view of the day with its untoward events and we are in despair. Whereas, He takes the long eternal sweep of God's unchanging purpose for the redemption of a fallen and sinning race, and He is still the expectant Christ.

Eternal Power

Let us not forget also, that behind God's unchanging plan and purpose for a redeemed race, stands the eternal power and infinite resources of Almighty God. The power and might of the militaristic and war-minded nations seems frightful and formidable. But a risen and enthroned Christ sits at the right hand of Majesty on high and He holds in His hands the destiny of men and nations. He

declared that *all* power has been given unto Him in heaven and on earth.

Behind this Gospel enterprise, therefore, are massed the eternal power and the infinite and unlimited resources of a living and enthroned Lord. Surely in Him and through the power of His might, we can never fail! The heart of faith turns unerringly to Him in such times of agony and heartbreak as we face now. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he hath set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law."

"JERUSALEM CALLING"

Sometime ago the British government finished a great international broadcasting station in Jerusalem. The hearts of countless millions of Jews, Moslems and Christians, were thrilled as the first call went out through the air from the Holy City, "Jerusalem is calling."

The Foreign Mission Board now for many months has been sending out the call for recruits for Jerusalem and Palestine. We need a young couple thoroughly equipped and trained for both Hebrew and Arabic work in Jerusalem. We need a consecrated, scholarly couple for work with our little church in Beirut, located over against the American university. We also need a couple for a new station we plan to open in Damascus. We hope to send this year a young single woman for kindergarten and good will center work in Jerusalem.

"Jerusalem calling"—who will hear and heed the call?

LET US PRAY

"I would say that I do gladly join you in the prayer that the guidance and favor of God may be graciously given His cause and His people in troubled, war-torn China." —George W. Truett.

May Southern Baptists everywhere pray daily that God's will may be done in the Orient!

MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America is composed of secretaries and representatives of the one hundred and twenty-three foreign mission boards and societies of the Protestant denominations of the United States and Canada.

The Conference met in annual session, January 4-6, in Toronto, Canada. There were present two hundred and sixty-three delegates and visitors in attendance for three days of continuous and intensive study of many phases of foreign mission work. This session of the Conference was especially significant because of the fact that the majority of these mission boards have work in Japan and China. Much of the time of the Conference was given to a consideration of the appalling tragedy now being enacted in the Orient. All were agreed that out of the welter of blood and death now sweeping over China would come new opportunities and wide open doors for the preaching of the Gospel in the days ahead. It behooves all mission boards, therefore, to pay their debts and get ready for a great missionary advance in both Japan and China when this cruel and devastating war is over.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was the last of the major mission boards of North America to join the North American Conference. The Board voted unanimously at the October meeting last autumn to join the Conference. The Executive Secretary attended the meeting in Toronto and was given a generous and royal welcome. The organization is strictly and exclusively a *conference on ways and methods* of doing foreign mission work and we feel that our Board will derive much benefit and profit from this intimate association with the consecrated and efficient executives and missionaries of the various Protestant foreign mission boards of the United States and Canada.



The Only Hope of the World

THE world has been going down-hill at an alarming rate. Much that we have been depending upon for support has been torn away. Stocks, bonds, treaties and pacts have gone with the winds which have swept bare the hopes of men. Every nation has felt the sinking uncertainties of this experience. But throughout the world there are the few who believe—and even a little faith is a powerful thing. The hope of Asia rests upon those who believe; even the hope of Russia stands upon those who through the fires of persecution and suffering still believe—the hope of the whole world rests upon those who have faith. And for hope to increase, this faith must increase. . . . A faith that God and His redemptive love are the foundations of all the world's relationships. And to achieve this revival of faith is not a small task, but one which challenges all the church to a wide world responsibility.

—CHARLES A. WELLS.

Our Missionary Family Circle

JESSIE RUTH FORD, *Executive Assistant, Foreign Mission Board*

Births

Since our first issue of THE COMMISSION we have had reported to us only one new addition to our missionary family, Miss Carol LaVerne Lawton, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Deaver M. Lawton, of Laichowfu, China. Miss Lawton joined our missionary force on October 8, 1937. We extend our congratulations to her and to her parents.

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Welcome Home!

From this time until autumn, many missionaries will be coming home for their year of rest. After taking their rest period of three months, these friends will be glad to serve in any way they can the churches and societies in their communities. We wish for each of them a year of refreshing rest.

Mrs. W. W. Enete, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Home address: 7210 Third Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Long, Ogbomosho, Nigeria, Africa.

Home address: 3550 Cass Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Miss Helen McCullough, Shanghai, China.

Home address: 810 Francis Street, Houston, Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Home address: 1730 White Street, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Miss E. E. Teal, Yangchow, China.

Home address: Villa Rica, Georgia.

Miss Juanita Byrd, Shanghai, China.

Home address: Mount Olive, Mississippi.

Miss Willie Kelly, Shanghai, China.

Home address: 529 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

Miss Roberta Pearle Johnson, Shanghai, China.

Home address: Apex, North Carolina.

Miss Alice Parker, Yanchow, China.

Home address: 369 Mission Road, Glendale, California.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, Hwanghsien, China.

Home address: 3809 Fauquier Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Pool, Abeokuta, Nigeria, Africa.

Home address: 1625 North Klein Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Miss Genevieve Trainham, Chengchow, China.

Home address: Marshall, Virginia.

Dr. and Mrs. Shelby W. Vance, Yangchow, China.

Home address: Pineola, North Carolina.

Miss Anne Laseter, Temuco, Chile.

Home address: 1420 Morrow Street, Waco, Texas.

Miss May Perry, Abeokuta, Nigeria, Africa.

Home address: Canton, Georgia.

Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, Tsinan, China.

Home address: 61 W. 10th St., New York, N. Y.

Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Townshend, Kweiteh, China.

Home address: 200 Woodcote Road, Wallington, Surry, England.

Bon Voyage!

Nov. 6—S. S. PAN AMERICAN: Miss Alberta Stewart, Bahia, Brazil.

Nov. 20—S. S. DELMUNDO: Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, Campos, Brazil.

Dec. 11—S. S. COOLIDGE: Dr. J. T. Williams and Miss Sallie James, to Shanghai, China.

S. S. DELSUD: Rev. and Mrs. W. B. McNealy, to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Gillis, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Miss Vada Waldron, Mendoza, Argentina.

Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McConnell, Santiago, Chile.
Miss Cornelia Brower, Temuco, Chile.

Jan. 1—S. S. DELVALLE: Miss Mildred Cox, Pernambuco, Brazil.
Miss Pearl Dunstan, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Jan. 22—S. S. DELNORTE: Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Allen, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Sowell, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Miss Ray Buster, Bello Horizonte, Brazil.

In Memoriam

We wish to extend our sincere love and sympathy to those of our missionary family who have suffered the loss of loved ones in recent months.

Miss Juanita Byrd, of Shanghai, China, in the loss of her father on October 21, 1937.

Miss Pauline White, of Bello Horizonte, Brazil, whose brother died suddenly about the time she reached Brazil the last of September.

Miss Cecile Lancaster, of Kokura, Japan, in the loss of her father.

Mrs. B. W. Orrick, of Montevideo, Uruguay, whose mother passed away November 1st.

Dr. W. C. Taylor, Secretary for Latin America, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in the loss of his mother, January 1, 1938.

We would include also the family of Mrs. Marietta de Alvarez, of Montevideo, Uruguay, who passed away on October 17, 1937, after a long illness.

"They are not dead! They have but passed
Beyond the mists that blind us here,

Into the new and larger life
Of that serener sphere."

—J. L. McCreery.

Resignations

Rev. and Mrs. Herman Ray, Fukuoka, Japan. We extend to these dear friends our heartiest good wishes for joy and success in their new location at the First Baptist Church, Inglewood, California.

Appointments

October 12th we had the joy of appointing the following new missionaries for work in South America. Will you not strengthen them by your prayers as they enter upon their new work?

Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Gillis, for Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Miss Vada Waldron, for Mendoza, Argentina.

Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McConnell, for Santiago, Chile.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. McNealy, for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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The Lord Provides:

So say some of the daughters of our missionaries. Thoughtfulness on the part of friends did much to add to the joys of the young men and women in our colleges at Christmas time when they felt the absence of home and loved ones most keenly. One church made a gift of \$60.00 to pay the traveling expenses of one of these girls from college to a distant state where her relatives lived. Was she happy—you can just imagine it! Another was given a trip to California to see her parents who had just returned from China and were making their home in California. What a joyous experience this was to her! A Business Women's Circle played Santa Claus to another girl by making her a present of a new skirt and sweater just when new ones were needed,—and she picked them out herself! And so we might go on thanking those who have brought joy to these missionary children. In their behalf and in behalf of their parents, we thank all of you.

And speaking of missionary children, we had a most delightful visit here at the office in November, from John Crocker, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Crocker, missionaries in China for many years. After the death of Mr. Crocker, Mrs. Crocker and the children moved to Edinburgh, Scotland. John has received his education in Scotland and has come to the United States, hoping to secure em-

ployment. We were delighted to meet this fine young man and hope that he secures a position and can stay in America.

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We Are Glad You Are Better—

There seems to have been an epidemic of appendicitis in China during the past few months, Miss Wilma Weeks, Miss Clarabel Isdell and Dr. Eugene Hill all having been



Rev. and Mrs. John Mein of Brazil, and their five splendid children. From left to right, Carey, Robert, Margaret, Gordon and David. Mr. and Mrs. Mein have been in Brazil since 1914, and have served effectively in Rio, Recife and Alagras. For four years, Mr. Mein was president of the Baptist College and Seminary at Recife, and is now directing the work in the States of Alagras and Sergipe

operated on. Miss Helen McCullough had a serious operation at the Baptist Hospital, Houston, Texas, as did Mrs. W. W. Enete at the Baptist Hospital at New Orleans. Dr. Emmett Ayers, of Chengchow, China, was quite seriously sick with malaria, and Miss E. E. Teal, who has recently come home, has been far from well. All of these friends are now well or greatly improved, for which we thank God, and our Baptist hospitals which render them such gracious service.

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Impossible

We wonder if any of our readers have ever written a missionary on the field anything like this: "Please write me and tell me all about your work." Some of our missionaries receive dozens of such letters, and if they were able to comply with all these requests there would be little time left for doing any other work. Our missionaries enjoy and appreciate letters from friends at home. It stimulates and encourages them to know of the interest and prayers of their fellow-helpers. However, a heavy schedule of

work often makes it impossible for them to answer all the letters which come to them, or to tell "all about their work." Those of you who write our missionaries may be sure they will answer when they can, but do not be too much disappointed if there is a delay. Suppose you had the following schedule of work, for instance, and came to the end of the day weary in body and mind, how many letters would

you be able to write telling "all about your work." "This year I am teaching hygiene, child welfare, Old and New Testament, evangelism, Baptist Beliefs and Religious Education, which includes the Woman's Missionary Union, Sunday school, and B.Y.P.U. study courses. I also have the cooking class. . . . I am a kind of religious education director in the school. We have a Y.W.A. and a B.Y.P.U. that will compare favorably with any I have seen anywhere. Both the Y.W.A. and the B.Y.P.U. foster weekly prayer meetings. . . . My church work is also a source of great joy and offers unlimited opportunities for service. I am now acting as Counsellor of the Y.W.A. In Sunday school I have a class of young women, and what a joy they are. Sunday is a day so full of opportunities that each week when I wake up and realize that it is Sunday I feel like I used to as a child when I awoke and remembered that it was Christmas morning. . . . Quite a bit of my time, both in the college and in the church work, is taken up

with private conferences and committee meetings of the different organizations. At the committee meetings I always try to serve a little something. Social life means so much to these people and our young people have so little."

We wonder how she manages to do it all—but listen to the conclusion: "I want to say that I love my work and those I work with, and I wouldn't change places with any one. The lines have certainly fallen to me in pleasant places." You will forgive her if she doesn't write, won't you?

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Postage Stamps

While on the subject of letter-writing, one of our missionaries now at home on furlough, stated in a recent letter: "I've written over 325 letters since the first of the year (this was in May), and over a third, if not more, have been about speaking engagements or something in connection with the work. . . . know how many folks remembered to enclose a return postage stamp? THREE!"

Let's be thoughtful of this. A missionary hasn't much extra money, and the postage on 325 letters is quite a sum.

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Missionary Tid-Bits

Miss Addie Cox, of Kaifeng, China, writes that a merchant asked her if she thought the fighting would really amount to anything. He said it was "Pu yao chin," which means "it is of no special importance." We are glad there are still sections of China where the war has not been felt.

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Miss Addie also tells of a woman won to Christ, whose husband threatened to beat her. She answered in a pleasant voice, "Let us do what is right. If I deserve to be beaten, all right. I'm ready to suffer for the Saviour, but I must obey Him and continue to attend church."

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At one of our stations in China the Missionary Society fosters a school for children of the Christians. They have R. A. boys who lead the Sunbeam Band, act as Sunday school superintendent and do effective personal work. Their leader is only twenty years old and recently preached a sermon and led the Sunday worship.

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Hungry for the Gospel! Dr. Jeannette Beall, of Laichowfu, China, writes of the growing interest in the Gospel in a group of young Chinese men in a Red Cross class. She says they started with a service of fifteen minutes and some were rather indifferent. After a short time it was extended to twenty minutes, and they wanted more; it grew to an hour, and the interest grew more intense. Dr. Beall says:

"Some of these young men who once scorned the Gospel are now bearing persecution for it. Some of them sing so much in the evening that their fathers are making fun of them. Some of them have definitely said they believe, many or most of them have bought Bibles. They wanted a Bible class in the city. A Christian man in the city and our hospital evangelist, Mr. Shu, visited among the merchants and decided to have the Bible class. They could not find a suitable place, but they asked the Lord to help them, and He gave them just about the best place in the city, right on the main street in what was once one of the wealthiest homes in the city. The room we use is a lovely sunny room like a hall, large and bright. The owners have left, and they are glad to give us the use of the place without rent for as long as we want it.

"The first night there were about twenty, the next there were forty. Ten of these were children, but thirty were the merchants. They seem much interested. Mr. Shu said when he started preaching to the Red Cross class he used Genesis,

beginning with the creation, and they liked that. They asked him to teach the Old Testament. One man read over twenty chapters in two or three days.

"While, of course, we have had work more or less in the city ever since our station was opened, this class of people has not been reached. We have only four or five Christian men and a few women after all these years. I truly believe the Lord is now giving these people a chance to believe, perhaps a last chance. They are so disturbed over conditions, that they are glad to learn of something that can bring peace to their troubled hearts.

"These young men file into church in a body, and sit on the front rows. Our hospital evangelist, who is supposed to do follow-up work, is giving most of his time to this city work, as he can't go to the country now. We are also starting a class for women in the afternoons."

"Our great need is prayer-help. The people, the great masses of the people are still in the darkness."—
Pearl Caldwell.



Red Cross Class in Baptist Hospital, Laichow, Shantung, China

THE HOME BASE

R. S. JONES, *Home Secretary*

ANNUITIES AND WILLS

Would you like to be assured of an income for life that will not shrink? Annuity Bonds with the Foreign Mission Board provide just this and relieve the purchaser of further anxiety about investing money where it will be safe and at the same time earn a fair return.

Annuity Bonds of the Foreign Mission Board represent an investment of the highest type. These Bonds, besides having the resources and honor of the Board behind them, are reinsured with the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

You can enjoy a good return on your investment during your life and at the same time have your money invested in Kingdom work.

We invite correspondence or the privilege of a personal conference.

The interest rate is determined according to age and ranges from 4.8 per cent at thirty years of age to 9 per cent at eighty years of age.

Each year the income of the Foreign Mission Board is increased by bequests from wills. The number of persons remembering the Board in their wills is increasing and should still increase more.

If you have been a tither during your lifetime why not at least tithe your estate when you make your will? By leaving money to the Foreign Mission Board you can have a perpetual part in the work of foreign missions.

Please write for information about this important matter or request a personal conference with one of the secretaries.

Money can be left in trust and invested by the Board and only the interest used from year to year; the income from a trust fund of \$20,000 would support a missionary until Christ returns.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

For the convenience of those desiring the services of missionaries for Schools of Missions or other engagements, a list of the furlough missionaries is given below.

Most of the missionaries have their time filled for two or three months in advance. It is necessary, therefore, to request their services several weeks in advance.

These missionaries are eager to serve and offer their services without remuneration beyond travel expense and entertainment.

Alabama:

Miss Irene Jeffers, Roanoke, Alabama.
Miss Willie Kelly, 529 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama.
Mrs. J. T. Williams, 1209 Eighth Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Florida:

Mrs. W. W. Enete, 7210 Third Avenue, North, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Georgia:

Dr. T. W. Ayers, 978 Juniper Street, Atlanta, Georgia.
Dr. W. Harvey Clarke, 17 North Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.
Miss May Perry, Canton, Georgia.
Miss Edna E. Teal, Villa Rica, Georgia.

Kentucky:

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Craighead, 2448 Grinstead Drive, Louisville, Kentucky.
Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.
Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes, 2815 Grinstead Drive, Louisville, Kentucky.
Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Jacob, Franklin, Kentucky.
Rev. and Mrs. John Lake, Box 613, Georgetown, Kentucky.
Rev. and Mrs. H. P. McCormick, 1832 Eastern Parkway, Louisville, Ky.
Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, Box 384, Georgetown, Kentucky.

Louisiana:

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Berry, 1211 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.
Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, 1730 White Street, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Maryland:

Rev. and Mrs. John W. Lowe, Altamont Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland.

Mississippi:

Miss Juanita Byrd, Mt. Olive, Mississippi.

Missouri:

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Connely, 422 East Mississippi Street, Liberty, Missouri.

North Carolina:

Mrs. T. Neil Johnson, 425 Cameron Avenue, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
Miss Pearle Johnson, Apex, North Carolina.
Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman, 7 Southwest Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.
Mrs. C. K. Dozier, 230 East Morgan Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.
Dr. and Mrs. Shelby W. Vance, Pineola, North Carolina.

Oklahoma:

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Nelson, 1918 West Easton Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Dr. Ethel M. Pierce, Yale, Oklahoma.
Rev. and Mrs. J. Christie Pool, 1625 North Klein Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Mrs. L. W. Pierce, Yale, Oklahoma.

South Carolina:

Miss Grace Wells, R.F.D. No. 1, Sumter, South Carolina.

Tennessee:

Miss Kathleen Manley, 217 North High Street, Morristown, Tennessee.

Texas:

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Crouch, 710 East 19½ Street, Austin, Texas.
Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, 1425 South Ninth Street, Waco, Texas.
Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Deter, 2825 Salado Street, Austin, Texas.
Miss Viola Humphreys, Cisco, Texas.
Miss Anne Nora Laseter, 1420 Morrow Street, Waco, Texas.
Mrs. B. L. Lockett, 1902 Hickory Street, Abilene, Texas.
Miss Helen McCullough, 810 Francis Street, Houston, Texas.
Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, 1701 Sandefer Street, Abilene, Texas.
Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Muirhead, 1707 South Ninth Street, Waco, Texas.
Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Rankin, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas.
Miss Hannah Fair Sallee, 4218 Fairfax Avenue, Dallas, Texas.
Mrs. W. E. Sallee, 4232 University Boulevard, Dallas, Texas.
Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Stapp, 2400 Oldham Street, Austin, Texas.
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Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, 3510 Chamberlayne Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.
Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, 3809 Fauquier Ave., Richmond, Virginia.
Miss Eva Sanders, 609 Marshall Avenue, S.W., Roanoke, Virginia.
Miss Margie Shumate, 916 Dale Avenue, S.E., Roanoke, Virginia.
Miss Genevieve Trainham, Marshal, Va.
Miss Ruth Walden, 411 West 13th Street, Norfolk, Virginia.

CURRENT
CHRONICLES

BOARD DOES NOT BORROW MONEY

Acting under repeated instructions given by the Southern Baptist Convention, the Foreign Mission Board has not borrowed a dollar for any purpose since November, 1933. The Board has balanced its budget and for more than four years has lived within its income. A total of \$791,000.00 has been paid on the debt of the Board since May, 1933. The debt of the Board is now only \$325,000.00.

SERVICE BEAUTIFUL

The First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas, Dr. J. Howard Williams, pastor, is sending *The Commission* to all of the missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board for the year 1938 as its Christmas present to the missionaries.

The missionaries, the Board, and office force greatly appreciate this beautiful service.

It is needless to say that Dr. Williams, the Texas member of our Board, is leading this church in a great program of Kingdom work.

IMPORTANT!

Several Coin Cards have been received containing fifty cents for subscriptions to *THE COMMISSION* without any name or address on them.

Naturally these people have not received *THE COMMISSION* and we have no way of knowing who sent them.

If any one has subscribed for *THE COMMISSION* who has not received it, we would like to know about it, as we are anxious to keep our records straight.

R. S. JONES, *Business Manager.*

Many Called But Few Chosen

JESSIE RUTH FORD, *Executive Assistant, Foreign Mission Board*

In considering the appointment of missionaries the assurance on their part of a divine call is not the only qualification that has to be determined by the Foreign Mission Board. While this, of course, is the foundation on which all other qualifications rest, there are many things which have to be taken into consideration. Time and time again we face the truth of the statement made by Jesus, "Many are called but few are chosen."

A Tremendous Task

The missionary task is such a tremendous one that it calls for the best that one can give physically, mentally and spiritually. There are times on the field when the missionary is called upon to face situations which tax to the limit all of his faculties and capacities. Problems which require the utmost tact and diplomacy may suddenly develop, and the missionary must be ready to meet them without hesitation. He must know what to do and above all, how to do it.

Physical Fitness

Perhaps next in importance to the deep, abiding assurance of surrender to the will of God to serve wherever He directs, is the question of

the health and physical fitness of the applicant. Good health is a necessity; for it means a strong body able to withstand diseases, steady nerves in times of emergency, clear thinking when facing problems and the probability of a lifetime of service on the foreign fields.

Days of constant giving out of one's self, physically and spiritually, without the opportunity for replenishment and refreshment which one has here at home; days filled with sights of sin and degradation that constantly tug and pull at the heart and wear on the nerves; days of routine work without visible results—all call for a strong physical endurance. Only a healthy body can stand the strain of intensive work in a foreign land for a period of six or seven years without breaking. For this reason the Foreign Mission Board requires a thorough medical examination in one of our Baptist hospitals, which give this service to our Board without charge. Following this examination is another which is made when the applicant comes to Richmond.

There should be no withholding by the applicant of any information regarding his physical condition, as

this may prove disastrous, both to the Board and the missionary in later years. To remain silent about any known weakness or defect is to be unfair to the Board, to one's self and to the missionaries on the field, who will have the responsibility of caring for the one who breaks down. What may seem an insignificant defect here at home, to which little or no attention would be paid, may prove to be a serious handicap on the foreign field.

Educational Preparation

Now, let us turn to the mental preparation of the missionary. The missionary of today comes in contact with many natives who have been trained in the finest colleges and universities in America. To send out a man or a woman with less training than some of the native people with whom they will work, would not only be embarrassing to the missionary, but would have a tendency to lower the standard which we have been trying to raise.

An A.B. degree is the minimum requirement, and in addition to this, such special training as may be needed for specific kinds of work. A course at one of our seminaries

or training schools is required in most instances, and is a distinct advantage even for those who are to be engaged in medical work.

The same educational requirements are as necessary for the wives of missionaries as for the men and single women. The time has come when our Board must send out only those who have the most thorough educational preparation, "workmen who need not to be ashamed."

Tempermental Tendencies

If the applicant passes successfully the physical and educational requirements, the next step is to look well into his temperamental and social qualifications. Perhaps of the three, that is the most difficult. The ability to get along with other people is an essential characteristic. There should be a genuine humility of spirit—a willingness, if need be, to surrender one's personal preferences and desires for the larger good or for peace and harmony. We need men and women who are not seeking places of preferment, but who are willing to become "servants" for Christ's sake. We are not seeking "leaders" as such, but we are seeking those who are willing to "decrease in order that He may increase."

A tendency to jealousy, to self-seeking, to sensitiveness, to race-prejudice, to a feeling of superiority to laziness or to carelessness in paying debts is fatal to a successful missionary career. We are seeking people with good common-sense and with a bigness of soul which is beyond littleness in contacts with others. Is the candidate stubborn or dictatorial in his attitude? Is he willing to consider all sides of a question before jumping at conclusions? Has he a good sense of humor, and not inclined to take little things too seriously? Can he over-look apparent slights? Has he a gracious manner? What of his social background, and his tact in approaching people? All of these are things which are constantly in mind as we consider candidates for the foreign fields.

Because one is a missionary is no

excuse for lack of social graces, bad table manners or lack of courtesy, nor for slovenliness in dress or home. The personal appearance of a missionary is his first point of contact, and carelessness in this regard is no sign of personal piety. The missionary is looked upon as an example and sets the standard in cleanliness, as well as in all other Christian virtues.

It should not be necessary to have to mention one's attitude in the home, the control of one's temper



Appointment Committee: left to right—Dr. S. T. Mathews, Dr. W. A. Harris, Miss Alta Foster, Dr. J. G. Loving. Mrs. J. J. Wicker, Jr., was not present when this snap-shot was made

and the importance of controlling that very unruly member, the tongue, but watchful care in regard to these things is just as important on the foreign field as at home, if not more so. How often an outburst of temper or an unguarded word, will be the beginning of a serious situation and destroy the influence of a life-time.

These things may seem small and trivial, but all of them enter into the making of a successful missionary and have to be taken into account in considering an applicant for appointment.

While it is true that we too often put the missionary on a pedestal and expect perfection of him, it is also true, that a missionary repre-

sents our highest ideals of a Christ-like life, and one experiences a shock and sense of loss at every imperfection.

Spiritual Qualifications

And what shall we say of the spiritual qualifications? The spiritual preparation is the foundation on which all the other qualifications rest. Here we tread on holy ground, because spiritual experiences are such personal things, and are as different as are the individuals themselves. However, there are certain things which we expect to find in the applicants for missionary service. Of course, first of all we expect to find a firm conviction of his own salvation and the reality of his personal experiences with Jesus Christ. A vital, living realization of Jesus Christ as Lord and Master, and a willingness to yield all to Him without reservation are absolutely necessary. One cannot give to others something which he does not possess.

Another thing of vital importance is how much interest has been shown in the lost here at home. If one is not interested in the salvation of men and women here at home, a change of location will not develop that interest. There should be a demonstration of interest in soul-winning before one goes to the foreign field. A heart of love for the lost and boundless compassion for them are essential to carry one through the period of discouragement which must inevitably come on the foreign field.

There is no higher field of service than that of a foreign missionary. To be an ambassador for Christ calls for the best in health, mentality, personality and spirituality. An impossible ideal, you say; yes, impossible if one is depending upon his own human strength, but as we turn to the Master we hear him say again, "Come ye after me and I will make you to become. . . ." The Kingdom of God needs men and women who are willing to be made into "fishers of men" by the Master-trainer.

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COLLEGES
AND SCHOOLS



"No, no, Grandmother, you must not begin to eat yet, you must say, 'Thank you Heavenly Father.' That is what all the children do at the kindergarten.

When we have said 'Amen,' then we eat."

This was a strange interference to the grandmother who knew nothing of a God who provided all the good things of life for His children. But it was to be just as Chicko San, now four and a half years, had said. The grandmother silently waited while the little one said "Thank you" to God. Then both picked up their chop-

sticks and tiny bowls of rice, and began to eat their dinner. Usually children are supposed to eat in silence, but today Chicko San had too many strange things to tell about her first day at kindergarten. So the evening meal was eaten with the merry voice of the little Japanese girl telling many things between every bite. Grandmother greatly rejoiced to hear anything that had made her only granddaughter happy.

Grandmother had often told little Chicko that on the day that she came, her beautiful young mother had slipped away "to

the land of the spirits." On that day the fond grandmother and faithful father had pledged to devote the rest of their lives to the bringing up of the little girl.

One day an invitation came to the little girl to attend the Baptist Sunday school. Saturday night before, she could hardly sleep. Early the next morning she said, "Hurry, Grandmother, take me. We must not be late." The greatest thrill of her young life came to her when she heard two hundred little children sing, "Jesus Loves Me." She, too, heard the children talking about Christmas and practicing the singing of carols to celebrate "Jesus' Birthday."

One day the little family, none too well off in worldly goods, went to live on the campus of the Christian Girls' School. Every afternoon when she saw the happy high school girls go home, she watched them closely, and deep down in her heart, she longed to go to a school where girls have happy faces like the girls in the Mission School.

Often the family of three talked about what the little girl would do after the next year of primary school had been finished. The father and grandmother agreed that she would go to sewing school, and after two years of sewing she could do something to help with the family finances as well as be getting ready for marriage.

But Chicko San shook her head and a big glistening tear rolled down her cheek. She silently went to bed, but there was a big lump in her throat and she could not soon go to sleep.

One day after she came home from school, she put her books down, and sat by her grandmother while warming her fingers over the brazier. She did not notice the cup of tea her grandmother had placed on the floor before her. But tears came into her brown eyes as she said, "Grandmother, I can't go to sewing school after I graduate from primary school, I do—I do want to go to the Christian school. I can't go anywhere else."

Her grandmother said, "Oh,

Child, stop your crying. You know you can't go to the Mission School. That is a poor way for you to treat your father after he has made it possible for you to go to primary school for six years."

The little granddaughter ceased crying, for she did not want to be unappreciative of what her father had already done. But silently she sat with a big longing in her heart—"Oh, if I could only go to the Mission High School!" Yet her father's little salary could not possibly stretch to tuition, books, and uniform of Seinan Jo Gakuin. That was an education for the more fortunate ones.

It was Commencement Day in March. The father and grandmother's hearts were filled with pride as they saw Chicko San receive her diploma with seventy-nine other little graduates.

After the graduation exercises were over the older people returned to their homes while the little graduates were invited to stay to receive their last cup of tea and a little package of cakes.

Mingled joy and sadness filled every little heart as the teacher bade them goodbye and sent them out to enter high schools or to work.

When Chicko San entered the back gate and came up the winding path to her home, her father, who was working in the yard, raised himself and said, "How happy her face is today!" She came to her father and proudly handed to him her diploma and went on into the house to receive the congratulations of her grandmother.

Strange things had been happening that day, so strange that the grandmother said she must be walking in a dream.

The day before Commencement two missionary ladies were saying, "What a bright, beautiful child Chicko San is. She ought to have an education, but certainly with the father's meager salary, such a thing is impossible. Why not use one of the school's scholarships for her? They are for worthy, poor girls, and certainly she is poor and worthy."

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The president of the school sent for the dean, who was always eager to do the right thing: "Yes, yes," said he, "We must do something for that child. But every desk has been taken. Ninety-four girls crowd the first year class rooms. Some way though we shall make room for Chicko San. We can do it, we can!"

Quickly he went to the home of Chicko San's father and said, "For your long, faithful service in the home of the missionary, and because of your little daughter's fine work in school, we wish to give a scholarship to her in the Mission High School. Will you accept it?"

The surprised, happy father bowed low and said, "Thank you, thank you."

"Well," said the dean, "Please think about it and let me know this afternoon, for tomorrow is the last day for entrance examinations."

As the father told the object of the dean's errand to the old grandmother, she was overcome and said: "Oh nothing more wonderful could have happened than has happened today. Surely God has let me live to see this day. It is all right for me to die now. How happy, how happy that child will be! I cannot but believe that her prayers to go to the Mission School have been answered, for she never fails to bow her head in prayer to God every evening."

It was the grandmother's privilege to break the glad news to Chicko San while the father went to accept the offer from the school and tried to express his gratitude to the president.

Entrance examinations without one day of preparation! The little girl felt very anxious, but imagine her joy when happy teachers announced to her that she had re-

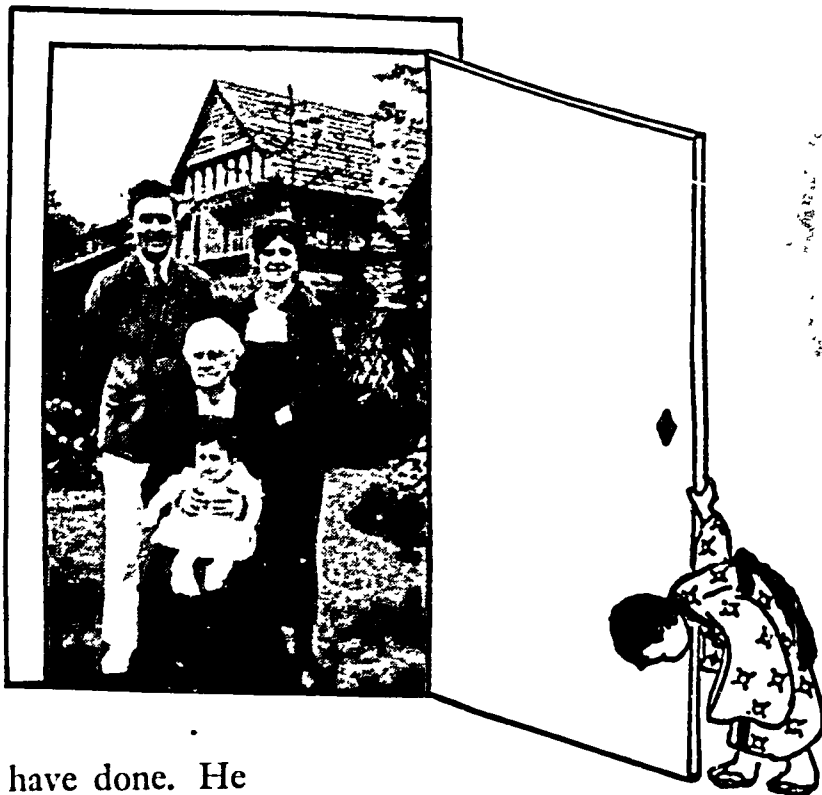
ceived not less than ninety on any subject, and that she had been enrolled as one of the students of the school.

Future embarrassment upon the family purse was greatly relieved when help in buying necessary books and school uniform was offered by kind friends.

"Surely, God has done what we could not possibly have done. He has more than answered our prayers," said the grandmother. The entrance into a Christian school had been made possible. Will it be the door into a higher, more beautiful life? The missionary was praying that it would.

So happy and grateful was her father that he asked one day, "Can girls enter Christian work like boys do? If so, I should like for Chicko to give her entire life to Christian work."

After the day's work was done the little family often lingered long over the tea cups as the young student told marvelous stories of the new school life. Thus late into



Meet the author—her mother, her son, her grand baby: Sara Ellen

the night she studied and her heart was made glad when she saw her name stand high among the "honor students."

For several years Chicko San had gone to church with her grandmother and found the hymns and verses of the Bible for her. One day a great, great preacher came to the school and so beautifully did he explain how girls could become strong and pure and beautiful, that the young girl's heart became very tender and she said, "If Jesus loves me and died for me, I am going to love Him and live for Him." Radiantly happy, she, with thirty-two other girls, entered the baptismal water of a Christian life.

After this decision, the class prayer groups, the Y.W.A., and her church work were her constant joys. During vacation of her senior year she wrote to one of her teachers and said, "If it is God's will I should

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Has Your Class Studied PALESTINE and EUROPE?

INCREASE IN SALES

That there has been a remarkable growth in interest in mission study and in mission study books among men as well as among women, young people and children is indicated by the increased annual sales of the Book and Sales Department for 1937.

The call for mission reading books and for mission study texts has surpassed that of all previous years. This evidences the fact that Southern Baptists are more interested in missions than ever before.

The sale leaders for 1937 were the Palestinian Series, which will doubtless continue to hold first place until the presentation of the 1938 Series on China at the Southern Baptist Convention in May.

CATALOGUES FREE

The Catalogue of Mission Study Literature listing Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Text Books and additional publishers' text books that are desirable as texts for mission study classes is free for distribution. A copy will be sent upon request.

**STUDYING
MISSIONS**

Studying Missions

MARY M. HUNTER, *Manager of Book and Sales Department*

A NEW TRACT—FREE

Southern Baptists Around the World gives brief information on the Foreign Mission Board; Southern Baptist fields around the world; Southern Baptist missionaries overseas; Southern Baptist plan of work; property and finances; Southern Baptists' responsibility.

This leaflet full of primary information about missions should be read by every Southern Baptist. This brief tract is the initial one in the *Rainbow Series*, scheduled for 1938 and planned to present Southern Baptists' work overseas to the constituency in the homeland.

Another tract for free distribution is: *A Letter from Africa*.

PICTURE POSTERS

Attractive picture sheets containing a dozen or more carefully selected Southern Baptist pictures to be used as supplemental material for mission study text books on Japan, South America, Africa, Palestine, and for missionary programs, are free for the asking.

THE COMMISSION

We believe that foreign missions would be greatly helped if *The Commission* could reach every Baptist home. It should be in the hands of the members of Woman's Missionary Societies and the other organizations of the Southern Baptist Convention. The editors plan to follow monthly the theme of the societies and groups in feature articles and stories that may be used as supplementary material for programs and as helps for mission study.

We call on the friends of worldwide missions to help increase the circulation of *The Commission*.

TOO EARLY TO ANNOUNCE

It is too early to announce the titles of the mission study texts for 1938; but the Educational Committee of the Foreign Mission Board has announced that a series of new mission study books, presenting Southern Baptists' work in China will be initially exhibited at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond in May.

Interesting Books

CHRISTIANITY IN THE EASTERN CONFLICT—William Paton—60 cents.

Mr. Paton's book is something much more than an ordinary traveler's book. It is based on conferences with missionaries in Japan, China, India, Egypt and Palestine. These men, again, are in intimate touch with the peoples of these lands, and it is the report of a very vigorous, fair, experienced and sympathetic mind. It is a book of lucid conciseness, yet of absorbing interest, a dispatch of first-rate quality from the field. D. S. C.

*Rice Press, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia, will fill all orders for all books.

A WAYFARER IN HUNGARY—George A. Birmingham—\$2.00.

"The author, quite well known as a novelist, here discusses the scenery, architecture, pictures, manners, customs, costumes, and the general life of post-war Hungary, a country in which he resided for the greater part of two years. He has made vivid and interesting many places which otherwise would have been no more than names to English travelers."—Methuen.

Few books, if any, have been written to portray better the people and problems, the possibilities and potentialities of Hungary. As a sup-

plement to any study book about Europe, "A Wayfarer in Hungary" will be invaluable. It is delightfully written, easy to read and easy to retell.—"The Workshop."

GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK—General and Madame Chiang Kai-shek—\$2.00.

For the sheer thrill of danger, romance, calm courage and dramatic climax, these two documents have a fascinating interest that is immensely intensified when it is realized that they are authoritative records of actual happenings only a few months ago when the fate of a great nation was trembling in the balance. Madame Chiang reveals unconsciously a wifely devotion, a woman's intuitive understanding of the basic issues, and a superb heroism which are the more convincing because written with so objective a purpose to give the simple facts.—J. L. S.

THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS—Anna Seward Pruitt—25 cents.

This is not a new book, but its contents will ever be new for every one who has not yet read it. Humor and pathos, realism and idealism, experiences and observations combine throughout the 138 pages to hold the absorbed interest of the reader. The author draws the richest and most gripping incidents from her life-time in North China and writes them in a clever and brief style that is easy to read.—"The Workshop."

LINKS

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The wedding day approached and the young man, although not yet converted, wished that the ceremony be performed in our church. This religious function was for the bride's family a clear and powerful word of the grace of God: the doors of that home were opened to the Gospel. Every week the pastor and some of the brethren of our church held services of

Friendly Exchanges

PRESBYTERIANS STRENGTHEN STAKES

Our Birthday Offering for 1938 has been designated "For Women and Girls of Other Races and Languages in the Homeland;" this gift to be made to the Executive Committee of Assembly's Home Missions and administered by that Committee. The plan is that this offering be not used for the launching of new projects, which would cause an increased burden upon the Executive Committee of Home Missions, but to strengthen work among our friends of other races and languages right in our midst! Members of this home-mission family include such groups as Mexicans, Italians, Chinese, Indians, Negroes, Latins, Czechoslovakians, Hungarians, Syrians, and Jews.—*Presbyterian Survey*.

METHODIST PILGRIMAGE

When the Methodists gathered in Savannah, Georgia, January 11-14, 1938, to attend the Aldersgate Session of the General Missionary Council, they were aware of the spiritual presence of John Wesley. The meetings were held in the Wesley Monumental Church, which was erected as a memorial to John Wesley. There were pilgrimages to places made sacred because two hundred years ago John Wesley, Charles Wesley, and George Whitefield frequented those spots. A trip to Frederica rewarded the visitors with the opportunity of standing under the famous "Wesley Oak" where John and Charles Wesley preached open-air sermons to the Indians and the English pioneers of Georgia.—*World Outlook*.

Bible study and prayer in that home. In 1934 the old father received baptism; in 1935 the two sons followed; in 1936 the old mother, another daughter and two sons-in-law were converted and baptized.

DREAMS COME TRUE

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like to go on to college and fit myself for a life of service for Jesus. I am not worthy, but I should love to do it."

A little while after this, she spent one bright Saturday night with her grandmother and a friend. They had a happy evening talking together about the joys of being friends with Jesus. Before she went to bed she made preparation to teach her village Sunday school class of girls. Then she lay all of her clothes out, ready to put on

quickly Sunday morning. She went to sleep and as the morning dawned, she awakened to a glorious new day in Heaven. She had prepared to serve her Saviour, and He said, "You are ready now to begin your work in the Father's house." Her beloved teachers and the entire student body banked flowers high around her body. But her soul radiant in happiness answered her Father's call when He said, "Dear Child, come home." She was ready.

If there had been no kindergarten, no Sunday school, no Christian Girls' School, no missionary, Chicko San could not have heard God's call: "Dear Child, come home." Millions of little children have never heard of Jesus. There are not yet enough kindergartens, Christian schools and missionaries to give every child in Japan the chance to hear about God. Chicko San heard and believed.

Honor Roll of Churches

The churches in the Southern Baptist Convention listed below are setting the example which all other churches should be wise enough to follow of contributing monthly through The Relief and Annuity Board toward providing age and disability annuities for their pastors. The pastors are contributing their share of the cost in every case.

Ten State Conventions, either through committees or commissions, or through their own Boards, are giving earnest consideration to the adoption of a group plan which is designed to be inclusive of all the active pastors within these states to which plan the churches will be asked to contribute along with their pastors, not for a particular pastor merely, but for the group. Such a plan will be a continuation and extension of the Age Security Plan with as much provision for prior service for men who have been long in the ministry as possible.

Already a number of group plans for missionaries and other denominational employees are in operation through The Relief and Annuity Board, namely, for all active missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board; for the employees of Baptist Boards within the States, and the majority of the employees of Baptist Boards are participating in this plan; also, employees of the Baptist Orphanages within the States, and more than 60% of the Orphanage employees are in this plan; then, for the faculties and staffs of our Baptist educational institutions, and several of the colleges are in this plan. Soon we hope to have all our denominational employees, including the pastors of our churches in one of the group plans of The Relief and Annuity Board. The South Carolina Convention has led the way by adopting a plan recommended by their State Board which they expect to put into operation by July 1, 1938. Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Alabama and Oklahoma have committees considering a group plan.

HONOR ROLL

Alabama

Pastor

First Church.....Sylacauga.....C. M. Crosswy
First Church.....Uniontown.....J. V. Dickinson
Highland Church.....Montgomery...Chas. F. Leek
West End Church.....Mobile.....H. H. Harwell

Arizona

First Southern Church...Tucson.....Vacant

Florida

First Church.....Fort Pierce....George H. Moore
Jackson Heights Church Tampa.....P. B. Cooper
Park View Church.....Fort Pierce....H. C. Meador

Georgia

Central Church.....Waycross.....B. E. Donehoo
Goloid Church.....Sylvania.....L. T. Reddick
First Church.....East Point.....W. A. Duncan
Tiger Church.....Tiger.....W. A. Trotman

Louisiana

First Church.....Pineville.....A. E. Prince
Oak Grove Church.....Oak Grove....Basil T. Halbert
Forest Church.....Forest.....Basil T. Halbert
First Church.....Sulphur.....W. H. Smith
Dubach Church.....Dubach.....R. B. Middleton
Ingleside Church.....Shreveport...T. C. Pennell
First Church.....Shreveport...M. E. Dodd
Saline Church.....Saline.....David L. Goodman
Magnolia Church.....Magnolia.....David L. Goodman
First Church.....Welsh.....St. Clair Bower
Emmanuel Church.....Baton Rouge...John D. Brown*
Emmanuel Church.....Alexandria....G. Kearnie Keegan
First Church.....Ruston.....W. E. B. Lockridge
First Church.....Minden.....H. E. Kirkpatrick
First Church.....Lafayette.....J. C. Wells

Mississippi

Sardis Church.....Sardis.....W. R. Storie
Boyle Church.....Boyle.....L. T. Greer

New Mexico

First Church.....Elida.....Vacant
First Church.....Alamogordo....E. R. Keating
Monument Church.....Monument....Wm. A. Kuykendall

North Carolina

Pastor

First Church.....Asheville.....Vacant
McGill Street Church...Concord.....Clyde Baucom
First Church.....Burlington....A. D. Kinnett
First Church.....Statesville....F. C. Hawkins
Boonville Church.....Boonville....J. P. Davis
Yadkinville Church....Yadkinville...J. P. Davis
First Church.....Dunn.....E. Norfleet Gardner
Forest Avenue Church...Greensboro...W. W. Woodcock
Roxboro Church.....Roxboro.....W. F. West
Loray Church.....Gastonia.....J. W. Whitley
Waightown Church....Winston-Salem J. F. Carter
Mocksville Church....Mocksville....J. H. Fulghum
Thomasville Church....Reidsville....P. T. Worrell
Baynes Church.....Mebane.....P. T. Worrell
Kerr's Chapel Church...Altomahan...P. T. Worrell
Yanceyville Church....Yanceyville...P. T. Worrell
Trinity Church.....Reidsville....P. T. Worrell
Garland Church.....Salemberg....R. F. Marshburn
Mt. Gilead.....Salemberg....R. F. Marshburn
Harmony.....Salemberg....R. F. Marshburn
Ebenezer.....Salemberg....R. F. Marshburn
Mars Hill Church.....Mars Hill.....Wm. L. Lynch

Missouri

First Church.....Fulton.....C. E. Hanan
First Church.....Monett.....Leo M. Perry
First Church.....Senath.....R. F. Liddell

South Carolina

First Church.....Winnsboro....H. Floyd Surles
First Church.....Greenville....Leom M. Latimer
East Side Church.....Newberry....Vacant
Oakland Church.....Newberry....C. M. Johnson
Duke Street Church....Ninety Six....W. S. Cromer
Conway Church.....Conway.....W. W. Leathers
First Church.....Lancaster....Daniel M. Rivers
First Church.....Kershaw.....David M. Sanders

Tennessee

First Church.....Donelson.....Guard Green
Ward Grove.....Murfreesboro..M. M. Ayers
Milton Church.....Milton.....Vacant
Bradley's Creek Church..Lascassas....M. M. Ayers
First Church.....Newport.....Merrill D. Moore

<i>Texas</i>		<i>Pastor</i>
Walnut Creek Church.....	Austin.....	Ray McCollum
First Church.....	Tulia.....	A. C. Huff
First Church.....	Highlands.....	Vacant
Highland Church.....	Dallas.....	R. L. Holmes
Central Church.....	Pelley.....	J. I. F. Tharp
First Church.....	McCamey.....	T. E. Funderburk
First Church.....	Dallas.....	George W. Truett
Gaston Avenue Church.....	Dallas.....	W. Marshall Craig*
Central Church.....	Port Arthur.....	T. E. Cannedy
First Church.....	Terrell.....	Thomas J. Doss
Trinity.....	Dallas.....	L. D. Miley*
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January 1, 1937 to January 1, 1938

	<i>Program</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>China Emergency Fund</i>	<i>China Relief Fund</i>	<i>Debt</i>	<i>Lottie Moon</i>	<i>Total</i>
Ala.....	22,205.51	5,192.90	6,269.01	131.65	1,890.15	11,804.76	47,493.98
Ariz.....	425.43	111.85	40.16	.....	132.75	442.05	1,152.24
Ark.....	5,615.31	4,573.58	881.85	49.26	787.24	8,032.42	19,939.66
D. C.....	3,574.92	4,120.00	946.02	.....	230.99	1,101.24	9,973.17
Fla.....	17,125.59	9,634.56	1,157.40	32.20	2,771.83	6,935.16	37,656.74
Ga.....	22,662.35	24,357.71	3,637.08	58.26	4,602.78	18,389.67	73,707.85
Ill.....	1,670.71	1,693.11	422.12	34.00	463.58	3,495.49	7,779.01
Ky.....	46,645.29	12,568.61	3,338.74	108.95	2,223.78	18,313.57	83,198.94
La.....	10,794.91	4,675.04	1,405.26	35.50	2,069.07	9,468.80	28,448.58
Md.....	8,614.65	585.49	1,162.56	.....	286.10	2,524.94	13,173.74
Miss.....	13,430.01	4,155.16	975.91	286.08	1,536.51	14,678.16	35,061.83
Mo.....	15,932.97	7,054.37	1,272.95	156.00	2,369.41	12,542.87	39,328.57
N. M.....	697.98	407.83	243.48	5.00	351.85	1,767.16	3,473.30
N. C.....	50,426.48	32,091.09	6,338.53	749.32	2,064.14	34,510.00	126,179.56
Okla.....	10,869.34	13,221.95	1,246.53	48.93	1,441.23	11,069.01	37,896.99
S. C.....	42,449.41	23,011.72	2,701.45	344.45	882.15	19,292.22	88,681.40
Tenn.....	46,627.25	12,304.43	2,811.49	19.50	2,188.62	19,123.07	83,074.36
Texas.....	42,206.66	29,016.81	4,191.91	185.94	7,105.43	56,778.27	139,485.02
Va.....	77,443.59	20,892.04	4,714.01	448.72	6,423.39	41,496.10	151,417.85
Misc.....	131.22	5,321.34	291.73	181.00	1,865.23	861.52	8,652.04
Total.....	439,549.58	214,989.59	44,048.19	2,874.76	41,686.23	292,626.48	1,035,774.83

January 1, 1936 to January 1, 1937

Ala.....	19,075.21	5,042.76	.....	.....	3,090.38	9,754.10	36,962.45
Ariz.....	305.63	115.08	.....	.....	145.09	85.74	651.56
Ark.....	6,829.68	9,298.34	.....	.....	1,862.57	8,109.87	26,100.46
D. C.....	3,467.07	3,386.57	.....	.....	326.10	1,172.81	8,352.55
Fla.....	15,206.03	8,640.37	.....	.....	3,038.10	4,033.87	30,918.37
Ga.....	17,601.90	25,698.74	.....	.....	5,709.89	15,126.83	64,137.36
Ill.....	1,554.03	2,475.03	.....	.....	637.61	2,454.03	7,120.70
Ky.....	43,243.88	10,917.93	.....	.....	4,054.04	16,554.25	74,770.10
La.....	9,030.88	4,944.29	.....	.....	2,986.81	8,175.39	25,137.37
Md.....	8,493.81	575.10	.....	.....	200.37	2,374.60	11,643.88
Miss.....	12,139.23	5,040.10	.....	.....	3,007.78	11,921.71	32,108.82
Mo.....	14,040.56	13,552.43	.....	.....	3,107.70	11,245.14	41,945.83
N. M.....	611.25	330.50	.....	.....	385.02	1,604.37	2,931.14
N. C.....	48,228.21	35,733.17	.....	.....	2,022.84	26,705.57	112,689.79
Okla.....	10,970.81	11,367.19	.....	.....	2,390.83	9,032.21	33,761.04
S. C.....	38,871.88	26,225.29	.....	.....	1,069.64	15,637.15	81,803.96
Tenn.....	45,808.20	11,192.95	.....	.....	4,731.07	15,137.93	76,870.15
Texas.....	30,145.60	30,297.20	.....	.....	9,221.66	41,777.96	111,442.42
Va.....	95,540.21	21,873.48	.....	.....	16,272.41	37,913.23	171,599.33
Misc.....	95.65	3,771.30	5,623.37	560.16	10,050.46
Total.....	421,259.72	230,477.82	69,883.28	239,376.92	960,997.74

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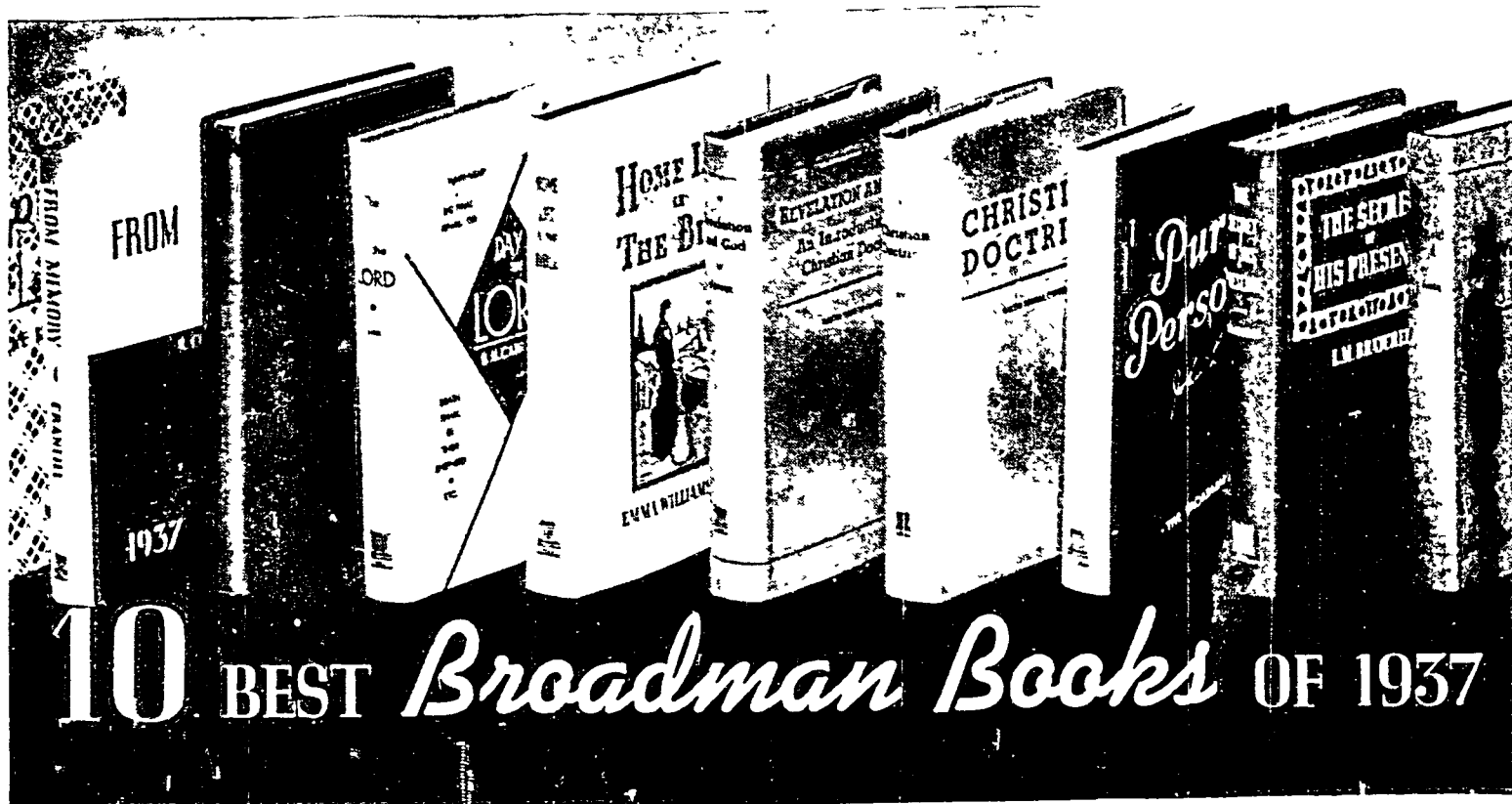
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