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President Baptist  
World Alliance,  
Dallas, Texas*

## Baptist World Alliance Protests Repression In Rumania

As President of the Baptist World Alliance, the ecumenical organization of Baptists representing the largest Free Church Communion in the world, whose more than twelve million church members in all parts of the world cherish entire goodwill to the people of Rumania and their King, I am profoundly constrained, in behalf of the Alliance, to record our most solemn protest against the administrative ordinance, (Decizie) number 26,208, published June last, by the Rumanian Minister of Cults, Archbishop Colan.

Among the various grounds for our protest are these:

1. The ordinance in question is directly opposed to the principle of religious freedom, which includes liberty of private and public worship, preaching and teaching.
2. It subordinates churches to the secular authority, by denying their right to determine the nature of their church government and the qualifications of their pastors and members.
3. It denies the generally acknowledged rights of churches, as set forth, for example, by the Oxford Conference of 1937, in which Conference the Ruma-

nian Orthodox Church participated, which Oxford Conference made this declaration: "All churches should renounce the use of the coercive power of the state, in matters of religion."

4. It embodies the entirely false principle that the freedom and rights of Christian Churches are dependent upon their numerical strength.
5. Its application would involve the closing of practically all the meeting places of the Baptist Communion in Rumania.
6. Already, before the day appointed for the full application of the ordinance, Baptist churches have been closed under its provisions, and Baptist preachers have been imprisoned for exercising their right to preach the Gospel.

The several constraining reasons named, and others that might be named, inevitably compel the consciences of millions of Baptists around the encircling globe, even as these reasons likewise compel our fellow Christians of various communions, together with men of goodwill and lovers of freedom in all lands:

1. To voice their profound concern and protest, in view of this serious infringement of the rights of citizens who loyally fulfill all their civic duties, including military service; and
2. To urge the annulment of the ordinance in question, and the granting of full freedom to those now subject to unjust restrictions, and the acknowledgment of the Baptist Communion as a recognized Cult throughout the whole of Rumania.

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THE COVER—This beautiful old castle built in 1601 by Lord Tsugaru, is in the western part of the city of Hirosaki, Japan.

The walls and moats of the Inner-Court and the Tower remain the same as in former days, and the gardens and trees grow more beautiful with the centuries.

Kiichi Nishi says: "The plum and cherry blossoms perfume the air with fragrance during the cold days of winter. Always associated with the evergreen pine and the bamboo, the plum blossom is regarded as a symbol of *perseverance*, because it forces its way through the snow with which its branches may be laden—and this sight has been the inspiration of poets and artists through the ages."



# A Message from Rumanian Baptists

JOHN COCUTS, *General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Rumania*

There are in Rumania two kinds of religious bodies: recognized cults and religious associations.

The recognized cults have a legal standing, they enjoy complete religious freedom and are protected by all the laws of the country. The religious associations are under the authority of the Minister of Cults. He can stop their activity. They can continue their work only by his special authorization and he can withdraw this authorization whenever he wishes to do so.

The Baptist of Transylvania were recognized as a cult in 1905 by the Hungarian government on the basis of the law 43 of 1895. On the basis of the same law the Baptist of Yugoslavia, who formerly were Hungarian subjects, are a recognized cult, enjoying all the rights and privileges which all other recognized religious bodies of that country enjoy. For example their pastors are exempt from the military service, they have reductions on the railway and the authorities of the state do not interfere in their religious activity.

By the decision No. 26,208/1938 of the Rumanian Minister of Cults, published in Monitorul Oficial Nr. 133 of June 14, 1938, the rights and the privileges which the Baptists have had thirty years, were taken away. By the same decision, they were placed in the category of religious associations. Article 21 of this decision says:

"The local organizations of the religious associations, recognized by former decisions, namely, Baptists, Seventh Day Adventists and the Christians after the Gospel, will be allowed to continue their activity with the condition that within six months from the publication of this decision in Monitorul Oficial, they fully conform with the above conditions. The local associations which will not obtain a renewal of

the authorizations to function within limits of this time, will be forbidden, their houses of worship will be closed and the article one of this decision will be applied to their members."

Article 1 of the decision, mentioned above, says that the members of the prohibited religious associations will be punished in conformity with the law for the defense of the State. That means months and years of imprisonments and great sums of money for fines.

The Baptists of Rumania cannot fulfill the conditions of this decision. These conditions are many, but we will mention only one. It will be sufficient to prove this statement.

Article 4 of this decision says that each local organization which wishes to receive an authorization, must present to the Minister of Cults a list of 100 heads of families. The official statistics of the Baptist Union of Rumania show that there are in our country 1,602 Baptist

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TOP—James Memorial Training School for Girls playing and taking a recess for recreation in the school's court-yard.

BOTTOM—"Rumanian Baptist Musicians" from the city of Cluj, in which the first Baptist church in all Rumania was organized more than a century ago.

All of these young people and 70,000 more Rumanian Baptists are now suffering severe persecution.

# Africa Says Goodbye

HENRY CARR, *Lagos, Africa*

Dr. Maddry, Dr. Andrews, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

I have had the great honor entrusted to me to be the chairman of this gathering. I confess that I feel overwhelmed by the importance of the occasion, by the enormous importance of the gathering before which I am speaking, and would gladly have found a way of escape from my present position, if I could have done so without being misunderstood. I have again and again been honored with invitations from Baptist missionaries to visit their educational institutions at Abeokuta and Ogbomosho and to address the scholars and students; but unfortunately I have not been able to accede to these requests, not because of the lack of interest in the work of the institutions, nor from any disrespect to those who are charged with the responsibility of the management and conduct of the work, but for various reasons including, I am ashamed to say, my natural immobility. But when, a few days ago, I was honored with the invitation to take a part in this important function I felt I was in duty bound to do so.

We are met together to say some parting words and bid farewell to

Associate Editor's Note: A few hours before the time for Dr. Charles E. Maddry and his party to sail from Africa, a farewell service was held in Lagos, the seaport city of Nigeria. Presiding over this meeting was the elderly, scholarly man, Henry Carr, educated in England and a faithful member of the Church Missionary Society of Great Britain. During his long life of service he has been a member of the government council, the legislative body, and has the distinction of having been the first educational superintendent of Nigeria for the British Empire. The message of this prominent and influential Nigerian interested Dr. Maddry so much that he asked him for a copy of his speech.

Rev. Dr. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention of America, who with Mrs. Maddry and a small band of co-workers has paid a visit of five strenuous weeks to the Baptist churches in Nigeria. The Rev. J. T. Bowen, the pioneer missionary sent out by the Convention, arrived in this country in 1849, about ninety years ago, and this is the first occasion on which any Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Convention has paid a visit to the mission field in Nigeria. The occasion is therefore one of enormous importance not only to the Baptist churches but to the people of Nigeria.

It is, it must be, a source of joy and pride to see Dr. Maddry and his party receive the honor and admiration and affection of the Baptist community, to see, too, the long processions bringing homage and tribute to them, as they go from town to town as representatives of the good people of the Baptist Convention of America, who have been sending missionaries to them these ninety years to preach to them the Gospel of Christ, and to labor in their midst for the regeneration of the people of Africa. What we have seen and heard during the last five weeks are only signs and symbols of reverence and devotion to Him who, the missionaries come to teach us, is the Saviour of the world. All around we hear words of welcome spoken to the visitors. In Lagos and the Yoruba country as the party pass by, the people exclaim: "E ku abo," and similar expressions are used in their own languages by other peoples visited by the party. We say the words, "E ku abo" conveying an expression of welcome; but to the Yoruba man

they mean something more, they mean something sweeter and more touching than "welcome." They mean not only "welcome," but "welcome home," "welcome back to your home." "You have been on a journey, you are now welcome home again." "You are our friends, you are our benefactors, you are the representatives of the good people in America who have sent the missionaries to come and preach to us. You and they and the missionaries and ourselves are members of the same family. We are all one in Christ. You have come from home to home. Welcome to your home."

In the addresses which have been presented to Dr. Maddry the native leaders of the Baptist churches have unmistakably indicated what they consider to be the lines along which the future development of missionary work should proceed, not only in the interest of the Baptist community, but for the progress of the people of Nigeria. They are conscious of the fact that on certain lines of advance the Baptist community have not been able to make the same contribution to the progress of the country as has been made by the other churches, and they naturally look to their "nursing fathers" at the home-base in America for assistance and guidance to enable them to fulfill their duty. They ask for assistance and guidance in the promotion of the efficiency of their educational institutions, more especially for the supply of secondary schools for boys and for girls in important centers of the mission field, and for the development of higher education in their college and in their seminary for the training of teachers and pastors. They also ask that the opportunity of superior education

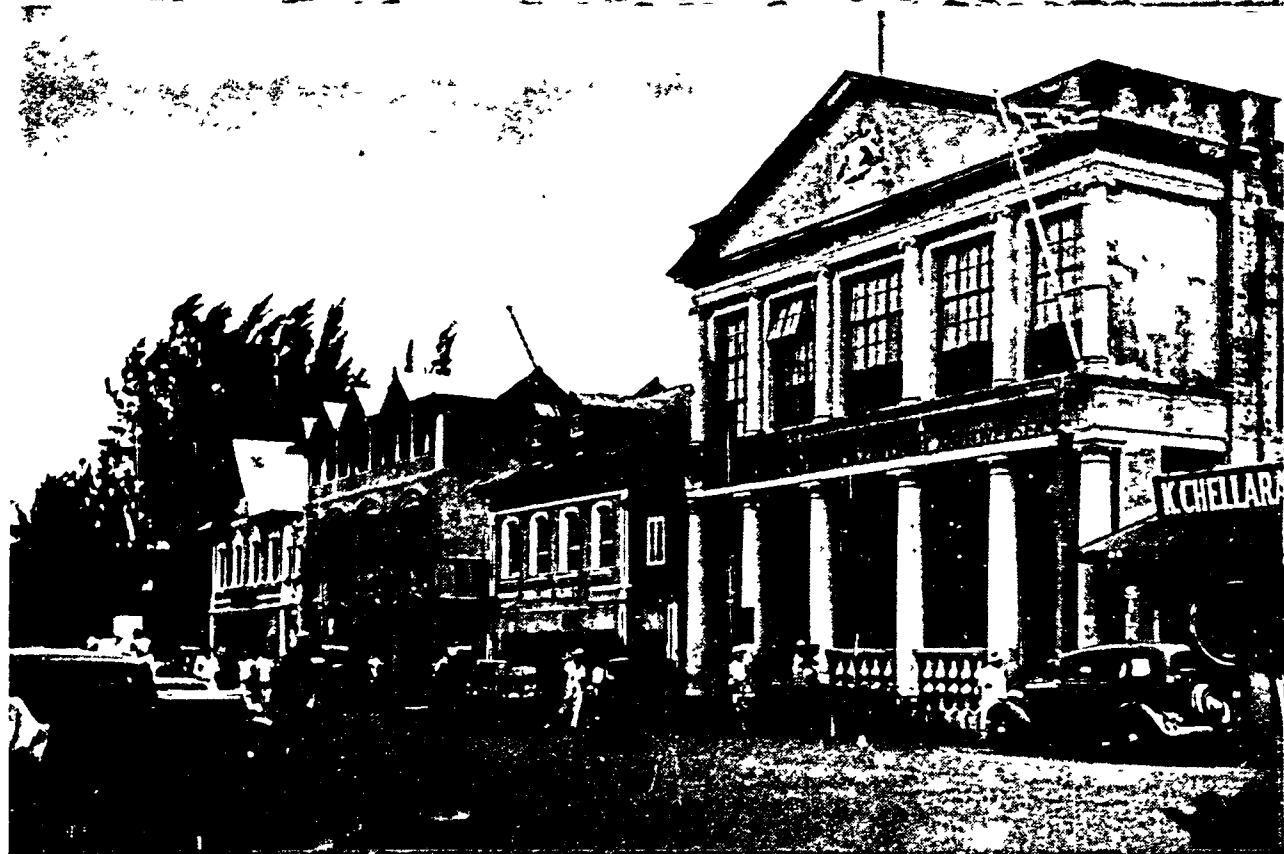


abroad should be offered to deserving native teachers and pastors.

The Rev. T. J. Bowen, the Baptist pioneer missionary of this country, who was a man of varied learning and high cultivation, declared again and again with insistence at the beginning of his labors that "to diffuse a good degree of mental culture among the people, though a secondary object, is really and necessarily one part of the missionary work in Africa; and he who expects to evangelize the country without civilization will find that his labors will end in disappointment."

I have occupied too much of your time, but because of my deep sympathy with my Baptist friends, with the leaders of the local Baptist churches, in their aims and aspirations, I have been led to say all I have said. The great work to be done in this country, and at this hour, is not in connection with religion alone, but a work of raising the whole level of civilization of the community and, in order to do this, missionaries and native, religious leaders must do their best to afford to the members of the Christian church all the enlarging influences of the time.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the best of friends must part some time or other, and we are on the eve of parting with Dr. Maddry and his party. We bid them farewell. We shall always think of them with feelings of deep affection, and we trust they will treasure the recollections of the church in Nigeria when they are home again from their home here. We bid them Godspeed and, so far as we are concerned, this farewell is really to us *au revoir*.



*Top: Sea-coast of  
Lagos, Nigeria,  
West Africa*

*Above: Main street of  
Lagos*

*Left: A village along  
the coast in Nigeria,  
West Africa*



*The Five Cowrie Creek  
in Yoruba Land, Nigeria,  
West Africa*



# KINGDOM FACTS AND FACTORS . . . . . W. O. CARVER,

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## China's Despoiled Millions

Under normal conditions half China's population live on the borderland of hunger and privation. Under the cruel conditions of the Japanese invasion and war of subjugation, more than half the hundreds of millions of people are insufficiently fed and clothed. Those dying of hunger, privation and disease incident to the war are constantly increasing in number. Under present conditions it is quite impossible to have any accurate statistics. We may know that wholly apart from the immediate casualties of war and the sufferings thereby imposed upon their families, which are very extensive, there are many times this number who are suffering and dying because of the dislocation of the ordinary course of life. There are tens of thousands of people in relief camps, but these are far outnumbered by the suffering for whom no provision can be made. The whole state of affairs is staggering in its magnitude.

The situation is so overwhelming as to have prevented thus far any worthy response of the American people to this call and opportunity for humane and Christian helpfulness. A year ago Southern Baptists undertook, through their own agencies, to provide relief funds to be administered by our missionaries in China. A considerable sum was provided and was used to save the lives and relieve the pressing want of thousands of our fellow Christians and other Chinese. After that one effort, which did not win the general support that it deserved, we have done little. Much the same story applies among other denominations.

Early after the pressure of this great need, an interdenominational agency in New York undertook to raise funds for China relief. This undertaking has not met the expected response. Now that the war continues to drag on and its casualties to grow staggeringly, a fresh movement has been launched. A Church Committee on China Relief is vigorously presenting this need to the American public. The denominational boards are throwing the weight of their influence and cooperation into the movement. Our own Board will no longer press for funds to be sent to be administered by our missionaries; but will join in the general appeal for America to come to the rescue and save the lives of China's dying millions, and relieve some desperate needs.

Here is a most impressive test of Christian love and brotherhood. It is still true that \$1.00 will serve to save the life of one Chinese for one month. Failure to give that dollar, when it could be given, means the untimely death of some Chinese child or mother or man. This undertaking ought to appeal successfully to all American people. It is especially an opportunity and a challenge to all Christian people. Our Board will still be willing to receive and transmit to our own missionaries funds whose donors prefer their gift to be so handled.

## Shall It Be Peace?

There is at least a temporary relief of the strain of fear and dread of another World War. Whether it is more than a temporary relief nobody yet can say. Many of the most competent observers think that we have only a postponement.

For the moment Chamberlain is acclaimed as the savior of Europe and the deliverer of the world from a disaster beyond comprehension. Still, there are many to take a different view. It is yet to be determined whether Chamberlain will be known as coward or Christian. Did he effect an agreement which sets Europe, and eventually all the world, to travel a new road in international relations? Did he yield to an hysterical fear of an irresponsible monster and accept a Peace of Dread; or did he challenge world statesmen to a course of reason, mutual respect and cooperative counsel for the solution of the problems of conflicting groups within a brotherhood of humanity?

Certainly no one is blind enough to believe or hope that either of the dreaded dictators has been converted from the characteristics which make them so dangerous to the peace of the world. There are those who hope that, by concession and counsel, a beginning has been made for the working of new forces within the spirit and the conduct of the rulers and the leaders of the nations. A breathing spell has been afforded wherein responsible rulers may think more calmly and revise their methods. An opportunity has come for Christian prayer.

The situation is still delicate, and the 'Peace of Munich' is very unstable. One has to recognize that even before these words shall be printed a new crisis may arise.

One of the most deplorable aspects of the crisis through which we are passing is that the American militarists and war-makers, under the plea of prudent security, are taking advantage of the present excitement to whip up the militaristic spirit and further to increase the already staggering and stupid expenditures in war preparations.

## Reshaping World Control

The League of Nations is history. With the Munich Conference, a new chapter in world history began



to take shape. The chaos of recent history climaxed in a new venture. Hitler precipitated what was in muddy solution.

Whether anything abiding can come from the compromises and commitments at Munich remains for the future to reveal. For one reason, the men who met at Munich are not telling the world, nor their own people, what they said to one another. We can learn only by the developments. Developments are coming fast and begin to point the proposed new order—or disorder?

Does President Roosevelt know what was done, one wonders. Japan's Konoye does seem to know. Roosevelt lent a useful hand in making Munich of such vast significance, whether wittingly or unwittingly, no one knows. It looks as if he did not know, but like the rest of us is learning by the direction of rapid developments since.

Here is how it looks now. Germany is to control central and southeastern Europe; Japan is to have a free hand in Eastern Asia; Mussolini is to have the blessing of the other "powers" on his appropriations in Africa and will gradually be permitted to extend his domain, probably at the expense of Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey, when Ataturk is out of the way, as he will be very soon by way of his dissipation-destroyed liver; France and Great Britain will hold their Empires except so far as the needs of Hitler and Mussolini call for sections of Africa—and these will be conceded as the exigencies demand. Russia is to be shut in on herself once again, as she has been at each crisis in modern Eurasian history. The United States will be left in peace in the Americas—for the time being—if she makes no serious disturbance over the partitioning of the rest of the world among the Big Four of Europe.

The new, more emphatic and militant reaffirmation of the Monroe Doctrine removes all rational ground for objecting to Japan's attitude with reference to Asia. The

call for two "invincible navies," save so far as it is a move for political ends, is an acceptance of the policy of might and bluff.

All other nations will have to take what the five big countries will allow. Yes, until the five begin to crowd one another too much.

The course of Europe with reference to Africa, pursued through the whole modern era of empire building, is to continue. The Conference at Munich in 1938 may match that Conference of Berlin in 1884, when a map of Africa was carved up for distribution among European powers. No important consideration was then given to the rights and the needs of the Africans. One hears of no consideration for the Africans in the current discussions. Surely their rights and needs are entitled to serious recognition. Empire building is one of the curses of modern world history.

But this is not the whole story, unless reason has fled the earth and God is repudiated. Even then, God will have the final word. That word is ever, "Righteousness." But also God's word is "Redemption." It is the hour for the Church to "arise, shine." Isaiah, Jesus and Paul should now be studied intensively by all Christians, and the Revelation of Patmos considered in the light of the rest. If the Church will be the witness to the Christ, as God's Word of true reason in this hour, there is hope, there is deliverance. We may read Isaiah 59:9—60:9 and then turn to Paul's missionary manifesto in Romans 15, and pass on with assurance to the marvelous benediction of Ephesians 3:20-21.

### The Church in the Nations Today

Organized Christianity continues to meet increasing difficulties in the European nations. In these notes for last month, comment on the situation of Baptists in Rumania was omitted. At that time it was hoped that by negotiation and by friendly approach to the Rumanian Govern-

ment the constitutional pledges of that country for freedom of religion might so far be respected as to make possible the continuance of the life and work of our growing Baptist churches. Subsequent developments have shown that the Rumanian Government has no intention of voluntarily respecting its pledges, and of conceding the rights of men in relation to God. With the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church in Rumania serving as Prime Minister, and with a Bishop of that Church serving as Minister of Cults and Arts, administering affairs of education and religion, the King and such of his ministers as would like to pursue a just and enlightened policy in the matter of religion are not allowed to express themselves in the conduct of the laws. At this time it is not possible to say what effective steps can be taken. Rumania finds American approval, American trade, and American financial support very desirable. It is probable that vigorous assertion of American condemnation of the iniquitous course with reference to minority Christian groups will greatly modify the determination of those Greek Church officials to stamp out the evangelical faith.

It should have been a great opportunity for our Southern Baptists in the Utrecht Conference of last July to face the representatives of the Greek Church before the representatives of all Protestant denominations and demand freedom for Baptist churches in Rumania and in other territories where the Greek Church is the official church of the nation. It may turn out that Southern Baptists have missed a great opportunity in refraining from any measure of conference with the representatives of other denominations. There is abundant ground for difference of opinion on this subject. It might have been well at least to test the effect of an appeal in a forum where we stood on common ground with those who professed to be seeking unity of Christian sentiment and action.

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Nine newly appointed missionaries and examining committee of the Foreign Mission Board—October 12, 1938 (see p. 22)

# The Missionary Ministry of the Sunday School Board

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(Address delivered to Foreign Mission Conference, Ridgecrest, 1938)

If we are to see the vast extent of the missionary ministry of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and appreciate its immense value in the progress of the Kingdom of Christ, we must use our imagination, enlarge our vision, and concentrate our thought. It would take a pen of sapphire in the hand of an angel, to record even a part of this long, extensive, efficient, and glorious ministry. The Baptist Sunday School Board is missionary in its origin, in its organization, in its objective, and in its operations.

## THREE SIGNIFICANT FACTS

There are three significant facts connected with the origin of the Sunday School Board which set it out as a definite missionary organization and establish the hope that it shall remain so as long as it shall exist.

The first one of these facts is that the Sunday School Board came into being at the time (1891) when the Baptists of the South, and of the world, were celebrating the cen-

tennial of modern missions, dating from the time of William Carey. Being born in this atmosphere, the Sunday School Board was immediately in fullest sympathy with the spirit of the movement, became endued with the purpose of the movement, and set its forces to make the celebration worthy and successful. The leaders of the Board soon adopted as the keynote this sentence: *The way to put the Sunday school into missions is to put missions into the Sunday school.*

The second significant fact is that this missionary ideal was expressed in the first report of the Sunday School Board to the Convention. The purpose of the Board to serve missionary interests of the denomination was given in the following ringing declaration:

"There must be a business basis for every missionary enterprise, and it is our intention to operate this business in the interest of missions, to make whatever there is of business force and money power in it contribute directly to the furtherance of the cause of Christ."

This same report continues to show

how the Sunday School Board would cooperate with the churches, the State Boards, the Home Mission Board, and the Foreign Mission Board in the one united effort to promote the cause of Christ in a world-wide missionary program.

The third significant fact is that the first book that was published by the Sunday School Board was a missionary book. When the Sunday School Board was organized in Birmingham in 1891, its scope and purpose were restricted by the Convention to the publishing of Sunday school periodicals. In less than six years there arose a demand in the denomination for a missionary book and the Sunday School Board took the risk, without the authority of the Convention, to publish *The Story of Yates the Missionary*. This book was presented to the Convention in session in Norfolk, Virginia, in May 1898. It was most heartily received, and the Board was soon praised for entering into this new field of service for the cause of Christ.

These three facts emphasize the work of the Sunday School Board as definitely missionary from the very beginning. That same missionary zeal has continued until this day and God grant that it shall continue, with ever increasing power, until the Lord comes again.

## PUBLICATIONS

Since the Bible is a missionary book, and the periodicals of the Sunday School Board are published as aids to Bible study, the Sunday school periodicals of the Board have, from the very beginning of their existence, presented missionary material. Always where the lesson text would lend itself to missionary treatment, this has been done in a most positive manner. In addition to this, it has been the policy of the Sunday School Board to present a special missionary lesson in all of its periodicals, at least one time each quarter.

Known to all of us is the well established custom of having Missionary Days in the Sunday schools. The periodicals of the Sunday School Board always present a definite missionary lesson for this special day. In addition to this, a special missionary program is prepared in cooperation with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and sent out to each Sunday school in the Southern Baptist Convention. No one would be able to estimate the value of the information, or the extent of the inspiration given by these special missionary day programs in the Sunday schools.

The Training Union periodicals have been definitely missionary from the very beginning. Surely no member of the Junior, Intermediate, Senior, or Adult Union needs to be reminded that our quarterlies give an inspiring discussion of some missionary topic one time each month. The quarterlies refer constantly to additional missionary materials to be found in leaflets, magazines, and books. From these sources thousands of young people learn missionary facts well enough to speak them out to the members of the unions.

All members of Senior and Adult unions are now familiar with the fact that our quarterlies carry the names of our missionaries in connection with our Daily Bible Readings. It is suggested that prayer be connected with Bible reading and that we pray each day definitely for some missionary by name. We have, therefore, a world-wide fellowship of definite prayer for our missionaries. A prayer constantly on the lips of our Juniors is, "Lord, bless our missionaries."

The Sunday School Board published *Home and Foreign Fields* from November 1916 through December 1937—a period of twenty-one years. For that long period of years, during which this worthy publication distributed missionary information throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, every possible effort was made to make it the leading missionary paper published in this country.

Now since *Home and Foreign Fields* has been discontinued the Sunday School Board publishes in nine of its Uniform Lesson periodicals, one promotional quarterly and two of its monthly magazines, missionary information designed to create widespread interest and understanding of the work of Southern Baptists on both Home and Foreign Mission fields.\*

These publications, carrying this information to the homes of Southern Baptists, have a combined circulation of more than 2,240,000 copies per quarter. The information presented is graded in such a way as to make it of greatest interest to persons of all ages.

## MISSIONARY BOOKS

The Sunday School Board has published fifty-three missionary books. More than 465,500 copies of these books have been published and distributed and taught among our people. Six of these books, totaling 79,500 copies, present the missionary teaching of the Bible. Ten of these books, totaling 91,250 copies, pre-

sent the lives of our great Baptist missionaries. Eleven of these books, totaling 84,350 copies, present the customs and conditions of the people of the nations among whom we do missionary work. Thirteen books, totaling 76,500 copies, are books that seek to inspire for the missionary task. The remaining thirteen books, totaling 134,800 copies, present the history of our work or the methods of doing this work.

Eternity alone can reveal the great good that has been accomplished through the missionary books published by the Sunday School Board.

It has been for a long period of years, and it shall continue to be, the policy and practice of the Sunday School Board to distribute Sunday school and Training Union literature without cost to newly organized Sunday schools and Training Unions. During the first seven months of this year the Sunday School Board has donated literature to 1,107 new Sunday schools and 2,075 Training Unions, and 1,615 new Cradle Roll departments.

According to the Gospel of John the first message of the risen Christ to his disciples was a message on peace, when he said: "Peace be unto you." The second message was one of the ruin of sin, and the only remedy for sin, as was evidenced by his showing his hands and side. The third message was the world-wide task assigned to believers, when he said: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

The Sunday School Board has been engaged, and is engaged now, and ever shall be in the faithful performance of the mission and ministry assigned by the risen Christ. The workers of the Board seek to do this task under the direction of the power assigned by the risen Christ when he "breathed upon them and said, Receive ye the Holy Spirit." It is in this spirit and with this attitude that we engage in the task of seeking to carry the message of life to all the people of all the nations of all the earth.

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Millions of lovely little Chinese boys and girls like "Golden Bell"—Kin Tsong—are homeless and hungry today. Five dollars will save a Chinese refugee child's life for six months.



This little lassie is Aldinba Villas Boas, the baby daughter of Senhor Dr. Villas Boas, the youngest judge of the Supreme Court this State has ever had. Her father is president of the State (Minas) Baptist Convention and superintendent of the Belló Horizonte First Church Sunday School. Her mother, Dona Alda, is president of the State W.M.U. Neither little Aldinba nor any member of her large family misses Sunday school without a real reason. This family makes a great contribution to the cause.

Time weighed heavily upon this bride-to-be while she waited two weeks after her October appointment to service overseas before her boat sailed for Africa's shores. Miss Esther Etta Bassett plans to be married to missionary Wilfred H. H. Congdon shortly after her arrival in Nigeria this winter.



The days of depression were forbidding, discouraging days for young volunteers for service overseas. For years the Foreign Mission Board could not send out any new missionaries. But when Rev. and Mrs. James Ehner Lingerfelt finished their training and received negative news from the Foreign Mission Board, they claimed God's promises, and prayerfully set their faces toward Brazil. Friends of God helped them during their six years of glorious missionary service. Beloved by their co-workers, these young people have credentials and appraisals that few applicants are able to secure for the Foreign Mission Board's files. They were graciously accepted as appointees of the Board at the autumn meeting, and will soon return to Brazil.

## FAR-AWAY CLOSE-UPS

One division of first year class, Seinan Jo Gakuin. Two hundred and fifty-eight girls wanted to enter our school this year. We were able to take only one hundred and sixty. Thirty-three entered government high schools; twenty-five entered private schools; and twenty-one entered higher primary schools.

It is a rare thing in Japan for mission schools to maintain such high standards that those who fail are yet able to enter the government schools.—MATSUTA HARA.



From the missionary gallery of forty years ago the missionary daughter of a veteran missionary sends this photograph of the late Miss Lottie Price and Miss Willie Kelly who together pioneered into the countryside beyond Shanghai and Quinsan. The wheelbarrow was their only "chariot" in those days. Miss Kelly returned to China last autumn to begin her forty-sixth year of service in Old North Gate Church, Shanghai.

At present two changes are taking place on the campus of Seinan Jo Gakuin. One is the enlargement of the play grounds and the other is the erection of a classroom building. This building will be the largest one on the campus and will contain three large sewing and four recitation rooms. The completion of these two buildings will enable us to enlarge the enrollment of the school to a total of seven hundred and fifty girls.—MATSUTA HARA.



The smallest Baptist church in Nigeria, Africa, is only a little taller than Dr. Charles E. Maddy, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board who visited this tiny church when he journeyed through Africa last summer.



Every one of the 2500 Baptist students who joined in the Christian Youth March in Memphis last October 29 focused on this celebrity circle: Dr. T. G. Dunning (left), London, England, and Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Leavell of the South.

Left: One of the groups of the 1938 graduates. This year we sent out one hundred and eleven new graduates of whom seventy-two were baptized Christians. In other words sixty-six per cent of our last graduating class were definitely led to follow Christ in baptism during their school life with us. Statistics show that Seinan Jo Gakuin stands second among many Christian schools of the same grade in the whole of the Empire of Japan.

—MATSUTA HARA.



# Rumanian Baptists Persecuted

During September the Foreign Mission Board has been greatly disturbed and distressed by European cablegrams, airmail messages and letters telling of the grave crisis in Rumania.

Dr. Everett Gill, European Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, wrote:

"The 'Ministerial Decision' (decree) No. 26,208, which is to become effective December 15, 1938, will close 95% of the churches of the 70,000 Rumanian Baptists. That decree places Rumania, as to persecuting zeal, in the same category with Bolshevik Russia. Neither Nazi Germany, nor Fascist Italy nor pre-war Catholic Spain, has been guilty of such carefully thought-out methods for the suppression and ultimate annihilation of a godly Christian denomination as this projected 'decisie.' It's a masterpiece of its kind."

Dr. Charles E. Maddry, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board is urging Baptists everywhere to express their protest to the Rumanian government and to urge King Carol to see that his nation fulfills her Versailles pledge to give "full religious freedom" to her minorities.

## Prison Persecution

We wish to inform you about some of the hardships which the local authorities and the priests are, and have been causing. I, a member of the ——— church, ———, Rumanian, was beaten on the head and stepped upon by the local sef, who after being influenced by the orthodox priest, procured false witness, upon whose testimonies he made a declaration, filing a lawsuit against me. I hired a lawyer, after which they held me under arrest for twenty-four hours. Soon after this, they again summoned me, late one night, questioned me and made

me work all the next day. That night they locked me in a pig pen. I was then released, only to be arrested again on Friday. This time they sought to force me to go to the Orthodox Church. I refused and upon my refusal, they filed the above mentioned lawsuit against me. The charge was that some years before, they said, I had held a Sunday school, on which occasion I had asked collection from some children of unbelievers. The judge condemned me to three months imprisonment and a fine of five hundred lei. I made an appeal to the higher court and was set free until the date of the judging of the case, which is to be the 28th of the month. Before I have even finished with this case, the priest has already filed another false lawsuit against me. However, may the Lord's will be done in everything and don't forget to pray for us.

—Rumania, October 9, 1938.

## Guiltless But in Prison

At present we have thirteen of our brethren in prison here. Twelve of them have been tried and condemned since I wrote you last. Five of them are from a village near the Russian-Rumanian border. These brethren are absolutely guiltless of any of the charges against them, and have fulfilled all the requirements of the Ministry of Cults. The priest in their village has even gone so far as to beat certain ones who attended our meeting. After making false charges, he, himself, appeared as a witness and made severe charges against our brethren. Our brethren had a good lawyer but, in spite of his efforts, the leader of this group was condemned to one year in prison and ten thousand lei fine. The other four were condemned for six months and a day with a fine of eight thousand for each. We are making an appeal of

this case to the high court in Bucuresti, but the brethren will have to remain in prison until their case is taken up by the High Court. I shall enclose a clipping about this case from a newspaper.

—Rumania, October, 1938.

## Fines Plus Imprisonment

Ten brethren and one sister were brought up for judgment because they were having their meetings without special permission from the military authorities, such being required now, since this district is under martial law. Seven of these brethren were condemned to imprisonment. The leader for six months and five thousand fine, another for three months, and three thousand; several for two months and two thousand; a couple for two months and two thousand; and also a couple for one month and one thousand. We also made an appeal of this case to Bucuresti. There are other cases similar to this coming up nearly every day or two.

The Rumanian papers report that the Rumanian King is going to London and we hope that you will be able to get a message to him there about the state of things here. To this end we shall pray that the Lord may guide and bless you.

—Rumania, October, 1938.

## Rumanians Unafraid of Persecution

This decision of the Department of Cults takes all the rights and privileges received many years ago by the Baptists of Transylvania. We were recognized there in 1905 as a legal cult, equal with all other religious bodies. The fact that we are put under a "decision" takes all these rights from us.

The officials of the Department of Cults know that our churches are small and many. We have more

# And In Great Distress

than sixteen hundred places of worship. They are spread everywhere in the country. They occupy the most strategic points. But they know also that these little churches are growing every year. Therefore, they found this method.

From October, 1937, until now, more than three hundred and fifty Baptist churches were closed. Many Baptists went to prison. So we know the purpose behind this new "decision."

Baptists of Rumania are not afraid of persecution. They will not sacrifice a millimeter of their principles for the sake of liberty, because that would not be liberty.

The Baptists of Rumania are loyal to their state. They love their country, they obey its laws and are ready to do all they can for the betterment of Rumania. Nobody can prove that they are not loyal to their state. Therefore, they are worthy to receive full freedom and to be put in the same line with all other recognized denominations of the country.

—Rumania, October, 1938.

## Protest and Appeal

J. H. RUSHBROOKE, *General Secretary Baptist World Alliance, London, England*

The Committee of the Baptist World Alliance has adopted the following resolution:

The Baptist World Alliance, the ecumenical organization representing the Baptist communion, whose members in all parts of the world cherish entire goodwill to the people of Rumania and their King, is constrained to record its solemn protest against the administrative ordinance (Decizie) No. 26,208 published on June 14th last, by the Rumanian Minister of Cults, Archbishop Colan.

The Baptist World Alliance is

compelled to point out the direct responsibility of leading officials of the Rumanian Orthodox Church for this *decizie*, since the Minister whose signature it bears is an Archbishop, and the Government of which he is a member has at its head the Patriarch. The Alliance recalls the terms of the Rumanian Orthodox Church: "All Churches should renounce the use of the coercive power of the State in matters of religion."

The Baptist World Alliance assures the Rumanian Baptists of the sympathy and prayers of their

brethren throughout the whole earth, and appeals to men of goodwill and lovers of religious freedom in all lands (a) to voice their concern and protest in view of the rights of citizens who loyally fulfill all their civic duties including military service, and (b) to urge the withdrawal of the *decizie*, the granting of full freedom to those now subject to unjust restrictions, and the acknowledgement of the Baptist communion as a recognized cult throughout the whole of Rumania.

## The Background of Rumanian Baptists

RUFUS W. WEAVER, *Chairman of the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS—S.B.C. Washington, D. C.*

Johann Gerhardt Oncken, whose apostolic labors a century ago led to the founding of our Baptist work in Germany, "in one of his tours baptized a Rumanian convert, a carpenter, who began work in Bucharest in 1858 as a colporteur." A church was formed. Through the years there was a slow but steady growth.

Following the World War, Old Rumania was given by the Allies Bessarabia, Transylvania, Bukovina, Crisana, Maramuresh and the Banat, more than doubling both the area and the population. The Baptists in the added areas were protected in the enjoyment of their rights by the treaty signed by Rumania, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, which went into effect March 9, 1927.

Southern Baptists became associated with the Rumanian Baptist work in 1920, sent missionaries who served under the direction of their European Superintendent, Dr. Everett Gill, and established fifteen years ago a theological seminary and training school in Bucharest which

they continue to support. There was formed in 1920 the Rumanian Baptist Union. There were then nearly 200 churches, with an approximate membership of 20,000. Today there are 1,602 Baptist churches, with a membership of 70,000. The annual number of baptisms since 1922 have ranged from 3,000 to over 6,000. For a period of ten years, the baptisms reported from Rumania formed one-third of all the baptisms on all the mission fields of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The European missionary work by Baptists, in accordance with the London Conference, held July 19-23, 1920, is divided as follows: Holland, fostered by British and Australian Baptists; Finland, Swedish and British Baptists; Bulgaria and German Austria, German Baptists and the German-speaking Baptists of America; Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Denmark, France, Belgium, Northern Baptists; Italy, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Rumania, Southern Baptists. Spain also was assigned to Southern Baptists.



## Overhead Expenses

E. P. BUXTON, *Treasurer*

So many inquiries have been received, relative to the overhead expenses of the Foreign Mission Board, that it has seemed advisable to issue a statement dealing with this important matter. In many cases these inquiries have come as a direct result of the circulation by certain ones of reports which are altogether misleading, and which, therefore, need to be corrected.

The expenditures of the Foreign Mission Board are carefully analyzed at the close of each fiscal year, and due account is taken of the different classes of expenses, to see that none is disproportionate to the total amount involved. Since the real purpose of the Board, in fact, the reason for its existence, is the prosecution of mission work in foreign lands, special effort is made to keep expenditures in the home land down to the minimum.

For the year 1937 the expenses of the home office of the Board, including salaries, rent, stationery, postage, etc., were *less than five per cent of the total expenditures*. As a matter of fact, at no time within the last ten years has this item quite reached five per cent, though varying somewhat from year to year along with the changing amount of the annual budget.

Interest paid banks in 1937 on outstanding loans made up less than two per cent of total expenditures. With the steady decrease from year to year of the debt of the Board, the item of interest has been automatically reduced. For the year 1933, when the debt was more than a million dollars, interest payments comprised nearly ten per cent of the budget. For 1938 interest will hardly exceed one and one-half per cent of the total expenses.

The contribution of the Board in 1937 to the Woman's Missionary Union represents just a little over two and one-half per cent of total

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## Briefs From Brazil

W. C. TAYLOR, *Secretary to Latin America*

*A Marvel of Missionary Growth*—Data copied from the Panama Congress records (1916) fell under my gaze recently. Twenty-two years ago all denominations doing mission work in South America, in the twelve countries then partially occupied, had a total of 326 ordained men in the native ministry. Today there are nearly three hundred Brazilian Baptist pastors whose addresses I have, besides some in groups of Baptists associated with other Boards. Nearly half as many more are in our literary schools and seminaries preparing to preach. Brazilian Baptists alone have a larger ordained ministry in 1938 than all non-Catholic denominations reported in 1916 in all South America. Our ministry is eight times as numerous as it was then. When we think of what a New Testament ministry meant to the apostolic churches, and still must mean in truly apostolic missions, we realize that this is surely one of the most remarkable and fruitful missionary achievements in our times.

*Non-resident Missionaries*—Facing the array of capitals of North Brazil without missionaries, the men in Recife, our strongest North Brazil mission center, the only one with more than two resident ordained missionaries, resolved to subdivide themselves over the vast field of nearly half a continent. So, in addition to his own normal activity where he lives and works, each has become non-resident missionary of one of the unoccupied states. Vacation seasons are spent in long evangelistic journeys, tracts and Bibles are distributed, meetings held, workers secured and heartened later on by brotherly counsel and visits, while hope of a better day is kept alive.

So also Brethren Mein and Bice serve a double field, Brother J. R.

Allen has had a sphere of operations somewhat like Texas, with New Mexico thrown in and then Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Deter and Dr. and Mrs. Ben Oliver have gone beyond their border into two other states. When may we hope to occupy these strategic centers?

*"Let There Be Missionaries"*—Once when acting as one of these non-resident missionaries in a city distant from my proper field of work, I made the needy city a visit. How much they made of so little! Three dailies carried the announcements of the sermons and one gave its bulletin board, used for informing the public of some cablegram of interest, to announce this theme of the evening. Church and street were crowded. Calls from all the interior came urgently. One alone could be complied with. Under the spell of this compelling situation, I met with the only pastor in the state, (one whom I had persuaded to go there), and with key laymen from several churches who, for lack of pastors, did the preaching as well as they could. They presented me a formal document of the field's appeal. Item one: "Let there be missionaries in this city." We stopped there. After they had talked till weary, I said sadly to them: "Oh, brethren if it were only that simple! If we could only, only say: 'Let there be missionaries' as God said: 'Let there be light', and they would spring forth in our presence ready, how rapidly every place would be manned! But missionaries do not come that way. Generally some praying mother-to-be gives some unborn baby to the Lord. The slow years of secret prayer and open training follow. He hears at her knee prayers for unevangelized lands. A concern is born, as feeble as was he in his first clothes. Pastors, visiting missionaries, others

whom God wills nourish that concern. Schools follow one after another till his personality is equipped for usefulness. Then the Spirit does His Sovereign work and slowly leads the individual on to decision.

*Why Not?*—Why not scatter our groups of men who train others? Someone would ask that! Read back above in these notes. Note the marvelous ministry trained by a handful of missionaries who had spiritual judgment enough to stay together in Rio and Recife in our two seminaries. Today we have our missionaries of those two groups, and scores of noble pastors trained by them have been sent out to these needy places. If we had scattered them, we should have few workers and little in the way of results.

*Dotted Lines of Capitals*—Dr. M. E. Dodd was moved by the line of west coast capital cities in South America that have little evangelical witness. No Baptist voice at all is heard in many of them. For nearly a score of years we have been pleading in Brazil, that in the marvelous Baptist growth, it might be given us to have just one missionary couple for each of our Brazilian states. Each of these states occupies a territory that is approximately twice as large as that of the average state of our own country and population is growing rapidly. Yet we have no resident missionaries in the goodly capital cities of Florianopolis and Cuiabá (Matto Grosso) and have just entered Goiania, in three states in South Brazil. No missionaries are resident in the North Brazil capitals of Para, our Saint Louis (Maranhão), Therezina (Piauhy), Fortaleza (Ceara) and Aracajú (Sergipe).

Brother John Tumblin and wife have just occupied Natal, the great air port linking Brazil with Africa and Europe. João Pessoa, capital of Parahyba, renamed for the martyr of the Brazilian revolution, has no resident missionary though Brother Stapp and Mrs. Stapp live

in an interior center that is as important as the capital. Most of these capitals range between 100,000 and 300,000 in population and are centers of accessible towns and villages.

*Solidifying Pioneer Achievements in Matto Grosso*—The picture below is of the pastors and many key laymen in Campo Grande, Matto Grosso. Missionary W. B. Sherwood rented the large, vacant buildings once used as a school by Brother E. A. Jackson when he established work in that center. A large group came and were guests for two weeks, studying, praying, learning hymns, visiting the unconverted, preaching on the streets to crowds. These were attracted by one pastor who is gifted in chalk

*and Intelligence*—"The Other Sheep," foreign missionary monthly of "The Church of the Nazarene", published 150,000 copies of their recent anniversary number. Even then they lacked 10,000 of supplying the demand. Are they more devoted to what some consider a fanatical witness-bearing than are we to our testimony to what we believe to be "the whole counsel of God" for the whole wide world? The answer will be, in part, the subscription list of *The Commission* when it becomes a monthly, in January.

These pictures tell their story. Veteran Missionary A. B. Deter, greatly loved by a remote inland church, had told them his health did not permit him to visit them again.

TOP—Dr. A. B. Deter and his faithful friends carrying him on a long missionary journey into the interior.



BOTTOM—Matto Grosso Baptist laymen and pastors with Dr. W. C. Taylor, secretary to Latin America. Taken in front of the Matto Grosso Church.

talks. He led them on into the evening worship to hear the evangelistic message that closed the day.

The unifying of all the pastors and leaders in doctrine, spirituality, and evangelistic purpose has borne fruits. One layman went back to his church and said: "I am not the same man whom you sent away. I have grown more spiritually in these two weeks than in the twenty years of my Christian life."

*Developing Missionary Passion*

They offered to carry him over the hills to their homes. They made good, carrying the heavy load up the rugged roads by relays, with change of personnel every ten minutes. Of course, in spite of their devotion, it was not a luxury jaunt for Brother Deter. But his evangelistic zeal made every step of the suffering a part of his joy in the Lord.

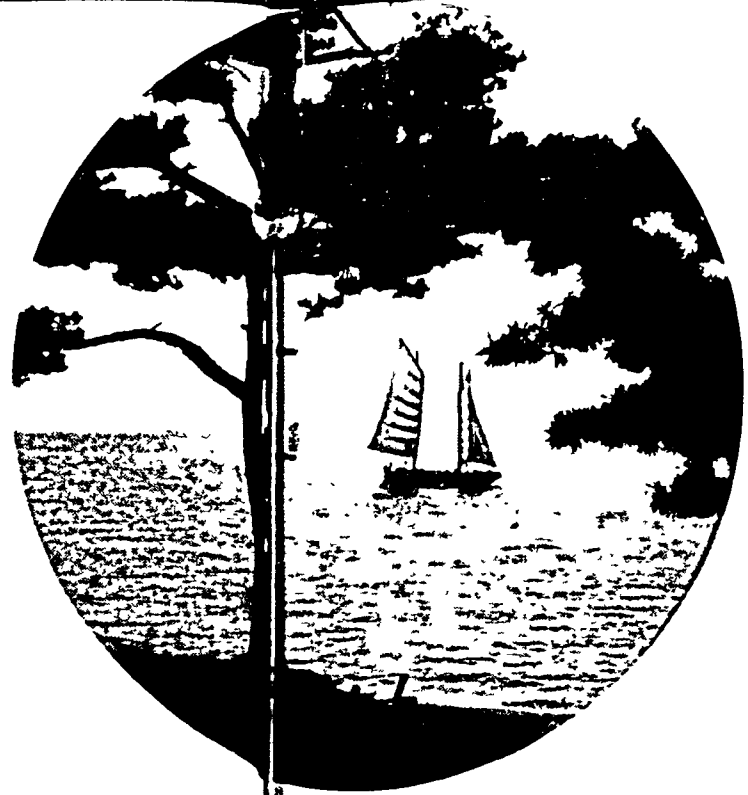
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Tatsuko Sasaki, daughter of Dean of High School, Fukuoka, Japan, led 23 of her day school pupils to Christ last year.

# Christians in Japan

China and Japan clasp hands in fellowship in Christ—Misses Moonbeam Tong of Canton (now at B.B.I.) and Kiyoko Shimose of Fukuoka (now at W.M.U. Training School); and Rev. C. K. Djang of Shanghai (now at University of North Carolina) and Sadamoto Kawano of Fukuoka.

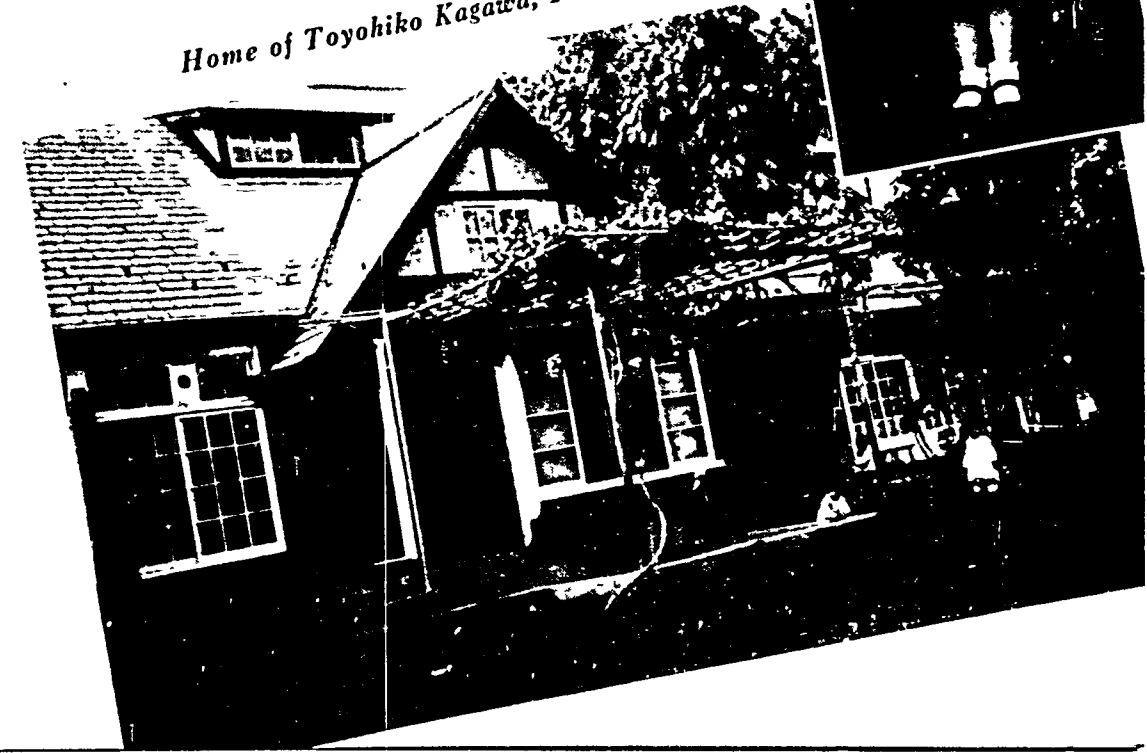


Castle at Osaki, Japan

Plum Blossom, the oldest daughter of Mr. Kagawa



Home of Toyohiko Kagawa, Tokyo





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## The Rising Sun in the Orient

A new world empire has arisen over night in the Orient. Only eighty-eight years ago Commodore Perry, commanding a squadron of United States naval vessels, compelled Japan to open her ports to Western commerce and civilization. She eagerly accepted the teaching and guidance of Western nations. Today she is the undisputed mistress of all Eastern Asia, holding under her domination, five hundred million peoples of the yellow race, and apparently able to stand against any nation or combination of nations that may challenge her authority.

We are living in a great epoch-making hour; but we are so close to these breath-taking, destiny-making events, that we fail to grasp their full significance. In eighteen months we have witnessed five hundred years of history unfolding before our eyes. For good or evil, in these brief months, we have seen a nation of 70,000,000 people bring under its sway and domination a nation of 450,000,000.

What is all of this going to mean to the cause of Christ's Gospel in the Orient? No man knows. We can only hope and pray that, out of all the suffering and human misery now engulfing both Japan and China, the eternal purpose of the God of all the nations may be wrought in the sure and certain coming of the Prince of Peace "with healing in His wings."

What of our duty and obligation to Japan? We failed her eighty-eight years ago. We sent her some of the products of our Western education. We sent her cotton, tobacco, machinery, arms and ammunition—ruin of all kinds and in abundance. Occasionally we sandwiched in a missionary. We waited too long, and thus lost our opportunity to win to the Gospel of Christ and the way of peace, a great nation-in-the-making.

But it is not too late to undertake, in a worthy and adequate way, the challenging task of giving the Gospel of Christ to the people of Japan. We must speedily send re-inforcements to our depleted Japanese mission. A few years ago,

we had over thirty missionaries in Japan. Today we have nine. We plan to appoint, at the April meeting of the Board, three splendidly equipped missionary couples for service in Japan.

Now, in the supreme hour of her destiny, Japan needs the sympathetic understanding and the earnest prayers of all who wait for our Lord's coming.

## Prison Doors Swing Open for Baptists

We fondly imagined that John Bunyan and Roger Williams had won forever the fight for religious freedom and liberty of conscience. Baptist preachers in Massachusetts, Virginia and North Carolina, went to prison that humble folk, who accepted the Bible as the Word of God, and who loved Jesus Christ, might worship, unhindered and unmolested by any one on earth. The precious doctrine of religious liberty was written into the fundamental law of the United States when the Constitution was adopted. Baptists played no mean part in that struggle; and we thought that now all decent and civilized people in all lands, accepted this fundamental human right of religious liberty. Suddenly we are awakened to our senses by the unspeakable tragedy that has overtaken our Baptist brethren and sisters in Rumania.

At the close of the World War, greater Rumania emerged, largely through the efforts of Woodrow Wilson and the American delegates to the Peace Conference. The new Rumanian constitution was a beautiful, idealistic document. It guaranteed to everyone religious liberty and civil equality before the law. The Orthodox Greek Catholic Church is the State Church in Rumania, but the new constitution granted religious liberty and civil rights to all religious or racial groups.

Twenty years have passed. The Patriarch of the Orthodox Church in Rumania is Prime Minister. To-

day sixteen hundred Baptist churches and preaching places are closed, and the jails and filthy prisons of Rumania are full of Baptist preachers and humble, Baptist men and women. The whipping-post has been set up in scores of villages throughout Rumania, and men and women are being whipped and stripped of all their earthly possessions. Their crime? Preaching and teaching the Word of God and engaging in the humble worship of Jesus Christ—a right guaranteed to them under the beautiful, high-sounding Constitution of Rumania.

What can we do to help our suffering fellow-Baptists in Rumania? We can exercise the ancient right of protest and petition, and do everything in our power to organize and make vocal and effective, the protest of all liberty-loving peoples of the world against this medieval and brutal attitude of the Rumanian Government and the Greek Orthodox Church.

Yet some people wonder why the Southern Baptist Convention, in session in Richmond last May, voted unanimously to have nothing to do with the proposed World Church Council. Here is the reason: The bishops and priests of the Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, of Rumania, were present at both the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences last year and voted for the fine resolutions on religious liberty. These same false shepherds were present in Holland last summer, when the Constitution of the World Council of Churches was adopted. They helped to fashion this document and voted for it while, at that very hour, they were engaged in a most brutal and cruel campaign of persecution against their fellow-Christians in Rumania.

Frankly, we do not see how any Baptist body in the world can join this new World Church Council, until these persecuting bigots and religious fanatics are excluded from the fellowship and from participation in the affairs of the World

Council of Churches. It will be time for Southern Baptists to consider joining their brethren of other communions, in a world fellowship, when these Orthodox bishops and leaders of Rumania either change their cruel practice of persecuting minority groups, or are excluded from the world fellowship of civilized and decent people.

Judas kissed the Saviour, but we do not read that the Saviour kissed Judas.

### Millions More Will Perish

The World War was costly and devastating. Ten million young men were slain and many million more were wounded and broken. The material losses were staggering in their magnitude and extent. For twenty years, the whole world has groped in poverty and confusion, all as a direct result of the folly and madness of the World War.

But the destruction of life and property already sustained by China in the fifteen months of Japan's "undeclared war," will go far beyond the losses experienced by all the nations involved in the World War. The wanton and wholesale mass murder of the civilian population by bombs, machine guns and rifle fire, has no parallel in ancient or modern warfare.

Helpless and innocent men and women and little children have been ruthlessly slaughtered by the thousand.

The fatalities among the enlisted men, fighting in the armies of China, have been enormous. The world will never know how many men China has lost.

The material devastation in China has been staggering and appalling. Nearly all of her large, coast cities have been destroyed. The damage to property will run into untold billions.

Now, in the midst of a cold, and cheerless winter, China lies helpless and perishing. Millions have been uprooted from their homes and stripped of all their earthly pos-

sessions. The Chinese have a saying when sorrow and suffering come that they are "eating much bitterness." The nation is "eating" the bitterness of death this winter.

A Committee has been formed for the purpose of raising funds for the relief of China's suffering millions. This Committee is made up of representatives of all the churches of America. It is known as *The Church Committee for China Relief*, and its headquarters are at 105 East 22nd Street, New York. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, is Chairman for Virginia. Secretary Charles E. Maddry, of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is a member of the executive committee for Virginia. The work of the Committee was heartily and unanimously endorsed by the Foreign Mission Board at its meeting in October.

It is estimated that three cents a day will feed one starving Chinese. Surely this heart-breaking appeal for China will find a ready response among our Baptist people.

Send your offering direct to the *Church Committee for China Relief*, 105 East 22nd St., New York.

If you wish your contribution to be handled through the missionaries of our Board in China, send your gift to Treasurer E. P. Buxton, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

What we do, we must do quickly.

*Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.* Matthew 25:40.

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The present annual budget of the Southern Baptist work in Nigeria is \$48,410.83. The property is valued into the thousands. Southern Baptists have in Nigeria 346 churches and outstations with a membership of 22,000 and 343 pastors and workers.

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## The Significance of Madras

International Missionary Council meets in decennial session at Madras, India, December 12-30, 1938. The first session of the Council was held at Edinburgh in 1908. Because of the interference of the World War the 1918 meeting was not held. In 1928, the Council met in a memorable and far-reaching session in Jerusalem, at Easter time. Now, after ten years of thorough and intensive preparation, the Council will meet in Madras for seventeen epoch-making days. Four hundred and fifty delegates from sixty different countries will be present. It will be the greatest meeting of the representatives of the churches of Protestant Christianity ever held. Every Protestant Mission Board in the world will be represented. Forty-five delegates will go from the United States and Canada. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will be represented by the Executive Secretary.

The Council meets at a critical and momentous hour in the history of foreign mission work. The work of all Mission Boards has been greatly hindered and disrupted by the awful conflict now raging in the Orient. The institutions of many of these Boards in China have been wantonly and ruthlessly destroyed. If and when the terrible conflict is over in the Orient, the missionary forces of Christendom will be compelled to restudy and survey anew the whole question of missionary methods and technique. The Madras meeting will shape the policies and chart the course for foreign mission endeavor for the next decade. It is highly desirable, therefore, that the Foreign Mission Board, one of the major mission boards of Protestant Christianity should be represented at Madras.

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"The ministry of medicine and the story of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are the heart-breaking needs of the people of Nigeria."—Maddry.

## Our Losses in China

The losses sustained by the Foreign Mission Board in China because of Japan's "undeclared war," have already grown to devastating proportions. The end of the terrible conflict is still far distant we fear, and in all probability, our material losses will be greatly increased before Japan's lust for conquest has been satisfied and her craving for destruction has been satiated. The military rulers of Japan have deliberately and systematically endeavored to destroy every cultural and humanitarian institution in China. They have wantonly bombed and destroyed mission schools, colleges, seminaries, hospitals and missionary homes. They have taken a fiendish delight in bombing mission hospitals and then machine gunning the sick and helpless patients. It is evidently the purpose of the conquerors to reduce China to a state of complete subjection, and by destroying all of her cultural and recuperative agencies, make it impossible for her to preserve her culture and recover her status as an independent nation.

For more than a century American Baptists have been at work in China, preaching and teaching Christ's Gospel to her teeming millions. For ninety-three years Southern Baptists have been engaged in mission work in China. Our people have made great and costly investments in schools, colleges, hospitals and missionary homes in that pagan land. In fifteen brief but tragic months, much of this investment for China's redemption has been swept away in the most cruel and unjust war ever waged by an aggressor nation against an innocent and helpless people.

Just to enumerate some of our major losses makes one, who has seen these glorious institutions and agencies in the day of their strength and fruitful service, sick at heart. We are listing here only a few of our losses:

University of Shanghai.....	\$100,000
Ming Jang Boys' School.....	30,000
Eliza Yates Academy.....	25,000
Ming Jang missionary homes....	40,000
Sallee Memorial Church.....	10,000
Cantonese Girls' School.....	75,000
Cantonese Church and Primary School .....	50,000
Grace Church and School.....	50,000
Church and home at Chinkiang.	25,000
Stout Memorial Hospital .....	80,000
Chengchow Hospital .....	25,000
Looting of missionary homes....	40,000

\$550,000

The awful tornado of destruction has struck South China where we have our greatest work, and where we have made our most costly investments. The end is not yet, and unless God Almighty intervenes to shorten the time, the unrestrained destruction of life and property will go on until China is destroyed.

## Keep Him On Duty

By CHARLES A. WELLS



The moral and spiritual forces of humanity expressing the power of redemptive love to make men something more noble and valuable than cannon fodder is the hope for the peoples of Asia, Europe or America. The missionaries you have sent abroad are the real diplomats who guide the world toward peace.

# Editorial Varieties

*Called Home*—We extend to missionaries M. T. Rankin and M. W. Rankin, of China, our sincere sympathy in the recent home-going of their precious mother, Mrs. Emma C. Rankin, of Greelyville, S. C. She was a noble Christian and a devoted mother. It is not often given to one mother to have two missionary sons on the foreign field, and this choice woman has made a unique and priceless contribution to the coming of Christ's Kingdom in China. We mourn with her stricken sons and daughters in this hour of their supreme sorrow.

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*Strengthening the Editorial Department*—Miss Nan F. Weeks, daughter of the late Dr. W. W. Weeks, was recently elected to full time service with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. She has been giving half time to the Educational Department of the Board since last April. Miss Weeks will be associated with Miss Inabelle Graves Coleman, who came with the Board five years ago.

These editorial secretaries will also be associate editors of the foreign mission journal, *The Commission*, of which Dr. Charles E. Maddry is the editor, and Mr. John Hall Jones, business manager.

Miss Weeks is a native of Canada and received her training at Moulton College of McMaster University, Toronto, Canada, at the Hartford School of Religion and the School of Religion of Columbia University, New York City.

She is the author of several books and prepared the junior graded course and manual for the American Publication Society of the Northern Baptist Convention. She is at present a contributor to several Northern Baptist publications as well as a writer for many Southern Baptist publications. (See picture on p. 27.)

Miss Weeks is a popular platform speaker and leader of devotionals at summer assemblies and special institutes throughout the North and South. As an associate of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Miss Weeks will fill speaking engagements throughout the Southern Baptist territory of eighteen states.

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*The Loss of a Noble Leader*—We sorrow with our Methodist brethren of Virginia in the tragic and untimely death, in an automobile accident, of Editor J. M. Rowland of the *Christian Advocate* of Richmond. Dr. Rowland was a native of North Carolina but had served most of his period of active ministry in Virginia. He was a man of splendid parts and an editor of distinction. A devoted friend of every good cause has gone from the ranks of Methodism, and we grieve with our brethren.

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*Good News*—For more than a decade, there has been a dearth of men and women and lack of money for mission work in lands afar. We are happy indeed to record that there is a slow but steady increase in missionary contributions. Our Board will report an income this year for all purposes of a little more than \$1,200,000. Six years ago we received something over \$600,000.

Also, our theological seminaries are crowded with eager and promising young men and women preparing themselves for the ministry

and mission service abroad. There are more volunteers for foreign missions than we have known in a generation. This brings great joy and satisfaction to all friends of Missions everywhere.

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*An Unspeakable Outrage*—The recent bombing of our Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China, by a squadron of Japanese aircraft, was a ruthless and brutal slaughter of sick and helpless people.

The Hospital was clearly marked and the Japanese have no excuse for this unspeakable outrage, except their pagan lust for murder and their insane purpose to dominate China. After the Hospital was destroyed the sick and helpless patients were machine gunned and a number were killed. "How long, oh Lord, how long" will this slaughter of the innocent be allowed to continue?

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JESSIE RUTH FORD, *Executive Assistant*

Now that *The Commission* has grown into a monthly magazine, we can more easily keep up with the current happenings in our missionary family. We are glad that our news items can be a little more up-to-date than in the past.

It gives us pleasure to announce the arrival of the following missionaries who have returned home for a year of furlough:

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Carson, Sapele, Africa. Denver, Colorado.

Miss Pearl Todd, Chefoo, China. Valdosta, Georgia.

Rev. and Mrs. Erhardt Swenson, Bahia Blanca, Argentina. 162 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, New York.

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## Sailings

October 13th. S. S. HAMBURG.

Miss May Perry,

Abeokuta, Africa

Miss Kathleen Manley

Ogbomoso, Africa

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Pool

Ogbomoso, Africa

October 21st. S. S. MATSONIA.

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman

Honolulu, Hawaii

October 22d. S. S. LACONIA.

Miss Eva Sanders

Ogbomoso, Africa

Miss Esther Bassett

Iwo, Africa

October 29th. S. S. EMPRESS OF ASIA.

Miss Edna E. Teal

Yangchow, China

Dr. Ethel Pierce

Yangchow, China

Mrs. L. W. Pierce

Yangchow, China

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## Appointments

At the semi-annual meeting of the Board, October 12, we had the great joy of adding the following nine new names to our missionary fam-

ily: Miss Esther Etta Basset, of Loveland, Colorado, to Africa; Miss Mary Lou Dunn, of Greenville, Texas, to Mexico; Rev. and Mrs. James Elmer Lingerfelt, of Tennessee, to Brazil; Miss Vivian Estelle Nowell, of Wendell, North Carolina, to Africa; Rev. and Mrs. Orvil Wilson Reid, of Stigler, Oklahoma, to Mexico; Rev. and Mrs. Roy Franklin Starmer, of Mountainview, Oklahoma and Knoxville, Tennessee, to Rumania.

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## Marriages

An announcement has come of the marriage of Harriet Ellis Evans to Windsor Peyton Booth, October 5, at Washington, D. C. Harriet is the daughter of missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, of Tsinan, China, now at home.

Speaking of weddings reminds us that we had a most interesting and unusual one to take place on October 8, at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. Rev. Roy F. Starmer and Miss Lillie Mae Hylton were to appear before the Board for appointment on October 12, with a view to going out to Bucharest, Rumania. After reaching Richmond, they decided to be married before their appointment instead of afterward, so they were married Saturday morning by Dr. Theodore F. Adams. Our congratulations and good wishes to this happy young couple.

At this same Board meeting we appointed another young woman, Miss Esther Bassett, to go out to Africa. There on December 1st she will become the bride of Rev. Wilfred Congdon, of Iwo. Dr. Maddry tells about how lonesome Mr. Congdon looked and of how he felt so sorry for him that he cabled "the young lady," whose application for missionary service was already filed in Richmond, to get ready for im-

mediate appointment. She consented, and soon we shall tell you about another wedding of missionaries in Africa.

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## DR. MADDRY'S ITINERARY

On the eighteenth of November, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, sails for Europe, en route to Madras, India, where he will represent Southern Baptists at the International Missionary Council, December 12-30. His itinerary is as follows:

November 18—Leave New York on the S. S. QUEEN MARY.

November 26—Leave Marseilles on the S. S. CARTHAGE.

December 12-30—% Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Madras, India.

January 5—Leave Bombay on the S. S. CONTE BIANCAMANO.

January 16—Arrive Naples, Italy.

January 19—Leave Naples by S. S. CONTE DI SAVOIA.

January 26—Arrive New York.

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## Sweet Sleep in Brazil

Mrs. M. G. White of Bahia writes of a recent trip to a state W. M. U. meeting. The last day they rode on a truck loaded with sugar:

"Twice that night before we arrived (about midnight) I became convinced that we would have to spend the night on the highway. There were five of us (with the chauffeur). The first place was lonely—forest all around us, but I was ready to open suitcases and pull out covers and sleep on the sugar sacks. The next night a truck did get stuck there, and a tiger came out of the forest and nearly frightened folks to death. However, the tiger was just as scared as they were, and didn't take long to get away."

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## Tell Our Folks

"Tell our folks at home to pray, work and give as they never have before, for the Lord's cause in China."—Katie Murray, Chengchow, Honan, China.

"We thank you for your prayers and ask that you continue to remember us and China at the throne of His grace. The fact that we have been kept in perfect peace of heart and safety amid the many dangers is no doubt due to the prayers of the faithful ones. We thank God upon every remembrance of you."—Grace Stribling, Chengchow, Honan, China.

"Please pray for China's Christian General and his wife. They are trying to know and do God's will day by day. Their witness, and that of many other strong Christians, is certainly being used of the Lord. In almost every section of China we hear of many people turning to Jehovah. If ever China needed your best effort and interest it is now. Oh, for Christ's sake, do not fail her!"—Auris Pender, Hong Kong.

"May you pray for the great work here, where every nationality is equal and where there is a hungering after the word of God.—Maye Bell Taylor, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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### Still in Darkness

Martha Thomas Ellis tells of an interesting visit to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Virgin of Lujan. She describes the beauty of the cathedral and then says: "I have seen the people in the very shadow of the cathedral selling their souvenirs, their candles, rosaries, images, post cards, and other trinkets dear to the hearts of the faithful and the tourists. But that day I witnessed two sights stranger than I have ever seen before. One priest was carrying on two confessionals at the same time. That seemed to be mockery enough, but the other sight was even worse. A young woman crossed the plaza in front of us and bought one of the longest candles from one of the stalls beside the basilica. She then went to the great central gate and kneeling down, catching her coat and her skirts up and holding the candle erect at the same time, began to go forward on her knees. She crossed to the steps leading up

to the portico, mounted them on her knees, crossed the portico and entered the cathedral still on her knees. In that position she crept along the whole length of the great auditorium, stopping to say her rosary at each confession box and at the altars along the way. As it is so large, the poor thing almost fell several times in her long pilgrimage to the altar. In order to reach it, she had to mount another group of steps. We were afraid that she would fall backward and she did reel more than once, but somehow she had the strength to reach the altar. There, her mother was waiting for her and, taking the candle, put it, with countless others, that poor deluded souls had placed at the altar, as they made their peti-

tions or completed their vows. One of our pastors knows a woman who made a pilgrimage to Lujan in order to crawl to the altar like this poor young married girl did, but she also promised to kiss each of the squares of the mosaics that compose the floor, if the virgin would make her husband a better man. She completed her part before the virgin had answered her plea, and her husband is worse than ever. Yet that is the way these poor, sincere, faithful Catholics hope to reach the rest that is promised the faithful. Pray for us as we go about our work of trying to win them, and for them as they hear the word, that they may be strong enough to accept it in the face of the persecution that it always entails."



*Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Stapp are both natives of Texas, and graduates of Baylor University. They were appointed in 1909, and were associated with our pioneer missionary, Rev. Z. C. Taylor, in educational work in Bahia, Brazil. They conducted a most successful school work in Bahia. Later they moved to Sergipe and are the only missionaries who have ever lived in that state.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Stapp are now engaged in church development and evangelistic work in the state of Parahyba. One of their great contributions to Kingdom work in Brazil has been their wholesome and beautiful home-life. They have exerted a fine influence, not only through their work, but also through their social gifts, family worship, and the training of their fine group of boys.*

LEFT TO RIGHT—Robert Grady, Celso, Wilford Lee, John Paul, Mrs. Louise Shannon Stapp and Charles F. Stapp.

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# THE HOME BASE

R. S. JONES, *Home Secretary*

## NEW BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE COMMISSION

The Foreign Mission Board, at its semi-annual meeting on October 12, elected Rev. John Hall Jones as business manager of *The Commission*.

As the former business manager of the magazine, I gladly turn over the duties of the office to one who can give the major part of his thought and energy to the promotion of *The Commission*.

Since my other manifold duties have made it impossible for me to give sufficient time to this phase of our work, the Board has been seeking a man for this position, and we feel that Mr. Jones is well endowed and trained for this important task. I bespeak for him the same cooperation and good will that have been extended to me.

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## BOARD MEETING

The Foreign Mission Board met in semi-annual session October 12, at which time the work of the Board was reviewed and appropriations for 1939 were made. The budget adopted calls for an expenditure of \$799,958.69, which is \$2,304.14 less than the budget for 1938.

The debt of the Board is now \$296,500 as compared with \$339,000 twelve months ago.

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## INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS PERPLEX BOARD

Vexing problems confront our work in several countries, especially in Rumania where many Baptists are in prison. The war continues in China with great loss of life and destruction of mission property. Truly our missionaries can say with Paul that there are many open doors, but "many adversaries."

## CURRENT CHRONICLES



The privilege of assuming this new task is a joyous fulfillment of a deep desire to serve the cause of Christ through the world work of Southern Baptists. Since we could not go as your representatives to the world, it is a most satisfying substitute to present the world to you every month through *The Commission*.

We consecrate our energies to extending the usefulness of *The Commission*, and join hands with all who are interested in winning the world to Christ.

It seems evident that the modern mood of international mindedness heralds a new day for Christian missions. Baptists can utilize this hour to the glory of God by giving a Christian view of world currents.

This new world journal is dedicated by the Foreign Mission Board to the promotion of world evangelism. Its usefulness will be extended as its readers share their fresh vision with others, and induce them to join the growing throng subscribing to *The Commission*.

Please accept our thanks for the many expressions of good wishes and fraternal cooperation.

*John Hall Jones*

## DR. MADDRY REPORTS MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Dr. Maddry's report on his recent trip to Nigeria was both interesting and challenging. He found in Africa one of the ripest mission fields in the world, with great progress seen in every station. The needs for reinforcements and equipment are appalling, and our mission force is utterly insufficient to do what ought to be done. Heathen kings earnestly entreated the Secretary to send missionaries to teach their people. A wide open door exists in Nigeria for evangelization of the people.

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## NINE NEW RECRUITS APPOINTED

Nine new missionaries were appointed. The needs on our mission fields demand that many more be appointed, but the present financial condition will not permit the sending out of a larger number.

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## SECRETARY TO MADRAS

The special committee appointed to consider Executive Secretary Charles E. Maddry's request to be released from going to the International Missionary Council scheduled for December 12-30 at Madras, India, made a unanimous request that Dr. Maddry go to Madras. The Board accepted unanimously the following resolution:

"On December 12 of this year there will be convened in Madras the International Missionary Conference. The purpose of this conference is to consider missionary plans and methods, and also to review the missionary message and appeal.

"In view of the importance of this meeting, we feel that it is imperative that Southern Baptists have a voice in the proceedings. We recommend, therefore, that our Board request our Secretary, Dr. Maddry, to attend as our representative. It is understood that all his expenses will be paid by the Board.



## OFFICERS WERE ELECTED

The following officers were elected: President, L. Howard Jenkins, Richmond; vice-presidents, F. F. Gibson, Louisville, Kentucky, and S. T. Matthews, Richmond; recording secretary, W. A. Harris, Richmond; auditor, Basil M. Gwathmey; medical examiner, Dr. J. G. Loving; attorney, Hill Montague.

The local office staff was re-elected as follows: Executive secretary, Charles E. Maddry; executive assistant, Jessie R. Ford; home secretary, R. S. Jones; manager of department of literature and exhibits, Mary M. Hunter; editorial secretaries, Inabelle Graves Coleman and Nan F. Weeks; treasurer, E. P. Buxton.

Mr. Jenkins has served six consecutive years as president.

Drs. John W. Lowe and H. H. Muirhead were re-elected field secretaries. The following international secretaries received re-appointment: Secretary to the Orient, M. T. Rankin, Shanghai; Secretary to Latin America, W. C. Taylor, Rio, and at present in Richmond; secretary to Europe, Everett Gill; secretary to Africa, George Green; secretary to Italy, Dewey Moore; secretary to Mexico, Charles L. Neal.

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## A CALL TO PRAYER

The greatest need confronting our foreign mission work is an increased income for the Board. The budget, voted by the Board at its recent meeting, does not, in any adequate way, take care of the demands. Requests for new missionaries and equipment on all our fields had to be denied. Our inability to grant these requests will bring heartache and disappointment to many of our missionaries, and a retarding of the work of the Kingdom.

That these many needs may be met, we would call the friends of foreign missions to earnest prayer.

There are several ways in which the income of the Board can be increased. These should be made objects of fervent prayer:

First, and foremost. By increased

*Nan F. Weeks, recently elected editorial secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Miss Weeks has been serving half-time since last April. She will give full-time service after January 1st*



gifts to the Cooperative Program. May a spirit of prayer prevail among Southern Baptists, as pledge-cards for 1939 are signed.

Second. By taking out annuities with the Foreign Mission Board. An annuity, in most cases, would increase the income of the individual during his or her lifetime, and relieve that person of the responsibility of administration of the estate during these days of uncertainty. Interest rates on investments are steadily decreasing while, if invested with our Board, interest rates are paid as given below:

Age at Entry	Annuity Rate	Age at Entry	Annuity Rate
25.....	3.0	65.....	5.7
35.....	3.0	75.....	7.0
45.....	4.0	85.....	8.0
55.....	5.0		

An annuity not only pays interest beyond your present investments, but also immediately releases your capital for Kingdom work.

Third. Bequests. Why not include the Foreign Mission Board in your will? Will you make this a matter of earnest prayer, that God's will may be known and done by his stewards? The income of the Board from this source should be greatly increased.

Fourth. The government allows 15 per cent deduction on yearly incomes when filing income tax returns. Thousands of Baptists file their income tax returns, without taking advantage of this opportunity afforded by the government, to have a part in Christian work.

The year is drawing to a close and your opportunity to make a gift of 15 per cent of your income for 1938 will have passed. Will you check your gifts for 1938 and see if, out of the remaining part of the 15 per cent allowed by the government, you can make a gift to foreign missions? Or will you call this matter to the attention of a friend who pays income tax?

# THE BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

J. E. DILLARD

The Southern Baptist Convention thinks that the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club is of major importance. This is evident from the fact that for several years in the Calendar of Denominational Activities the months of January and February have been set apart for the special promotion of the Club.

## *We Must Make January the Month for Enlisting Members.*

During these two months every representative of every agency that we have, is expected to use every opportunity with voice and pen to increase the membership of the Club. During this period every pastor is expected to tell his people about the Club: what it is; what it has done; how it is financed. He should appeal to his people individually and to the organizations of his church to join, to keep up their payments, and to maintain their membership in good standing.

During these months every organization and every group in every church is urged to cooperate heartily with their pastors in an effort to secure a reasonable number of members who know and care about the denominational debt, and who will help free Southern Baptists' agencies from debt.

We want all of our pastors, executives, secretaries, editors, writers, speakers and all other workers prayerfully, tactfully, earnestly to help in this effort.

It is fitting that a page in this issue of *The Commission* should be given to the consideration of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. Not only is the time opportune but the need is paramount. From the very first the Foreign Mission Board and its workers have believed in and

supported the Club. We receive substantial contributions for the Club not only from the officials and Board members here at home, but also from the missionaries upon the foreign fields. While the bombs were falling over Canton, Missionary H. H. Snuggs was writing a letter and sending a check to apply upon our debts. Checks have come from Spain and from other lands where deep poverty and affliction do not prevent the brethren from contributing joyfully to this noble effort. (How they shame some of us!)

This is perhaps as it should be. Missionaries should be examples to stimulate us to overcome our lethargy; but we, in turn, ought to wake up and busy ourselves with our own responsibilities. Now is the time.

The Foreign Mission Board has received substantial help from the Hundred Thousand Club. It has received (November 1) \$228,602.19 from this source. Every penny of this has been paid upon the principal of its debts. When one gives a dollar through the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, he is helping to pay the principal of the debts upon all our southwide, worldwide agencies. The funds are prorated according to the maturing debt needs of the agencies. This year the Foreign Mission Board received 18%.

What a blessing this Club has been to our denomination! It has paid (November 1) \$916,881.55 upon our southwide debts. It has stopped nearly \$60,000 in annual interest, which is enough to pay the salaries of seventy-five missionaries. It has encouraged all our workers. It has strengthened our morale; it

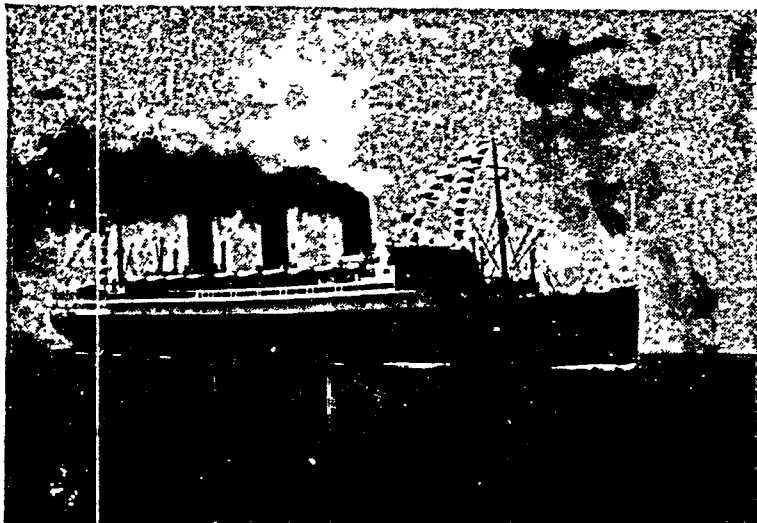
has pleased our creditors; it has re-established our credit; it has reduced interest; it has helped every cause we have; it has blessed every one who has had a part in it. Are you glad you are a member of this debt paying Club? Do you want to do a bit more?

## *What Can We Do?*

1. Keep on thinking about it, praying for it, and working at it. Have a Club revival in your church.
2. Talk with your leaders and decide upon a B.H.T.C. day; adopt a goal for the church as a whole and for each organization in the church; appoint a special committee with representatives from all your church organizations; let the chairman be the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club leader for the church.
3. Have short talks in all departments of the church and tell all of the members about the Club—what it is, what it has done and what the membership goal is for the church and the group.
4. Have a sermon in January on denominational loyalty and debt-paying. Thank all former members for their help and enlist as many new members as possible. Some can probably assume more than one membership.
5. Having enrolled all of the individual members, ask every organization and group to take at least one membership.
6. Keep accurate records; report to the church every month; include Club receipts and dues in the regular church letter or statements to the members; remit Club receipts promptly to your state secretary. (Be sure it is properly marked for the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.)
7. Thank your people frequently for their help; urge them to keep up their payments until the debts are all paid. We must have a *Debtless Denomination by 1945*; we should have it sooner. We could, if we would.

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expenditures. In the light of the magnificent Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of \$290,000 for that year, this contribution was but a modest token of appreciation on the part of the Board of the generous support of its work by the women of the South.

For the stimulation of interest in missions through personal contact of its field secretaries and missionaries with churches and associations; for publicity through the columns of the Baptist state papers; for expenses incident to Missionary Day in the Sunday schools; for its proportionate part of Convention expenses, imposed upon it by the Southern Baptist Convention itself; and for other miscellaneous expenses, the Board used, altogether, in 1937 a bit more than two per cent of its total outlay.

After taking care of all the expenses named above, the Board had

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# The Convention Minister's Retirement Plan

*Promoted by The Relief and Annuity Board*

This plan fills a long felt need for a workable retirement plan which could be enthusiastically supported by the ministers and by the churches. The ministers should be sufficiently interested in their future welfare to contribute regularly from present income, and the churches should be sufficiently interested in the welfare of the ministry to contribute regularly to a fund which will insure their future financial independence.

Financial independence for the ministry would be an accomplishment of major significance, and it is unnecessary to do more than suggest that there are many collateral benefits which come with, or as a direct result of, a satisfactory solution of the problem of provision for old age income.

This memorandum is more particularly concerned with a discussion of the plan from an actuarial or mechanical point of view.

The plan provides for contributions from three sources:

- (1) From the ministers, three per cent of annual salary—maximum \$120.
- (2) From the churches they serve, three per cent of annual salary—maximum \$120.
- (3) From the funds of the Convention, two per cent of the total salaries of the participating members.

These contributions will be placed in the hands of the Relief and Annuity Board for administration. Two separate and distinct funds will be maintained: one consisting of the members' contributions, and the other of the contributions from the churches and the Convention. Each of these funds will earn interest which we hope will not be less than three and one-half per cent per annum.

These funds have specific functions which are independent, but at the same time mutually related.

Let us look first at the fund accumulated from the members' contributions, known as "*Members' Accumulated Credits*." This fund forms the basis for all retirement and disability annuities contemplated by the plan. If the member dies before an annuity has been granted, his accumulated credits will be applied to provide an annuity for his widow, or will be paid in one sum to a designated beneficiary.

It may be said that this fund is the property of the individual members in proportion to their contributions, and we might call this the "*M*" fund.

The other fund might be called the "*C and C*" fund, as it will be accumulated from the contributions of the churches and the Convention, and will be maintained for the benefit of the ministry generally and not for any minister specifically.

When a member decides to retire, the annuity purchased by his "accumulated credits" will first be determined, and the remainder of the annuity to be paid to him will be provided from the "*C and C*" fund. The plan contemplates an annuity of two per cent of average salary for a period not in excess of twenty-five years, with a maximum of \$2,000 after the plan has been in operation for twelve years and lower maximum during the various intervening years.

From an actuarial standpoint, the situation in regard to the members' accumulated credits is perfect. The Relief and Annuity Board, which handles the funds, has demonstrated its ability as an investment and administrative agency. Hence, every member who enters this plan

and pays his contributions regularly can rejoice in the assurance that when he reaches retirement age, he will have a retirement income which, at the very minimum, will be the annuity purchased by his accumulated credits.

Life insurance companies offer retirement annuity contracts, and a comparison of benefits and costs would be interesting. I do not have complete information regarding the rates and contracts of every company, but in spite of that fact, I am willing to say that the *minimum* annuities under this *Minister's Retirement Plan* will be materially higher than would be available from any life insurance company from equal contributions. It is not difficult to understand this, because the expense factor is eliminated and the interest earned on the funds by the Relief and Annuity Board will be equal, if not greater than that earned by life insurance companies. In other words, the Relief and Annuity Board will be able to do more with your money because you will voluntarily file an application, and the persuasion of an individual, paid solicitor will not be necessary.

In addition to the superiority of the plan from the standpoint just mentioned, the member has, we might say, a "working interest" in another fund which will supplement his individual accumulation and make available for him the total annuity contemplated by the plan.

The "*C and C*" fund is the bulwark that supports the plan, and while it cannot be said that the plan is actuarially funded completely and under all conditions, the forecasts of the Actuary for the Board, a well known National Pension Expert, indicates that under normal conditions the contribution schedule will provide sufficient funds to pay the benefits. As a matter of

## E. G. Brown

*Vice President and Actuary of the Southwestern Life Insurance Company, Dallas, Texas*

fact, the plan cannot be actuarially funded until future experience indicates the amount that is needed. There are many variable factors such as the age of the minister, the length of service prior to the effective date of the retirement plan and subsequent to that date, the number of members and churches participating, the number of deaths among the members before entering upon an annuity, the age of retirement which in itself is indefinite except that it must be later than age 65, and the rate of interest to be earned on the funds, and only time and experience will tell the final story.

However, regardless of this, every member participating in the plan will be far better off than he could possibly be if he attempted to follow some plan of his own. Any such plan would be certain to require larger individual contributions, and if a minister is so situated that he can divert a larger portion of his income for retirement purposes, he would improve his situation materially by participating in the *Minister's Retirement Plan* up to the maximum and apply the remainder of his surplus funds in the purchase of a life insurance company retirement in-

come contract. By contributing regularly under the proposed plan, the member maintains an interest in this mutual fund which, under the most adverse conditions, will provide substantially more for him than he can provide for himself and under any sort of reasonable conditions, which we have a right to expect, will make handsome provision for him in relation to his individual contributions.

Life insurance companies do not oppose plans of this character which are properly administered. If a substantial agency like the Relief and Annuity Board is behind the plan, the life insurance company approves the aim of adequate provision for the future, but at the same time suggests that the other great calamity, the loss of the income producer, be provided for by adequate life insurance.

Other denominations are working on retirement plans, but in most instances, a large reserve fund must be collected before the plans will become operative.

The Baptist plan does not contemplate a large reserve fund in the beginning, and it is extremely doubtful that such a fund could be raised. In our case the five per cent contribution promised by the

churches and the Convention takes the place of the initial reserve fund and, with some modification as to total annuities, enables us to start the plan at an earlier date.

Of course, there must be representative participation, and the more general the participation, the closer we will come to actuarial accuracy, the desired goal.

The establishment of this *Retirement Plan* will result in a happier ministry, because the unpleasant thought of a dependent old-age will be gone. Because of the very nature of the annuity principle, a prospective annuity is a very comforting thought. It simply means that "your income will last as long as you do." Any plan that offers such assurance with reasonable guarantees deserves the wholehearted support of the ministry and the churches.

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left for its real work on foreign fields eighty-nine per cent (actually 89.16%) of its budget funds in 1937. So, out of each dollar received, instead of spending ninety cents in the home land and only ten cents abroad, as some would have Southern Baptists believe, the Board uses about ten cents for overhead expenses, and sends the (approximately) ninety cents overseas for carrying on its mission work among the unevangelized.

It is earnestly hoped that the recital of these facts relating to the administrative and other expenses of the Foreign Mission Board will serve to reassure any who may have been misled by false propaganda on the part of the interests unfriendly to it, and to refute the figures that have been used in support of such misrepresentation.

These facts, kept clearly in mind, will prevent unwarranted criticisms.

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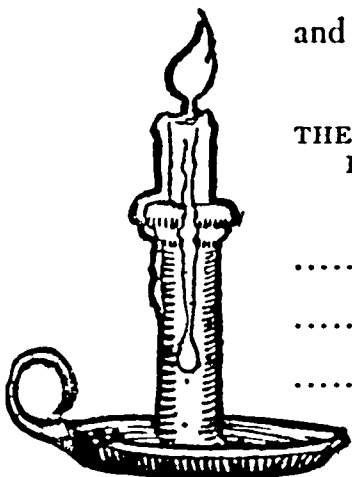
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# Seeing Is Believing

MARY M. HUNTER, *Manager Department of Literature and Exhibits*

## NEW MOTION PICTURES ON AFRICA RELEASED

A visual account of the tour of Dr. Charles E. Maddry and his party in Africa last summer has been recorded in motion pictures. To Mrs. Maddry, who took the pictures, credit is due for the excellent photography and the sequence which tells so interestingly the story of the Nigerian Baptist Mission. The scenes of the countryside, the pictures, depicting the manners, customs, and religion of the people, the views of the schools, churches, chapels, hospital and dispensaries, cannot fail to thrill Southern Baptists. The pictures of native workers and projects have not been shown before and will be the delight of all who see them. Southern Baptists will be glad to see the groups of missionaries. For the information and inspiration which she has brought us through the African pictures, we thank Mrs. Maddry.

The African pictures are released in the hope that, while Southern Baptists will see in them cause for rejoicing in the achievements of the missionaries, they will see also in the results accomplished, the challenge for reinforcements to meet the ever increasing opportunities for expansion.

There is no rental charge. The pictures are free. The only cost is that of transportation both ways.

The list of bookings is growing rapidly. Reservations should be made at once if the pictures are desired for an early date.

## MOTION PICTURE LIBRARY

We remind you that in the Foreign Mission Board's motion picture library there are films showing the many phases of work in China, Japan, Africa, Europe and South America. The films are sixteen

millimeter. Information concerning reservations for the pictures will be furnished upon request.

## KODAK PICTURES

We are indebted to Mrs. Maddry for a series of interesting kodak pictures of Africa. The scenes include forests, streams, houses, homes, men, women, children, native workers, missionaries and Southern Baptists' institutions. The pictures are 2 3/4 by 4 3/8 inches—just the size for posters and scrapbooks.

The other kodak picture series are on China, Japan, Europe, and South America. The price of all kodak pictures is seven cents each.

## A NEW LEAFLET

*Baptist Young Women in Christian Training Overseas* is the title of the new tract telling about the part Southern Baptists are taking in the training of young women of mission lands for leadership among their own people. The leaflet discusses the schools already functioning in Europe, South America, Mexico, Japan, China, and Africa, and contains pictures of the Board's missionaries now in charge of training school work. It will be furnished free upon request. Write to the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

## CURIO NOOK

A friend writes: "Your Curio Nook is a real treasure chest. Your lovely pieces of Chinese art, rich cultural objects, exquisite embroidery, carvings and other things are treasures. We are grateful to the Foreign Mission Board for the privilege of purchasing these unusual articles at reasonable prices."

A list of the Chinese collection will be sent upon receipt of your request.

## A MESSAGE FROM RUMANIAN BAPTISTS

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churches. The same statistics show that there are no more than 30 Baptist churches which can fulfill this condition of membership of 100 heads of families. Therefore, if this decision will be applied, all other 1,572 Baptist churches will be closed by 14th December, 1938, and their members will be punished in conformity with the law for the defense of the State.

But many authorities of the State have begun already to apply this decision and therefore the Baptists are even now persecuted in many parts of the country.

1. We have more than 60 churches closed now.

2. Many Baptists are constantly being beaten and put in prison.

3. The preachers are forbidden to visit their churches.

4. The authorities of the State will not make the legal transfer of religion for the Baptists, and those that attend meetings are persecuted.

5. The Baptist children in the State schools are forced to perform the ceremonies of the state church and if they refuse to do so, they are beaten and are not promoted.

The Rumanian State, by the Treaty of Trianon, promised to give equal freedom of religion to all of its subjects. The Baptists are loyal citizens and they expect their government to fulfill the promise which was made in that Treaty.

The only proper solution of our problems will be through a law which will take away the Baptists from the category of the religious associations and from this decision, and will give them the right of a recognized cult, equal with other recognized cults of the country.

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Has your church sponsored a School of Missions this year? Write for a copy of the free leaflet: *The Church School of Missions* by Una Roberts Lawrence and Nan F. Weeks.

# THE CHINESE BOAT BABY

ANNA S. PRUITT

Back and forth across a river in beautiful South China goes a little boat. It is a sort of river taxi, for all day long it carries passengers from one place to another. But the little boat is also a home, for on it there lives a whole family—the father and mother, a grown-up son, a younger son, a tiny baby girl and the old grandfather.

During the day the father and the big son are away working on one of the large boats that carry goods far up the river, and return bringing rice and tea. If their trips are very long, they are away for several days at a time, and wonderful are the stories which they have to tell when they return.

The grandfather, who is now too old to do heavy work, takes life easy on this boat which has been his home since he was a boy.

The mother, with her baby girl tied to her back, is the one who prepares the meals, and drives the boat from place to place. Sometimes the wind helps her by blowing against the big sail. Sometimes, when the water is not too deep, she pushes the boat along by means of a long pole. Sometimes she must pull on the heavy oars, till the boat reaches the shore.

The baby, tied safely to her mother's back seems contented and happy, bobbing in the sunshine.

But the one who has the most fun and gets into the most mischief is the younger boy whose name—you'd never guess it—is *Icicle*.

You might suppose that a boy with any such name must live in the cold, frozen northland. But instead, he was born in Southern China, and has spent all of his eight years on his boat home in that warm and sunny country. This is what *Icicle* himself said:

"Here in Canton the weather is warm all year. Sometimes it is hot. But once in fifty or sixty years there comes a cold spell. One of these cold times came the very day that I was born. It was the first cold weather my grandfather had ever known. He watched the icicles forming on the edge of the boat and as they sparkled in the sunshine he thought them very beautiful. Then he said that the new baby should be named *Icicle*. So that is what everybody calls me."

Soon the cold weather had gone, and little *Icicle* spent his days in the warm sunshine on the boat which was his home. While the real icicles grew smaller and smaller in the sunshine until they had soon melted away, the baby *Icicle* grew bigger and stronger and more wide awake every day. After a while he was able to creep and to pull himself up on his wobbly legs.

One day when he was tired of creeping and toddling about, he fell asleep on a mat on the deck of the boat. As it rocked back and forth on the water, little, sleeping *Icicle* rolled too, until all at once, with a splash he tumbled right into the muddy river.

His grandfather, hearing the splash, hurried to the edge of the boat and, reaching over, he grabbed little *Icicle* by one leg. So excited was the old man that while he held the little fellow upside down, he gave him a hard spanking.

Of course it was a very unfair way to treat a little boy who had been in no way to blame for falling into the water, but *Icicle* could not have minded very much, for in a few days he tumbled in again. This time he was wide awake and was reaching over the edge of the boat trying to get an orange that was

floating on the water. In he splashed head first. A woman on another boat saw him and, pushing her wide oar under his body, she lifted the little fellow up on the oar and tossed him onto his own boat home. As she did so she called to *Icicle's* mother, "There's your child. Keep him out of the water. There's enough trash in this river already." Then she laughed good-naturedly, and *Icicle's* mother thanked her for saving her boy.

One day, when *Icicle* was nearly eight years old, he saw a strange looking person coming toward their boat which was waiting by the shore for some passengers. *Icicle* looked and looked, and the more he gazed the more he wondered. The person's face was white instead of yellowish brown. He had supposed that hair was always black and glossy and straight, but this queer looking person had hair that was almost yellow and that twisted into little curls around her face. He was quite sure the person must be a woman, yet, instead of wearing loose trousers as did his mother and all the other women he had ever seen, this person wore a skirt.

As she came nearer, *Icicle* ran and hid behind the sail of their boat. Right on board, the queer looking person came and she asked his mother to take her across the river.

*Icicle* just couldn't stay hidden. He was so anxious to watch this strange looking white person that he poked his head out from behind the sail. When the white lady saw his sharp, black eyes and his surprised face, her blue eyes sparkled and she smiled so pleasantly, that *Icicle* felt less afraid.

As he ventured out a step or two the lady held up a beautiful colored picture. Then in *Icicle's* own language, she said to him, "This picture is for you. Would you like me to tell you the story about it?"

NOTE: *The above is a chapter from the study book, The Chinese Boat Baby. The book may be secured for thirty-five cents from any Baptist Book Store.*

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—W. C. T.

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WALTER M. GILMORE,  
*The Christian Index.*

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