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Your mountain streams, your placid lakes,
Your roadsides where wild flowers grow,
Deep purple asters, golden glow.
We love your tall white poplar trees
So straight, so strong and fine;
Your evergreens, the spruce, the pine;
Your crooked country roads that wind
And go to shut-in places, where we find
Dear friends, and where we come upon
Great beds of galax leaves, so green and cool—
They gleam and glow like molten emerald pools—
And where we find white Indian pipes
That hide behind big logs, now fallen low
From giant trees that might have stood
When Indians roamed this wood and smoked,
Not these exotic pipes of moulded wax,
But pipes of peace.

We love your clouds that come in whirlwind hurry,
Pour out their floods, then lift and scurry
Across the skies to other places,
Leaving us clean-washed, combed and brushed,
With eager steps and shining faces.

We love the way your waters run
From off the roads within the hour,
As though instead of freshet rains
We'd only had a gentle shower.
We love your broad white, smooth highway
That runs close by the place of Prayer
Where pilgrims throng day after day
In search of rest, surcease from care;
For entertainment, health and peace;
From daily grind a sweet release
Till strength is gained for future duty
Through blessed contacts, friends and beauty.

Ridgecrest, why have you built your nest
Upon these mountains, vales and crests?
We know.
Of all retreats for work and rest
You've chosen well, you've chosen best.

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Spring Meeting Sounds Notes of Encouragement

The report of Executive Secretary Charles E. Maddry to the Foreign Mission Board in semi-annual session, April 12, in Richmond, Virginia, sounded encouraging notes to advance.

"In 1933 we had only 373 missionaries. We owed over a million dollars and were paying \$67,000 interest," declared Dr. Maddry. "Today we have 437 missionaries

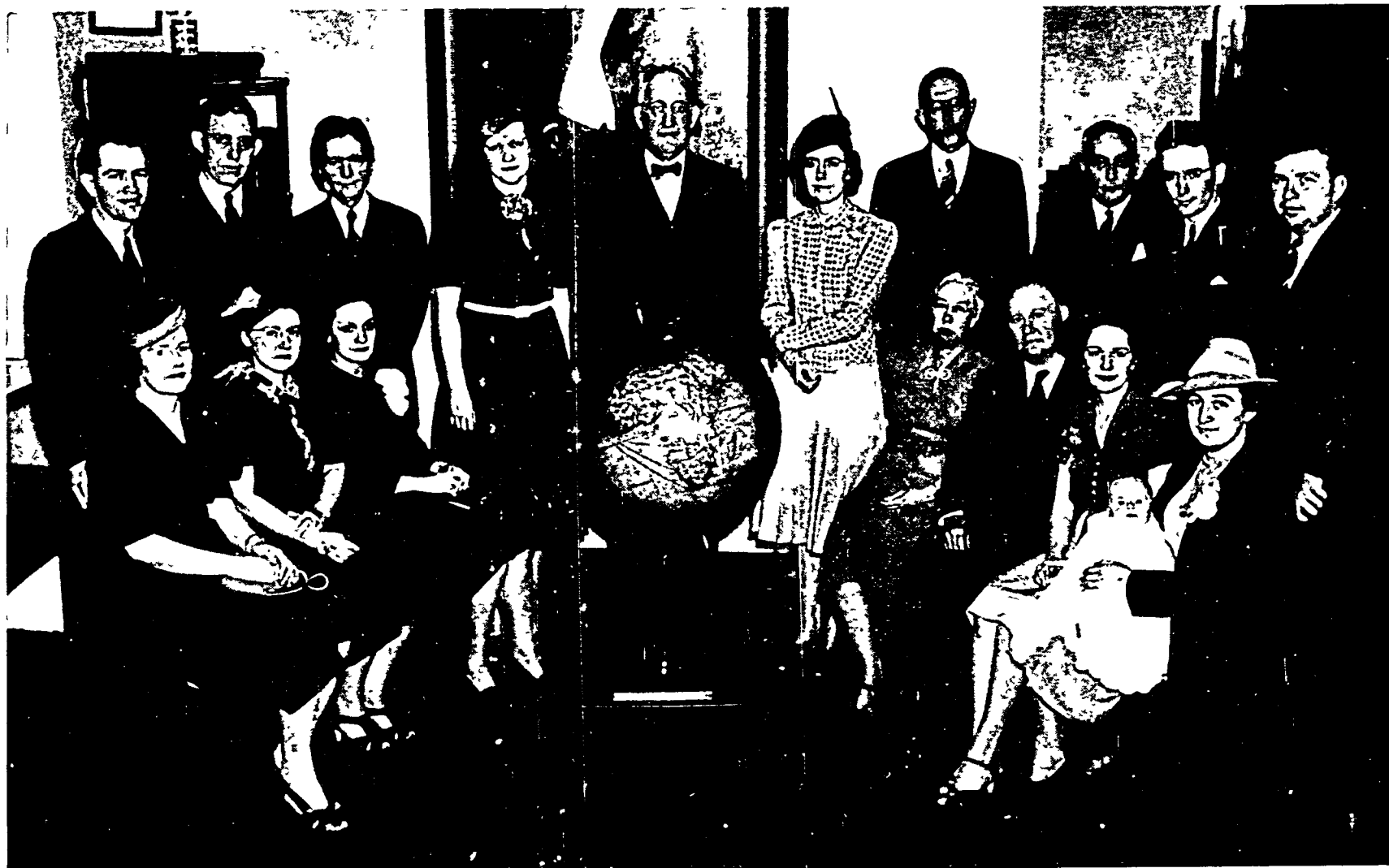
on sixteen fields. During these six years we have appointed 157 new recruits and reappointed thirty-two former missionaries. Sixty-two elderly missionaries have been retired and given a steady, substantial pension through the Baptist Relief and Annuity Board."

The Secretary continued his items of encouragement by stating that the Board's debt is only \$279,-

500, and the interest is less than \$10,000. "We have paid \$830,500 on the principal of our debt during the past six years.

"Our budget receipts for the past quarter show a \$20,000 increase over the same period a year ago. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will total \$315,000 for this year," affirmed Dr. Maddry.

"We have 14,000 subscribers to the foreign mission journal, *The Commission*. This magazine is only a year old. Throughout the world it has been received with hearty approval and congratulations," stated the Secretary.



Seated: Left to right—Mrs. H. B. Ramsour, Mrs. W. H. Bryant, Miss Floryne Miller, Miss Jessie Ford, Rev. Otto Whittington, Mrs. B. J. Cauthen, Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, and Laney, Jr. Standing: Left to right—Rev. H. B. Ramsour, Rev. W. H. Bryant, Dr. F. F. Gibson, Miss Josephine A. Scaggs, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Miss Mary Lucile Saunders, Dr. R. S. Jones, L. Howard Jenkins, Dr. B. J. Cauthen, Rev. S. L. Goldfinch.

Eleven New Missionaries

Dr. Maddry presented eleven volunteers for service overseas. Two of these young recruits are second generation missionaries. They are returning to serve in the land of their childhood.

Miss Mary Lucile Saunders is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Saunders of Shiu Hing, South China. Dr. and Mrs. Saunders are in their thirty-ninth year of service in China.

Mrs. Baker J. Cauthen is the former Miss Eloise Glass, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Glass, who have served thirty-six years in Shantung, North China. Mrs. Cauthen also has a sister, Miss Lois Glass, serving under the Southern Baptist Board in Shantung, China. Mrs. Cauthen's husband, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, now professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will invest his fine abilities in China.

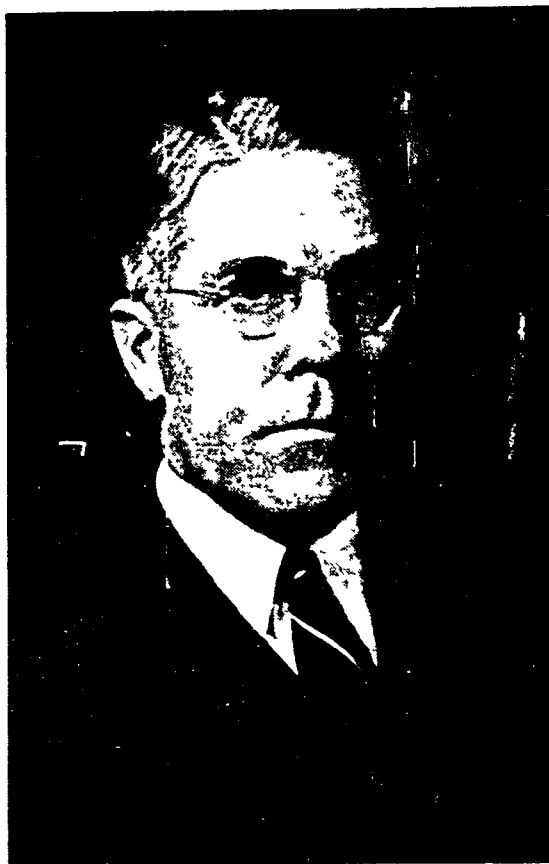
The other eight young people receiving their charge to foreign service are: Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Bryant of Alabama to Chile; Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Ramsour of Texas to Japan; Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch of South Carolina to Uruguay; Miss Floryne T. Miller of Tennessee to Japan; Miss Josephine A. Scaggs of Oklahoma to Africa.

Dr. Maddry Reports on Madras Council

Speaking of his days at the International Missionary Council meeting in Madras, India, in December, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Southern Baptists' only representative, portrayed the "gathering of the nations."

Dr. Maddry confirmed the fact that at Madras there was a decided turning to the right and to the fundamentals of the Scriptures.

The Secretary discussed the unity of consideration of the common sins, the common problems, and the common needs of all churches and denominations today.



Sadler Elected Secretary

The Board elected Dr. George W. Sadler, Secretary to Europe, Africa, and the Near East, with headquarters in Richmond.

Dr. and Mrs. Sadler were formerly missionaries to Africa, but because of the illness of their son, they resigned in 1931. They have been serving the Baptist Church of Liberty, Missouri, since May, 1932. During these seven years, there have been 700 additions to this church of 1,100 members.

Dr. Sadler is a Virginian. His record at the University of Richmond includes captain of the football team in 1910, graduate with the master's degree in 1911, the doctorate in 1928, and professor from 1919 to 1920. He received the Th.M. degree from the S. B. T. S. in 1914.

Dr. Sadler first went to Africa in 1914, but while at home on his first furlough, he went to France as a private. Soon he was commissioned to first lieutenant and chaplain. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Pershing in 1919.

Dr. and Mrs. Sadler have two children: Henrietta, a sophomore at Westhampton, and George, Jr., a senior in high school.

Because of the current conditions in Europe and the Near East, the Board commissioned Dr. Sadler to visit the missions of Spain and Palestine at the earliest possible moment. He expects to sail early in June for Palestine and Spain.



An Associate Added

Mrs. Ruth Yeamans Cudlipp was elected as an associate in the editorial department. Mrs. Cudlipp is a Richmond young woman, a graduate of the College of William and Mary and has been a member of the stenographic staff of the Board for the past six years. Mrs. Cudlipp is a Phi Beta Kappa and elected English for her undergraduate work. Before coming with the Board she taught English in the Richmond unit of the College of William and Mary, and also worked with the *News Leader*.

There was almost a hundred per cent perfect attendance of both local and state representatives at the spring sessions of the Board. Only three state members and only one local member were absent.



THROUGH THE DAYS ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP

FOREIGN MISSION CONFERENCE RIDGECREST, NORTH CAROLINA

SUNDAY—July 30

9:45	Sunday School	
11:00	Morning Worship	J. H. Rushbrooke
1:00	Dinner	
6:00	Supper	
6:45	Sunset Service	C. Roy Angell
8:00	Missionary Message	Charles E. Maddry

MONDAY—July 31

Topic: AFRICA

7:20	Morning Watch	Baker J. Cauthen
8:00	Breakfast	
9:00- 9:45	Missionary Message	Hattie Gardner
9:45-10:15	Missionary Message	A. C. Donath
10:15-10:25	Recess	
10:25-11:10	Young People's Hour	
11:10-11:30	Recess	
11:30-12:45	Missionary Address	Charles E. Maddry
1:00	Lunch	
6:00	Supper	
6:45	Sunset Service	C. Roy Angell
8:00	Missionary Message	A. Scott Patterson
		W. H. Carson
	Motion Pictures	Mary M. Hunter

TUESDAY—August 1

Topic: EUROPE AND NEAR EAST

7:20	Morning Watch	Baker J. Cauthen
8:00	Breakfast	
9:00- 9:45	Missionary Message	Samuel Vila
9:45-10:15	Missionary Message	Bela Udvarnoki
10:15-10:25	Recess	
10:25-11:10	Young People's Hour	
11:10-11:30	Recess	
11:30-12:45	Missionary Address	Everett Gill
1:00	Lunch	
6:00	Supper	
6:45	Sunset Service	C. Roy Angell
8:00	Missionary Messages	Lucas Sezonov
		Ignazio Rivera
	Motion Pictures	Mary M. Hunter

WEDNESDAY—August 2

Topic: W.M.U. WORK OVERSEAS

7:20	Morning Watch	Baker J. Cauthen
8:00	Breakfast	
9:00- 9:45	Missionary Message	Alma Jackson
9:45-10:15	Missionary Message	Martha Linda Franks
10:15-10:25	Recess	
10:25-11:10	Young People's Hour	
11:10-11:30	Recess	
11:30-12:45	Missionary Address	Miss Juliette Mather
1:00	Lunch	
6:00	Supper	
6:45	Sunset Service	C. Roy Angell
8:00	Missionary Message	Lena Lair
	Margaret Fund	Mrs. H. M. Rhodes
	Motion Pictures	Mary M. Hunter

THURSDAY—August 3

Topic: LATIN AMERICA

7:20	Morning Watch	Baker J. Cauthen
8:00	Breakfast	
9:00- 9:45	Missionary Message	Honorio Espinoza
9:45-10:15	Missionary Message	B. W. Orrick
10:15-10:25	Recess	
10:25-11:10	Young People's Hour	
11:10-11:30	Recess	
11:30-12:45	Missionary Address	Frank H. Leavell
1:00	Lunch	
6:00	Supper	
6:45	Sunset Service	C. Roy Angell
8:00	Missionary Messages	J. J. Cowsett
		Djalma Cunha
	Motion Pictures	Mary M. Hunter

FRIDAY—August 4

Topic: THE ORIENT

7:20	Morning Watch	Baker J. Cauthen
8:00	Breakfast	
9:00- 9:45	Missionary Message	Bertha Smith
9:45-10:15	Missionary Message	Harriette King
10:15-10:25	Recess	
10:25-11:10	Young People's Hour	
11:30-12:45	Missionary Address	R. E. Beddoe, M.D.
1:00	Lunch	
6:00	Supper	
6:45	Sunset Service	C. Roy Angell
8:00	Missionary Messages	F. Catharine Bryan
		W. Maxfield Garrott
	Motion Pictures	Mary M. Hunter

FROM JULY 30, THROUGH AUGUST 4, 1939

A FRIENDLY MEETING OF THE NATIONS

LOUIE D. NEWTON, *Chairman on Arrangements*

Sixth Baptist
World Congress
Atlanta, July 22-28

A meeting of the nations is not an unusual thing. There are any number of such meetings, but how many of them may be described as friendly meetings—meetings of fellowship unmarred by the slightest suspicion? Such a meeting will be the Sixth World Congress of Baptists in Atlanta, July 22-28, 1939.

Every aspect of the plans thus far projected give emphasis to Christian goodwill among the nations. For example, we are offering free hospitality in our homes to all persons who come to the Alliance from outside of the United States. And we have been greatly pleased to find that this hospitality will be widely accepted. Personal letters of invitation are now going from hosts in Atlanta to friends in every part of the world, asking for the privilege of entertaining them, and further asking for the exact hour of their arrival in Atlanta, so they may be met at the train.

I delight to think of the far-reaching effect of these contacts—what will be the effect, for example, upon the children in our homes who meet and come to know these honored Baptist leaders from lands afar? Friendships will be formed, I trust, which will not only reach across the oceans, but across the centuries.

Not only the Baptists of Atlanta, but the people of other faiths are joining heartily in all our plans for the Baptist World Alliance. It is a friendly meeting in the fact that it has brought us closer together here in Atlanta. I would like to emphasize the blessing which it has brought to the white and Negro Baptists as we have learned a



*Dr. Ignazio Rivera, Florence, Italy,
will attend B.W.A.*

deeper fellowship in our united plans of preparation. And I confidently believe that the coming of the Congress will prove a blessing to our inter-racial relationships the world around. I am grateful that we have the privilege of welcoming our brethren from other lands to the deep South that they may see first hand how the races work together.

Uncertain conditions, particularly in Europe, have somewhat retarded registration. This is written April 18, and at this time it is difficult to guess what a day may bring forth in the world scene. And yet we are going steadily forward with our plans, relying confidently upon Dr. Rushbrooke to advise us if there should be any reason to change the date of the meeting. It will be re-

called that the third Congress was postponed from 1916 to 1932, and the fifth Congress was postponed from 1933 to 1934. I pray that we may go on with our plans for the meeting this summer.

One of the chief reports in the Atlanta meeting will be on the subject, "What Can Baptists Do to Avert War?" Surely, this will be a timely discussion and should bring to bear the best thought of our generation on this vital subject. With thousands of Christians here gathered in a friendly meeting, it should stimulate a wider hope for world peace.

May I take this occasion to say that friends who have not made hotel reservations should do so at once. We are trying to accommodate everyone, and it will greatly help us if you will make your request immediately.

Readers of THE COMMISSION will be pleased to know that many missionaries have already sent in their requests for entertainment. We are offering free hospitality to all missionaries, duly certified by their respective Boards. This is another of the friendly features of our local plans. Many people have asked for the privilege of entertaining a missionary.

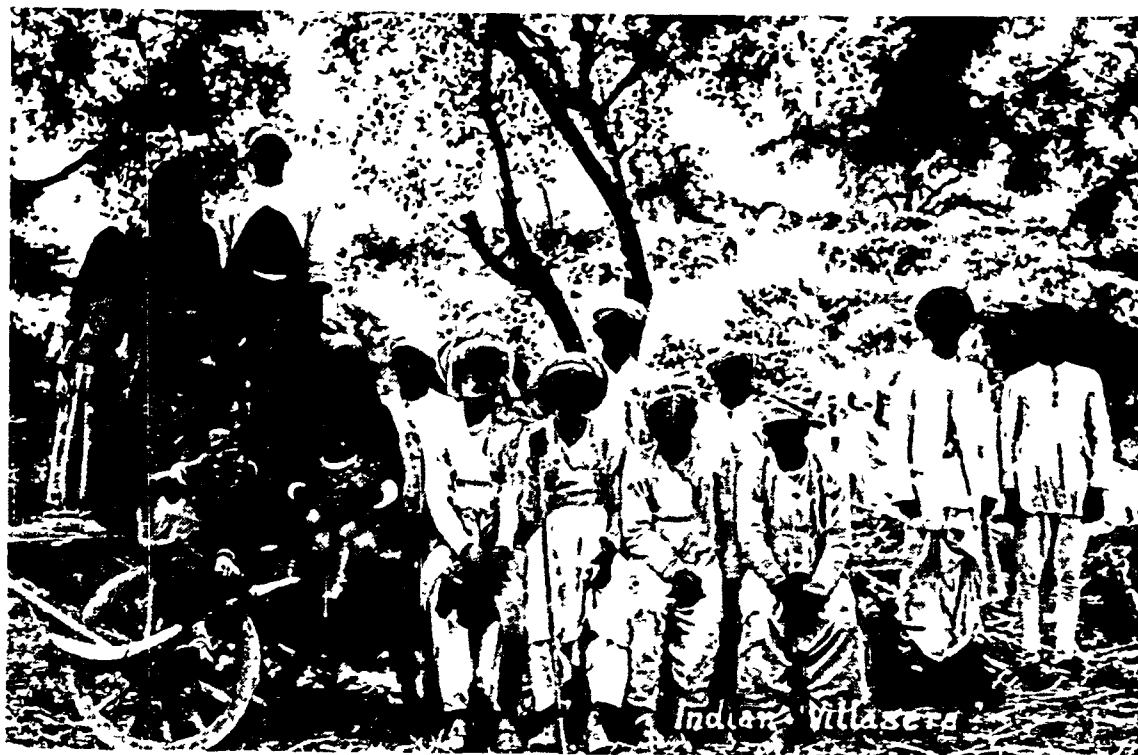
The one request which I feel I may confidently make of every reader of THE COMMISSION, whether you come or not, is to ask your prayers for this great world gathering. Let us pray for those who are to speak and those who are to listen. May it all work out to the furtherance of the Kingdom of our blessed Lord.

THE CHURCH'S PLACE IN EVANGELISM

The fourth of a series of articles presenting the "Findings" of the International Missionary Council, meeting in Madras, Dec. 12-29, 1938.

The Council is firmly convinced that world evangelism is the God-given task of the Church, and arises from the Church's nature as a holy society created by God for the continuance in the world of the work that Jesus Christ began through His life, death, and resurrection. The conception of the Church as the missionary to the world is given in the New Testament. It rests on the Lord's command. At this stage in the history of the Church and the nations, the Council seriously advises the older and younger churches alike that they should turn again to the practical study of the essential features of the life of the New Testament Church which, from the day of Pentecost, manifested a powerful corporate and individual witness, entirely out of proportion to the insignificant human means employed.

Conditions in the present age are very different from those of New Testament times. There have been vast developments and changes in the social, economic, and political life of the whole race. The Christian message is now being presented to men whose spiritual background is that of ancient religions or modern philosophies, which have little or no contact with channels of thought in which the divine revelation was conveyed to the world or that existed when the Gospel of Christ was first proclaimed. While these differences impose great modifications and changes on the evangelism of the Church of today, the changes are for the most part in the sphere of external method and organization, and do not affect the



Villagers of India

essential principles of the big task.

The Church's message to the world is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself in all His manifold grace and power. It is the work of evangelism so to exalt and proclaim Him, crucified, risen, and glorified, that men may awaken to God and to a sense of their sin and separation from God; may be led to true repentance, and to that act of will whereby they believe in and receive the forgiveness of their sins through Christ; and may enter upon a new life of trust and obedience toward God and of abounding hope for this world and that which is to come. For its maintenance and expression, this new life involves membership of the Christian fellowship, so that he who has thus received the grace and forgiveness of God, at the same time must enter the outward society of fellow-believers and, in his turn, become a witness to the Truth.

Evangelism, while it involves the interaction of human beings on one another, is something very different from attempts to dominate or invade the personalities of others.

It is a work whose end can never be attained by weak, human instruments, unless the Holy Spirit Himself works before them and through them. Essentially it is the instrument whereby the living God, through His Holy Spirit, makes His impact upon the spirits of men.

The Gospel of Christ carries with it the promise of social transformation and of the realization of such ends as justice, freedom, and peace. A living church cannot dissociate itself from prophetic and practical activities in regard to social conditions. True evangelism will always include a forward-looking vision, although the points of practical emphasis will vary from age to age and from country to country, according to the existing conditions. Active efforts to serve the community, and faith in God's power and will to redeem it, are the inescapable consequences of the new personal relation to God which is brought to men in the Gospel. Social programs grow out of the Gospel; no one such program conditions it.

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KINGDOM FACTS AND FACTORS W. O. CARVER,

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VICTORY FOR FREEDOM OF THE CHURCHES

In the April issue we carried a note warning of the effort to include churches and church institutions in the Government system of Social Security. Our readers will know of the complete failure of this effort. So powerful, so convincing, and so earnest were the protests that the House Ways and Means Committee of Congress voted without dissent to kill the proposal.

The resolution of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, together with other official denominational protests made effective impression. The carefully drawn declaration of the Faculty of the Seminary in Louisville was mailed to every member of both Houses of Congress, many of whom wrote notable letters in acknowledging its receipt. It is a document that may well become historical, for we may be sure that we are not yet at the end of the efforts to subordinate the church to the state.

Totalitarianism is a theory of civil government so plausible as to be superficially compelling. Taken together with certain communistic and socialistic objectives of current, political philosophy and practice, all-inclusive state control is an ideal that carries great appeal.

We need to realize that only in these United States has the principle of a free church, grounded in personal religious experience and voluntary church membership and church support, ever gained wide acceptance, and been incorporated

as a fundamental principle in the constitution and the life of a nation. For only a hundred and fifty years, and in this one nation, has this principle been organic. In our country it has never had the support of unanimous conviction, nor the strength of clarified thinking on the part of all our citizens. There have been invasions and evasions in practice all along the way. Only constant watchfulness and courageous proclamation will carry this freedom of church from state, and of state from church, through the current crisis of nationalism that is sweeping the world.

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THE WOMEN DO IT AGAIN

The W.M.U. Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has come to be one of the major features in the annual story of Southern Baptist Missions. This year it becomes a sensation.

The reports are not yet complete, but already the amount reported is more than fifty per cent in excess of the goal of \$200,000.00 set for it. This is a "Kingdom Fact" to stir the gratitude of all Southern Baptists. It will bring new cheer to missionaries in all our fields in these strenuous times. This year's contribution of \$315,000.00 will be a "Kingdom Factor" of eternal significance. It will mean new missionaries, new buildings, new equipment, which would have been impossible but for the generous giving accomplished through the planning, the praying, and the devotion of these servants of the Lord.

The women have such an established habit of setting high standards and high goals, and then surpassing all standards and goals, that we may fail to appreciate the separate achievements. Whatever brethren may think necessary by way of combining or eliminating organizations and activities in the churches, they must not think of doing anything that will cripple or discourage the plans and accomplishments of the Women's Societies.

Nor must the success of the women lessen the zeal and the work of the men. Rather let it be a stimulus to larger deeds prompted by deeper love. All that we are now doing is very little compared with what ought to be done.

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IS THERE HOPE FOR REASON?

In discussing the Munich Conference six months ago, I raised the question whether Chamberlain would turn out to have precipitated a cruel and stupid tragedy; or, possibly, to have inaugurated a new era of reasonable and delivering diplomacy. That is still an open question. During these months the Prime Minister of Great Britain has been the object of much censure, and the butt of no little ridicule. Disillusionment and dread have kept the British people under emotional strain and national suspense. The world has looked on with nervous uncertainty, unable to appraise the prospects. "Appeasement" seemed to be a policy procuring nothing better than postponement of war, while permitting Hitler to expand the realms of the Reich with amazing daring and success. Change of strategy was inevitable. Shall we abandon all hope and all faith in rational humanity? Shall we all accept the doctrine so recently proclaimed afresh by Mussolini: "The world belongs to the strong, and woe to the weak"?

On April 3 Mr. Chamberlain went before Parliament with a new declaration of policy, an announcement of a program; and received approval so unanimous and hearty as to amount to acclaim. No doubt this was due in large measure to its offering something positive after months of uncertainty, of waiting, of "muddling" without coming "through." Mr. Chamberlain has not thrown away his "appeasement" principle. He has coupled it with another policy. He has shifted his instrument, so to say, from his right hand to his left—nearest his heart still—and thrust it forward toward all the nations in the sight of the world. But now in the right hand of quick skill and action he has grasped the powerful weapon of military might. Then he said, in effect, and said it with the nervous calm of deep and determined decision: "We wish to reason and to find the human way; we are prepared to make adjustments, even involving concessions, in the interest of justice and human fairness; we will not submit to robbery or blackmail, nor will we wait until we must fight in our own exclusive defense."

The press of the world carried the thrill of the situation and of the message:

"Frequently, as he reached a decisive or dramatic point, the house came to its feet to cheer him thunderously—including the opposition member who a year ago assailed his conciliation policies.

"Chamberlain sat down amid ringing cheers as he concluded, sternly but hopefully:

"... We cannot live forever in an atmosphere of surprise and alarm from which Europe has suffered in recent months.

"The common business of life cannot be carried on in a state of uncertainty. As far as has been possible for his majesty's government to help to restore confidence by plain words, we have done our part, and in doing so I am certain we

have expressed the will of this people.

"I trust that our action, begun but not concluded, will prove to be a turning point, not toward war which wins nothing, cures nothing and ends nothing, but toward some new wholesome era when reason will take the place of force and when threats will make way for cool and well-marshalled argument."

And what now? We must await the event. It is still possible that Mr. Chamberlain will prove to be the prophet of a new world order, guided by a new international diplomacy. It is still possible that the greed of power and the pride of empire will precipitate the new world war which, if it comes, can only destroy our inadequate and unconfirmed civilization, dropping the race to a level of primitive barbarism in relations and conduct, but with all the knowledge and forces of technological science under command of demonic motives.

The new world order can come only if there can be general recognition on the part of those who control national policies that this is God's world; that it has sufficient resources for all God's children; that every race and people is as truly a family of God's children as is every other race and people; that the resources of God's world must be made accessible to all God's children.

No solution can be worked out, and worked, that proceeds upon the theory that a small number of powerful nations have the right and duty to *rule* the earth. Specifically, the new world order cannot begin and obtain while British and French and Americans retain all the advantages they now hold and attain unto all the ambitions they now cherish. Not even can this be if Germany and Japan be admitted to the group of the mighty.

All of which means, for one most important thing, that Christ must be recognized as rightful Lord of

life. He must first be Saviour of men. That means truly, actually, comprehensively Saviour: Saviour and Lord. So long as there are human "world rulers," they will be "the world rulers of this darkness,"—spirit forces of wickedness operating on fields that heaven rightly claims. (Ephesians 6:12.) Here is the challenge to the followers of Christ Jesus, in all His churches.

Is this all merely impractical idealism, offering no possible course of action? Christian America might evangelize the world—might proclaim to every creature the good news of the reign of God; might, in actual fact, be witnesses to Jesus Christ "in (our own) Jerusalem, in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." That we do not do this is proof that Americans are not Christian. In the measure in which we are Christian, in that measure do we become witnesses. "Go ye and learn what this meaneth": *The Saints reign upon the earth.* (Matthew 9:13; Revelation 5:10.)

WHAT NOW IN SPAIN?

Dictatorship, with its totalitarian theory of the State has at last won its long-deferred victory over an inadequate popular government in Spain. It is a victory of the combined power of Germany, Italy, and the Revolutionists. Through all the thirty, bloody months the papacy has backed the effort with consistent encouragement and has given its eager benediction upon the conquerors.

What will now be the status and the fortunes of the evangelical Christian minorities in Spain? How will the Jews fare? In the United States, Catholics are pressing their profession of tolerance and even claiming, against facts of history, to have originated the practice of religious liberty in America. They are keen to encourage the interfaith campaign for religious tolerance

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MISSIONS AND EDUCATION

J. E. DILLARD, *Promotional Secretary*

In our Calendar of Denominational Activities, the last Sunday in June is designated "Christian Education Day." Is not this a suitable time to re-think the reciprocal relations of *missions* and *education*, and to remind ourselves of the place of missions and of Christianity in our denominational colleges?

The fundamental conviction that underlay and still underlies our denominational school system is that education needs to be Christian and that Christians need to be educated.

Christians must be educated to save them from superstition and fanaticism, and enable them to find and fill their places in an orderly, physical world and in a constantly changing society. Zeal without knowledge is a dangerous thing.

On the other hand education without religion is likely to be a cold, barren, intellectual affair giving power and skill, but lacking in warmth and helpful motive. Education without religion sharpens the sword, but gives no assurance that it will be used only in constructive causes.

It was in order that religion and education might be joined and propagated under the most favorable conditions, that our denominational colleges were founded.

Certainly the religious leaders, the ministers and missionaries of the denomination must be especially trained for their work. The success of any democracy depends primarily upon an honest, capable, cultured, leadership; its failure is always due to an ignorant, or dishonest and disloyal leadership. Baptist churches and other Baptist bodies are (or ought to be) pure democracies. Hence the great importance of our denominational

schools and the grave responsibility resting upon them. There is no good reason for their existence, no reason why Baptists should voluntarily tax themselves to maintain Baptist schools, unless these schools accomplish the thing they were established to do, and accomplish it well.

Most of our Baptist colleges have done and are doing this primary work. Some of them are doing it remarkably well, others are handicapped for lack of funds. All of them are forced to meet the competition of largely endowed or state supported schools. Our schools must do the regular college work as well as it is done in other schools, or they must go out of business. In addition, they must do something decidedly worth while which state and secular schools cannot do, and must do it well, or the days of their usefulness will soon come to an end.

Let it be said to their honor that, by the product they have turned out, our Baptist colleges have justified their existence and cost. The great majority of our denominational leaders and scholars have come from these schools. As Dr. George W. Truett has frequently said, "Wisdom has departed from us, if we let our Baptist schools die."

This must not be construed as under-estimating the value of our state schools or the importance of caring for the religious interests of our own young people in these schools. Both duties must be performed promptly and adequately. The fact remains, however, that the great majority of our ministers and missionaries have received their training and must receive their training in our denominational schools.

I do not share the feeling of some that our educational institutions should be separated from our mission agencies and taken out of the Co-operative Program. Perhaps some of our people are more interested in one group than the other; but all our people ought to be interested in, pray for, and give support to all our institutions and agencies. Missions and education must go together, both at home and abroad. How can we do permanent mission work without establishing schools? And how can we train people to be missionaries without schools in which to train them?

As a matter of fact it was the missionary enthusiasm, engendered largely by Luther Rice upon his return from India, that led to the establishment of many of our very greatest schools; for example: Columbian College 1822, Georgetown College 1824, Newton Institution 1825, Furman University 1829, Richmond College 1832, Mercer University 1833, Wake Forest College 1834. Missions and education have been closely united from the beginning and must never be separated in our thought, prayers, or plans.

Upon this Christian Education Day would it not be a fine thing if, in addition to the programs given in the Sunday schools, our pastors would preach upon "Missions and Education"? They might tell how our schools prepare the missionaries and how the missionaries help the schools. They might give a list of missionaries who have gone out from the Baptist colleges in their own states. They might make a call for volunteers, for the fields are white and the laborers are few. These volunteers should plan to go to one of our schools and get ready for service. The pastor might stress the importance of supporting our educational institutions and making sizeable, sacrificial offerings to enable our schools to be out of debt and to do a bigger and better work for our Lord and our people.

REBUILDING MISSIONARY MOTIVES

The Patriotism of the Kingdom of God

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

What phrase could ever have a more confusing and contradictory meaning than "the Kingdom of God," in the common religious parlance of our day? It has been defined as the distinctively American theology of the superficial anti-theological people of our generation. By retreating from truth we have lost a vast deal of missionary motive power, and we shall come back to that power only by retracing our way to the motive which ceased to move us because, or in so far as, we abandoned it.

For our purposes we can limit our conceptions of the Kingdom to three: the economic, the dispensational, and the missionary. The popular, worldly idea of the Kingdom of God is that it is some economic boon that comes on the political horizon and seeks to take over the Christian ministry in the promotion of its purposes. They impose upon the populace their will as the will of Christ; they so reason; therefore, when they pray, "Thy will be done," they mean, "My scheme be accepted." The patriotism of this Kingdom of God is Nationalism, or some elaborate national planning for other people's lives and liberties.

The dispensational idea of the Kingdom of God is a wholly different scheme, but yet a scheme. It is not political but black-boardish; it goes with a shut-in type of vision and interpretation of an isolated section of the Scriptures; it leads many men and churches to be anti-missionary, or to support, with bitter criticisms, a union, a close-corporation type of undenominational Christianity. This union of insignificant, anti-sectarian sects on the mission field is now the bane of truly evangelical missions. That kind of interpreter prays: "Thy millennial Kingdom come,"

and he is indifferent to the present sovereign rights of our Lord in the life of His people. He forgets that the "times and seasons" are not to occupy our minds, but instead we are to be busy in our witnessing over all the earth. He forgets that we are specially warned by our risen Lord against absorption in the times and seasons of the Kingdom in its relation to Israel. (Acts 1:6, 7.)

Did you ever make a list from the Gospels of the commands of Jesus with reference to his second coming? Many, many of them are negative, and their negation is of precisely this sort of thing. We know when Jesus will return. It is when this Gospel of the Kingdom is preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. Then, and then alone, will the end come. (In spite of the fact that I have Southern Baptist friends who marked 1930, then 1935, for the second coming, no man knows the day or hour or year.) We have hardly begun seriously the evangelization of the world. Heralding the Cross, on a national scale in every nation and on to every creature, is how the Kingdom spreads. And all who "love His appearing" will show it by missions, for His appearing waits on the work of the heralds of the Cross.

Missions is the patriotism of the Kingdom. There is a living present Kingdom of God. Men take it by storm in the revolutionary throes of repentance from sin. They are supernaturally born into it. The classic of its Gospel is John III. You can see it, and you can enter it now by the new birth. Its Saviour is also its King and sits enthroned on the throne of this universe. All authority in heaven and on earth is His now, and the issue is missions. He is reigning and He must

continue to reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. He will then deliver up the Kingdom to the Father. He *can* then *deliver* it up because He now *has* it. It is our holy privilege to be citizens of it. Every community of the redeemed is a heavenly colony of that Kingdom here below. Its law is the will of Christ, revealed in the New Testament. Its sway is in regenerate lives, not in politics or economics. It is not a worldly kingdom, and when we pray, "Thy Kingdom come," we have nobody's economic or political scheme in mind. We have in mind only the passion that men may enter the Kingdom by a supernatural regeneration and do Christ's holy will by a supernatural life. The patriotism of this Kingdom is missions, not Nationalism. All its spiritual strategy is world evangelization. The frontiers of that Kingdom spread from heart to heart, as men are saved. This is a glorious Gospel, the Gospel of the Kingdom, of the present and everlasting reign of Jesus in the hearts of His increasing people. They increase by regeneration and are born again to a lively hope through the Word of God. Missions is the strategy of all loyal subjects of the Lord who bought us.

FIFTY-TWO SAVED

Executive Secretary Charles E. Maddy returned to the church of his first pastorate for the third week of April and conducted a revival in the old Hillsboro Baptist Church, Hillsboro, North Carolina. Fifty-two were added unto the church of approximately three hundred members.

"When I began my ministry there in 1902, there were only twenty-one members, and they paid me \$75.00 a year," smiled the Secretary.

FIELDS
AND FACTS

YESTERDAY, when substituting at the Shanghai University's Middle School, I took advantage of the opportunity of interviewing Dr. Howson Lee, the principal. He is indeed a most consecrated man and a most able administrator. The boys love and respect him, and he is rendering a great service, though working against terrific odds.

Referring to his plans for the school, Dr. Lee said: "We are, more than ever, trying to make our Middle School not only an A-1 school, but God's school."

"God's school." Surely with such a Christian at the helm, and with such a vision shared by principal and faculty, we may look ahead with joy and gladness. For without vision now, at this critical time, it would be so simple for the human, mechanical problems of carrying on the institution to engage one's whole attention. "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." This verse has sustained Dr. Lee and countless thousands of earnest Christians in this vast land during a period of disaster and outrage unequalled in modern history. So many heroes are laboring "together with God," behind the lines, doing the unspectacular thing, holding together churches, schools, and institutions so carefully and prayerfully built up and cherished through the years.

These are the conditions which Dr. Lee describes: "On one floor of the China Baptist Publication Building, the University of Shanghai Middle School, the College, and the Downtown School of Commerce hold their classes morning, afternoon, and night. Crowded? Terrifically. Rushed? Definitely. Satisfactory? Of course not. But would it have been better for the whole university, so well and dearly developed, to have disintegrated when the campus was occupied in August, 1937? Never. Realizing the situation of emergency, those in charge plan, to the best of their wisdom, and pray God's guidance for



Dr. and Mrs. Lee

Dr. Howson Lee

*An interview by
Saxon Rowe Carver,
Shanghai, China*

the future. Meanwhile another student generation is maturing. A moratorium cannot be called on youthful minds.

"After the Shanghai fighting, we came here," said Dr. Lee. "We opened first with a small enrolment of 250; but by the fall of '38 we had 444 boys, and all our faculty had returned. We cannot give the boys any music, any manual training, or art. I feel this lack deeply, for they need that so much in adolescence. However, it is impossible with a half-day program to include subjects which require special equipment and extra teachers.

"Our Christian activities have always run smoothly, but I can say that this year they are even better. We have more Christian students, and a larger percentage from Christian families. Meeting in the

teachers' homes, there are eleven good fellowship groups with 268 members. At North Gate Baptist Church there are two Baptist Young People's organizations made up of our Middle School students; also three large Sunday school classes. Last fall Pastor Y. C. Ching, of North Gate conducted the revival meeting during Religious Emphasis Week, after which there were eighteen applications for baptism, fifty-eight enrolled in classes for inquirers, and over sixty reconsecrations. In the Senior Middle School all 225 boys, with no exception, take classes in Bible and religion. This is the intensely formative period in the lives of these students in our care, and we are anxious not to fail them."

In reply to the question, "What about the future?" Dr. Lee said earnestly: "For the future? That is a difficult question. But we look forward definitely to a full day program. We feel keenly the shortage of time to get acquainted with the boys, to know their individual problems, to have personal contacts. If possible we want more missionary forces within the Middle School itself. At present Miss Edyth Boyd and Mr. G. A. Carver are the only regular missionaries who are definitely connected with the school. We welcome missionary personnel and pray that more may come to us."

"What type of missionary would you want, Dr. Lee?" I asked.

"We need someone full-time for English," he said. (At present the English department is composed of many part-time teachers who have other duties outside the school.) "It would be nice if they were gifted in music and interested in sports," he added. "They must have a love for growing boys; should be mature enough to understand them; and young enough to enjoy them. Class room work should be expertly and thoroughly done. But that is only the beginning of our task in making this 'God's school.'"

And from Thence . . .

We Came to Rhegium Acts 28:13

SUSY WHITTINGHILL, *Rome, Italy*

We left Rome wrapped up in mist, seemingly to rest after the hectic and festive days of Hitler's visit. Owing to frequent rains the country was vividly green and wearing its early spring freshness. This was like a cool hand laid on brows feverish with care. As we sped along, characteristic Italian features appeared in vineyards, dark cypresses and olive trees, and the less poetic but ever present political affirmations printed on houses and walls—such slogans as, "More Enemies More Honor." The blue Mediterranean was on our right—a sea of glass, like crystal.

The compartment was so clean and the train so direct and without smoke that our minds contrasted this journey with that of thirty years ago, immediately after the earthquake, when it took over twenty-four hours from Naples to Reggio, instead of the present ten. At that time my husband was sent with relief funds from America and other lands and was helped by the United States Embassy. Our Roman Baptist churches gave some money and garments. These last were put in bags, as there were no porters to carry valises, and we had to drag them from the temporary station to the ruined town. Death stalked abroad; coffins were piled everywhere, and when these were not sufficient, bodies were burned.

The Calabrian coast combines rugged mountains often topped by crumbling castles, ancient towns which look as if glued on to the mountain-sides and orange and lemon groves of intoxicating sweetness with their blossoms and fruit. The cactus hedges, brightened by wild scarlet geraniums, form a gay border to ploughed fields.

The dazzling beauty of sea and flora does not make us forget Garibaldi, the Bandiera brothers and

other patriots for Italian independence, or the not less romantic figures of the brigandage which were connected with Calabria and now are extinct, and the darker persecutions of the Protestants in the fifteenth century when whole colonies were killed with cruelty.

The object of our visit to Reggio was the dedication of our Baptist Temple. This, thanks to our noble W.M.U., was completed inside. The architecture is Norman, and the eye is refreshed by little white columns and the cleanliness of pavement, new benches and a pulpit which is most pleasant in its simplicity. Here there are at present two pastors, because the young one has not yet been recognized by the authorities for his new field. The minister from Messina came across the strait, so ecclesiastically all was complete. The two services were well attended but varied in character. In the morning it was more for the members while, in the evening there was a big crowd of outsiders who were curious, but respectful, and the police were present at our request. We heard two sermons and addresses, and five babies were dedicated to the Lord. My husband and I both spoke and he, with due solemnity, presented a new Bible to the church. The singing was hearty and certainly the completion of the church which has rendered it decorous is a triumph for the cause. The pastor's family are deeply devoted to the work and so proud of the father's calling, that hands and feet are ready to serve willingly. The two young sons hope to study for the ministry. In the afternoon the brethren met us at the pastor's home over the church. For this gathering, benches were carried up and then down again by young men who feel it an honor to help.

On Monday we paid visits to the members. Everyone was most kind

and cordial and I received so many bouquets I felt almost like a prima donna. The people are terribly poor, in a sense of which few Americans know anything. At Messina we attended a prayer service in the new, little preaching-hall where the pastor plays the harmonium himself. Here the church has experienced many ups and downs, but God is great and will not deny His blessing. The pastor does a work of Christian uplift by visits in the prisons.

Tomorrow we go to see another group of Baptists in Sicily at Catania. This city is under the shadow of Etna, the largest volcano in Europe, which looks like a snow queen in her mantle of whiteness. Here the pastor and wife are young and the church also, but though the people are of the humbler class for the most part, they have already bought the pulpit and baby organ.

Everywhere we have heard the happy echo of our Italian W.M.U. Assembly recently held in Rome.

If to the lovely island of Sicily, where the perfection of color, fragrance of flowers and the heritage of Greek civilization and history still linger, could be added "the beauty of holiness," what a glory for our Redeemer and Creator!



Ruins of Pompeii—Mt. Vesuvius in the distance

MISSIONARY
INTEREST



AMANDA TINKLE—On September 12, 1907, I was born near Benton, Arkansas. There I attended the rural school until I had finished the eighth grade. It was when I was eleven years of age that I became a Christian and joined the church. At that time I promised God that I would do anything he wanted me to do.

After being out of school for one year, I entered the Benton High School from which I graduated in 1927. For a year I taught in a rural school, and in 1928 I entered the Baptist State Hospital for Nurses from which I graduated in 1931.

Following my graduation I spent about three years doing private nursing in Little Rock, Arkansas. For the year 1934-1935, there came to me the opportunity to serve as college nurse in Central College, Conway, Arkansas. This made it possible for me to attend classes.

For the past three years I was employed on the staff of Payne County Masonic Hospital in Cushing, Oklahoma. From this position I recently resigned.

In my church life I have served as a Sunday school teacher since I was seventeen years old. I also helped in the local B.T.U., the Y.W.A., and the W.M.U. But I never felt that I was doing just what God wanted me to do.

When I was twenty-one years of age I publicly dedicated my life

Glimpses of New Recruits

to definite Christian service. I did not then know how or where I was to serve, but soon the path of duty became plain. Through hearing and reading of the great need for nurses in Africa, the call came to me, and I could not be happy until I volunteered to go and invest my life in the great ministry of healing not only the bodies but also the souls of the people of the dark continent. For this great privilege of serving I am deeply grateful.

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KATE ELLEN GRUVER—At Ancon, in the Canal Zone, I was born on October 29, 1912. My father is a United States Public Health doctor in the quarantine division and has been required to move from one place to another, as ministers do.

Entering Vanderbilt University in 1931, I took a pre-medical course.

About this time, too, I was caught up in the wave of scepticism that has swept our colleges and universities. One thing led to another, and I soon gave up my church work. All in all I was most unhappy. My life held no definite purpose; disillusionment and modern college life made me hard and sceptical.

Just before the end of my junior year my financial status became so straitened that I left Vanderbilt and went home. My parents were then living at the Quarantine Station of Tampa, Florida, on an island about thirty miles out in Tampa Bay. We were the only family on the island, and of course there was time for meditation and thought. Old ideals and principles, learned from my mother and instilled through Christian teaching, came forward to condemn the past year or two.

Gradually there came a definite revision of my attitudes and ideas.

That spring through the interest of a friend, I began to take part in the other organizations, and suddenly, before I realized what had happened, I found myself the counselor of a Junior Girls' Auxiliary. It frightened me half to death, knowing that as counselor I was responsible for leading those children largely in their Christian development, and realizing for the first time, just what it was to be a Christian.

Dr. A. U. Boone was then supply pastor of our First Baptist Church, and I went to him with my story. Since then my way has been clear and my work definite. For the first time in my life, I truly submitted my life to Him to whom I belong. I had made a failure of my management of it, but if God could use what there was and make it count for anything for Him, it was His.

In 1936 I finished up my college work at Tennessee College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, receiving my B.S. degree. In 1937 by means of a Tennessee scholarship, I attended the W.M.U. Training School, graduating in 1938 with an M.R.E. degree.

Then one day Mrs. Roswell Owens spoke in our State Group



Meeting on Palestine and the work there, and there came to me as clearly and distinctly and definitely as if a physical voice had spoken to me, the command to go to this field. And now following that definite call from God there has come to me through Southern Baptists and their Foreign Mission Board the opportunity to serve my Master in His own country.

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ROY F. STARMER—On the third of April in the year 1910, I was born at Mountainview, Oklahoma. My family soon moved to the northern part of Montana where I spent the first seven years of my life.

Upon moving to my mother's native State, Tennessee, I finished my high school course at Chattanooga. I attended the University of Chattanooga for one year, but later I



Right: Rev. Roy F. Starmer.
Above: Rev. and Mrs. Roy F.
Starmer and Dr. Charles E.
Maddry en route to
Europe—1938.

transferred to Carson-Newman College where I received my A.B. degree. I then entered the Baptist Seminary at Louisville and finished there in May, 1938.

It was at Carson-Newman that I met my future wife, Miss Lillie Mae Hylton. After college days were over we again came in contact with each other during our courses at Louisville. Only a few days before our appointment to Bucharest, Rumania, we were married in Richmond, Virginia.

Like Hannah of old, my mother dedicated her son to the service of God before he was born. As the years passed, she nurtured me and taught me to love and fear the Lord. At about the age of nine, I was converted in Oklahoma City.

During my third year in high school, as I studied one Saturday afternoon, I felt a definite call to enter the ministry. I was shocked and surprised that I should feel such a call, and tried to rid myself of the feeling. For two years I resisted the Lord's leading. One Wednesday night after prayer meeting, I had gone home and retired but, being unable to rest, I hurriedly dressed and returned to the church where I consulted with my pastor, Rev. David Livingstone, about my call. I then dedicated my life to special



service and knew the happiness of a surrendered life.

It was only then that my mother made known to me her lifelong prayer that I would some day follow the Master in giving my life to preach His Gospel. Throughout the years, as I wavered from the path I was to follow, her prayers and her godly life served to bring me back to the service for which my life was intended.

During my college and seminary courses I felt vaguely dissatisfied with my intention of becoming a pastor. My strongest desire was to give my life in Christ's service, but somehow a pastorate did not seem to be my field. During my last year in the Seminary the Lord led me to lift up my eyes to the distant lands beyond the sea, and in my response to the call to Paul's ancient Macedonia, I found peace.

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LILLIE MAE HYLTON STARMER (Mrs. Roy F.)—I was born October 16, 1909, in Knoxville, Tennessee. My parents were devoted Christians, taking an active part in church work. I was converted at the age of seventeen.

One of my earliest impressions was the fact that my father believed in prayer. Before going out to work, and upon a safe return, he always knelt to pray.

In 1927 my father was called home. My mother, in her calm, steady way kept the children together, continuing her Christian work in the church. It was through the sacrifice of my mother, who aided me financially as well as with wise and loving advice, that I have been able to prepare myself for this service to which God has called me.

I was graduated from the Knoxville High School in 1927, and went to work as a stenographer.

In the summer of 1929, I attended the Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest. I was conscious of the Holy Spirit moving mightily in my heart during the week, and on the last night

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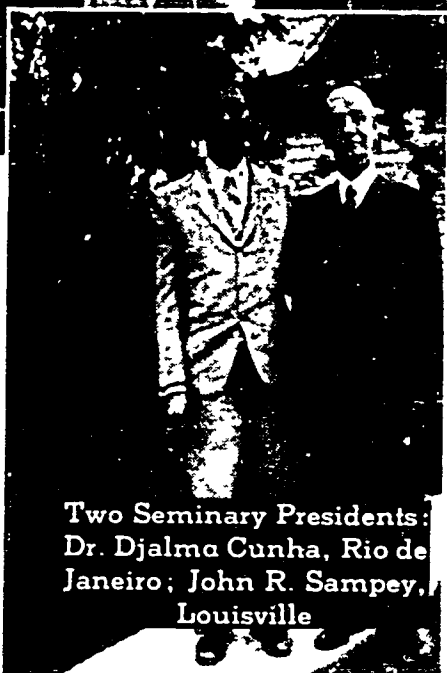
Thousands of young people from Southern Baptists' schools attend conferences at Ridgecrest every Summer.



Blue Mountain College gave five graduates to W. M. U. T. S., 1938-39



Advancing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man

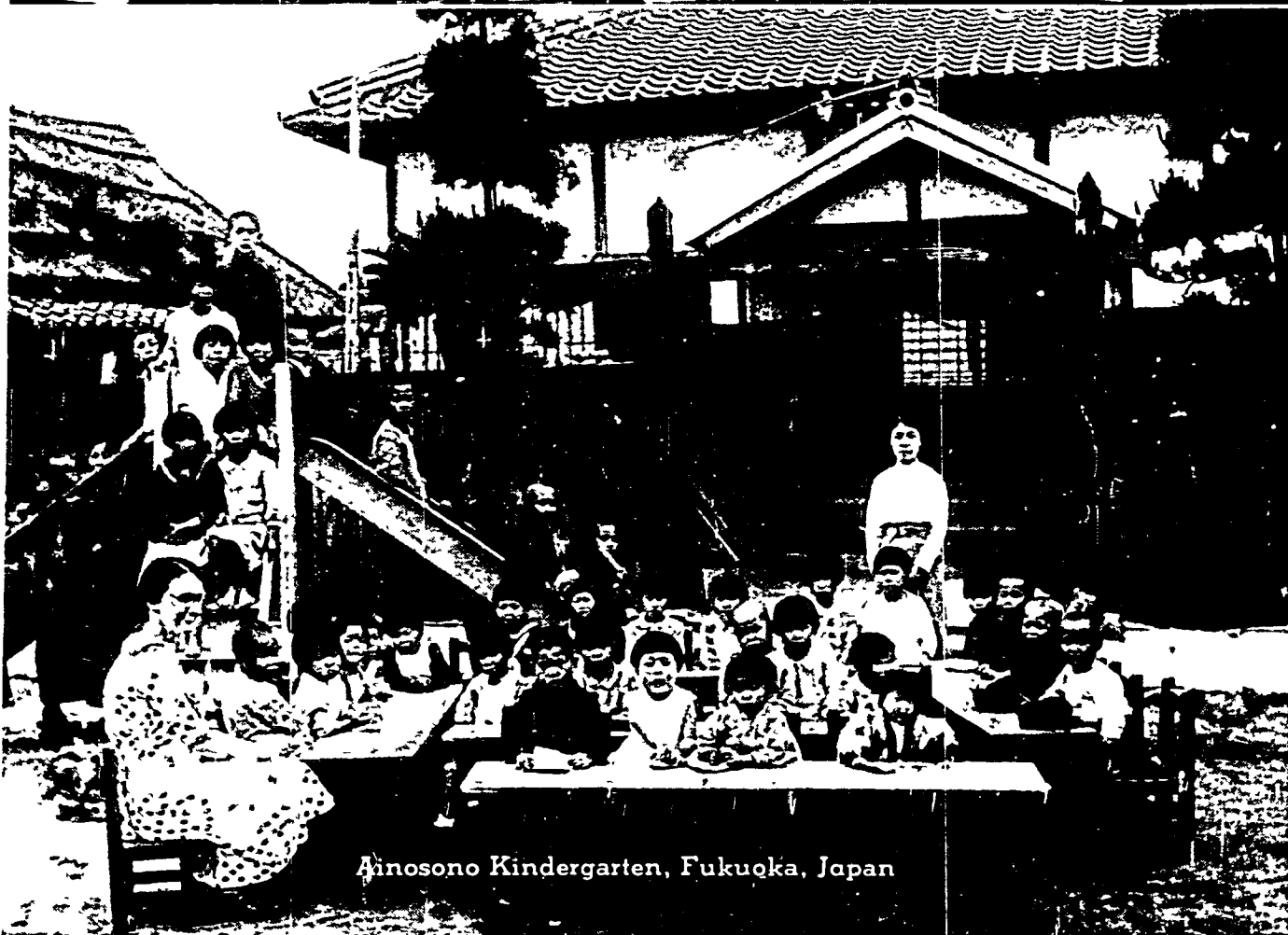


Two Seminary Presidents: Dr. Djalma Cunha, Rio de Janeiro; John R. Sampey, Louisville



Church Music School in Yugoslavia

Southern Baptists' Christian Education overseas includes kindergartens, church day schools, Bible schools, primary and middle schools, seminaries, and training schools totaling 331 with an enrollment of 26,177 students



Ainosono Kindergarten, Fukuoka, Japan



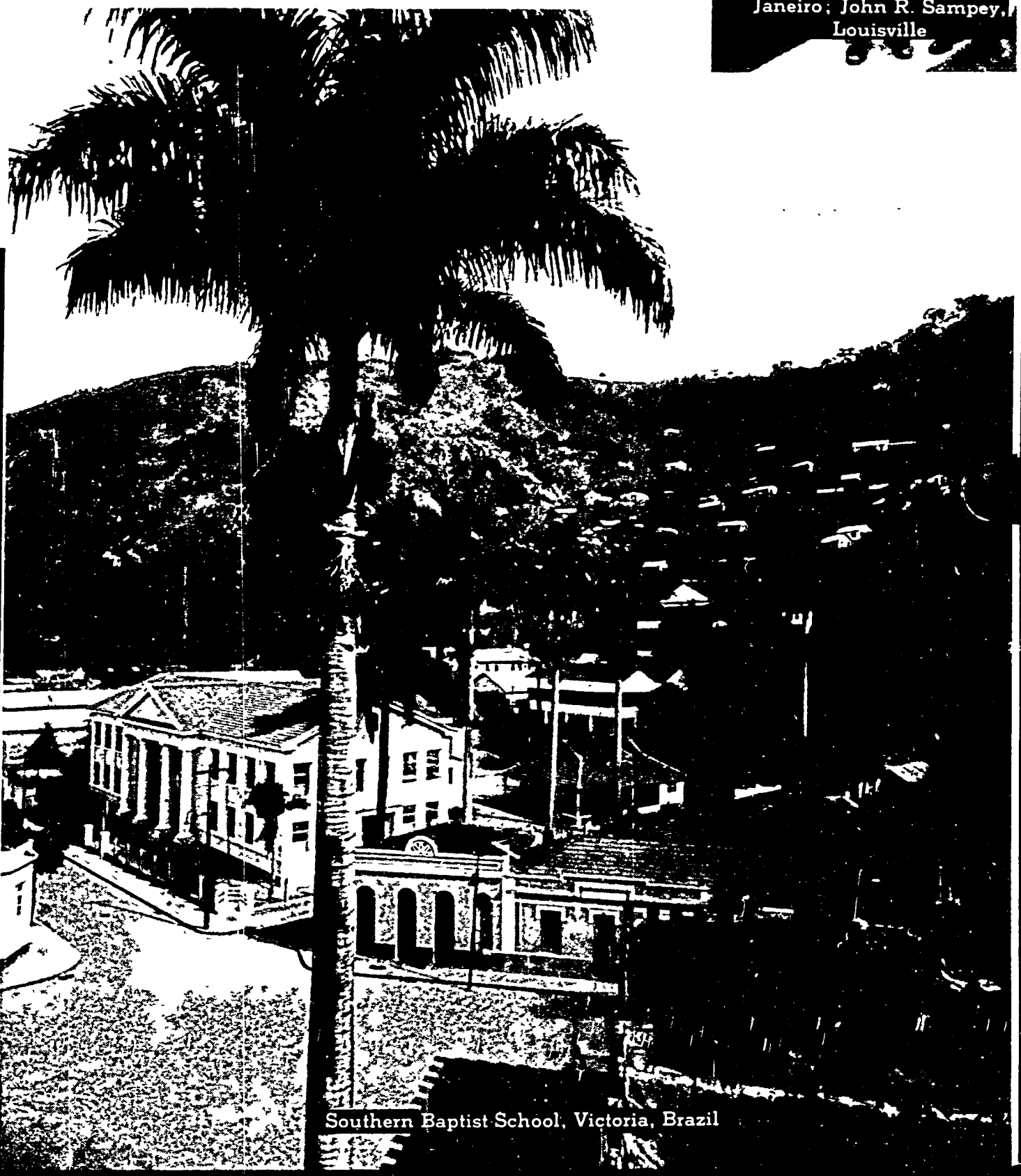
Missionary Rose Marlowe and Principal Princeton Hsu with Cantor



Wong and Principal Kindergarten, Shanghai



Workshop of McLean Institute, Iwo, Nigeria



Southern Baptist School, Victoria, Brazil

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Celebrating Our Centennial

The Centennial of the Southern Baptist Convention comes on apace. The Convention was organized in 1845. A committee has been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to study the question and to suggest some plan whereby the great foreign mission enterprise may be set forward in a worthy way. This Centennial Committee has been gathering data and sounding out pastors and leaders as to the form and scope that such a celebration should take.

The Convention likewise appointed a Centennial Committee and we understand that this Convention Centennial Committee will make constructive and far-reaching suggestions for a worthy celebration.

We have two suggestions to make. The first is that every board, institution, and agency of the Southern Baptist Convention shall be out of debt before 1945. This

should be the first objective of any centennial celebration. We must pay our debts and stop the sinful waste of interest charges.

The second suggestion has to do with the work of the Foreign Mission Board in particular. We need sorely a reserve fund of not less than a quarter of a million dollars. This fund should be invested and held intact for some time of financial crisis or emergency, such as we faced in 1933, or for such a period of distress as confronted us in China in 1937-1938. We will never feel secure until we have such a fund.

No time should be lost, but wise and adequate plans should be made for a worthy celebration of our Centennial.

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A New Staff Member

The return of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Sadler to active service with the Foreign Mission Board is a source of great joy and satisfaction to all the friends of foreign missions. For a number of years they

were missionaries in Nigeria, and they are greatly loved by the missionaries and natives alike in Africa.

Dr. Sadler comes back with the Board as Secretary for Europe, Africa, and the Near East. He will sail early in June for a visit to Spain, where an effort will be made to reorganize our Mission following the tragic upheaval of the Civil War. In July Dr. Sadler will visit Dr. M. T. Rankin, Secretary for the Orient, in Palestine, and together they will make a new survey of our Near East Mission; and recommend to the Board some plan for the future conduct of our Mission in Palestine. Later in the summer, Dr. Sadler will make an extended visit to our Nigerian Mission.

We are happy indeed to welcome Dr. Sadler into the fellowship of hard work and happy service in the Foreign Mission Board's Rooms in Richmond.

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Foreign Mission Week

The annual Foreign Mission Meeting at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, has constantly grown in power and favor with our people through the years. The first meeting was held in 1933 by a group of W.M.U. leaders from the several states adjacent to Ridgecrest. The Foreign Mission Board assumed responsibility for the meeting the next year. The meeting has brought together year by year the friends of foreign missions from all over the convention territory and has been a great unifying force for our foreign mission work so widely scattered across the world. The presence of the missionaries at home on furlough has added immeasurably to the interest and effectiveness of the meetings.

Foreign Mission Week this year follows immediately after the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance, and several prominent Baptists from overseas will take part on the program. The time is July 30-August 4 and a large attendance is anticipated.

All Eyes Upon Atlanta

Representative Baptists from many lands are coming to Atlanta for the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance, July 22-28, 1939. This is the first time that this world fellowship of Baptists has met in the South and we extend to our brethren and sisters from lands afar, a gracious and cordial welcome. The Alliance is meeting at a critical and momentous hour. The peace and security of mankind is threatened

from many quarters. For two years, a cruel and senseless war as been raging in the Orient. Millions of innocent and helpless men, women, and children have been ruthlessly slaughtered. In Europe there is constant threat of war and the small nations are in daily fear and dread of the aggressor nations.

In many lands racial and religious minorities are being persecuted with the fiendish cruelty of the Dark Ages. Baptists in Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia, and Rumania are suffering

persecution, injustice, repression, and all manner of petty governmental and police interference. Our fellow Baptists have come on evil days in many lands, and it is a good time for the Baptists of the world to come together in council.

The Alliance is meeting in a great and growing Baptist city. Atlanta has many strong and influential Baptist churches and our brethren from other lands will be happy in the warm and generous atmosphere of the Atlanta brotherhood.

Editorial Varieties

CHARLES E. MADDRY

Announcing an Increase—We are glad to announce that the income of the Foreign Mission Board for the current budget for the first quarter increased \$20,000 over the income for the same period last year. We hope to increase our current income by the sum of \$100,000 for 1939.

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News from Rumania—A cable from Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke announces that the new prime minister of Rumania has ordered all Baptist churches to be reopened. This is good news indeed, and we await further details with eager interest.

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Two Excellent New Missionaries—The outstanding event in Southern Baptist mission circles for the year is the appointment of Dr. and Mrs. Baker James Cauthen, of Seminary Hill, Texas, as missionaries to China. Dr. Cauthen is professor of missions in Southwestern Theological Seminary and one of the most brilliant and impressive young men ever sent out by the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. Cauthen is the daughter of Dr. W. B. Glass, long time missionary in China. She was born in China and has been a volunteer since her Baylor College days. We are hopeful indeed for our foreign mission work when such brilliant and capable young people are offering their lives for service abroad.

Dr. Cauthen will teach in one of our theological seminaries in China. We are taking a long and comprehensive view of our future mission work in China. Some day, please God, the terrible carnage and slaughter in the Orient will end, and we will have such opportunities for the preaching of the Gospel in China as we have never known in the hundred years since we began work in that vast and needy land.

We are in process of creating and organizing a new theological seminary in the Interior China Mission. This Seminary will be for the training of college men for the ministry. A new day is dawning for China, and we must be ready to train a great host of men and women, called of God, to give the Gospel.

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Another Seminary and Training School Planned—For many years, we have been planning for the establishment of a Theological Seminary and Woman's Missionary Training School in Santiago, Chile. The Woman's Missionary Union has given \$3,000 for the erection of the first unit of the buildings necessary. We already have the site and work will begin at once on the building. A new missionary couple for Chile will be appointed this summer and we are now searching for a young woman to direct the Training School.

Closer Co-operation—It is a matter of genuine satisfaction to all who are praying and working for closer co-operation among all Christian bodies, to know that American Methodists are now completing the final stages of union between the three bodies of Methodism. Because of the question of slavery and sectional differences they separated some fifteen years before the war between the States. It will make for the progress of the Gospel.

We devoutly hope and pray that some practical plan may be worked out for closer fellowship and co-operation between Northern and Southern Baptists. On the mission fields it takes a lot of explaining why there are "Northern" and "Southern" Baptists. It would be a source of great strength for both groups if we were known everywhere at home and abroad, as *American Baptists*.

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New Recruits for Chile—The appointment of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Bryant of Alabama as missionaries to Chile is a further effort on the part of the Foreign Mission Board to reinforce our Mission in that strategic South American republic. Within a few months now we hope to announce the opening of our new Theological Seminary in Santiago, the beautiful capital city of a million people.

Our Missionary Family Circle

JESSIE R. FORD, *Executive Assistant, Foreign Mission Board*

Births

On February 13 a cablegram was received from Rev. and Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman of Nazareth, Palestine, that little Sarah had arrived. The story is told that when the father saw his little daughter, he said: "Why, she looks like a Fox" (Mrs. Eddleman having been Miss Sarah Fox). The nurse went out complaining to the other nurses that you never knew what those young fathers and mothers were going to do; that there was that father saying his baby looked like a fox. Our best wishes go to this little newcomer in the home town of our Lord.

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Another announcement just received is that of the coming of Claud Davis Bowen, on March 28, to Rev. and Mrs. Claud B. Bowen, Opelika, Alabama. Mr. Bowen was formerly Educational Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board.

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While in Fort Worth recently, the Executive Assistant had the joy of seeing another little one whose coming is of interest to many of our missionary friends who knew and loved Dr. T. B. Ray, for many years Secretary of our Board. On March 10 a little daughter, Nancy Eugenia, was born to Dr. and Mrs. James E. Hemphill, of Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Hemphill was formerly Nancy Ray, daughter of the late Dr. T. B. Ray.

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News has been received of the birth of a son on April 12th to Dr. and Mrs. Shelby W. Vance. Dr. Vance is now stationed at the Oxner-Alexander Memorial Hospital in Pingtu, North China. Our congratulations and best wishes to this family.

CURRENT
CHRONICLES

Arrivals on Furlough

Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Home address: Caneyville, Kentucky.

Mrs. J. J. Cowser, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Home address: Goodman, Mississippi.

Sailings

April 1—EMPRESS OF RUSSIA—Mrs. R. E. Chambers, Shanghai, China.

April 13—S. S. SCYTHIA—Rev. and Mrs. Ben T. Griffin, Lagos, Africa.

April 29—S. S. EMPRESS OF ASIA—Rev. and Mrs. Deaver Lawton, Laichowfu, China.

Convalescing

Miss Hariette King, Glendale, California. Major operation.

Miss Florence Jones, St. Louis, Missouri. Operation.

Billy David, Cordoba, Argentina, from typhoid fever.

Margie Shumate, Sun Hing, China, from malaria.

Appointments (See page 180).

Deaths

Miss Lillie Hundley of Shanghai, China, writes that her father passed away in December.

Miss Mollie McMinn is sorrowing over the loss of her only sister on March 9.

We have also received word that on February 25, Brother William J. Hunnex, of Seattle, Washington, passed away at the age of eighty-five. While listening to the service over the radio, at the noon hour of worship, he slipped quietly away to be with his Lord. Brother Hunnex was at one time a missionary of our Board in China. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his widow in her sorrow.

A cablegram from Dr. M. T. Rankin, Secretary for the Orient, has just been received announcing the death of Dr. John Y. Lee, Executive Secretary of the China Baptist Publication Society. Dr. Lee's death occurred on April 20th after a long and severe illness. The passing of this fine Chinese Christian is a great loss to the work of Southern Baptists in China.

A second cablegram announces the death on April 16th of another outstanding Chinese Christian, K. M. Wong, principal of Pooi Ching schools in Canton and Hongkong. His going will be keenly felt in both branches of this school, as well as in the general work of Southern Baptists in South China.

Kunshan, China

W. B. Johnson is now living at Kunshan again, but Mrs. Johnson is remaining in Shanghai. It is not safe for women and children to go back to Kunshan. Mr. Johnson found the greatest need to be for medical work among the poor people. The American Red Cross gave him money to open a clinic, and more than a hundred people a day are coming for treatment. Many of these are also attending the church and Sunday school.

Shanghai, China

Helen McCullough writes:

"I am teaching at the Cantonese girls' school and am enjoying my class work a lot. I have about sixty girls in the four classes, and they are such a nice crowd. Some of them are very good, and it is lots of fun teaching them. I have eleven hours of English with them, and then have agreed to teach two periods of music at the Union Boys' School. That, with my ten hours of language study, keeps me very busy."

Pingtu, China

In January Mrs. Grace Boyd Sears wrote that it was just thirty-four years that month since God

called her to work in the Girl's School at Pingtu. "Every day have I said, 'Thank you, Father, for bringing me to this great, needy land of China; and thank you for giving me this beautiful work to do for you.'" She enclosed a picture of two of her Chinese girls for whom she thanks God daily.

Chefoo, China

"Out in the country, which has not been 'taken,' the war continues—that is, there are bombings and oftentimes the burning of villages. In spite of that, our evangelists remain faithfully at their posts. In one outstation, since it was opened up a year and a half ago with two Christians there, thirty people have been saved and added to the group of Christians. One opium addict, who had been saved and had been enabled to give up the habit, came into Chefoo recently and bought twelve Bibles and a large number of Gospels, saying that he had saved that much money and that he wanted, as an expression of thanksgiving, to buy the Bibles and Gospels which could be used in leading others to Jesus Christ."—Doris Knight.

Yangchow, China

Brother Harold Hall, who went back to China about six months ago, says:

"Baptists have a very good work in Yangchow. Two churches, three chapels, a school, and a Bible school. The two churches baptized two hundred persons last year. In all five of our places of worship, people are constantly being led to Christ."

Campinas, Brazil

Our missionaries are busy people. In a most casual way Mrs. Paul Porter writes of some of the things which fill her days:

"Besides doing the regular duties that every mother has, I am English and history teacher for my children, and also teach first year of piano to my boys now. I make

*Mrs. Grace Boyd Sears,
Nancy Bella and
Dayen Mavis*



some visits which are necessary, but instead of visiting I usually give hypodermics free of charge to my neighbors. This takes time daily, but as a rule, it seems a better opportunity for service and for preaching the Gospel than trying to visit. Hypodermics are used so much here.

"Each Sunday afternoon we continue to have Sunday school at our home. I serve as organist and teach a class of children which ranges from fifteen to thirty or more.

"We often have guests, missionaries, pastors, people who come for treatment for their eyes (for Campinas is noted for its specialists and hospitals for treatment of eye diseases), and people who come in from our Sunday schools in other towns, to attend church. My life is varied and interesting and it is a pleasure to tell the glad tidings at every turn."

Mexico

Our newest workers for Mexico, Rev. and Mrs. Walter L. Johnson, have begun the study of Spanish in Mexico City. They were fortunate in securing a most comfortable place in which to live. The house originally was a garage. It is pink with green door and window facings. The yard has a fish-pond and many beautiful flowers. It sounds most fascinating. They tell us new members are received in the church before the sermon and the offering is taken at the close. They have been to church and prayer service. The only thing familiar is the tunes of the hymns. We know they are hoping it will not be long before they can speak and understand their adopted tongue.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

"Last Sunday I baptized seven converts. It was the first time for me to baptize in Brazil. I was thrilled over the opportunity, for I have fulfilled all the duties of the church now—preached, served the Lord's supper, and baptized. The only thing left is to take a special offering for the church, so I can prove I am a Baptist." Thus writes Brother W. B. McNealy, who now signs himself as Senior, since his young son arrived. He says concerning this son, who is about six months old, "My boy can do so many different things, it seems like a tale that is being told." Maybe he takes after his father.

Ogbomosho, Nigeria

Mrs. George Green wrote us of the recent death of one of our Nigerian pastors:

"Our hearts were made very sad yesterday by the death of one of our ordained pastors. He had come to Ogbomosho to see Dr. Green and to make arrangements for another teacher for his school. He was on his way back to his town, Egbajo, when the truck ran down a hill and turned over, killing this pastor immediately. He was buried in Ogbomosho in the afternoon. Another pastor and the teacher's wife were slightly injured. Pastors are so very much needed in our work, it is hard to give any of them up. Another pastor has become totally deaf and, of course, can no longer serve his church. Well trained, consecrated pastors are our greatest need, I think, in this country."



NEW W.M.U. OFFICERS FOR ARGENTINA

Mrs. L. C. Quarles is the Southern Baptist missionary representative in the roster of newly elected officers for Woman's Missionary Union of the River Plate Association, Argentina. The list of leaders includes:

Mrs. Joseph A. Pistonesi, President; Mrs. Anna A. Cibils, Vice-president; Mrs. L. C. Quarles, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Luisa Lombardi, Secretary; Miss Martha T. Ellis, Treasurer.

FROM ATLANTA TO RIDGECREST

R. S. JONES, *Home Secretary*

This issue of THE COMMISSION carries on page 181 the program of the Foreign Mission Conference at Ridgecrest, which is to be held July 30th to August 4th.

The conference opens two days after the closing of the Baptist World Alliance, and we are able to bring a good number of the Alliance speakers to Ridgecrest to enrich our program.

Missionaries from the various countries and the following native Christians from our mission fields have accepted our invitation to speak at Ridgecrest: Rev. Samuel Vila, Spain; Rev. Bela Udvarnoki, Hungary; Rev. Luca Sezonov, Rumania; Rev. Ignazio Rivera, Italy; Rev. Honorio Espinoza, Chile; Rev. Djalma Cunha, Brazil.

It will make the hearts of Southern Baptists rejoice to hear these

men who are products of our missionary enterprise.

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, England, will speak on Sunday, July 30th at the morning worship hour.

Dr. C. Roy Angell, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, will be the vesper service speaker every evening from Sunday through Friday.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, recently appointed missionary to China, will direct the morning watch every day of the conference.

Make your plans to go from Atlanta to Ridgecrest and attend the greatest foreign mission conference ever held by Southern Baptists! Reservations may be made by writing to Mr. Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.



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Board Secretary Visits Mexico

Dr. W. C. Taylor, Secretary for Latin America, left Richmond on March 20th to join Rev. C. L. Neal, superintendent of Southern Baptist work in Mexico, for a trip into Mexican territory. They touched several places where there is Baptist work, and they also visited Southern Baptists' new recruits who are studying the language in Monterrey and Mexico City.

The final destination of the Mexican trip was Guadalajara, second largest city of the republic, where the Annual Bible Institute and the meeting of the Mexican Baptist Convention were held during the week of April 2nd. The main purpose of Dr. Taylor's visit in old Mexico was to give a series of addresses in this Bible Institute.

In writing of his travels below the Rio Grande Dr. Taylor says: "I shall ever be grateful to you for sending me to Mexico. To know the people and the work is in itself ample reward for the journey. . . . My feelings about our Mexican work are of the fullest hope and confidence. We have much to show for our sowing of other days. There are fine men in key places and a magnificent lot of new missionaries.

"The Mexican Convention has been fine, business-like, and spiritual. Twelve men and women were converted last night. There were baptisms and the ordination of three pastors in the local church. Sixty-two registered Mexican pastors and a hundred and twenty-five churches were reported."

After finishing the work in Guadalajara on Easter, Dr. Taylor crossed back over the border and went on to the Mexican Baptist Seminary in El Paso, Texas, where he delivered a series of addresses on the "Fruits of the Spirit."

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A subscription to THE COMMISSION will make an ideal graduation gift.

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." II Corinthians 4:5.

Beloved and Blessed In Youth

C. K. DJANG, *Shanghai*

I was born in the year 1911 in Chinkiang, a city of about 300,000 population. My father was then a humble minister of the city's only Baptist church, with a congregation of about three hundred members. Not all preachers' sons turn out badly; some of them turn out very well. According to *Who's Who in America*, more than sixty-five per cent of the preachers' children turn out quite well.

Mother used to tell me of the many interesting things that happened when I was a little baby. Those who have been in the Orient know that the Chinese families do not treat the boys and girls alike. For instance, if the newly born child is a boy, there will be a big feast for the members of the family to celebrate the coming of the child; but if the newcomer has the misfortune of being a girl, everybody in the family will be quiet as if nothing has happened. Another traditional expression is that the boy is worth \$10,000, while a girl is only worth \$1,000. There were three boys and three girls in my family, so according to the Chinese custom my father had \$33,000. But, instead, he told everybody that he had \$60,000, because he was a Christian and had learned to treat boys and girls alike.

My being the first-born son in the family compelled my father, under the pressure of many of his friends and relatives, to give a celebration to welcome me into the family. On the thirtieth day of my life, my father invited many of his friends and kinsmen, especially the members of his church, to our home for this "birthday feast." Many generous gifts were presented to me, and in return many boiled eggs colored red were distributed among those who attended the party. This is another Chinese custom connected with the birth of a child.

After the party was over, a dedication service, attended by many, was held in the church. At the service my father told the members of his congregation that he did not want his child to be a millionaire, a politician, a school master, or a landlord. His fervent desire and hope was that the child might feel some day to be a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to whose service he had given his own life. He further stressed the fact that he could not make the child a preacher. No one else, not even God, could force him to be a preacher, but they could pray toward that end. That night the members of his congregation went back to their respective homes with this one thought in their minds: "Let us pray for the preacher's son, that if it be the Lord's will, he may follow in the footsteps of his father and be a humble servant in the Kingdom's work in China."

Soon after my birth my parents moved to Hsia-su, a little town lying at the foot of Wu Chi mountains, which is noted especially for tea production. My earliest recollections are connected with this place. My father was then connected with the Baptist Bible School, which was located in this little industrial town. There were many young students, coming from the surrounding mission stations to prepare themselves for further service in the Kingdom. There were also living on our Compound several American missionaries and native teachers, who were my father's colleagues. We had morning watches in the school and family devotions every night. On Sundays we had Sunday school and church services. So at an early age, I had the privilege of receiving training in His Word.

I had a very wonderful grandmother. She was the first Christian convert in our family. Her conversion to Christ was almost a miracle. God blessed her wonderfully until she was taken away from us.

Before she was converted she was a Buddhist—a very devout one. The fact that she lost her husband when my father was only six years old made her a very religious woman. She felt that she must be a very sinful person; otherwise God would not have punished her by taking her husband away and leaving her with a large family for which to provide. She felt that her sins were so heavy that she needed redemption. She decided to call on Buddha, "her saviour."

She prayed every morning and every night to Buddha. Her prayers often lasted one full hour or more. She made pilgrimages to Buddhist temples regularly for fifteen years. She ate nothing but vegetables. Hoping that she would be rewarded in the next world, she gave away much of her money to support the poor, to repair roads, and to rebuild bridges. She hired many Buddhist priests to pray for her that at death her soul might be lifted to "Nirvana." Indeed she sought to secure her salvation by good works and by absolute obedience to all ceremonies, rituals, and gifts required by the Buddhist temple. But her salvation did not come to her until she realized that "there is none that doeth good, no not one" (Romans 3:12); and that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23); that many have "a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof; from such turn away" (II Timothy 3:5); and that no one can save himself or herself, for "by grace are ye saved

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through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8).

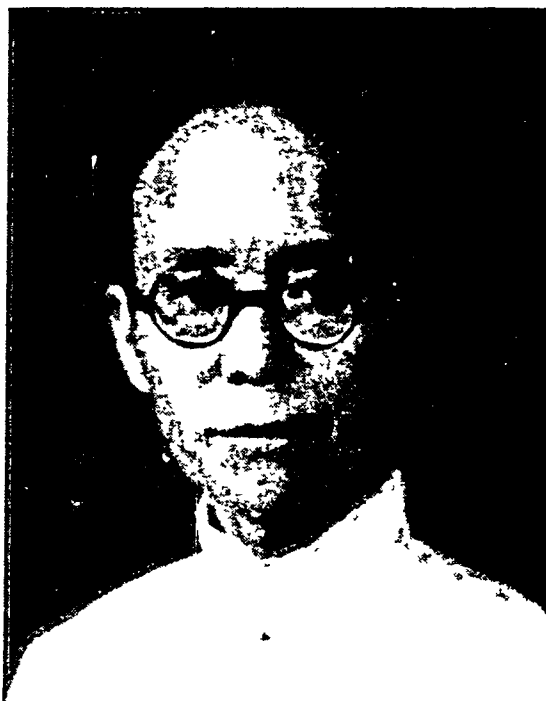
She realized all her efforts were in vain. Finally, under the ministry of a missionary from South Carolina she decided to settle her sin debt on Calvary's cross. She was baptized and became the first Christian convert in our family. As a result, her home was burned and for six years we were persecuted by members of our own family clan; so severely were we persecuted that she and her family could not live in our home town; we had to live as exiles in Shanghai, but her faith in Christ was not shaken. She realized that "whosoever shall confess me before man, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32, 33). It required courage for a woman to take a stand like that during those days. But she learned from experience that her confession while suffering had added pleasure to her soul and increased her spiritual strength and vitality.

In my childhood days I went to see her quite often. Every time I was with her, there were three things she always wanted me to do. First, she said, "Son, let us sit down and read the Bible;" next, "let us get down on our knees and pray;" and third, "you go back to the kitchen and get you two pieces of candy, no more and no less, and then go home." As a boy I enjoyed the latter part of the program much better than the first part of it. I tried to get away from reading the Bible; I tried to get away from getting down on my knees; but I never refused to take two pieces of candy, if not more, before I went home.

Grandmother was indeed a great personality. She loved her family; she was kind to her neighbors; she was devoted to Kingdom's service in China and around the world. It was she who taught me to sing the first Christian hymn, "Jesus loves me." It was she who told me that "God is love," and it was she who

asked me to memorize John 3:16.

I preached my first sermon on that text, and I am still preaching on it. I found more souls have been saved from that sermon which I have preached over and over again than from all my other sermons combined. It is indeed the greatest verse from the greatest book out of the greatest volume on the greatest subject by the greatest author for the greatest purpose in all the universe of God. It is a little Bible within itself. It is the essence of all the Bible message. It is the quintessence of all divine revelation. Grandmother is dead, but her life will always be an inspiration to my life as long as I live.



Rev. C. K. Djang's father, long time pastor at Chinkiang

This was the spiritual background of my home. I am indeed thankful for the privilege of being brought up in an ideal, happy Christian family, where I was taught that God is our Father and all human beings are brothers through the work of Jesus Christ. My home surroundings were so ideal that I never thought of the millions around me who did not know God. My associations with pagan religions were quite limited.

I publicly accepted Christ when I was eleven, and joined the Baptist

church of which my father was the pastor. On the day of my baptism Father reminded me of the dedication service which was held when I was thirty days old in the same church into which I was now being baptized. He told me that on that day, eleven years before, my parents had offered me to God and had prayed that God's will might be done with my life.

I was twelve years old when my parents had to send me away to a mission high school, which was about one hundred miles from my home town. It was my first experience of being away from home. I burst into tears when my parents went to say goodbye to me at the depot. "We shall continue to have our family worship at nine o'clock each night," Father said, "although we shall be worshiping in different places, but God is the same everywhere."

The day I entered school I found myself in a strange environment. Until that time I had been in a wonderful, happy Christian home. I had received my early education in a one-room mission school, and I was always guided by a loving mother. Although this new school was also a mission school, many students were non-Christians. (Later



Rev. C. K. Djang's mother

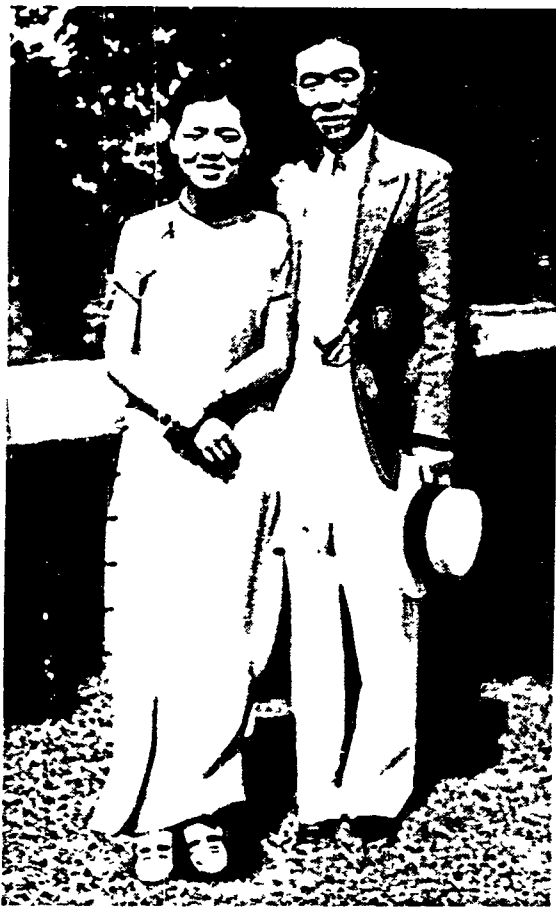
I discovered that it is one of the purposes of missionary schools to win these non-Christians to Christianity.) I felt very uncomfortable after having frequent contacts with these pagan students; their philosophy of life was so different from mine. During the first few nights I tried to continue my devotions with my family, but soon I gave it up. Every time I took up my Bible or began to get on my knees, my room-mates laughed at me and ridiculed me by saying, "Don't be hypocritical, you preacher's son." It wasn't long before everybody on the campus began to call me "pastor!" Indeed it is an honor for a person to be addressed as a pastor, but it was the *attitude* that hurt. I began to be ashamed of myself for being born and raised in a pastor's home—the very title I had previously been proud of. I was indeed very unhappy and sometimes I crept to one side to have a good cry; why I could not say. I know today what I wanted. My parched soul was crying out for the living spring of a real tender religious life.

During my last two years in high school I was debating about what my life work should be. I felt that God had a plan for my life. Indeed he had given me full happiness by raising me in a Christian home and by providing me opportunities to get scholastic training. Yet I had no courage to say "Yes, thy will be done." I had longed to consecrate my life to God's Kingdom's service, but now I had to refuse because of the hostile, antagonistic environment. Down on my knees I prayed, "God you can make me a scholar, a farmer, an artisan, a business man, or even a soldier, but don't make me a preacher!" I had said "no" to God, and I kept on saying "no" for five years. Indeed, there are things in this world which God cannot do. God cannot make one a preacher unless that one is willing to say "yes."

I am thankful that I did not find peace and joy in my life until the

day I learned to say "Here am I, send me." I am indeed grateful to one of the American missionaries who was responsible for this change in my life.

My second year in college I was invited to preach my first sermon in my father's church. Immediately I began to write out my address and to memorize it thoroughly. I



Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Djang, Shanghai

was quite confident that I could say to my father that I was a better preacher than he was. I went to the pulpit and forgot every word I had memorized. I dragged along for five minutes but had to quit. Without preparation Father had to preach for me. I was thankful for that experience. I learned that one cannot preach powerfully by merely trusting his knowledge and education. It takes more than an educated person to be a preacher. He must be fully surrendered, first! A half-surrendered life cannot have a part in the most holy task of proclaiming divine truth to a lost humanity. I humbled myself and decided to get more training.

In June, 1931, I graduated from college, and immediately following the commencement, I was invited

by the president of the University to become extension secretary of the University and concurrently secretary of the University church. I have never experienced a more practical and enjoyable three years.

I helped with the religious activities on the campus and taught a Sunday school class in addition to my regular teaching load. I had also many opportunities to preach in surrounding churches. During the summers I traveled with a number of ministerial students to preach in the interior of China.

In 1934 I was offered an opportunity to work among Baptist young people under the auspices of the China Baptist Publication Society. I had always felt that the Lord had called me to work among young people. I do not mean that work among old and middle-aged is not important, but certainly the work among young people is the most challenging. In the summer of the same year I was married to Lily Hoo Chuin Chow, whose father was the head deacon of the church of which my father was one time the pastor. So the pastor's son married a deacon's daughter, which is a very good combination. I am indeed thankful to God who has given me full happiness. He has given me a happy family and many true and warm friends. Now He has given me a beloved wife, who is the guardian angel of my spirit and guide in the true Christian life. The fact that she is interested in church music will greatly help my future ministry in China.

In the fall of 1935 the way was open for us to come to America to receive further training. We could see very definitely the Lord's leadership in opening the door for us to come. During the past three years we have thoroughly enjoyed our sojourn in America and our studies in seminaries, colleges, and universities. Although we have not been supported by any church or mission board, God has cared for us in a wonderful way.

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

Believers and Builders in Europe

By EMMA PARKER MADDRY

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Pictures of William Carey, Adoniram Judson, and wall mottoes of famous sayings of these two pioneer missionaries.*

Pictures of missionaries now on European mission fields. (See "Album of Southern Baptist Foreign Missionaries.")*

Flags of Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia, United States, and the Christian flag. (Give in one class period the pledge of allegiance of each nation to its flag and its country. Salute American and Christian flags.)*

Maps of European fields. Locate Southern Baptist stations and Baptist centers.*

Posters made of Kodak pictures of Southern Baptists' mission work in Europe.†

Wall poster sheet of Southern Baptists in Europe.†

Dolls and other curios from Europe.†

Europe and the Gospel and Europe: Christ or Chaos—Revised—By Everett Gill.

Colored European post cards for place cards for mission study suppers and banquets.†

Free Rainbow Tract, "Southern Baptists in Europe."†

Motion pictures of Southern Baptists' mission work in Europe.† Use in connection with prayer meeting or regular preaching service.

THE COMMISSION, the denomination's foreign mission journal.†

The three periodicals of the W.M.U. (1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama.)

Travel Magazines, such as: *Asia, Travel, National Geographic.*

Victrola Records of national anthems and fold songs of Spain, Italy, Hungary, Rumania, and Yugoslavia.

Penny Prints of famous Italian paintings. (Perry Picture Co., Malden, Mass.)

Italian Novelty Pins.†

*State Baptist Book Store serving your State.

†Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

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Modern Macedonia by Earl Hester Trutza—50¢.

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Petrica of Rumania by Emma Williams Gill—35¢.

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Compiled by Roland Q. Leavell
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evangelistic zeal and success. Some of them are pastors; some are denominational secretaries; and some are presidents of theological seminaries. Some of them are yet in the enthusiastic vigor of young manhood; some are in the sure strength of middle life; and some are in golden days of full maturity in the ministry. Their places of ministry are scattered along the Atlantic seaboard, throughout the deep South, and into the far western area of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Whatever their station or age or field may be, they are one in hope and in doctrine. Their doctrine is the doctrine of the manifold grace of God in Christ Jesus; their hope is for the coming of the kingdom of God, when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

This book of choice sermons will find favor not only with preachers, but also with the layman. Youth will add it to the sermon shelf of their libraries. I.G.C.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 1

INTERPRETERS FOR GOD

From God's Word: John 10:1-5.

Today's Verse: John 10:5.

Today's Birthday: Olive Riddell, Kweiteh, China.

Today's Thought: After a guest had spoken to the congregation of the Kweiteh Baptist Church, a very old woman who had been a Christian only a short time came to Miss Olive Riddell and dropping upon her knees hugged and caressed the missionary's feet: "Oh! Thank you! Thank you for telling me what the stranger said. If it had not been for you, I couldn't have understood a word." Miss Riddell had interpreted for the guest speaker.

This simple incident is a paradox of the fact that many beauty-loving Chinese feel the wooing spirit of God in every sunset and every lovely tree, but without the interpreting voice of the missionary they can never understand that this still, small voice is the voice of the Creator of the wonders that they behold—even Jehovah, God of love.

Today's Prayer: "Speak unto the Father, for He hears, and spirit with Spirit can meet, closer is He than breathing and nearer than hands or feet." Our Father, we do thank Thee for Olive Riddell and her faithful, loving voice always telling of Thee. Comfort her in the loneliness of having lost every earthly possession recently during the war, and supply her needs. May she not want for things that we here in America can so easily send her. Amen.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 2

REFUGEE CAMPS ARE REVIVAL CENTERS

From God's Word: John 15:4-5.

Today's Verse: Phil. 4:19.

Yesterday's Birthday: Mrs. Wesley W. Lawton, Jr. (Muriel Ramsey), Kaifeng, China.

Today's Thought: From Baby Inabelle Lawton's diary written by her mother, we read: "All the churches in town seem to be holding revival meetings. There is a wonderful turning to God by thousands and thousands of people now. Dr. H., who has been here forty years, says that he has never seen anything like it. Five hundred really born-again persons have been baptized into our Kaifeng churches this year, and many

hundreds more hope to be baptized soon. . . . While these hearts are hungry and open to Christ, we must all work hard to bring the harvest in." Four thousand refugees on the compound; thousands more in the flood-refugee camp over in the city; and more yet over at the Good Will Center; calls from all of the country churches, most of which were in the wake of the Yellow River's rampage; the laymen's training school in Kaifeng; and scores of personal calls and problems of individuals make life for Muriel and Wesley Lawton busy and strenuous, but glorious, for they know the secret of abiding in Him and letting His spirit abide in them, giving them a calm and poise, a strength and endurance, a gentleness and wisdom that come only from God.

Today's Prayer: Our Father, we praise Thee that Thou art a God who can supply all our needs according to Thy riches in glory by Christ Jesus. We pray for our birthday missionary today. Wilt Thou supply all her needs, and all the needs of her husband and baby girl today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 3

MISSIONARY CHILDREN

From God's Word: Proverbs 20:9-12.

Today's Verse: Proverbs 20:11.

Today's Birthday: Rev. F. T. N. Woodward, Canton, China.

Today's Thought: A visitor to the mission fields always is impressed by the conduct and attitude of the missionaries' children. Dr. Woodward and his wife have established in the hearts of their three lovely little girls such a wholesome, beautiful attitude toward God and the Chinese, that they are truly missionaries in the most natural, practical ways. Speaking Chinese as well or better than their Chinese playmates, they often hold a service, preaching and teaching the Gospel. Frequently they hold a crowd for hours while they tell Bible stories, and often they explain personally to some playmate the Way to Jesus.

Today's Prayer: Psalm 19:14 and silent prayers.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 4

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

From God's Word: II Corinthians 5:14-18.

Today's Verse: II Corinthians 5:17.

Today's Birthday: Mrs. W. Q. Maer (Bertha Tooms), Casilla 185, Temuco, Chile.

Today's Thought: In a village in Chile there lived a rich and powerful man who was bitterly opposed to the Protestant missionaries and their teaching. He forbade his family ever attending their services. His daughter had married a "believer" and the father, in his rage, vowed he would kill her if ever he saw her.

One day he picked up a copy of the New Testament and became absorbed in reading it. Day after day he read and reread the Gospels. He then offered to build a Protestant chapel in the village and asked that a pastor be provided. On the day of the opening he and the daughter met in the chapel. All his anger and hatred had vanished, and together they worship their Saviour.

Today's Prayer: We ask Thy blessing, O God, upon Mrs. Maer and all others who are trying to give Thy word to the peoples of the world. Amen.

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MONDAY, JUNE 5

WHY SEND MISSIONARIES TO CATHOLIC COUNTRIES?

From God's Word: I John 5.

Today's Verse: I John 5:21.

Today's Birthday: Mrs. Wm. Dewey Moore (Alice Speiden), 93 Via Boncompagni, Rome, Italy; Miss Esther Olsen, Ogbomosho, Nigeria, Africa.

Today's Thought: "Why do we send missionaries to the Catholic countries?" This is a frequent question. Alice Moore gladly answers this query with scores of illustrative proofs. She takes us to St. Peters and lets us watch the throngs kneel before the image of St. Peter, kiss his toe and pass on, hoping for a blessing therefrom; she takes us to the sacred stairs up which Martin Luther once started to climb, and we watch the yearning faces of the multitude climbing yet, some pausing to kiss each step; she takes us to the Church of the Friars Minor in Ara Coeli on the Capitoline Hill, where we behold the sacred bambino of wood bedecked with precious stones and jewels, gifts from every corner of the world—offerings from yearning hearts, seeking God and His blessings; she takes us to numerous churches where women and children

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kneel for hours before images of Mary and images of saints—they pray to these, believing that through some mysterious way, their prayers may reach God's ears; she shows us countless priests whose dissipated faces peer out of confessional booths before which sad people kneel and whisper their sins, pay off their errors, and purchase indulgences that they may go out to sin some more without having to confess. A few such facts convince us as never before that no pagan people can need missionaries of the true God more than the papal peoples of the world.

Today's Prayer: Our Father, teach us how to pray, remembering that Jesus called us His *friends*. Today may we be so conscious of Thy indwelling spirit that all our thoughts may be pure and our motives noble. Whatsoever things are lovely and of good report, we would think on these things. And may this blessing be our missionaries' today, also, for we ask it in His name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION

From God's Word: Hebrews 13:18-21.

Today's Verse: John 9:4.

Today's Birthday: Dr. H. Glenn Walker, Ogbomoshosho, Nigeria, Africa.

Today's Thought: When a great pioneer missionary went to a tribe of black people he found them indolent and lazy. Winning their love and respect he toiled hard with his hands. Soon they recognized the value of honest, faithful toil, and before long they became known as an industrious and dependable tribe.

Even so today, Dr. H. Glenn Walker, among the people of Nigeria is showing the value of faithful toil, as he ministers day and night to the sick and suffering. But he is toiling far beyond his strength. He must have help. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth another doctor into that great harvest-field.

Today's Prayer: Our Father, we pray that Thou wilt give to Dr. Walker strength for his heavy task, and that Thou wilt put into the heart of some Christian physician to go and help in the great work of healing people's bodies and helping them to find the great Physician. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

THE ST PLUS ABILITY

From God's Word: I Chronicles 16:23-36.

Today's Verse: I Chronicles 16:30.

Today's Birthday: Mrs. Hugh P. McCormick (Mary Reeks), Ogbomoshosho,

Nigeria, Africa; Mrs. W. H. H. Congdon (Esther E. Bassett), Iwo, Nigeria, Africa.

Today's Thought: When we think of these two splendid women missionaries celebrating their birthday in Africa today, we are reminded of another woman, Mary Slessor, who went as a torch-bearer to Africa in 1870. One day some of her friends were appraising her ability, and one of them said: "But her ability would never have made her the missionary she is, had she not let God add the *st*."

Indeed, ability is a treasured gift for which everyone should be grateful, but to let God add the *st—st-ability*—is to let God fulfill His purpose and dream.

Today's Prayer:

"O God,—That thou didst dream for me 'Tis *that my* dream must mate with Thine,

My word, *my* life must be divine; I must be conscious through and through

To make Thy dream come true."

—Morgan.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

ACCEPTING THE GOOD SHEPHERD

From God's Word: Matthew 18:12-14.

Today's Verse: John 10:11.

Today's Birthday: Mrs. L. Raymon Brothers (Leola Smith), Ogbomoshosho, Nigeria, Africa.

Today's Thought: A Christian missionary was talking to a group of women in an African village. At the outer edge of the circle sat a woman whose face told of sadness and despair. Eagerly she listened to the story of the Good Shepherd. Earnestly she asked, "Could that Shepherd care for one so poor and unfortunate as I?" As she told of her unhappy life with a drunken husband the missionary helped her to find the path of joy. She became a radiant Christian who led her two sons and her daughter to Christ, and finally won the husband himself for Jesus. Today their hut is a real home where Jesus and joy abide.

Today's Prayer: Dear Jesus, we ask Thy blessing upon Mrs. Brothers and upon all others who are doing evangelistic work for Thee. Help us, that we too may be evangelists for Thee. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

BUILDERS FOR ETERNITY

From God's Word: Romans 14:7-12.

Today's Verse: Romans 14:12.

Today's Birthday: We can make it the birthday of new and nobler ideals within our own hearts.

Today's Thought:

"Isn't it strange that nobles and kings
And paupers and clowns in sawdust rings,

And every day people like you and me
Are builders all for eternity?

To each is given the needed tools
A span of life and a Book of rules,
And each must fashion, ere life is flown
A stumbling-block or a stepping stone."

—Unidentified.

Today's Prayer: Eternal Spirit, for the gift of life we thank Thee. May we invest that gift worthily and thus bring glory to Thy name. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

MY SLOGAN

From God's Word: Psalm 19:14.

Today's Verse: Proverbs 3:6.

Today's Birthday: Rev. L. E. Blackman, of China, working for a while with Dr. C. J. McDonald, Baptist Mission, Honolulu, T. H., and Mrs. J. H. Ware (Mary Long), Shanghai, China.

Today's Thought: Almost every great Christian has some slogan that stood him in good stead in his youth. Southern Baptists' first woman missionary to China tested her childhood behavior with the question: "Will it please Jesus?" She never gave up this touchstone. In China she often whispered that question to her heart.

Today's Prayer: Talk over other creeds and slogans; scripture guides, as Phil. 4:13; Prov. 3:6; silent prayer making today the birthday of a slogan for our hearts.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

THE ANGEL OF THE COLONY

From God's Word: Luke 17:12-19.

Today's Verse: Revelation 2:10 (last part).

Today's Birthday: Rev. John Lake, Box 613, Georgetown, Ky.
Rev. Lewis M. Bratcher, Caixa 2844, Rio de Janeiro, South Brazil.

Today's Thought: In a Christian orphanage there was a little girl, exceptionally bright and very musical. She became an earnest Christian. One day, as she grew to womanhood, it was discovered that she had the dreaded disease, leprosy. When told that she must leave the home that she loved and spend the rest of her life among diseased people in a leper

colony, she felt that she could not bear it. But after much prayer she went forth bravely for the Leper Home. There she set to work to witness for Jesus among those wretched sufferers. Happy and helpful she goes about serving others, and all call her "the angel of the colony."

Today's Prayer: Our heavenly Father, for Dr. Lake's long life of beautiful service to the lepers of China we give Thee thanks, and we pray that Thy richest blessing may be upon him as he continues his service to Thee here in the homeland. Amen.

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MONDAY, JUNE 12

ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

From God's Word: Psalm I.

Today's Verse: Let everyone choose his favorite verse.

Today's Birthday: Rev. Thomas B. Stover, Caixa 352, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Mrs. M. G. White (Kate Cox), Caixa 184, Bahia, Brazil.

Today's Thought: Kate Cox White looked about her in Brazil and saw scores of unenlisted, cultured, charming women of high social and political standing. She yearned for God to have their fine talents and influence. In prayer she found the answer to her heart's yearning. To a cooking school and China painting class she invited these women. Eagerly they came. Enthusiastically they learned to bake light, Southern biscuits and delicious chocolate cakes. Approvingly the husbands told their friends who sent their wives to the missionary's cooking school. The school has grown until a new building was necessary.

And never does Kate Cox White teach a recipe from her cook book without also teaching a recipe from God's Word. She believes that there is some kind of an approach for God to every individual in the world.

Today's Prayer:

Happy is the child
Who follows the voice within his heart
And stands sincerely for all things
good,
Who stoops not to disloyal thought
But delights in the purposes of God,
And thinks on them alone—both day
and night—
For he is like a tender tree planted
beside a river
Which buds and blossoms when the
seasons come
Whose leaves turn upward reaching out
And all he does shall live. Amen.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 13

HOLINESS IN COMMON THINGS

From God's Word: Psalm 139:1-12.

Today's Verse: Genesis 28:16b.

Today's Birthday: Though no name appears on the Birthday Calendar, this may be the birthday in our own hearts of a new revelation of God's presence and a deepened consecration to His will.

Today's Thought: Spirit of Christ, consecrate the scenes amidst which I move. Reveal to me the holiness of common things. Teach me the sacredness of what I call secular. Tell me that Thy voice speaks to me through the heart of my brother man. . . . My whole life shall be a sacrament when Thou shalt meet me alike in the crowd or in solitude.

Today's Prayer: Help me, O God, to recognize Thee in all the affairs of my daily life, and make me strong to do Thy will. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

BEFORE THE LORD, WE KNEEL

From God's Word: Psalm 95:1-11.

Today's Verse: Psalm 95:6.

Today's Birthday: Rev. W. Q. Maer, Casilla 185, Temuco, Chile.

Today's Thought: Not before images of the Virgin or the saints, but before the Lord Himself, we are bidden to kneel. Yet thousands still in the darkness of superstition are bowing before images, paying vast sums to human intercessors, climbing rugged stairways on their knees, hoping thus to find the God who is at this moment earnestly bidding them to come to Him and find peace.

Today's Prayer: Earnestly we pray for Thy blessing upon Mr. Maer and all others who are seeking to lead longing souls away from superstition and ignorance into the knowledge of God. Amen.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 15

EVERY DAY TALENTS

From God's Word: Ephesians 4:25-32.

Today's Verse: Ephesians 4:32.

Today's Birthday: Mrs. I. V. Larson (Edith Drotts), Tsingtao, Shantung, North China.

Today's Thought: From China there have come to this country beautiful pictures made of spun iron—lovely flowers made of strands of melted metal. It is said that the man who first manufactured these iron flowers was a blacksmith who had long deplored the fact that he was unable to paint beautiful pictures with which to delight his fellowmen. Then,

one night, he had a dream in which a voice said to him, "If thou would'st help to make the world beautiful and glad, use those things which thou dost have at hand." The next morning he set to work. Day after day his skill developed until soon his work won high favor, and a new art was introduced in China.

Today's Prayer: Our Father, we thank Thee for Mrs. Larson and all other missionaries who are using their talents for Thee. Help us, that we too may develop and use for Thee, the abilities which Thou hast given to us. Amen.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 16

THE WARMTH OF GLOWING LOVE

From God's Word: I John 4:7-15.

Today's Verse: I John 4:11.

Today's Birthday: A date without a name! A challenge to make the day the birthday of some noble attitude. It will mean much to Christ's kingdom if we make today the birthday of a Christ-like love for humanity.

Today's Thought: An old story tells of a cruel iceberg that was a constant menace to ships. "We'll wash it away," said the waves as they dashed roughly against it. But they froze to its sides and made it all the bigger. "I'll blow it to pieces," vowed the North wind as it tossed the spray upon the iceberg and made it more of a menace. Then the sun and the gulf stream offered their services. While the rays of the sun poured themselves upon the cold, hard iceberg, the gulf stream wrapped itself about it in friendly warmth, and soon the menace had become a part of the warm and kindly gulf stream.

Today's Prayer: Lord, fill us with a Christlike love for Thee and for all Thy worldly family. Amen.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 17

GOD OF THE HARVEST

From God's Word: John 4:34, 35.

Today's Verse: John 4:35.

Today's Birthday: Mrs. John L. Bice (Blanche Hamm), Maceio, North Brazil; Mrs. F. P. Lide (Bettie Stephens), Hwanghsien, Shantung, North China.

Today's Thought:

O still in accents clear and strong
Sounds forth the ancient Word:
More reapers for white harvest fields,
More laborers for the Lord.
We hear Thy call. Grant that no more
In selfish ease we lie
But, girded for our Father's work,
Go forth, beneath His sky.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Today's Prayer: God of the harvest, bless and strengthen Thy workers in the far-away fields. Awaken in our hearts, we pray, a deeper desire to serve Thee. Amen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

SECOND GENERATION MISSIONARIES

From God's Word: Proverbs 25:9-13.

Today's Verse: Proverbs 25:11.

Today's Birthday: Miss F. Catharine Bryan, 905 W. 5th St., Los Angeles, Cal.; Rev. Carroll Owens Gillis, Mozart 366, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Today's Thought: Of Southern Baptists' 437 active missionaries overseas, twenty-six are sons and daughters of missionaries. Acquainted with the foreign language and familiar with the people and their customs, these second-generation missionaries have many advantages over other missionaries. F. Catharine Bryan's versatility has extended into authorship of recognition. In the preface to that excellent biography of R. T. Bryan, entitled *His Golden Cycle*, F. Catharine Bryan writes: "If this history of my missionary father's fifty years' official connection with our Foreign Mission Board, of his efforts at interpreting the China situation to the churches of the Southland in America, of his intimate personal relations to the mission field of old Cathay through a golden cycle of years—if all these can in any way quicken the interest of God's people in foreign missions, therein will be the richest reward for the heart of his missionary daughter."

These few sentences express the spirit of this daughter-missionary, now serving in Nanking, China.

Today's Prayer: Chain of sentence prayers.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

WHAT I HAVE SEEN

From God's Word: Psalm 86:8-12.

Today's Verse: Isaiah 6:8.

Today's Birthday: Rev. A. C. Donath, c/o Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

Today's Thought: On the platform of a large hall in England, stood a missionary. In the audience among many hundreds of people sat a young fellow named David. Earnestly the missionary's words rang out, "I have sometimes seen in the morning sun the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been." David could almost see those Christless villages and in his heart nobly vowed, "I am going to let God use me in Africa." And David Living-

stone gave his life to God and the people of the Dark Continent.

Today's Prayer: Dear God, help us to see the needs in the world about us. Help us to say in our hearts as did Livingstone and A. C. Donath, "Here am I, send me."

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

THE SONG OF A FLUTE

From God's Word: { Daniel 3:4-5.
Psalm 150.

Today's Verse: Psalm 150:3.

Today's Birthday: W. Maxfield Garrott, Baptist Seminary, Fukuoka, Japan; Miss Harriette King, Pochow, China; Mrs. Harley Smith (Alice Bagby), Caixa 118, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Today's Thought: Soon after Max Garrott arrived in Japan five years ago, he wrote home: "I went over to one of the kindergartens and good will centers today. I wanted so much to tell the children that God loves them, but of course all the Japanese I know is merely *good morning, how are you?* and the like. So, I let my flute tell them that I love them, and I think they understood. Their smiles told me that they did."

Truly the language of a smile, the message of music, the appeal of a tear, the cry of a baby, and the throb of a heart for God, are international languages, universally expressed and understood.

Today's Prayer: Our Father, we thank Thee that the language of the heart is the same to the ends of the earth. May our hearts so overflow with love that every contact may draw others closer to Thee! And may the music of the life of Dr. Garrott bless Japan! Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

IN HIS NAME

From God's Word: Matthew 25:31-45.

Today's Verse: Matthew 25:40.

Today's Birthday: Dr. Arthur S. Gillespie, Kaifeng, China.

Today's Thought: In the annual report from Dr. Gillespie's Chinese home town we read: "How grateful are the Lord's children here in Kaifeng to have a small share in relieving hunger and suffering. During the occupation over 15,000 refugees crowded into ten Christian centers. . . . A continual revival went on for three months. . . . In the spring thousands of fleeing refugees and wounded soldiers passing through offered an opportunity of service which the Christians sought to meet. A large mat shed was erected near the station where those in transit could be taken care of

for a day or two. Many a bowl of hot millet soup was given in the Master's name, and thousands of tracts were distributed."

A cup of cold water in His Name! A bowl of hot soup in His Name! A prayer in His Name! The story of God's love told in His Name! And hundreds have been saved because when they were hungry the missionaries fed them. Truly the Master must repeat over and over to His own in Kaifeng, "Inasmuch. . . ."

Today's Prayer: Sing softly "Living for Jesus."

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

WHAT COLOR INSIGNIA!

From God's Word: Matthew 5:1-16.

Today's Verse: Matthew 5:7.

Today's Anniversary: Let us make today the birthday of our insignia.

Today's Thought: When the last act in the dreadful Crimean War was over, a cry of thanksgiving rose all through the empire to the woman who still remained at her post among the sick and dying—the woman who had saved countless lives. As a token of her heartfelt gratitude Queen Victoria presented Florence Nightingale with a jeweled ornament of great beauty. It was a cross of ruby-red enamel on a white field encircled by a black band on which was inscribed a golden legend: "Blessed are the merciful."—Weddell.

That pin has become the pattern for the Red Cross pin—the insignia of that host of young women who have followed in Florence Nightingale's steps of service. Red, white, black, and gold symbolizing *mercy, service, patient endurance, and Christ-like love.*

What insignia does the color-guard of our souls hold high for our heart's salute of loyalty?

Today's Prayer: Phil. 4:6-8; and silent prayer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

WHO IS A SAINT?

From God's Word: Philippians 4:4-7.

Today's Verse: Philippians 4:6.

Today's Birthday: Let us make it the birthday of unfailing hope and cheer.

Today's Thought: Often we forget to look upon cheer as a Christian's duty. "Be of good cheer," said our Lord to His closest friends. "Let not your heart be troubled" was His admonition to them and to us. And yet we dare to give place to discouragement and gloom. For this sin against God, the psalmist gives us a remedy. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul?" he asks, and then suggests the

never failing cure, "Hope thou in God."
A child, seeing the figures in the stained glass windows of a church, asked who the different ones were. He was told that one was Saint Peter, another Saint John, a third was Saint Paul. When asked later, in school, to define a saint, the boy recalled those windows through which the sunlight had streamed, and he wrote, "A saint is a person who lets the light shine through."

Today's Prayer: Father, teach us the beauty and the duty of cheerfulness. Grant that the great "Light of the World" may shine through our lives. Amen.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 24

THEY CALL HER BLESSED

From God's Word: Proverbs 31:10-31.

Today's Verse: Proverbs 31:28.

Today's Birthday: Mrs. W. H. Sears (Grace Boyd), Pingtu, China.

Today's Thought: (See page 197).

Today's Prayer: Sing softly "Near the Cross."

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SUNDAY, JUNE 25

LOVE TESTED

From God's Word: Psalm 145:1-9.

Today's Verse: Psalm 145:9.

Today's Birthday: A day for a new song of praise, whose echo shall resound through our lives.

Today's Thought: A young girl in a Christian school in the Orient developed leprosy. The doctor and teachers dreaded to tell her of her fate, lest she become bitter toward God and her newly found Saviour. At first the student seemed heart-broken, but while the Christian teacher was wondering if the young girl would remain loyal to Jesus in spite of the fact that she must go away from all her friends and loved ones, she saw her on her knees, and heard her whisper,

"If ever I loved Thee
My Jesus, 'tis now."

Today's Prayer: God make us noble enough to praise Thee in our times of sorrow, as well as when joys abound. Amen.

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MONDAY, JUNE 26

WITNESSING YET

From God's Word: II Timothy 4:1-8.

Today's Verse: II Timothy 4:7.

Today's Birthday: Dr. Charles A. Leonard, Box 32, Harbin, Manchukuo; Rev. S. J. Townshend,

"Honan," Carter's Corner, Hailsham, Sussex, England.

Today's Thought: As we write the present address of this emeritus missionary who gave thirty-two years to China, we see his love for China enshrined on every letter he writes and on all the mail he receives. "Honan" is the name of the province in which Dr. and Mrs. Townshend worked in China. At evening-time of life they still would call the attention of the world to Honan and Honan's lost millions.

Today's Prayer: We praise Thee for the courageous, good fight against sin that our missionaries are fighting daily. And now for Dr. Townshend at the evening-time of life, we pray the prayer that God told Moses to pray: "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and give thee peace." Amen.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 27

ONE SHEET OF PAPER

From God's Word: Psalm 119:97-104.

Today's Verse: Psalm 119:130.

Today's Birthday: Mrs. O. P. Maddox (Effie Roe), Rua Pousa Alegre 602, Bello Horizonte, South Brazil.

Today's Thought: It was a windy day in Brazil. Along the street walked a man who had long been an enemy of Protestant missionaries. In the darkness of superstition he had been giving of his wealth to pay the priests for prayers and for forgiveness. That day a sudden gust caught a leaflet that lay on the missionary's window-sill. Across the street it blew, dropping at the feet of the rich Brazilian. Slipping it into his pocket the man took it home. Later he began to read it. It was a copy of Paul's letter to Timothy and, reaching verse five of chapter two the man read with amazement the words, "There is one God, one mediator also between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus. . . . I speak the truth, I lie not."

Impressed by the sincerity of the message, the man sought out the missionary, listened eagerly, and was led to accept Jesus as Saviour and Mediator and Lord.

Today's Prayer: Heavenly Father, bless and help Mrs. Maddox and all others who are endeavoring to break the darkness of superstition and ignorance. Help them to open Thy Word and give Thy Light. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

FAITHFULNESS

From God's Word: Acts 10:34-43.

Today's Verse: Acts 10:38.

Today's Birthday: Ruth Walden, 411 W. 13th Street, Norfolk, Va. (Returning to Africa in June.)

Today's Thought: Last year Ruth Walden's Y.W.A. Girls' School at Abeokuta gave out of their pittance enough to support an aged old lady who lived not very far away. Deserted by her only son because she had accepted Christ, she had no support except this personal service of these Christian girls. One evening messengers came and gave the uncertain news that the old lady was probably dead.

Quickly the missionary and several of the Y.W.A.'s went to the humble little mud hut. Entering the little dark room, they found the old woman lying on the cold dirt floor. There was no evidence of life.

Quick action from the girls brought blankets, heated bricks, and warm oil with which the missionary rubbed the cold body. After a while she groaned, and Ruth could feel a light heartbeat. Such tender care and love made a tremendous impression on all in that vicinity.

The old lady's son, hearing the story of the restoration of his mother to life, came to her, begged forgiveness, and took her to live in his own house. With his own hands he cared for her, and while he held her in his arms in an effort to alleviate her pain, he listened to her tell him of God and of how to be saved.

He is a man of importance and influence. His salvation will mean the winning of scores of others whom the young missionary could never see nor touch directly with the story of God's love.

Today's Prayer: Sing softly "Follow the Gleam" and silent prayer.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 29

FAITHFULNESS IN LITTLE THINGS

From God's Word: Mark 2:1-12.

Today's Verse: John 20:21.

Today's Birthday: Though no name appears on our calendar, today is undoubtedly the birthday of many humble, Christian workers whose names, unknown to us, are a source of joy to God.

Today's Thought: Four men whose names we do not know, united in their effort to bring a sick friend to Jesus. One boy, whose name we do not know, helped the Master to feed a hungry host. One man whose name we are not told, loaned to Jesus the colt on which the Prince of Peace entered Jerusalem. And thus adown the ages, unnamed helpers

in many lands have served the Lord.

"Master, where shall I work?' I asked,
And my love flowed warm and free.
Then he pointed out a humble spot,
And said, 'Tend that for me.'
I answered quickly, 'Oh, not there!
Why, no one would ever see,
No matter how well I did my work,
Not that little place for me.'
He answered me tenderly,
'Oh, my child, search now that heart
of thine;
Art thou working for them or Me?'"

Today's Prayer: Our Lord, we ask Thee to make us big enough and great enough to be willing to perform the humble tasks of every day for Thee. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

EVALUATIONS AND APPRAISALS

From God's Word: Luke 12:22-34.

Today's Verse: Luke 12:34.

Today's Birthday: Mrs. P. H. Hamlett
(Lettie Spainhour), 109 So. Anderson
St., Morganton, N. C.

Today's Thought: The other day when Mrs. Hamlett was in the Foreign Mission Board offices, she was reading letters portraying the war destruction in Central China. Suddenly she exclaimed: "But what does it matter if every one of our earthly possessions is destroyed? All that really matters is that we be allowed to

return as soon as possible that we may serve and win for our Master. When I think of the needs and opportunities, I can scarcely wait to go."

Today's Prayer:

To every man there openeth
A way, and ways, and a way,
And the high soul climbs the high way,
And the low soul gropes the low;
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A high way and a low,
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go.

—John Oxenham.

Silent prayer. . . .

BELOVED AND BLESSED IN YOUTH

(Continued from page 201)

Since my coming to America, both my father and mother have been taken to be with the Lord. I am thankful to God that they have been spared the horrors of war. They had labored faithfully for the Kingdom for thirty-five years, and now it is time for them to rest. But their work was by no means completed; it is now time for me, their first-born son, to return to my homeland to carry on the work which they have begun. Indeed I should not let any physical suffering or tribulation discourage me, for "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31).

With mind and heart in fellowship with God, I repeat every day: "I thank Thee, Father in Heaven, that so wonderfully Thou hast led my steps to Thee. I thank Thee that Thou hast planted peace and joy in my heart; that in spite of all suffering and tribulation, I am able to see hope and confidence in the eyes of my Master. I thank Thee for all these years of preparation in America that will help me to proclaim the Gospel of Thy Son and lead yearning souls to Him in my native land."

Blessed be my God who has accepted me! Blessed be the Church which led me to Him!

GLIMPSES OF NEW RECRUITS

(Continued from page 191)

of the Camp I felt a vital and definite call from God for service in a foreign country.

I then prepared to go to college, and in 1934 I was graduated from Carson-Newman College with a B.A. degree.

For three years I taught school in the city of Knoxville. The summer of 1936 I did some graduate work in English in the University of Tennessee. During my three years of teaching, I also did active Christian work in Knoxville and Knox County.

Although I enjoyed teaching, there was still in my heart a longing and unrest, a realization that God was calling me to go on. During the year 1937-38 I attended the Woman's Missionary Training School in Louisville, Kentucky. There I renewed an old friendship of college days with Roy F. Starmer.

Feeling that God was leading us, we unitedly dedicated our lives for His service wherever He led.

We were married October 8, 1938, in the First Baptist Church, of Richmond, Virginia, by Dr. Theodore F. Adams. We were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board on October 12, 1938, to teach in the Seminary and Training School in Bucharest, Rumania.

KINGDOM FACTS AND FACTORS

(Continued from page 185)

with the extensive series of Catholic-Protestant-Jewish conferences and mass convocations. Spain now offers a field for proving the genuineness of the Roman Church's interest in religious freedom. Spain is preponderantly Catholic in religion. Franco is a devoted son and servant of the Church. Under the Loyalist government our Baptist people in Spain had all the freedom consistent with the conditions of war. Will they be allowed now "to worship God according to the dictates of their consciences," or will they be suppressed and hindered, or even prohibited, according to the historic practice of the Roman Church? It will be most pleasing if Spain shall demonstrate a change of heart in the Church. Franco will do the will of the Vatican.

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There are many possibilities for service in this suggestion. All sorts of gadgets are required in missionary work for touring, or for

schools, or for medical work. Fellow Scouts and Rovers in other countries are all eager to get to know more about one another's country and to collect things from each other. A crew log book of snaps, news cuttings, and letters from missionaries and Scouts and Rovers in Congo, (Nigeria), India, China, (South America), and Ceylon could be started right now, and at the end of 1939 the crew will have another definite addition to its varied interests and activities.

What about having a chat about this at your next meeting? Have a shot at inviting a visiting missionary and find what possibilities there are for learning more first hand details about other countries and further questing in the ideal of service.—*The Quest*—London.

THE SPIRIT OF NEESIMA STILL LIVES

Night still held day in bondage as some 300 students, mostly men, climbed to the grave of that great Christian of Japan, Joseph Hardy Neesima, founder of the Doshisha, Kyoto, Japan. Among these Japanese students was a girl who acted as chairman of the ceremony, a thing which seldom happens in Japan. Dean Kyoji Tominomori of the faculty of Doshisha spoke of Doshisha as "the body of Neesima," the institution or means by which the "brave, bold, pioneering spirit of Neesima was to be made to live on in Japan."—*The Missionary Herald*, Boston.

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