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THE COVER, *Behold I Send You Forth*, by the English artist, Margaret W. Tarrant, is THE COMMISSION's missionary challenge to the boys and girls to answer Christ's call: "Go ye—"



Living Monuments

*Who builds in boys and girls builds lastingly in truth,
And vanished hands are multiplied in power.
The sounds of living voices, hour by hour,
Speak forth His message with the lips of youth.*

*Here, in the home of hope, whose doors are love,
To shape young souls in images of right,
To train frail twigs straight upward toward the light;
Such work as this, God measures from above.*

*And faring forth, triumphant, with the dawn—
Each fresh young soul a missionary for weal—
Forward they carry, as a shield, the seal
Of His example. So His work goes on.*

*Granite may crumble, wind and wave destroy,
Urn, shaft, or word may perish or decay;
But this shall last forever and a day—
His living, loving monument—a girl, a boy.*

—UNIDENTIFIED.

OPPORTUNITY

*In hearts too young for enmity
There lies the way to make men free.
When children's interests are world-wide,
New ages will be glorified.
Let child love child, and strife will cease;
Disarm the heart, for that is peace.*



*An angel paused in his onward flight
With a seed of love and truth and light,
And he said, "Oh where should this seed be sown
To bear most fruit when it is grown?"
The Saviour heard and said, as He smiled,
"Plant it for me, in the heart of a child."*

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Christianity's Touchstone

GEORGE W. SADLER, *Secretary to Europe, Africa, and the Near East*

If the men who laid their lives on the altar of Mars in connection with the World War could see the streams of blood that are flowing in the Far East, the Near East, and Europe in the year of our Lord, 1940, they probably would curse the day that led them into so useless a sacrifice. Although their spirits had sworn that it should not happen again, we are seeing enacted before our very eyes a scene in "Idiot's Delight" that shocks and scandalizes us. We know that if this drama is carried to its logical conclusion, it will sound the death knell of civilization, and yet we have not the willingness or the power to ring down the curtain and write "The End."

It is said that when the first World War became a reality Earl Grey wrote: "The lights are going out all over Europe." Those who have been in Europe in recent months know how true that statement is as of 1939-1940. The lights have gone out, and every country of Europe is dwelling in the shadow. Some indeed are in gross darkness.

We might begin almost anywhere, but it is of Rumania that we write at this time. It is well known that this country increased to tremendous proportions after the Balkan and World Wars, becoming more than twice its previous size. Rightly or wrongly she came into possession of parts of Bulgaria, Russia, and Hungary, which means, as Dr. Gill says, that she has three daggers directed at her very heart. The people of these countries feel that eternal justice will not be meted out until their lost territories are restored.

If I had been looking for thrills I could not have timed my visit to Rumania more accurately. When I told him that I was going to Bucharest I was advised by the American Consul-General in Belgrade that I was going to one of the "hot spots" of Europe. A few days later I discovered that his appraisal was correct. I had been in the country less than twenty-four hours when the Prime Minister was assassinated. I beheld the riddled bodies of nine of the men who "did him to death." They lay in their own blood a day and night in one of the most prominent spots

in Bucharest. At the same time, the Poles, ground to powder between the giant millstones of Russia and Germany, were pouring into Rumania. As if this were not enough, the report came that Russian divisions were knocking at the door of Bessarabia.

Climactic though it may sound, the matter of supreme moment for Baptists was that between five and six hundred of their churches were closed and that some of their brethren were languishing in prison. For years there had been a large exodus from the Greek Orthodox Church. Various means had been used to stop this leakage. Now a new decree, like the sword of Damocles, was hanging over the heads of Baptists, for it was thought that they were responsible for the apostasy. Day after day, among my associates in Bucharest were two men who had known from personal experience what it meant to be prisoners for Christ's sake. Speaking the sentiment of their constituency, they said they would go to prison again, if necessary, but that they could not carry out the terms of the decree.

Those of us who take Christianity as a matter of course should understand something of the price that Rumanians have had to pay for their faith. Mrs. Earl Hester Trutza who has lived among them writes: "There has not been a time since Baptist work started in Rumania that there has not been some form of persecution, especially in the villages where the new faith was just taking hold. Leaders have been placed in jail, fined, beaten, discriminated against in courts and in the finding of work. In a town in the Carpathians, the brethren had started to build their little chapel. The walls were up and the roof was to be put on, when an organized mob of villagers went and tore down the whole structure. The police have entered chapels in time of services and scattered the worshipers. Children of Baptists have been continuously held back in their classes, beaten, fined."

When the Minister of Cults was visited in September he declared that Baptists were a peasant people and that the type of legislation which the

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Kingdom Facts and Factors

W. O. CARVER, *Professor of Missions,
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CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN THE NEW CHINA

On the twenty-fifth of January, in New York, under the auspices of the *Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China*, a dinner was held especially in honor of these colleges and "their friends in America." It was an occasion notable for several things and was presided over by Dr. J. W. Decker, Secretary of the Foreign Board of Northern Baptists. Important addresses were made by a number of speakers, including the toastmaster, Judge Jacob Gould Schurmann, Jr., whose father was a very able Ambassador to China from the United States a generation ago. Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, who has commanded the ships of the American Navy in Chinese waters in these days of Japan's invasion, said that "one of the most inspiring things to be seen anywhere today is the way the colleges in China are carrying on." He emphasized their value for "the spirit of international good will" and for "Christian people to share their best with China, looking for the day when East and West shall be united in closer understanding and shall work together for the good of the whole world."

Arthur Rugh, of Yenching University was to have made the principal address. Because of an illness his place had to be taken by Dr. Garside, Executive Secretary of the Associated Boards, who gave striking summaries of the careers of many notable men and women in the forces remaking China—men and women whose ideals and education were obtained in the Christian colleges. He told of the heroic way "each one of these colleges has gone on with its work," these three years, "most of them in temporary locations far in the interior." This work is more significant today than ever before. Our own Shanghai University is one of the few that did not move to the interior; and its significance in China, from its location in Shanghai, is enormously heightened. We can poorly imagine the difficulties and the strain of missionaries and Chinese faculties and administrators in carrying it on under present conditions.

The dramatic climax of the meeting was the presentation by Dr. Hu Shih, Ambassador in Washington, of symbolical decorations of the Chinese Government to four, among many enthusiastic American friends and supporters of these colleges. Thus through these "Friends of China" the Gov-

ernment gives grateful recognition to the service of Christian education in China.

To those who have followed recent and current history in China the Ambassador's address on this occasion is highly important and gratifying. He has been one of the most aggressive and notable cultural and political leaders in China's days of transition. He has not always been friendly to religion and, in the crisis of the decade of the twenties, his influence was with the "anti-Christian movement." In this address he briefly traced the history of Christian education in China, explained his own change of heart, and paid the highest tribute to the worth of these institutions.

The change of sentiment in China toward Christianity in the last fifteen years is one of the most impressive features of current history. We must not be misled by it, nor must we fail to take fullest advantage of it for the glory of Christ and for the redemption of the Chinese people. Now, of all times, missionary work in all its forms should be expanded and strengthened.

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"NONE OF OUR BUSINESS"

Americans have been and continue to be almost unanimous in the view that there will be and should be no armed participation in the European war. Several organizations and organs of propaganda are so fearful that some situation might arise to change American sentiment as to be almost—sometimes quite—hysterical and irrational in fighting any possible wave of hysteria that might plunge us into intervention. Of that the actual danger is negligible. There is no historical foundation for the frequent statement that our participation in 1916 was due to hysteria. Since 1918 the fundamental thought of the people of the United States has changed with reference to war in general and to war in Europe in particular.

The fear propaganda is leading to some foolish and unjust ideas and behavior, and is proving very irritating to the British people. The French manifest less resentment toward the apparent ethical indifference and obtuseness. One suspects this is partly due to the French still cherishing the hope that we may yet decide that the war is as much "our business" now as a quarter century ago. The British

no longer have any such illusion, if they have had it at all, as unquestionably some of them did.

The American propaganda takes two highly irritating directions. The complete isolation attitude seems to people of other countries, as also to very many Americans, to be cruelly indifferent to the fate of other nations and morally indifferent to, what seem to the English, ethical issues that lie at the foundation of human society and culture. They believe that they are fighting for the deepest things in human hope and history. Much that is being said in America seems to them to indicate shallow lack of insight or ethical unconcern. "Europe's wars are not America's concern" seems a heartless and stupid slogan.

Over against this is the insistence of politicians and preachers alike that America must keep hands off, and "clean hands" till the war is over and peace-making begins. Then we must have much to do with the peace. Indeed we must counsel its terms and projections. If our counsels are not accepted we must dictate the terms; and must be in position to enforce our dictation. We alone will be in position objectively and righteously to guide in setting up a new order for Europe and for the world. The conceit and self-righteousness of this line of talk, extensively indulged in throughout many quarters—religious, economic, social, and political, is particularly offensive and disgusting to people of other countries.

Both these propaganda lines are made the more difficult for people in Europe by our safe, and self-seeking neutrality, which seems to other people to be based on the "cash and carry" principle for the sake of getting gain out of the misery of other nations. It is no wonder the people on the other side are resentful.

If "the war in Europe is none of our business," then neither will the peace of Europe be any of our business.

The conscience of America is not neutral. Greed

and fear and political expediency are denying expression to our conscience. We could help the right without risking military involvement.

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INDIA

It is as natural as it is short-sighted for Gandhi and others to be threatening trouble in India now that Great Britain is preoccupied in Europe. With two vigorously antagonistic religions whose quarrels must repeatedly be calmed by British authority, with a hundred "states" each of which would desire autonomy, with five hundred separating dialects, with caste oppression, what would a ninety per cent illiterate India do with complete independence? It is a safe guess that Gandhi is only seeking to hasten the processes of autonomy and would raise his hands in bewilderment if Great Britain should threaten actually to withdraw and leave India to its fate.

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PALESTINE

Until the time when these notes are being written there has been a gratifying calm in troubled Palestine. Jews and Arabs have seemed to feel that it would be better to let their conflicts wait until the British could quickly suppress any really serious clashes. Just now, however, the strife is starting again, this time the Jews seeming to take the lead. It is to be hoped that they will be better advised. It could easily turn out that the Arabs would destroy the remarkable gains Jews have made in these twenty years. Oh, for brotherhood, under God's Fatherhood!

RECENT GRADUATES

In spite of war, bombings, and constant danger, the Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China, has continued its evangelistic program, its ministry to the sick, wounded, and suffering, and its training of nurses.



The China Baptist Theological Seminary

B. L. NICHOLS, *Kaifeng, Honan, China*

Slowly plowing the dense air of an April dust-storm, the train moved on toward the interior of China. Aboard were eight missionaries and three Chinese leaders representing our Southern Baptist mission work throughout China. Woven into the conversations of the group and uttered in serious tones were such expressions as, "A Macedonian call for China"; "A faith that moves mountains"; "A challenging program for the future"; "A revival of a fifteen-year-old vision for an All-China Baptist Theological Seminary."

Late in the evening of April 6, 1939, the train found its way safely into the station at Kaifeng, and the next morning the conferences began.

Dr. M. T. Rankin, Secretary for the Orient, who called the group together, presided over the conference. The personnel of duly elected representatives was as follows: South China, A. R. Gallimore and Harold Chen; Central China, H. H. McMillan, D. F. Stamps, and Y. C. Ching; North China, C. L. Culpepper and B. L. Nichols; Interior China, H. M. Harris and S. C. Choo; China W. M. U., Mary C. Alexander, Ola V. Lea, and Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling. Other missionaries and Chinese leaders were in attendance.

No one came to the conference with a pre-arranged program or with preconceived ideas, but all had open minds and were seeking the Lord's guidance. Everyone seemed to feel sure of one thing, however, and that is that the group must decide very definitely either to project at this time the long-proposed seminary or to abandon the idea entirely.

The first day of the conference was devoted to counting the cost and weighing the difficulties. Here, human reason and wisdom, staggering under oppression and suffering, sighed and shuddered. Disrupted communications, ruthless tyranny, unspeakable poverty and misery throughout war-torn China—all these were weighed in the balance. (Even during the five days of the conference the city of Kaifeng was attacked twice in bitter warfare, and the delegates were delayed one day in getting away.)

But the conference did not stop with merely weighing difficulties. Discussion moved on to a second stage, that of the needs and opportunities for higher theological education among our Baptist forces in China. One after another spoke of the eagerness of the multitudes to hear the Gospel of

Christ, of the scarcity of Baptist churches and preachers, and of the still smaller number of those adequately trained for the ministry.

Into the third stage the conference passed. Neither difficulties nor opportunities now occupied our minds. We went into the "Upper room." We consulted not with flesh and blood but tarried in the presence of God and waited for His guidance. Then, after much prayer and supplication, it was unanimously agreed, "We have been so impressed with the manifest leadership of the Holy Spirit in these meetings that we feel we cannot longer delay the beginning of the seminary in Kaifeng." Those were touching moments. After the vote was cast we stood in a circle about the room and sang and prayed. The Seminary was launched!

A temporary constitution was drawn up and adapted. Dr. H. M. Harris was selected as chairman of the faculty, to serve until a permanent Board of Directors is set up and a president of the seminary shall have been elected. Approval was expressed of those already designated by the Foreign Mission Board as members of the faculty—H. M. Harris, A. S. Gillespie, Peter H. H. Lee, and B. L. Nichols.

The China W.M.U. voted enthusiastically to cooperate in the work of the China Baptist Theological Seminary, and Miss Ola V. Lea was nominated by the W.M.U. as Dean of Women. She was accepted by the local seminary committee and is already at her work.

The Seminary is now in session and the first semester is nearing its close. We have had a small beginning with only six students, but these students represent North China, South China, and Central China. Several others are planning to enroll next semester.

We are laying firm the foundations of the Seminary. The balanced emphases on fervent evangelism and thorough scholarship mark the institution as distinctive in Chinese theological education. The major work is based upon college prerequisites, but there is a second grade of work based on full high school graduation. The curriculum of the Seminary includes the standard courses of theological education, as Greek and Hebrew, New Testament and Old Testament Interpretation, Theology and Church History. Other courses are added to meet the needs of China. A plan is under consideration for the granting of degrees.

We feel that the China Baptist Theological Seminary offers a challenge to all friends of the cause of missions, and that it merits the whole-hearted support of all Southern Baptists. We earnestly covet the prayers of our friends in the home land. There are some specific needs which Southern Baptists, through the Foreign Mission Board, can supply for the good of the Seminary and the glory of the Lord.

1. A theological library is a very pressing need. The need should appeal to many who are interested in the training of preachers.

2. A dormitory for women, and living quarters for married students must be built. At present a student couple is living in a missionary residence.

3. The Chinese teachers, as they are added to the faculty, must have houses on the compound.

4. A considerable number of repairs on the seminary building are necessary. It is an excellent, modern structure, sufficient to accommodate all classes, administrative offices, chapel, and dormitory quarters for single men. It only needs repairing.

Thus the prospects are bright, and we are anticipating rich returns in the years that lie ahead—years in which our graduates shall go forth to win China for Christ.

"I baptized twenty-one yesterday, making a total of 111 in a little country church where I am pastor. Culpepper baptized about 150 in one in which he is pastor. The number of our students is just about one hundred, almost what we had in 1937, in the spring."

—FRANK P. LIDE, *Hwanghsien, China.*

The Conversion of Children

Robert Hall, the prince of Baptist preachers, was converted at twelve years of age. Matthew Henry, the commentator, who did more than any man of his century for increasing the interest in the study of the Scriptures, was converted at eleven years of age. Isabella Graham, immortal in the Christian Church, was converted at ten years of age. Doctor Watts, whose hymns will be sung all down the ages, was converted at nine years of age. Jonathan Edwards, perhaps the mightiest intellect that the American pulpit ever produced, was converted at seven years of age.

CHRISTIANITY'S TOUCHSTONE

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government was using had to be employed in connection with them. His only promise was that he would investigate the matter of opening the closed churches.

Since the preceding paragraphs were written, a letter from one of our missionaries in Rumania brings the news that Baptists have been recognized as a cult by *decree* but not by *law*. While we are thankful for this concession we must not be unduly elated. Baptists in Rumania are still widely separated from freedom. Confiscated churches have not been returned, fines are still assessed, and churches are closed.

In the meantime, let us thank God that the Gospel is not bound. In the midst of "cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment" men are remaining steadfast and the number of Christians is increasing. Those who have been characterized by even the slightest doubt concerning the stability of Christianity should be reassured, after seeing it put to the test in Rumania, that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Choir of
little children,
First Baptist Church,
Bucharest, Rumania



Ripe Unto Harvest

R. CECIL MOORE, *Temuco, Chile*

*Pressing Opportunities for Evangelization in
South Chile*

Twenty-five years ago Brother W. D. T. MacDonald and the noble little group of Chilean preachers who co-operated with him, without money and without any Board behind them, were going up and down the frontier country sowing. They worked under great disadvantages. All the section around Temuco and Gorbea was real frontier; roads existed only by courtesy of the name; outlaws and rough-and-ready characters of the frontier abounded. In the towns it was a hardy man indeed who dared preach openly against the dominating Roman Catholicism. Fanaticism was rampant. Two of these preachers, while preaching in Nacimiento, were rotten-egged and driven from town. But these men were not the stuff of which cowards are made. They counted it a part of their ordinary week's work to wade twenty miles in deep mud, because on horseback they could not get through, to meet an appointment with a small group of believers. Rather than disappoint those who were waiting for them, they swam swollen rivers with their clothes tied on their heads out of reach of the chilly waters. Ranging far and wide they planted the seed of the Gospel of grace.

For twenty years now, as we continue to sow, we have been watering and cultivating that seed, and today we are seeing the ripening wheat, thirty- and sixty- and a hundred-fold. It is amazing the open doors we have before us today all over south Chile, and none so much as the Baptist. Last week the writer was riding on the train with a missionary of another denomination who works in this region. He said, "You Baptist have the greatest opportunities imaginable. Everywhere I go in the hinterland, I stumble on some lone Baptist who immediately begs me to come and hold services in his house."

So it is. The seed has been widely scattered and is bearing fruit richly. At the beginning on any missionary field there must be a time of heroic seed-sowing with little visible result. Faith alone upholds the sower. Only the hardy believers hold on. Then, in time, comes the harvest.

Here in the Temuco region and all over this southern part of Chile the spiritual wheat is literally begging to be harvested. Dr. Maer travels constantly in his efforts to meet, as far as possible, the opportunity. It is difficult to catch him at home. If he could multiply himself by ten, he would still

have more than could be done in purely evangelistic effort. Recently he held meetings in the newest Baptist church in Temuco, El Redentor, in a heavily populated district where we had done little work before. He showed some pictures along with his sermons, and the crowds literally swamped us. We were obliged to run two successive meetings each night, having one when only children were allowed; then turning them out and, with guards at the door so they would not return, filling the church to overflowing with grown-ups.

In the First Church, Sunday after Sunday, we have to bring in extra chairs and benches, and sometimes many are standing just for the ordinary services. The missionary pastor is tied down trying to pastor two churches here in the city, while calls come almost daily begging for meetings in outlying districts—calls that cannot be answered except in very few cases.

One goes to some farm district where we have a "mission" and upon briefest notice the little hall is jammed with eager, clean-thinking, country young people; a score make a profession without the slightest pressure of any sort. In the last two Sundays, the writer has baptized twenty-five people; and in the First Church alone there are nearly a hundred more who have made profession of faith and are in training for baptism.

And yet in this great area, over 500 miles long, only two preacher missionaries and eleven pastors are working in thirty-six churches and some eighty outstations. There are six large fields without any pastor at all. One of these missionaries is tied down as pastor, leaving only one free to travel and attend to these eager, needy fields. The Colegio Bautista is training several hundred choice boys and girls and sending them back into their neighborhoods to be seed sowers. Many of them return to communities with no Baptist church, and others to where there is no evangelical church at all. These all want us to come and help them "start something"; but what can we do?

In twenty years in Chile there have not been such glorious and challenging opportunities for rapid expansion in the evangelistic field. We need *at once* a dozen evangelistic and pastoral workers to care for immediate pressing needs. We could use, with glori-

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Going Forward in Texas

CHARLES L. NEAL, *Laredo, Texas*

I went from Guadalajara to Mazatlan a trip of a day and a night. This is a seaport and has more than forty thousand inhabitants. We have a church which has been revived and is moving along nicely although the church is small. We have a very fine young pastor there, and he is really a good preacher. It is too bad he does not have a house that will hold the people, and the sad thing is the membership is not strong enough financially to build a house. They have planned a house without any ceiling, 15 x 20 feet. Not more than fifty people could be packed into the room. How I wish they could have help to build a house. A hall 20 x 40 could be built of brick for \$700.00 which would now make in their money nearly \$4,000.00 pesos. They are trying to raise money to build but it seems a hopeless job with the people so poor. They have so much liberty in that state now that when they had a revival not long ago they put in a loud speaker that was lent to them and the preacher spoke to many people. There were ninety-eight professions of faith, and twenty-seven baptisms. One of the members has a small automobile battery factory and the government offered a prize of one thousand pesos for the factory which made the best batteries. The prize was awarded to him and he gave one tenth of the amount to the church.

After spending Sunday with the Mazatlan church I took the train on Monday morning and went to Navojoa, Sonora, where we had a combination of association and institute. It lasted six days. Sr. Arévalo, Sr. José Rodriguez from the First Mexican

Baptist Church of Tucson, Arizona, and I gave Bible and theological studies each day, and the other preachers presented subjects directly related to their work. I think it was the best association that I ever attended. They began the day with a service at six o'clock in the morning then had breakfast and returned at nine, and finished their work about eleven at night. There were several conversions each night. The fellowship was fine. They killed the fatted calf, and this was literal. One member gave a calf which looked as big as a cow, it weighed about six hundred pounds. Other members brought corn; others gave beans; and some of them brought eggs. At the close of each service the preacher would announce that none should go home until they had eaten, and since all had given, all stayed.

On Saturday the association, along with the members of the church, went to the creek to witness the baptism of six men and women.

Our church there has been in the hands of the government for about six years, and so the members held their meetings in a private house which had, on the inside of the court, a corridor that would seat more than a hundred people.

On Saturday night after a missionary service, they took up a subscription for their work. We have only four pastors in this association. When they had raised in promises 403 pesos, one young farmer asked how much they expected to raise. He was told that they wanted five hundred, he said just leave the ninety-seven pesos to me. Then others began to make offers until the whole was 750 pesos.

RIPE UNTO HARVEST

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ous profits for the Lord, a hundred men if there were some way to support them. Several missionaries could give all their time (instead of, as now, one missionary giving a part of his time), to promoting field evangelism.

Socialism and Communism have made probably two-hundred per cent growth in this same region during the last twelve months. They are sending delegations into the nooks and corners and are being heard with eagerness with their materialistic philosophy and their promise of immediate remedies for the people's woes. They are using our missionary methods and are in danger of reaping our crops.

Still we have the advantage over them. Truth marches with us, and the royal banner of the Son of God flies over our small groups. Truth has a marvelous power of its own and needs no sword to win its war. But time presses. What shall we do? Surely after so many years of tears and prayers, and heroic sowing, we shall not now lose the harvest through neglect or littleness of vision.

Will you not pray earnestly with us that workers be raised up; that choice young Chilean men feel, and yield to, the call for the ministry; that other missionaries may be sent and our forces be greatly strengthened?

Five years more and this glorious opportunity may have passed forever. Time presses. We must act now.

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R. T. Bryan in 1885

From — His Golden Cycle



R. T. Bryan Today

"On January 10, 1886, the pulsating engines of the sea-going *City of Peking* suddenly ceased to throb. The uneasy quiet caused Bryan to look quickly at Lulu, and then into the faces of his missionary fellow-travelers, young Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Herring. All four of the little party of new recruits were seated at a long, green, felt-covered table in the ship's dining-saloon busily writing letters. These were to be mailed back to their several homes in America from Shanghai, China."

Missionary Robert Thomas Bryan of North Carolina was only three months past his thirtieth birthday. Born of a distinguished lineage, trained at the University of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and experienced in farming, teaching, and preaching, the young missionary's personality portrayed manifold evidences that he would become a great kingdom builder in China.

Forty-two years later as he was leaving China, friends, both American and Chinese, loath to see him go away, wrote him messages from their hearts.

Mr. Chang Chun, at that time China's Minister of Foreign Affairs, wrote: "He came from across the seas to propagate religious teachings in China. He bent his efforts to the education of Chinese and established seats of learning. Numerous people of talents have received training at his hands. This is to offer congratulations to him on his eightieth birthday. Like the sun at midday, it is visible to all amidst the clouds."

From Dr. Bryan's fellow-worker, W. W. Lawton, came this message:

"Forty-two years is no short time to know a missionary in China,—and to love him all that time.

"That love began in America as we were being

introduced to a few churches on our way to China. It was heightened as we crossed the Pacific on a rolling vessel in a storm which seemed to last from America to Japan. It was intensified as he introduced the new missionary to China and mission problems. It was justified when Brother Bryan went up to Yangchow and put Brother Pierce's and my mind at rest by taking over some repair work that was going on when Mr. Pierce and I were stricken with typhus fever.

"It was R. R. Bryan who made a speech at the Southern Baptist Convention in Savannah, Georgia, that stirred the heart of Eugene Sallee and caused the opening up of this Interior China Mission. I love Dr. Bryan because he has been a friend of this Mission—and of me and our loved ones up here.

"I love Brother Bryan because he loves. May God's richest blessings ever rest upon him and his dear ones."

Miss Willie H. Kelly, whom Dr. Bryan took to China eight years later, saluted her friend with the following note:

"From the time of David and Jonathan the word 'friendship' has been highly esteemed and much used, but to me there is even a more blessed word that friends in Christ Jesus can use. That word, fraught for me with higher meaning, is 'Fellowship.'

"For forty years and two an unbroken bond of fellowship has held toward my friend and co-worker Dr. R. T. Bryan. He brought me out to China in 1894. Now there are only three left out of that party of eight,—Dr. Bryan, Mr. W. W. Lawton, and myself. It has been my privilege to work in the same station with Dr. Bryan and the

acquaintance that began forty-two years ago has deepened and grown through all these years of association into an understanding and blessed fellowship.

"I have watched his diligent attention to the work which he came to do. He was an example and incentive to me through those first years. I admired his devoted spirit as he would arise each morning at four o'clock, in the cold or in the heat, to preach to the cloth-dealers gathering at dawn on the street outside his gate. These countrymen, with the help of their wives and children, had handspun their own cotton out of their own fields and woven it into narrow lengths of unbleached cloth. They would walk the long distance into town to trade in their handiwork at the wholesale cotton market held between daybreak and sunrise. Bryan would call them into his little chapel and first serve them tea to refresh their bodies. Then he ardently preached to them about Jesus, the real Water of Life. This has been his lifelong theme.

"Yes, I am glad and thankful to have had such a fellow-worker. Never have I known, or had, a more generous and truer friend and co-worker. He bears malice to none, is kind and forgiving. He has passed a well-spent life, and has reached an honorable old age. May God continue to bless this long-time friend of mine."

Dr. Bryan is living at 112 Montgomery Road,

Resumé

ROBERT THOMAS BRYAN was born in Duplin County, North Carolina, October 14, 1855. B. A. from University of North Carolina 1882; Th.M. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 1885; appointed to China, July, 1885; received D.D. degree from University of North Carolina 1893; stationed first at Chinkiang; opened Baptist work in Yangchow; transferred to Shanghai; founded many schools, among them Ming Jang High, Baptist Theological Seminary (later merged with University of Shanghai), and Farmers' Bible School; built and pastored four Shanghai churches; learned three Chinese dialects; prepared Sunday school lessons in Chinese; author in English and Chinese; gave fifty-one years to service in China.

Route 60, Raleigh, North Carolina. Now in his eighty-fifth year, he is well and happy. To review and appraise such a full, rich life requires more space than THE COMMISSION affords, but the editors commend to its readers the book, *His Golden Cycle* written by his daughter, Miss F. Catharine Bryan. The above gleanings have been copied from *His Golden Cycle*.—I. G. C.

THE WAY OPENED UP FOR ME

EVA M. SANDERS, *Ogbomosho, Africa*

I have frequently told you that these words, "The way opened up for me" are most plainly illustrated in Nigeria. The road can seem so full of people, goats, sheep, dogs, cats, chickens, turkeys, ducks, monkeys, and even occasionally a tiger, hyena or lion, that one is sure passage is impossible; but a sound of the horn or bicycle bell and miraculously there is a wide-open path in front.

One Sunday I had an experience that gives a new meaning entirely to the phrase. Before I came to the foreign field I heard missionaries speak of using every opportunity to witness, and say that there were opportunities in every place. At dusk Miss Nowell and I went to the cemetery to the graves of Miss Reagan and Miss Jones. It was such a quiet place and, of all places for an open way to witness, it would have been the last on my list. As we stood quietly talking together, three men came from the highway just across the field beyond, and brought

in their hands the newspaper of the day before, September 2, 1939. It had the new war news and they wanted us to help them read it and to give us the latest news from Lagos, for they had stopped their lorry (truck) and gotten off to show it to us. They were in an excited state and just opened the way for us to tell them of Christ and preparing to meet Him. God sent us there and He sent those men who listened attentively to His word. Pray that the word thus spoken may be used in their hearts by God Himself.

"I know not when my Lord may come,
At morn or noonday fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,
Or 'meet Him in the air.'
But 'I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day.'"

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Making History

R. C. GRESHAM, *Moultrie, Georgia*

The Pan-American Clipper circled and finally came to rest on the quiet waters of Vitoria Harbor, three hundred miles north of Rio. The preacher from Georgia found his heart beating strangely fast. For the first time in Brazilian mission history, so far as he could learn, the pastor of a church within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention was visiting the missionary whose salary for years had been paid by his church. Dr. A. J. Terry, veteran missionary, had visited the Georgia pastor and the Georgia church. But now the pastor was the guest of the missionary.

The three days together were full of blessed fellowship. Three times on Sunday and once on Monday the visiting pastor preached; and how God did bless these services! A total of twenty-seven made confession of their faith in Christ.

Perhaps the most impressive service was the one held on a sweltering Sunday afternoon. The little church at Sua, a fishing village, was packed almost to suffocation, with people crowded outside the open doors and windows. The waves of the sea could be heard as they beat on the sandy beach hard by. But a stronger tide was beating in the little church, the Spirit's tide. When the invitation was given, sixteen accepted Christ as their Saviour. Truly God was, in a mighty way, using the visit of the pastor from Georgia to his church's missionary in Brazil.

A Faithful Servant

"Don't take *my* face," pleaded the white-haired lady. "Take those young people."

"Please get up on the church steps," urged the preacher from the States, "it is *your* picture I must have."

Who is she, and why did the visitor want her picture so much? She is Doña Dye of Vitoria, Brazil, for thirty-five years the faithful friend and servant of Dr. and Mrs. Reno, pioneer Southern Baptist missionaries to the great state of which Vitoria is the capital. Often Mrs. Reno would go on long mission trips with her husband, but she had no anxiety about her children. She knew they were safe with Doña Dye.

Dr. Reno has been called to his heavenly home. Mrs. Reno lives in her native Pennsylvania. The children are all grown and gone, but Doña Dye remains in Vitoria, the faithful friend and servant of the Lord Jesus.

MISSIONARY
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For Christ's Sake

The last day of 1939. In the little rented hall that serves for a church in lovely Osorno, the gateway to the Beautiful Chilean Lakes country, the candidates were offering their testimonies before going to the river to be buried with Christ in baptism. A woman whose face showed she had borne much and suffered greatly stood and said, "My husband has beaten me time and time again because I came to church. Now he has said if I am baptized he will throw me out into the street and disown me. But—" and her face shone, though she wist it not—"I must be baptized. I'll take my chances with Christ no matter what comes."

For a space there was quiet in the little church, save for half-suppressed sobs. A little later Missionary W. Q. Maier baptized her in the beautiful Rahue River.

What happened later? Did her husband throw her out in the street or did she win him to her Saviour? I do not know. But there is one thing I do know. I had seen one who was willing to suffer for Christ and His claims upon her.

The Pastor's Daughters

Cachoeiro de Itapemirim is a lovely mountain-girt city, through whose center a rushing river hastens to the sea. It is located in the state in Brazil in which Dr. Terry labors for Southern Baptists. Here we have three thriving churches and an elementary Baptist school. The director of the school is also pastor of the Second church and is one of the sweetest spirited preachers the pastor from the States has ever met. But there was one heavy cross the pastor of the Second church had to bear. His oldest child, Vitorina Moreira, a lovely girl of fifteen, showed no interest in the church or in spiritual things. For two years she had been a student in our

Baptist College in Rio, where she was a great problem to the teachers. Mrs. Terry said she was most difficult to try and reach with the gospel message. Was this lovely girl emerging into young womanhood to go the way of the heedless and godless youth all about her? Was she to spend all her young life in a Christian home and two years in a Christian school, and not be won for Christ?

That Monday night, after a hundred-mile automobile journey that required seven hours, a very tired preacher from the States tried to preach. The invitation was given and at once, with radiant face,

Vitorina came forward accepting Christ as her Saviour. Her preacher-father bowed his head on the communion table and sobbed out his gratitude to God for saving his oldest, his problem child. When he lifted his head a younger daughter, aged eleven, stood by her sister's side accepting the Saviour.

The next afternoon as the visiting preacher was waiting at the depot for the train for Rio, Vitorina came to tell him good-bye. In her eyes were thankfulness and trust, and in the visitor's heart were praise and gratitude.

Student Work in Argentina

LOUISE SMITH, *Florida*



Did you read in *World Comrades* the story of Yates Clark's gift to missions? This little boy lives in Leesburg, Florida, and when Rev. W. W. Enete visited that town last spring, he told of a young seminary student whom he had taught to "throw his voice." He remarked that if the young man had a ventriloquist's doll he would use it to tell the gospel story to the boys and girls in Argentina. In response to this appeal Yates sent his prized possession as an ambassador of the Gospel to Buenos Aires. He was placed in a small suitcase and a Pan-air pilot carried him safely to his destination.

A most remarkable thing happened. Immediately upon his arrival this newly appointed ambassador was named "Carlos" by his Argentine friends, and it was not until a letter arrived from the United States that it was learned that his English name was Charles, the equivalent of "Carlos" in Spanish. Another interesting fact his owner proudly states is that although Charles has spoken English all his life, he has learned to speak Spanish in the few months he has lived in South America.

Here is Senor Rafael Aurispa and Carlitos (Charlie). It is vacation time now for the seminary students in Buenos Aires. Let us pray for this young student during vacation days as he seeks to win the lost to Christ.

A TRAINING SCHOOL GRADUATE

Have you ever had some one you loved do something very nice and you not learn until weeks later of the good deed? Then you know just how I felt when a young German student Hedwig Kuglar, came to me on the campus in Buenos Aires and asked me to express to her Florida friends sincere gratitude for her beautiful graduation dress. Miss Martha Ellis, the missionary, explained to me that the Y. W. A.'s at Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee, had sent the money to purchase the dress for Hedwig. These College Y. W. A.'s will take a special interest in this young student as she travels to Uruguay to do field work during the summer months. She is to work at Pando, eighteen miles from Montevideo, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering providing her traveling expense.

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IN MEMORY

Rio de Janeiro

DR. CHARLES E. MADDRY:

The Administrative Board of the Brazilian Baptist College of Rio de Janeiro desires to express to the Foreign Mission Board through its beloved Secretary, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, its deep sympathy in the untimely death of our professor, Dr. C. A. Baker, who for many years dedicated himself in soul and body to the service of instructing the young women who came from all the states in Brazil to seek learning at this institution.

—ESTHER SILVA DIAS, *Secretary*
Administrative Board

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The plan of God is to build his kingdom, in co-operation with us, through the rising generation.

—JAY STOWELL.

MISSIONARY
INTEREST



S. S. Stover



Mrs. Stover



C. W. Knight

New Missionaries Speak

SHERROD SYLVESTER STOVER—On April 4, 1906, in De Leon, Texas, I was ushered into the world, and lived in that city until after my graduation from high school.

My father and mother are earnest Christians and both are active members of the Baptist church in De Leon.

My college work was begun in John Tarleton Agricultural College, Texas from which I received my B.S. degree. Upon finishing there, I taught school for three years—two of those years in the high school at Panhandle, Texas.

In 1929 I entered Texas Technical College in Lubbock, completing the work there in June, 1932.

Again I turned to the profession of teaching, and it was while working in a rural school near Lubbock that I responded to God's call to the ministry—a call that I had felt since my early teens.

I was licensed to preach in the Baptist church in Desdemona, Texas, with Rev. Zachary Chambliss as my pastor. A short time later, June 28, 1933, I received ordination in the East Henderson St. Church in Cleburne, Texas.

I have pastored churches in Texas and Oklahoma, the last two being in Morris and Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

On November 30, 1933, I was married to Miss Alice Armstrong. I had been in the Seminary at Forth Worth during the summer term and up until

the time of my marriage. In May, 1939, the seminary conferred on me the degree of Master of Theology.

About two years after I entered the ministry, the Lord called me to the foreign field. Two years ago that call was directed to the South American field. Now through the grace of the Lord He is permitting me to fulfill the desire of my heart. It is with joy that my wife and I go to that field for service.

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ALICE ARMSTRONG STOVER—I was born in Glen Rose, Texas, October 31, 1906. When I was four years of age my family moved to a little rural community near the town of Cleburne, Texas, where I lived until my senior year in high school.

At the age of thirteen, during a revival meeting in that rural community, I felt the need of a Saviour and gave my heart to Jesus.

When I became a senior in high school my oldest sister, who was then teaching in Lufkin, Texas, took me with her to complete my high school work.

In the summer of 1925, I entered Baylor College, Belton, Texas, as a freshman and remained there until I had finished a four-year course, receiving my B.A. degree in the spring of 1927.

Rev. Mr. Pitts, an elderly, pioneer, home missionary in the neighborhood of Cleburne (now gone to his reward) was responsible for my going to Baylor College.

While teaching in the high school of Lubbock, Texas, I met Mr. Stover.

On November 30, 1933, Mr. Stover and I were married in Fort Worth in the flower garden of Forest Park. I continued teaching in Lubbock while he went on with his work in the Seminary.

The following summer Mr. Stover was called as pastor of the church at Morris, Oklahoma. We moved there and served for over three years. It was while we were there that our oldest son, William Sherrod, was born.

For the past two years I have felt in a definite way that the hand of the Lord was directing us to the South American field.

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CHARLES WILLIAM KNIGHT—On September 17, 1913, a son was born into the home of Rev. C. W. Knight, at that time pastor of the Baptist church, Franklin, Tennessee. Like Samuel of old the son, at his birth, was dedicated by his parents to the service of the Lord. Having such a father and mother as this I can only say, "Thanks be to God."

It was in Corinth, Mississippi, that my brother and I, whose friendship has meant more than any other to me, started to school. Later we moved to Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

At the age of eleven, I was converted and joined the church. Finishing my high school course in Harrodsburg, I entered Carson Newman College in

1931 as a pre-medical student. During my first year at college my father passed away and I was faced with the problem of my education; but the Lord provided the means, and in 1935 I was graduated with the B.S. degree.

While in my senior year in College God's call came to me to go preach the Gospel, but it was not until two years after that, that I made known my desire to preach. Somehow my attention was drawn to Africa. This interest became more acute and I told our college pastor of my feelings. Much to my amazement he said, "What a privilege that would be to preach to men who have such a great need!"

In 1935 I entered the graduate school of the University of Louisville in order that I might complete my studies toward a medical degree and become a medical missionary. Here it seemed that God said, "No, my will is for you to preach the Gospel in Africa." I entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and in 1939 received the Th.M. degree.

It has been my privilege to be the pastor of four Baptist churches in Kentucky: Zion Baptist Church; Benton; Friendship, near Junction City; and Bethel near Lawrenceburg.

With a sense of eagerness and with prayerfulness I am looking forward to my work in the Seminary at Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, West Africa. The desire of my heart is that God may use me in some way to tell of His love for all mankind.



New Recruits: Left to right—Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Miss Ellene Wiggins; Mrs. J. A. Lunsford; and Mr. Lunsford

Suffer The Little Children To Come Unto Me



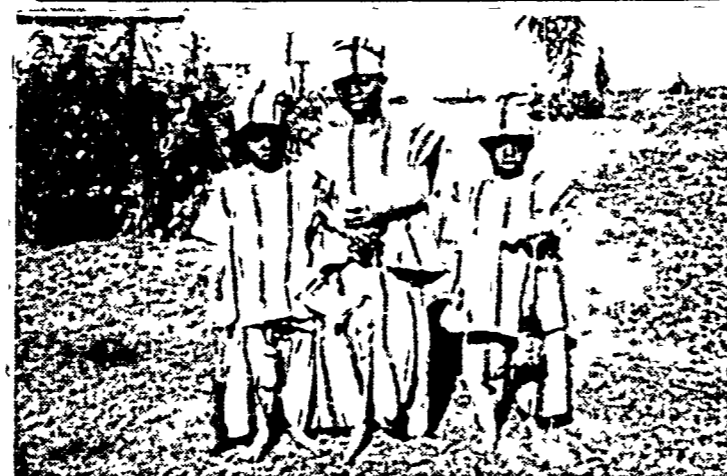
A little girl of Jerusalem. In infancy she was thrown into a trash can to die. Rescued by loving hands she now has a good home and attends the Baptist Good Will Center



A little brother of Japan



Baptist Kindergarten Children, Hwanghsien, China



Three African sunbeams



The two little daughters of Dr. and Mrs. John Lake, formerly Tai Kam Leper Colony, Hong Kong, China



Baptist Youth of Tapachuk, Mexico



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"Follow Me"

Emmanuel Paschetto, son of a Baptist pastor of Italy, now in Louisville where the father is studying at the Seminary



"Friends of Jesus" group—volunteer workers, Japan

Future leaders of Brazil



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THEY DECIDE AS CHILDREN

During the past seven years, we have had the joy of bringing forward more than 150 young people for examination and appointment to the mission fields of our Board. Over and over again we have been impressed with the fact that the vast majority of our missionary candidates came to a sense of divine call to the mission field before they were twelve years of age. We do not believe it would be an overstatement of fact to say that ninety per cent of all those coming before the Board asking for appointment to missionary service, testify to the fact that between the ages of seven and fifteen they came to the decision that God was calling them to a definite task. Almost without exception, these choice young people tell us that the first impulse and impression in regard to being a missionary, came through the influence and agency of one of the church's organizations—either the Sunbeam Band, the Royal Ambassadors, the Girls' Auxiliary, the Baptist Training Union, or the Sunday school.

What a testimony to the importance and worth of these agencies of inspiration and training in our

churches! The hope of the world is wrapped up in the lives of the multitude of young people now waiting upon the ministry of teaching and inspiration afforded by these organizations and agencies in our Baptist churches.

God help us as a denomination of sovereign churches, to realize the crucial importance of holding, inspiring, and winning to the side and service of Jesus Christ, the throngs of young people now crowding our Baptist churches!

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HOW MUCH DO WE CARE?

We grew up in a rural community where there were both "Hardshell" or "Ironside" and "Missionary" Baptist churches. The "Hardshell" brethren did not believe in missions, Sunday schools, temperance societies or an educated ministry. The "Missionary" brethren believed in all of these things in theory, but virtually denied them all in practice.

In the country church to which we belonged, every member, old and young alike, was "assessed" thirty-five cents per year, for the "objects of the Convention." These included Associational, State, Home, and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Orphanage and Aged Ministers' Relief. Every member was expected to give five cents per year for each of the objects named above. Just before the annual meeting of the Association, a committee was appointed to "get up" the mission money for the year. The amounts collected were sent by the delegates to the annual Association, and the church forgot all about the matter for another twelve months.

We smile at the indifference and careless unconcern of Baptist churches fifty years ago regarding their obligation to give the Gospel to the lost millions of earth. We have made notable progress as churches and as a denomination. We have grown greatly in numbers. We have multiplied our organizations and vastly increased the number of people who are active in some form of church work. But have the members of our churches on the whole, grown in real, vital concern and passion for the lost in pagan and heathen lands? How much do we care for a lost world today?

If we can measure our concern by the amount of money Southern Baptists gave for foreign missions last year, we must say that while we have advanced beyond the five cent assessment per person, we have not made any worthy progress in fifty years of increasing prosperity.

Five million Southern Baptists gave, last year, a little less than \$1,200,000.00 for foreign missions. This includes all that was contributed by the churches through the Co-operative Program, desig-

nated and undesignated. It includes the sums given for our debt through the Hundred Thousand Club. It includes the amounts given by the women through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In short, Southern Baptists gave an average of twenty-four cents apiece last year for foreign missions! Yes, we care to the extent of twenty-four cents each!

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TOLERATION NOT RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Recent news dispatches coming out of Rumania brought the good tidings that full religious liberty had been granted to our sorely oppressed and persecuted Baptist brethren. It seemed almost too good to be true; and knowing something of the changing wiles and devious ways of politicians in those priest-ridden lands of the Balkans, we deemed it wise, before publishing abroad the rumors as facts, to wait for confirmation of the good news from reliable Baptist sources.

Letters have now come from Rumania, (for prudential reasons the names of writers are withheld) giving us the actual state of affairs with reference to the new decrees affecting Baptists. It has proved to be just as we feared. Our Baptist people are again granted, for a season at least, religious toleration. This is NOT religious liberty.

We quote as follows, from letters that have reached us out of Rumania:

"I am writing you in order to inform you of the latest developments here. We have been working in accordance with your instructions received some time ago and everything is going as well as could be expected. Only two of our boys have been called to do further military service so far. Of course, there are always rumors of things becoming more active in March.

"With regard to the status of the work in general, another Ministerial Decree has been received. This decree recognizes Baptists as a "cult" by *decree*, but the important step of recognition by *law* is yet to be granted. This is a forward step, but there remains much to be done. The present time is especially propitious for the continuance of the struggle for complete religious liberty.

"Of course, enough time has not elapsed for us to know what the new decree will mean in practice. In any case it is well to point out that it lacks the all-important element of permanency. A Ministerial Decree is always subject to change at any time. Therefore, I would warn against any undue optimism in regard to the Baptist status in this country. The news will probably be circulated that

Baptists now have complete religious liberty. On the contrary confiscated churches have not yet been returned; there are those who still have fines assessed against them; there are churches still closed; and others are in the midst of legal proceedings against them because of their faith.

"News has already reached here that it has been published that Baptists have received full religious liberty. I am sure that you will be able to counteract this to a great extent by making it known that they will receive such liberty only when it has been granted by a law of the State. The new decree is a great forward step, but in order to have lasting value it must be made permanent by a royal law. Naturally, now is the most favorable time to work to this end."

Thus it will be seen that only a partial and temporary victory has been won. We must keep up the struggle for complete religious liberty.

Tolerance is not enough. Nothing short of full, complete, and unhindered religious liberty for every soul in all the world will satisfy a Baptist.

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MORE THAN LIP SERVICE

On the tomb of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello is inscribed the following epitaph, written by his own hand:

Here was buried
THOMAS JEFFERSON,

Author of the Declaration of American Independence, of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Liberty, and Father of the University of Virginia.

This great advocate and champion of the freedom of conscience and religious liberty gave more than lip service to those great and inherent rights of mankind. From the long inventory of his honors and achievements he selected three items by which he wished to be judged by his Maker and his fellow-men.

Thomas Jefferson was not a Baptist, but if well authenticated tradition is to be believed, he was a constant attendant upon the worship and service of a little country Baptist church located near Monticello. Certainly when he came to write the Declaration of Independence and the Virginia Statute of Religious Liberty, he was setting forth for all mankind the great Baptist doctrines of human equality and soul liberty.

He gave more than lip service to the great cause of religious freedom and the absolute separation of Church and State.

THE NEED STILL EXISTS

The trend of recent events seems to indicate that the Interdenominational Student Volunteer Movement is dead. The world's need for the Gospel—the need that originally called forth and vitalized the Movement—still exists, and the eternal principles of the Movement can never die. The series of "Challenge and Conquest Conferences" recently held by the secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board in the more-than-twenty Baptist colleges, universities, and theological seminaries throughout the South demonstrate, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that something should be done to perpetuate and conserve the principles and ideals inspired and released by the Student Volunteer Movement of the past generation.

Everywhere we have found eager and enthusiastic young men and women, ready and anxious to lay their lives on Christ's altar of service for the redemption of a pagan and heathen world. This fine be-

ginning we have made in our Baptist educational institutions should be followed up in a concerted and organized way, and steps should be taken at once to carry the Movement to the Baptist students in the state colleges and universities of the South. In the critical and challenging days just ahead, the Foreign Mission Board is going to need scores and hundreds of the brightest and best young men and women our colleges, universities, and theological seminaries can furnish. If we are to keep our missionary personnel at the present figure, we shall need fifty replacements a year for the next five years. Surely we ought to advance everywhere. If Southern Baptists are true to Christ and meet the challenge of a sin-sick and war-ravaged world, we shall need to send out one hundred new recruits every year for the next five years.

Where are we to find these choice young men and women? How are we to inspire them and call them out? Has not the time come for the launching of a Baptist Student Volunteer Movement?

Editorial Varieties

CHARLES E. MADDRY

Furlough Time. Friends and loved ones in the homeland look forward with eager longing for the coming of furlough time for the missionaries. They usually arrive in the spring or early summer. The following have already reached the homeland or will be coming soon:

AFRICA—Miss Elma Elam, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, Miss Neale Young, Miss Susan Anderson, Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson, Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Walker, Miss Isabella Moore, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. H. Congdon.

BRAZIL—Miss Alberta Steward, Rev. L. M. Bratcher, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Riffey, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Oliver, Mrs. C. A. Baker.

CHILE—Miss Marjorie Spence, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hart.

CHINA—Miss Edyth Boyd, Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Lowe, Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Brittain, Miss Clarabel Isdell, Miss Olive Riddell, Mrs. A. J. Sallee, Miss Blanche Bradley, Miss Pearle Johnson, Mrs. Grace B. Sears, Miss Alice Huey, Miss Ruth Ford, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Hill, Miss Auris Pender, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Herring, Rev. and Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw, Dr. W. L. Wallace.

JAPAN—Rev. E. O. Mills.

PALESTINE—Miss Eunice Fenderson.

We would remind these missionaries, their friends, and the churches in general, that the Foreign Mission Board requires the missionary to rest for a period of two months after reaching home. It takes this long to have the medical check-up, and to visit the loved ones.

The Board insists, therefore, that churches and friends allow the missionaries to rest for two months before beginning deputation work.

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It Won't Do Any Harm. The innocuous and anaemic resolution of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches, protesting the undemocratic and illegal action of President Roosevelt in appointing an ambassador to the Vatican, makes us exceedingly glad that Southern Baptists have not joined this super-ecclesiastical organization. The mild, uncertain, and hesitant manner in which our own Baptist Committee on Public Relations handled this matter in the beginning, left much to be desired on the part of many of our people in the South. However, when much of the value of the psychological moment for protest had passed, our Committee found its bearings and issued a belated though vigorous statement which set the matter in its proper light before an aroused Baptist constituency and an apathetic and acquiescent public in general.

China Preaching Mission. The Foreign Mission Board is inviting four outstanding Baptist pastors of the South to participate in the All-China Baptist Evangelistic Preaching Mission during the months of September, October, and November of this year. The Evangelistic Preaching Mission has been launched by the several Chinese Baptist Conventions and is under the direction of Wu Gi-Djung who spent six months in the South last year. It is anticipated that interested groups and churches will bear the traveling expenses of these brethren to China. The personnel of the Preaching Mission will be announced later.

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A Unique Distinction. Forty-two years of blessed and fruitful ministry in one pulpit is the unique and distinctive record of Dr. George W. Truett of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. More than seven thousand devoted members wait on the weekly ministry of this princely preacher. The financial record of this church is exceptional in that it always gives far more for missions and benevolence than for current expenses. The budget for 1940 totals \$180,000.00—\$80,000.00 for Missions and Benevolence; \$60,000.00 for current expenses; and \$40,000.00 church debt and interest. A record unsurpassed and glorious!

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Help Us Find God's Chosen Workers. The Nigerian Baptist Convention has, for almost a decade, been pressing the matter of the establishment of a Baptist Publication House, for the creation and distribution of all kinds of religious literature. The Convention started a fund for the purchase of machinery and printing presses, and this fund has now grown to the value of several hundred pounds.

When we were in Africa two years ago, the Mission voted to establish the Publishing House at Ibadan and requested the Foreign Mission Board to send out a couple prepared and equipped for this particular kind of work. We have patiently and diligently searched throughout the South for such a missionary couple, but as yet our search has been in vain. Surely God has somewhere the persons for this challenging task.

We entreat the friends of our African Mission everywhere to intercede at the throne of grace that God will raise up and indicate to us the young people of His choice for this important and too-long-neglected Kingdom task.

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Invitation Declined. At the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, an invitation was received from the proposed World Council of

Churches, for the Convention to become a member of that body. A large and representative committee was appointed to prepare an answer to this invitation. The committee has held several meetings and will submit its report to the Baltimore Convention. The invitation will be declined and the Convention will not ally itself with this new effort for the establishment of a "World Church."

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An Unfilled Need. One of the long-standing and imperative needs of the Foreign Mission Board in both China and Africa is for more trained nurses with college and seminary degrees. Many nurses with only high school degrees are volunteering for missionary service abroad, but the standards set up by the governments under which we labor are more and more requiring that supervising nurses shall have college degrees. All of the nurses we send abroad must, sooner or later, become the supervising directors of nurses' training schools. Hence it is readily seen that we must send out nurses who are equipped with the best possible training.

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Spanish Baptists Suffer. Before the triumph of Franco and the Catholic Church in the recent Spanish Civil War, Baptists and other evangelicals had full liberty to preach and worship unhindered. Under the new regime, the harsh and repressive measures always practiced by Rome, have been revived, and Baptist churches are closed. One of our largest churches in Spain has divided its membership into thirteen groups and they are meeting for worship in private homes. More than twenty have been baptized secretly into the fellowship of this church within recent weeks. The Word of God cannot be bound. Rome may close our churches and put the preachers in jail; but she can never imprison the Gospel.

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Some Surprises. It is difficult for North Americans to appreciate the fact that in Argentina there are great cities and institutions of learning surpassing anything we have in the United States. Buenos Aires, for instance, is a city of two and a half million people and was founded in 1536. Rosario, on the mighty Parana River, is an interior city of five hundred thousand inhabitants and, because of its great meat-packing industry, it is called "the Chicago of Argentina." The University of Cordoba is older than Harvard and is renowned on two continents. Many of the great cities of South America were old and well established before Jamestown and Plymouth were settled.

"And I, If I Be Lifted Up—"

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Not long ago it was being said that the Christian religion and its crucified Christ had been but a stage in man's philosophical and intellectual development, and that there was no longer the need for this "elementary concept" of goodness. The wide-spread advancement of science and knowledge had enabled man to emerge beyond any such requirement. But now science has turned upon us like a wild beast, and knowledge has led us into ambush. Man can find no shelter in education, culture, or art, for these have shown little resistance to propaganda. He can find little that has not been warped and weakened by the modern plagues. His home is no longer secure; he must flee back to the caves of his primitive forebears for physical safety. But nothing is there to comfort his mind and heart. Men *do* need the victory of the Cross to reveal to them that there is a fulfillment of hope to be found beyond the disappointments and frustrations of life. The figure of the suffering Son of God out of whose agony came the world's greatest, most enduring kingdom, stands today as the one place where the measurement of values has not changed, where good and evil, hate and love remain in true proportions, where there is solace for the millions who are being tormented by fear and suffering and driven frantically before inundating tides of hate and destruction. In this season of man's despair, the church is finding its message more needed and heeded than ever before, and we can see afresh what Jesus meant when He said, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."



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R. C. MOORE, *Temuco, Chile*

William Daniel Thompson MacDonald was born in Calder, Scotland, nearly eighty-eight years ago. As a young Baptist minister he studied under Spurgeon in London, returning to pastor two churches near his birthplace, and later for some years he served in the Shetland Islands. He labored for a time as home missionary in Arkansas and Louisiana. While thus occupied he took out citizenship papers, and journeyed to Scotland to get his family and return; but difficulties arose which made it impossible to carry out this purpose.

At that time the Chilean Government was seeking colonists in the British Isles for Chile. Brother MacDonald signed up as colonist and contract teacher for the English colonists' children in Chile, and arrived in Talcahuano in December, 1888. Due to a revolution which overthrew the Government, he was left without employment and in straitened circumstances.

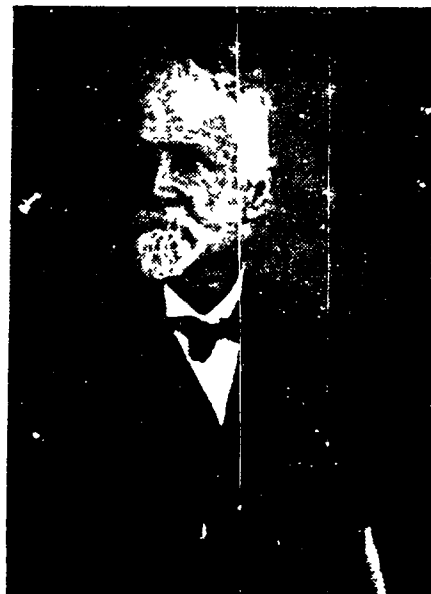
Some time later he entered the employ of the British and Foreign Bible Society as colporteur. At that time, to be a Bible seller meant great hardship and danger. Brother MacDonald made a long, hard journey through the north of Chile and into Bolivia, suffering great indignities and insults, and often grave danger to his life. One time when he was lodged in a hotel in Bolivia, a friendly Englishman tipped him off that the police planned to arrest him as a spy in order to stop his Bible propaganda. The Englishman, who was a railroad engineer, went to his room in the hotel with a suit of workman's clothes and dressed Brother MacDonald as a railroad fireman. The two then walked to the waiting train and Brother MacDonald escaped to Mollenda on the engine as a fireman.

Some time later he became a missionary with the Christian and Missionary Alliance working around Temuco, where for some nine years he helped lay the foundations for the present Alliance Work in south Chile, and for the Baptist work as well.

Due to differences on some doctrinal points Mr. MacDonald left the Alliance in 1908, forming the Baptist Convention with some three hundred members. For years he and his sturdy Chilean pastors labored under great difficulties.

In 1917 the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention named Brother W. E. Davidson to co-operate with him, and began aiding financially in the support of the pastors. Mr. MacDonald was named as missionary in 1920. Several years ago he

William
Daniel
Thompson
MacDonald



was placed on the retired list, but was always actively interested in all the work and preached frequently. He was a loyal co-operator in the First Church in Temuco, teaching his Men's Bible Class till a few days before his death.

Just a few hours before he died, he said with great relief, "I'm going home," and he put into the words all the sweetness and tenderness of feeling that a true Scot feels for his home. When asked what message he had for the pastors and fellow-workers in Chile he said, "Tell them, I'm leaving it (the work), and they must carry on."

To him "the work" meant more than family or comfort or anything else. He counted not the cost if he might minister to half a dozen poor Baptists in some village or distant farm. Rather than miss an appointment he would walk twenty miles in cold winter rains through deep mud. Even those who differed violently with him, respected him and admired his sacrificial spirit and his genuine consecration to what he held to be the main things. He gave a half century to the work. We'll do our best to "carry on."

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ERRATA

Mr. A. C. Seawell of Dallas, Texas has drawn our attention to the fact that under the title of his article, "Demand vs. Supply," which appeared in the March issue of THE COMMISSION, we had erroneously given him the degree of M.D., and that in the caption beside the picture appeared the misstatement that he is "superintendent" of the hospital. For these two errors we apologize.

—THE EDITORS.

CURRENT
CHRONICLES

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY CIRCLE

JESSIE R. FORD, *Executive Assistant*

Sailings

March 7—S. S. PRESIDENT TAFT

Miss Martha Linda Franks, Hwanghsien, China

Miss Bertha Smith, Tsining, China

Miss Zemma Hare, Kaifeng, China

Sympathy

Recently a number of the members of our missionary family have been passing through deep sorrow in the loss of loved ones. In February Rev. R. Elton Johnson of Pernambuco, Brazil, now on furlough at LaGrange, Georgia, lost his father. Miss Doris Knight of Hwanghsien, China, Mrs. Ray U. Northrip of Ogbomosho, Africa, who has just recently landed in Africa, and Dr. J. Christopher Pool, sorrow over the home-going of their mothers.

A cable brought the sad news of the death on March 2, at Peking, China, of Miss Elizabeth Larson, eighteen-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. I. V. Larson of Tsingtao, China.

Another one of our missionary family, Mr. L. Howard Jenkins, President of our Board, has recently lost his mother. Mrs. Jenkins was a devoted friend to foreign missions and for many, many years supported a missionary in Africa. In her will she requested that this salary be kept up by her children. Her work goes on, though she is at home with the Father.

To each of these sorrowing ones, we extend our loving sympathy.

Appointments

At the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board on March 14, three new members were added to our missionary family. Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Lunsford of Texas, and Miss Ellene Wiggins of Georgia. All of these were assigned to work in Nigeria, Africa, and will sail as soon as reservations can be secured. Their photographs and life sketches will be printed when they sail.

Home for a Rest

This is the time of year when many of the missionaries whose furloughs are due in 1940 will be reaching home. We offer a little reminder to the friends here at home, that the furlough period is supposed to be a time of rest and refreshment for the missionaries. Sometimes we work them so hard, loading them with speaking engagements, that they

laughingly say they have to go back to the field to get a rest from their furlough. The ruling of the Board is that missionaries, returning home on furlough, shall, immediately upon their arrival, have two months of complete rest, and that the last month before their return shall also be devoted to rest and relaxation.

We hope all missionaries on furlough will keep this in mind when accepting engagements, and it will help us, and help these tired workers, if friends here at home will remember this ruling of the Board and be considerate in their requests for speaking engagements.

Birthday Congratulations to Dr. Deter

We were not able to count quite all of the seventy-one candles on the cake which Dr. Deter is so carefully holding, but we do extend to him even more than seventy-one wishes for joy for the years to come.

Brazil

As we are thinking particularly of young people this month, I was interested in the following incident that came to us from Mrs. Albert Bagby, Porto Alegre, Brazil—the experience of the mother of one of the girls attending our school at Porto Alegre. This girl and her mother were Jewesses. Two years ago the mother had forbidden the children to mention the name of Jesus in her home. The night of the graduation exercises, she rushed up to Mrs. Bagby exclaiming: “Oh, Dona Telma, it is your faith, your faith! Ah, you people have it! It is written in your lives, your school, your pupils. I know now that faith in Jesus is everything.” The influences which go out from our schools into the homes of the pupils can never be estimated.

Further on in this same letter Mrs. Bagby describes the new member of the family, Albert, Jr. How about this, you missionary mothers?

“He weighed seven pounds, six ounces that day (the day of his birth), and now he weighs fourteen pounds. He bats and kicks like a pugilist, smiles like an April sunset, and sputters like the paint pots in Yellowstone. I can’t tell if he is pretty—he is sturdy and healthy and you can imagine the dreams we dream as we hover around his little head.”

We are proud of these marvelous missionary babies of ours.

China

Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Nichols have moved to Kaifeng, China, and their coming has brought joy to the two little boys of Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Gillespie. The children are not the only ones who are enjoying the fellowship; these two mothers are having a lovely time discussing their mutual problems. Mothers here at home know what it means to have someone with whom to talk things over.

People are always wanting to know what missionary wives do. The following list will give an idea of some of the things done by one of them.

Mrs. Gillespie not only teaches her children, using the Calvert Course, but has a Sunday school class of refugee girls and a class in sight singing; plays for the student church service; helps in treating the sick, and in her spare time studies the Chinese language. Of course, in addition, she has to look after the care of her house, husband, and children.

In the midst of the regular routine a few other things are apt to happen, such as:

"We are liable to be awakened at night by the boom of cannon, the rapid fire of machine guns, and the very near reports of rifles. The other night, during such an occurrence, fifty-six window panes were shaken out of Peter Lee's house, and many rifle shots peppered the house occupied by Miss Lea and Miss Herring."

We think the cost of living is pretty high, and sometimes we are inclined to grumble a bit, but suppose we had to pay such prices as these listed in a letter from Mrs. D. F. Stamps at Yangchow, China:

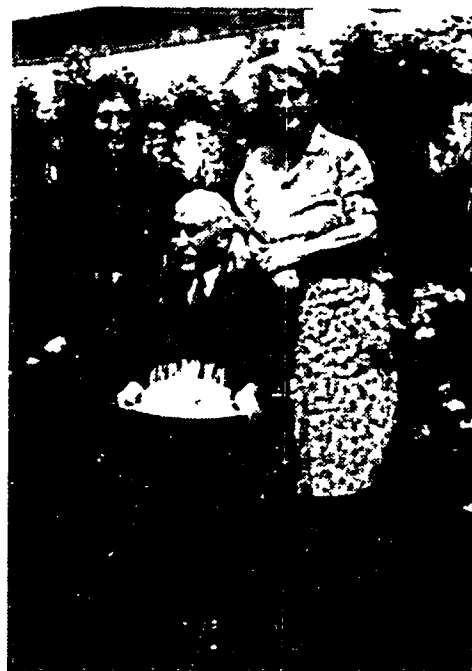
Rice that used to be \$8.00 per 100 lbs., \$32.00; \$64.00 for a case of tinned milk; \$23.00 for a sack of flour; \$8.00 per 10 lbs. of sugar; \$7.50 to \$8.00 for a pound of butter.

A missionary's salary doesn't go very far when faced with such prices as these, but listen:

"Our biggest problem now is the matter of rice. Even when rice can be bought, the price is from three to four times the ordinary cost, but the worst part is that it cannot be procured at any price. I have never seen such desperation on the faces of people. Money is scarcer than ever (which is saying a lot), but even those who can scrape up the money can't get the rice. I am getting to the place where my conscience hurts me and I almost feel like a traitor to my Chinese friends when I sit down to a good warm meal three times a day."

Such sights as starving men, women, and children by the hundreds are the things that tear one's heart and wear one's nerves.

Dr. A. B. Deter; his daughter, Mrs. Ben Oliver; and his wife



A Plea for Reinforcements

"With all the appointments to China in the last few years, you will not forget that North China has had only one man appointed in sixteen years. Charlie Culpepper was sent out in 1923. Deaver Lawton is the only man that has been sent to North China since then. In this time we have suffered the following losses: Lowe, Newton, Dr. Ayers, Dr. Pruitt, Dawes, D. Bryan, Stout, Hartwell, Ullin Leavell, Emmett Stephens, Peyton Stephens, E. L. Morgan, Moore, and Leonard,—fourteen in all. There is one man in Tsining; one in Tsinan; one in Tsingtao; one in Laichow; none in Laiyang, and the work is going to pieces over there for the lack. Alda has done well; but that field is a man's job. None in Chefoo; one in Dairen.

"As soldiers fall out by death, retirement or otherwise, the ranks must be refilled if the fighting is to be continued. We are proud of our women workers, but it is not right to put women in stations where there are such responsibilities as there are in Chefoo and Laiyang, to bear them alone. I am not saying all this to make you heave a sigh, or add to your weight of responsibility. I know you have us in your heart, but I am not sure that the members of your Board fully realize what has taken place. And I do want you all to feel and know that unless there are recruits soon sent to North China there is going to be a crash from which the work cannot recover. It takes several years to get workers ready to assume heavy responsibility on the mission field. In the meantime there are very likely to occur still more vacancies. The situation is one of such extreme urgency that I am compelled to put it strongly. May the Lord of the harvest move upon the hearts of the Board members to respond to this great emergency." —W. B. GLASS, Hwanghsien, China.

Missionaries Write the Secretary —

Foundation Stones

"Although our China Baptist Theological Seminary has begun in a small way, yet we are laying firm the foundations of an institution with a vision of growth and usefulness. Our balanced emphasis on scholarship and evangelism marks the Seminary as distinctive for China. Into it go our best and our all, and we feel that all China is with us in co-operation."

—B. L. NICHOLS, Kaifeng, China.

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Joyous Anticipation

"I am so delighted over the prospects of the new home, and I am so grateful to the Virginia Women. I can not understand their great kindness to me. Of course I know it is for the work, but I get a lot of personal pleasure out of it as well. I hope to stay out until the house is completed and my things moved in."

—NEALE C. YOUNG, Abeokuta, Nigeria, Africa.

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In Every Village

"We have one more year before our second furlough. By that time we are expecting to have preached the gospel at least once in every village in all this vast field. This covers about eighty by forty-five miles, and includes three counties, with about two million souls. Mr. Strother has been systematically working at this for several years."

—MRS. G. W. STROTHER, Pochow, China.

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Busy Days

"Since we returned to the field we have been kept very busy looking after the spiritual as well as the material side of our work. Our church building and our home have been painted and are now in very good condition. In November I visited Coronel Pringles, a town where we have a church. It is about one hundred miles from here but belongs to our field. There, because of the Roman Catholic opposition, the struggle has been fierce. And yet the Gospel demonstrates its power in this stronghold of Rome. Three were baptized on Sunday morning. The water used was pumped from a deep well and consequently was very cold, so much so that my legs were numb up to the knees before the service was finished. There are several more who will take the same step before long, and some manifested their desire to follow the Lord. On my way home I visited

another town, Cabildo, where for years we have had some believers. This time I found a little hall which was rented and meetings and a Sunday school have been established there. The favorable exchange helps us to do things which we could not otherwise afford to do.

—E. S. SWENSON, Bahia Blanca, Argentina.

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Reconstruction

"The outstation work has been seriously checked by war conditions. Traveling in the country is very difficult and dangerous. Our station houseboat was badly damaged, and we have not been able to repair it yet, as this must be done in hot weather. However, I made two short trips by launch, visited three outstations, and have gotten in touch with the whole field through letters, and church members coming to town.

"A survey of war losses has been made and a request has been sent in for \$20,000 Chinese currency for repairing and rebuilding church plants in three of our outstations, including pastors' residences."

—P. W. HAMLETT, Wusih, China.

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We Want You to Know Japan

"We are made to feel at times that perhaps Southern Baptists are more interested in Japan than other denominations as it is quite evident that some mission boards are gradually withdrawing from the field. And yet we feel distinctly that an increase of knowledge on the part of our people at home regarding the actual conditions here, will give a new impetus to the evangelization of this country. Conditions in the East are eloquent of the tragedy of former delays in the evangelization of Japan, and so we are deeply thankful for the study courses you are offering on Japan this year."

—NAOMI SCHELL, Tobata, Japan.

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Progress

"As you will see from the address of this letter, I am not at home. Last Sunday we organized a new church in Uberlandia. It was organized with thirty-five members and three more were baptized in the river Sunday, thus bringing the number up to thirty-eight. There are others being prepared for baptism there, so the little church is starting off well. Another very unusual thing about the little church is

that one of the members—a man of some means, gathered by his own thrift—built a nice little church at his own expense, furnished it and lighted it quite satisfactorily and made a present of it all as long as the church may want to use it. They also bought a nice individual communion set and observed the Lord's Supper Sunday night. Everything about the little church pleases me. It is an answer to years of prayer on the part of many of us. Uberlandia is the most progressive and thriftiest little city in this section of the state. Been exceedingly hard to get our work started there. Been lots of sowing through the years, but it is just now that we are seeing the fruits."

—J. R. ALLEN, ARAGUARY, *Minas, Brazil*.

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A Thrill Every Day

"You will be deeply interested to know of the work here in our Bible Training School. I have been doing my best to put into action the ideas about training preachers which I have learned during these past twenty years, and some progress is being made. We enrolled fifty-five students last year and have already fifty-two for this year. About half of them are boys and half girls. We keep them only two years. So we graduate our first class in June, 1940. We are trying to find and develop material for workers. Most of our students come from non-Christian schools and non-Christian homes. This means that we must create a spiritual environment for them. We give them intensive Bible training during these two years and prepare them in personal work. I wish you could see us work. It is the greatest joy to me to work with them. I have not been pleased with my work so much since I came to China. It is just a thrill every day."

—D. F. STAMPS, *Yangchow, China*.

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Renewed Resolves

"Week before last we had our Convention here in Curitiba. How I wish I could have announced to the representatives from all these churches that soon we should have another couple of missionaries! They would have rejoiced with me in the glad news. Our house, the Mission House, was full to overflowing, so that I had two fellows sleeping here on the floor in my study. Our Convention was quite encouraging. . . . Perfect peace and a spirit of humility and co-operation pervaded the whole atmosphere. I believe that all went home with a renewed determination to work harder than ever before for the inbringing of the Kingdom."

—A. BEN OLIVER, *Curitiba, Brazil*.

A Difficult Trip

"Recently I took a trip to the south from here. It was a very difficult trip as we would think of it in the States. I went sixty-five miles in our car, rode thirty-two miles on horseback, got a canoe at two A.M. for a thirty-mile ride through tortuous channels, and over rapids in a dugout, waited two days for a train for a hundred-mile run, went thirty miles by bus to arrive at the place, Pirangi, for the organization of a district association. There we had a very good meeting with a good number of decisions and the organization of the association. Then, on the return, I visited several places where we have work and find that there are possibilities unlimited except as our resources for developing are limited. I rode thirty miles in a car and seventy-five miles on horseback and then came on home sixty-five miles in our car. This was my first extended trip through the interior which I found, with all interest, turning to learn of the Scriptures."

—J. E. LINGERFELT, *Jaguaquara, Brazil*.

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An Ocean of Need

"At the close of the first term of study on December 15, we left Peking for a brief visit to three more of our fields. First, we went to Tsinan, the capital city of Shantung Province, where we were guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. John Abernathy. We found ourselves in a growing city of a half million people in which Southern Baptists have only four missionaries—one man and three ladies. What opportunities for kingdom building we saw! On every hand were throngs of people. With such a mighty city, and with a thickly inhabited country field fifty miles broad, these missionaries are in a veritable ocean of need. Yet, how wonderfully they have wrought! Every hour of every day is filled to capacity—services every night, schools in operation, evangelists going out to preach. Our hearts warmed as we watched Miss Jennie Alderman and Miss Mary Crawford conduct their "ragamuffin" Sunday school for street children. Nearly a hundred little fellows filled the room and sang in their language the very songs the children sing in the church we served in Fort Worth. At the church service, in response to the pastor's pleas for personal soul-winning, we saw an old woman, nearly blind, bringing another old woman totally blind and without knowledge of Jesus, so that she might hear the Gospel. At the end of the service, we saw an aged gatekeeper whose salary is seven dollars per month give the missionary six dollars in order that song books for a new chapel might be provided."

—BAKER AND ELOISE CAUTHEN, *Peking, China*.



Volunteers for Christian Service in Tsining, Shantung, China. Missionary Frank H. Connelly, pastor. Meeting was led by Rev. Peter Lee of Kaifeng.

Taking the Gospel to an Island of the Sea

FRANK P. LIDE, *Hwanghsien, China*

Three days ago, a group of Christians, consisting of a few deacons of my church, and several young ladies of the North China Training School, went with the message of Christ to an island off the coast of the Shantung Promontory. The island lies two and one-half miles out in the sea. This city is eight miles inland from the seacoast.

The group who went along were earnest Christians, filled with zeal for lost men. It was "October's bright blue weather" so we were favored with a beautiful day. One of the deacons took his violin and played as we sang Christian hymns. Upon our arrival on the island we reported our presence to the officials. They received us kindly, lending a table and benches for our open-air meeting. We selected a good place in the village of more than a thousand population. A crowd of men, women, and children gathered around us under the bright skies to hear us sing the good old hymns, as well as some new choruses that have sprung up among the Chinese. The children were unusually orderly, and the adults listened most attentively to the message of salvation. We used posters in our preaching so that their eyes could see the Gospel, and we distributed tracts from one end of the town to the other. We preached to the assembled crowd until noon, when we were forced to dismiss the crowds that they might eat their dinner. We went to a shop where we bought some baked flour-biscuits—Chinese style and drank

some tea, the officials having loaned us a teapot and cups.

No sooner had we gotten ready to eat, than the women arrived accompanied by an elderly deacon. They had walked all the way to the seashore, a distance of five or six miles. I had tried to deter them, knowing that the journey would be tedious, but their zeal drove them on. They afterward thanked me heartily for allowing them to go. As they sat down to lunch, a crowd gathered around, and they immediately testified of Christ, and pled with the people to turn to the true God. All this while they were trying to eat. They said they would probably never have a chance to preach again to these people on the island.

In the afternoon, we divided into two groups for open-air preaching—the ladies taking up one place, while a deacon and I took up our old stand on the steps of a temple. Here he played his violin, as we sang the gospel story. As the people gathered, we tried to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. The deacon exhorted the people with all the earnestness of his soul to take the Christ He loved as Saviour and serve Him. Some day, we hope to see some results of our work there. We long to see a preaching place or a church planted on the island. We found one Protestant and one Catholic in the town.

In the afternoon we took a sailboat for the Shan-

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Miss Coleman Resigns

The Foreign Mission Board has sustained a distinct loss in the resignation of Miss Inabelle Graves Coleman, editorial secretary of the Board. She goes to China, August 1, as a contract teacher in the Department of English and Religious Journalism, University of Shanghai.

Miss Coleman came with the Foreign Mission Board in November, 1933, and since that time she has devoted herself with tireless energy and consecrated enthusiasm to the program and interests of this Southern Baptist agency. She has created a complete and excellent graded series of mission study books covering the work of our Board in sixteen lands around the world. In addition to this worthy achievement she has firmly established the publicity department of the Board and has done much, through the several agencies of publicity in the South, to rehabilitate Southern Baptists' foreign mission work at home and abroad.

In 1936, at her own expense, Miss Coleman made an extended visit to our mission fields in Japan and China, and in 1937 she visited the work of our Board in Europe.

The most notable and outstanding work of Miss Coleman has been the part she has had in the creation and establishment of *THE COMMISSION*, new missionary journal of the Foreign Mission Board. From the first Miss Coleman has had charge of the make-up and artistic arrangement of the material going into *THE COMMISSION*. The high quality and genuine worth of the magazine are due in large measure to her tireless labor and artistic genius.

Miss Coleman grew up in Durham, North Carolina, and graduated from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, after which she did graduate work at Columbia University. She taught in Greensboro and, for a number of years, was young people's worker for the First Baptist Church of that city. She acquired her valuable newspaper training with the Greensboro Daily News, and has been a constant and prolific writer and contributor to various Baptist Sunday school and missionary publications in the South. In addition to this Miss Coleman has written several mission study books.

The Foreign Mission Board feels keenly the loss of the services of this gifted young woman. Her place will be hard to fill. However, she has long felt led of the Lord to China and her services will



Inabelle Graves Coleman

be a distinct blessing to the University and a worthy contribution to the spiritual life of the youth of China. We heartily commend Miss Coleman to the University of Shanghai and to the brotherhood in China. We pray the blessings of heaven upon her as she goes to this new and challenging field of service in China.

—CHARLES E. MADDRY,
*Executive Secretary,
Foreign Mission Board,
Southern Baptist Convention*

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TAKING THE GOSPEL

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tung shore, joyful in heart for the privilege of carrying the Gospel to an island of the sea. We trust that the Word will not return void, but will accomplish God's purpose there.

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Dear friends, will you pray? Will you work and plan for a challenging missionary program for our Baptist churches throughout China? We believe the churches are ready. We believe that a great forward Frontier Mission Movement will be to the praise and honor of our God. Do we need wisdom? (James 1:5). Are there problems? (Philippians 4:19). Is the task too heavy? (2 Corinthians 9:8).

COLLEGES
AND SCHOOLS

ASSAD SHIRISH WRITES A LETTER TO YOU

The following letter was written by Assad Shirish, the boy with whom readers of *The Village Oven* are already acquainted.

As you will notice in his letter, Assad hopes to receive mail from some of the American friends whom he has never seen. Perhaps some of the girls would like to write to Assad's sister, Kamle.

Letters bearing *five cents' postage* may be sent in care of Rev. H. L. Eddleman, Baptist Mission, Nazareth, Palestine.

—THE EDITOR.



Samuel, Assad and Annis Shirish

TO MY BROTHERS IN AMERICA:

I give you my salaams with the Word of the Lord Jesus.

The first thing I want to tell you is about my country, especially about my city, Nazareth. I would like to tell you about the Baptist Church in Nazareth. The brothers in the church are very few, but God can bring more people to the church.

I will begin to tell you about the summer school and the pupils which are in it, and about the lessons we take every day. The first lesson we take is from the Bible. Then we make hand-work; then we go to the playground and play; and then we go in again to the classes. My class and I are working a picture from wood, and Saul is in the basket being let down from the window. As we are doing this, the girls learn in the Holy Bible and learn many verses about the Lord. They work needle-work. My mother helps in the school; she teaches them about the Lord Jesus, and sewing. The teachers who teach in the school are: Mr. Eddleman, Mrs. Eddleman, Mr. Lutfollow, Miss Gruver, Abu Machiel, Eveline Cadosh.

I would like to tell you about the condition of Palestine. Palestine is in a very bad state. The people are very poor and needy. All this happened be-

cause they are of the evil. But we Believers must depend on God, for God tells us that we must trust in Him.

Give my salaams to your teachers. Please answer me quickly with your letters.

I would like to tell you about my sister and brothers. My sister's name is Kamle; she is a boarder in the C.M.S. Orphanage. She is very industrious in her lessons, especially in the English language. She knows many English poems. This is the first year she entered the school but she was excellent. My brother's names are Annis and Samuel. Annis is round like a barrel and very dark. Samuel is only four years old. He is very noisy at home, but he listens to his mother's words. In prayer-time, he kneels and prays: "Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name." My Mother's name is Olga; she is not very strong.

Sincerely,

ASSAD SHIRISH.

NOTE:

Assad is eight years old, attends the Baptist Church in Nazareth and the mission's day school for boys.

أهدي سدي إليكم مع كلمة الرب يسوع المسيح

أول ما أريد في تعريبي عننا أن أخبركم عن بلادنا ونمونا بلدي الناصرة.
ثم أطلب منكم المساعدة وعلى تأقيري في السما وبد إليكم وأخبركم عن الكنيسة المعمدة في
الناصرة ما أخبركم عن المدرسة التي فيها تلاميذي السيد ولكن مع كل هذا الله قادر أن يعين إيماننا
تثبتي نعم الله وأخبركم عن المدرسة العتيقة وهي التلاميذ ما أتحدثنا الذين فيها وأخبركم

The first few lines of Assad's letter as written by himself

Studying Missions

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

THE QUEST FOR BOOKS

The increased interest in mission study during the summer months manifested by the many requests for lists of mission study text books is gratifying. The study of missions in June, July and August has become a definite part of the summer plans of the progressive church. Missionary education has found its place on the program of summer conferences, camps, assemblies and encampments.

In order to supply the demands for information about text books the Foreign Mission Board has published, for free distribution, a new edition of the descriptive folder which lists by countries and grades the series of mission study text books dealing with the six Southern Baptists' mission fields. Each series consists of five books designed for Adults, Young People, Intermediates, Juniors and Primaries. Write for the folder before planning your summer classes.

A NEW TRACT SOUTHERN BAPTISTS IN JAPAN

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By all means try to interest the members of classes in subscribing to *THE COMMISSION*. The subscription price is 50¢ per year. Send subscriptions to Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

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STUDY

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

—II Timothy 2:15.



Friendly Exchanges

THE STUDENTS "STOOD UP"

When Japanese bombs dropped upon Foochow the Union High School moved into a rural area. In order that the students might continue their practice farming Dr. Chang-Tung Yang, Principal of the school, worked out a plan for the students to work free of charge for the local farmers. The Chinese farmers, like some in the United States, did not take much stock in students as farm hands. "Scholars," said they disdainfully, remembering old days, "cannot be expected to stand erect in the muddy fields." But the farmers were surprised to find that many of the students could do the work better than they themselves. They respected the students because they were strong, diligent, learned quickly and because they had "an attitude to finish." The boys not only secured agricultural experience but made contacts with the social, educational and spiritual life of the farmer folk.

—*Missionary Herald.*

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THE HOME BASE

The war may show us our defects. Is our Christian life what it ought to be? The future of missions depends under God on the raising of the level of our Christian life. Missionary converts have been taught that war is wrong between Christian nations as well as between non-Christian peoples. Now, again, they see the Christian Old World in arms, and wonder at the spectacle. What will they think if we neglect our missionary enterprise? Wherever representatives of the Cross of Christ are found it is our duty to support them even more heartedly than in the past. This can only be done by deepening the home spiritual life, and once more we return to the root principle of all work for God. Those who help and those who work must be out and out for Christ, and show their love to Him by proving their brotherhood in Christ and union one with another.

—*Evangelical Christendom.*

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Who helps a child, helps humanity with a distinctness, with an immediateness which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of their human life can possibly give again.

—PHILLIPS BROOKS.

FRIENDLY
EXCHANGES

The Brotherhood of Man

FRANK CLARK, *Norman Park, Georgia*

Today I clasped a brother's hand,
From far and bleak Estonia Land;
His eyes a gleam, his face aglow
With love that only Christians know.

From Lapland to Magellan's Strait
Australia to the "Golden Gate",
A roll call sixty nations long;
A chorus sixty thousand strong
With hearts and voices in accord
Did praise and magnify their Lord—
A world-wide, Christian brotherhood,
Sons of a common fatherhood.

Now I perceive in God's great plan,
There is no class or race or clan;
No "Dago", "Chink", or "Wop", or
Greek,
Whatever language he may speak;
And every individual soul
Is part and parcel of God's whole.

Forgive, oh Lord, my foolish pride;
'Twas for all men that Jesus died.
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To find the larger man within.
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Book Reviews

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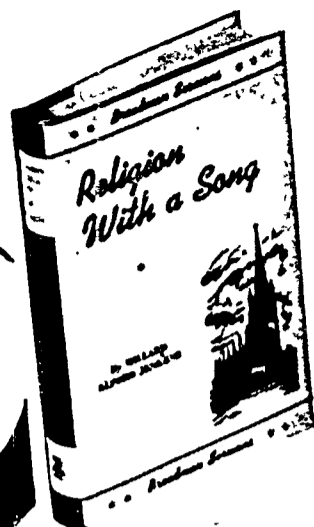
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