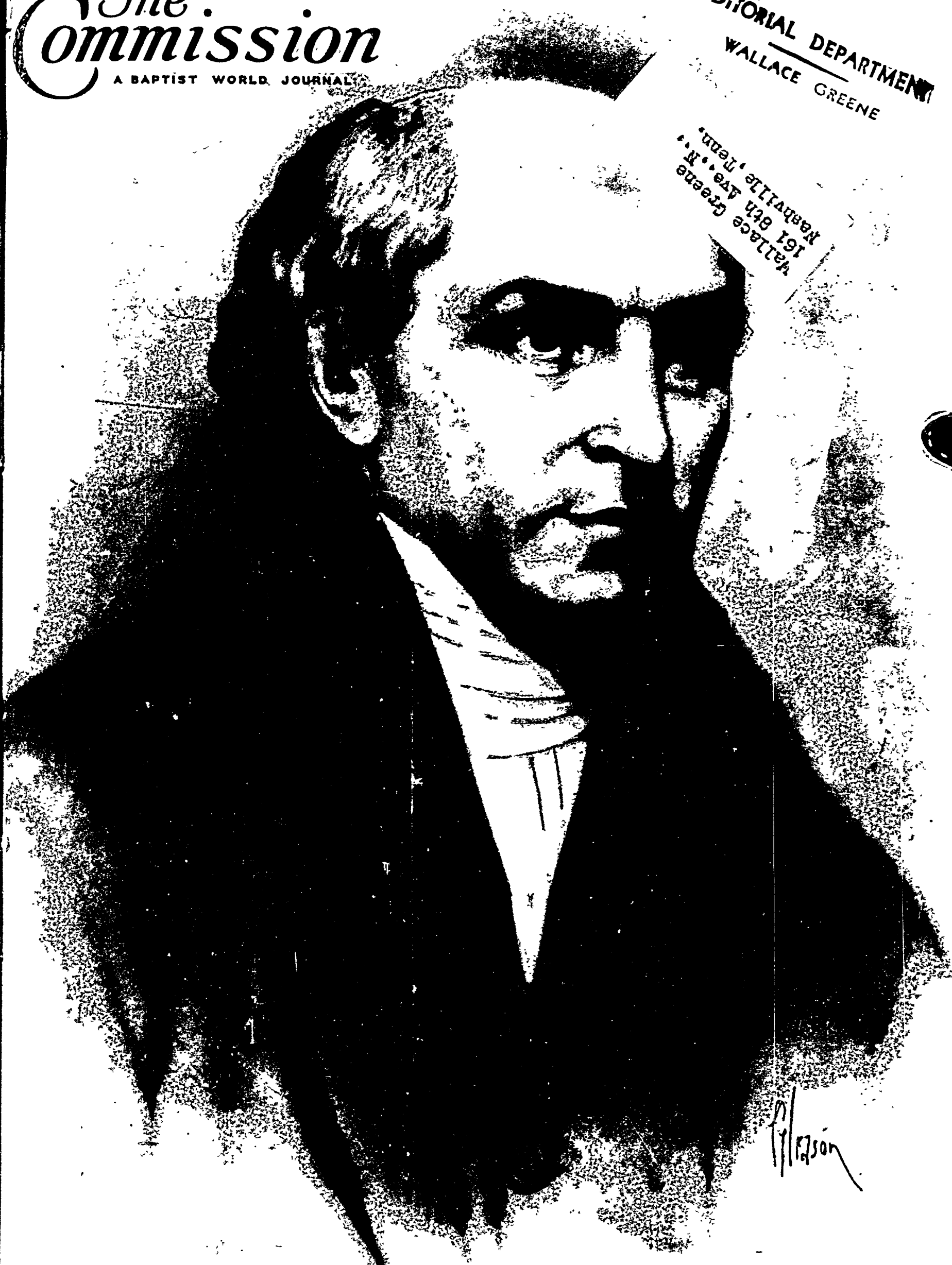


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THE COVER carries the portrait of William Carey, the founder of the Baptist Missionary Movement. This first missionary to be sent out by the Baptist Mission Society of England was born in Paulers Pury, Northamptonshire, August 17, 1761; baptized October 5, 1783; ordained August 10, 1786; sailed for India June 13, 1793; served there for forty years as preacher, teacher, and translator.

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A DIVINE PROMISE

KATE ELLEN GRUVER, *Haifa, Palestine*

And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them as at the first. . . . In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth them, saith the Lord.

Surely today we are being privileged to witness the fulfillment of these words, as we watch the mighty return of the Jews to "Eretz Israel." Tortured, persecuted, deprived of home and life in other countries, thousands upon thousands of these people are finding new life, new incentive, new hope in the land of their fathers. In the year 1939 alone, the Jewish immigration record stands at 35,000; and according to the Jewish Agency, the figures for the first month and a half of the current year indicate as large or a larger number for 1940.

From Many Lands

Many of these are finding new homes in the various cities, some with relatives already here, and some on their own. In Haifa alone the Jewish population at the latest census was nearly 70,000 and the number is growing month by month. Many are scattered about the town proper at the foot of Mount Carmel or located in beautiful new villas and homes on top of the mountain; but the majority of them live in the large and growing new section half-way up the slopes, called Hedar Har-Carmel. This is a young, self-sufficient town, complete with a shopping district, a market district, and a rapidly enlarging residential section. Huge apartment houses are constantly being built to house numbers of families, and many single apartments hold at least two separate families. In the midst of this witness to the gradual fulfillment of prophetic Scripture stands the splendid *Technion*, the college of Haifa, where the Jew, young and old, may find classes to meet his every need. It is of special interest to note that one of the most popular courses is one on the prophecies

of the Old Testament from a Messianic standpoint.

It is a remarkable group of people we find here. One may see representatives from every country in the world and may hear spoken every language of the Western Hemisphere; a group composed of people with widely differing backgrounds and cultures. Yet a group more closely bound as one, more united in one endeavor than any other group in all the world. The bond is the fatherhood of Israel—even the Hebrew word for a Jew of another country means "exile." The endeavor is the rebuilding of Palestine. It is true that there are many who are not influenced by the religious aspect of the question, many who have turned completely from God and who only laugh at any biblical implication to this rebuilding of an exiled people; but for the land—the land of Israel—they all have a deep, inherent, tenacious devotion such as one can have only for his fatherland.

Rehabilitation

For the large percentage of Jews who can find neither work nor homes in the cities there is another means of livelihood, and it is this which is the backbone of the reconstruction of Palestine from the Jewish standpoint. Through two main organizations, money, material, and people are gathered for the establishment of small colonies throughout the land. The prospective settlers—often young people in their late teens or early twenties, sometimes older people with families—are put through a "training period" in one of the more established colonies in the section in which they wish to locate later. Here they learn how to prepare the land, how to cultivate it for their use, how to meet and supply their needs. When they are ready they are granted a tract of Jewish-owned land large enough for their needs and growth. Previously prepared building materials, tools, etc., are brought to the place, and everyone, young and old, sets to work. By nightfall there is a row or circle of neat frame huts with a watch-tower in the middle and a fence all around. From then on, it is a matter of wresting a living from a stubborn

but yielding land. The settlers vary in number from ten families up. They must be hardy and enduring, willing to work untiringly with no return except just enough to meet their needs. There are two types of colonies, the "kfar" or village composed of individual family-homes, and the "kibutz" composed of individual members who live on an entirely communal basis. Usually the people are grouped in each type according to their previous home-country or according to their religious classification of "Orthodox" or not. It is on these colonies that the Jews of today are basing their hopes and aspirations for the reclamation of Israel, for it is through the work of these settlers that the swamps have been drained, that the desert has been fertilized and the rocky places have been made to yield abundantly, that industry has grown amazingly.

In the Jewish section of the cities and the colonies, the Christian is finding a new welcome and a new interest in the Christ he tries to uphold—an interest that amounts almost to an eagerness. A very feeble beginning toward Jewish work in Haifa has been made this year and while it has been slow there is every reason to believe that the future can hold greater things. At present there is only one mission here carrying on an active program of Jewish work, although there are a few individuals who with their limited means are attempting to reach and meet the need. Under such conditions in a city where over half the population is Jewish the need is of first magnitude, and if ever there was a time in which to preach the Gospel message to Israel it is now when, softened by the relative kindness of the two so-called "Christian nations," made desperate by the terrible persecutions in Europe, and opened by a faint new glimmer of the great truth of the Old Testament they are seeking to know the truth.

A young woman who made her confession to belief in Christ a few weeks ago suddenly discovered to her amazement that another member of her supposedly Orthodox family was a secret believer. A young husband, speaking of the world situation as a fulfillment of prophecy, admitted that he had decided he had better begin to think of his own situation in regard to the Christian's claim that the Messiah would soon come again. A young Polish Jew, intensely interested in the Old Testament classes at the *Technion*, confessed to secret possession of a New Testament and to regular study of it.

Out Into the Highways

No less needy is the situation in the colonies. Many of these are on the main bus routes, but the large majority are situated some distance from them, causing considerable difficulty and requiring much

more time if one must depend on busses for travel. It has been to these out-of-the-way colonies that we have gone mainly. The ones on the roads are usually visited sometime by missionaries passing to and fro, but the others seldom are. These trips have been for the purpose of distributing Gospels, New Testaments, and some tracts to any and all who will accept, and it is to be noted that except in six out of twenty-five or six colonies there were not enough New Testaments to meet the demand. Many times, when one person has delivered a terrific tongue-lashing against us and our mission the demand has amounted almost to a mob. The effort is always made to have personal talks with as many as possible and the experiences that have come during these times have been many and varied. In one "kfar," visiting from house to house, a devout Orthodox Jew asked for two Testaments and then burned both before us in gleeful contempt of the Messiah we offered him. In another a young Polish Jew, when asked what he had now to offer for his sins in the place of the sacrifice, broke down and asked pitifully: "What must I do to be saved?" Another asked for all the guidance we could give him to help him solve this problem in his own life. In a kibutz, a young girl fingered through her Testament, read a verse or two, and said: "I'll read it. It *may* be true!" At one new kibutz a group of twelve young men from Germany, still living in the pro-settlements tents, gathered about a long table and fired question after question about Christianity and its fulfillment of the Old Testament, reading and re-reading the Testament passages shown them. They asked for everything we had and walked half a mile back to the car for more, begging that we come back or send someone else to talk with them again. It isn't always easy; many times it is very difficult, draining one of every spiritual force she has. Yet these times are only a greater challenge.

Laborers Are Few

These trips must be hurried ones in order to visit as many places as possible. Even on overnight trips we can seldom adequately cover more than three or four colonies and with approximately 350 in Palestine one realizes how vast the work is. Added to that, they are now increasing at the rate of forty-five to fifty per year. Except for the two ladies with whom we have gone this year, there is no one carrying on regular extensive work in the out-posts of mission sections. However, the Gospel has at least been put into the hands of the people, a witness has been given, and interest created to some degree. The rest, for the present, must be left to the working of the Holy Spirit, and how mighty is His power!

THE WESTWARD TREK

M. T. RANKIN, *Secretary for the Orient*

History has few, if any, parallels to the tremendous movement of humanity which is now in process in the great western areas of China. For centuries the vast potentialities of that section of the world had lain dormant and quiescent. Millions of Chinese people of strong character and primitive development have serenely followed in the paths of past centuries. Unexplored and undeveloped natural resources have cradled unawakened and unaroused human capacities.

But within the past three years the scene has been violently changed. Bursting bombs and advancing armies have propelled fifty million Chinese people from their homes and cities in the coastal provinces and have thrust them into the far western parts of China to begin life over again. These multitudes have gone out in great streams, moving along highways, up rivers, over mountains and across plains to seek out new homes in "free" China. They have left the areas which have been occupied by the Japanese forces and have trekked on and on to the western provinces where Chinese life and government are still being maintained. With this stirring movement of humanity has come more than the destruction of eastern homes and places of livelihood. Through the arrival of refugees in the primitive western sections, old ideas and concepts of life have been shattered. Streams of new life and new ideas are pouring into the old areas where heretofore the millions had quietly followed the ways of the centuries. Universities have been moved from the coastal cities and set down in those western centers. Business executives with modern methods, leaders with social and economic training, men with capital, Christian men and women with college degrees who speak English fluently constitute a power of leaven which has brought the life of western China into a condition

of flux. New life is in the making. The future life and thought of the Chinese people are being wrought out there.

In this situation Christians are presented with a challenging opportunity such as seldom comes to men. The power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to create new life and new ways of thought finds its fulfillment in just such movements of humanity.

During the past hundred years missionary work in China has been confined largely to the coastal areas. Prior to the present war probably as much as seventy per cent of all Christian activity among the Chinese was found in those sections. This condition is in process of being changed. Thousands of Christians have gone into the West. Christian schools, hospitals and churches are springing up in places where none of these existed. Already a number of mission organizations are moving with this tide of new life and are establishing new centers in western China.

The missionary work of Southern Baptists lies either in coastal provinces or in areas comparatively near the coast. Of the twenty-six larger cities which formed the centers of our work, twenty are now occupied by Japanese forces. While we must not abandon the occupied areas with their tragic needs and compelling opportunities, we must not fail to move out into this great center of the new China.

We have one mission center in the city of Kweilin in Southwestern China which we can use as a base for projecting work into China's West. But alas! We do not have the missionaries. We need to send to China four or five couples to study the language and prepare themselves for this great opportunity. We need at least two older missionary couples from the occupied areas to volunteer now to push out into the west and open up new centers of work. Our missionary work in China must follow this surging tide.



Short Term Bible School at Pochow, China

Kingdom Facts and Factors

W. O. CARVER, *Professor of Missions,
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*

"For Such a Time as This?"

We are thinking of Southern Baptists, the four and a half million of them; and of their churches, the twenty-five thousand of them. The world is in the most comprehensive crisis in all the history of human society. In what measure are our many millions prepared to understand what sin, ambition, pride, racial and class rivalries and hatreds are doing to our human race? How many of us understand how hopeless are the interpretations of values for which millions of men are today fighting and for the gaining of which many nations are being destroyed?

If we only understood the things that make for our peace! And for the peace of the world! Peace can come only in righteousness, and men are not righteous. Nor can we say that men generally genuinely desire righteousness. What we are meditating upon, in thinking of Southern Baptists, is the potential resources in a denomination which in its territory is more numerous by far than any other. What could we not do for our own land and for the world if we were possessed by the Spirit of Jesus and by his passion for saving the world? How significant a Kingdom fact is the Southern Baptist denomination? How great a Kingdom fact do we constitute? What is our responsibility? How large a factor are Southern Baptists?

Before the collapse of France and before the appeal of British Baptists to American brethren I had written the following:

What of British and Canadian Missions?

"It is as surprising as it is gratifying to read reports from the annual meetings of religious bodies in Great Britain and Canada. Thus far the support of their missionary operations, very large compared to our standards in the United States, has been maintained on high levels. But that was before the disasters on the Continent of Europe, before the desperate situation at the moment this is written, a situation which may be disastrous before this is read. In any case it will be impossible for the British churches to sustain their missions as they have done. There is no source but America from which help can come. We could save the situation by enlarging our support. A fifty per cent increase in financial income would enable American boards to save many a situation. Southern Baptists could save the British

work in China. It is only needed that we send more money to our Board in Richmond."

The situation offers to Southern Baptists a supreme opportunity and a supreme test. We cannot respond to this challenge without real sacrifice along material lines. We cannot fail to meet the opportunity without sacrificing spiritual values to material selfishness. Now and for the days ahead Southern Baptists must pay the price of their faith or prove faithless. We must make great increase in our support of gospel causes at the very time when we are about to have heavy increase in taxes on our material resources. What we do will prove to ourselves and will demonstrate to the world where our hearts are and where we are laying up treasure; whether we are primarily concerned for the preservation of material possessions for ourselves, or for the interests of our Lord in the salvation of the world.

Theological Seminaries and Christian Leadership

Early in June at Lexington, Kentucky, was held the biennial session of *The American Association of Theological Schools*, in which a large number of the seminaries in the United States and Canada are combined for mutual consideration of the ways and means of meeting the need for a properly prepared Christian ministry and leadership. Because of war conditions, the Canadian schools were not represented, but the attendance was larger and from more institutions than usual. The interest was keen and the sense of responsibility very marked. Much attention was given to the need for ministers trained for world-wide Christianity. The large number of "fanatical sects" and independent, irresponsible preachers was dealt with in two papers of much information and thoughtfulness. It was recognized that the pastors of our "regular" churches are failing to meet the needs of great numbers of people who become the victims of preachers with little education or understanding but with strong emotional appeal and an ability to manipulate the concept of supernatural authority and manifestation. The seminaries may have over-exalted "culture" and may be producing ministers for intellectualistic classes to the neglect of "the common people" who "heard Jesus gladly." The duty of the seminaries to ministers who have not attended seminaries and to laymen who require training for leadership was discussed most seriously. One who attended all four

sessions was deeply impressed with the way the seminaries are accepting their responsibility and trying to meet the needs of today and tomorrow.

The Southwestern Seminary's application for membership was heartily accepted. The Southern Seminary has participated in the Association from its beginning and a number of its faculty have served on the executive committee, helping to formulate its policies and programs.

An Educated Negro Leadership

Southern Baptists have been growing more interested in recent years in helping our Negro brethren to get a better trained ministry. Besides the American Baptist Seminary at Nashville—one proj-

ect of the Seventy-Five Million Campaign—there have been projects by each of our three theological institutions, and a renewed and enlarged interest by our Home Mission Board. The difficulties and obstacles are serious. Progress is being made, even though there are some failures and some disappointments. Our efforts need to be integrated or correlated and adjusted so as to get the most effective results. In it all full recognition of our fine Negro leadership is an essential factor. The need is appalling. A great denomination of fine Baptists has few really equipped leaders, and thousands of preachers whose education has never reached high school stage. Southern whites are getting a conscience about this.

BRITISH AID TO SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

We should remind ourselves that in the early days of our Baptist work in South China, English businessmen in Hong Kong made generous contributions toward the erection of a church, a school and a dormitory—three in one. It was in that building that Southern Baptists' pioneer, J. Lewis Shuck carried on his work. Those same Englishmen, by their continued support of our work, enabled the missionaries to lay the foundations for the evangelical institutions in China today. Such was the English spirit one hundred years ago; and such is it today.

—J. W. LOWE.

FRIENDSHIPS

ELIZABETH ("BETSY") LARSON

Oh how precious are the friendships
Which we form from day to day!
But I know a greater friendship,
Which will help us on the way
To eternal glory, when our task is o'er.

Earthly friends may come—then leave us,
But this Friend abides alway.
He the way to God will show us,
When we from the pathway stray.
Then take us home to glory, after our task is o'er.

You may ask me how I know Him—
How I know He will help me.
This my answer, "You may prove Him
For yourself and you will see."
Then He'll take you home to glory, after your task
is o'er.



ELIZABETH ("BETSY") LARSON
daughter of I. V. and Mrs. Larson, missionaries at
Tsingtao, China. Born at Laiyang, China, August 29,
1922. Translated to Heaven at Peiping, China,
March 2, 1940.

The Lord Shall Yet Comfort Zion*

EUNICE M. FENDERSON, *Jerusalem, Palestine*

In spite of discouragements and difficulties and the fact that we have no regular pastor for the church, the work in Jerusalem has never been more encouraging than it is at present.

All departments of the Good Will Center have increased in numbers and several of the members have confessed Christ as their Saviour.

A number of our young people of the Y. W. A.'s and R. A.'s have come into the church during the past year, and are now able, after having had some Bible training, to take classes in the Primary Department of the Sunday school.

The Sunday school, with an enrollment of over 300, has an average attendance of 150, and it has been encouraging to note the deepening interest in the gospel message and the recognition of Jesus Christ as the one way of salvation.

A week ago one of the five youths of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday school, also a member of the R. A.'s followed the Lord in baptism. His parents, who gladly consented to his decision, were deeply moved as they witnessed his "burial and resurrection," to walk in newness of life. The day before he had said to them, "Tomorrow I am going to die." He realized the depths of the meaning of dying with Christ.

His mother—a Hebrew Christian, who was led to Christ by Miss Clor shortly after the latter came to the field—has not as yet been baptized; but she said to us, after her son's baptism, "I wanted to go with him. I'll be the next." The younger son has also been saved and wants to follow his Saviour in this step. So, ere long, the family will all be united in the Lord. The mother, who speaks four languages and is very capable, was the first to come forward to volunteer to help Miss Clor during my furlough.

The same day another member was added to the

church by letter. He is a fine, young, educated Hebrew Christian. He was born in Austria, and during the trouble with Germany he fled to Hungary. Later he was converted, went to France where he was baptized and joined a Baptist church in Paris. His church in Paris gives him a letter of high recommendation.

He returned to Jerusalem and, longing for Christian fellowship, he hunted up the Baptist mission. He expressed his longing for a church home and his willingness to do any kind of work. He was eager to have Christian fellowship and to be able to attend church. After waiting two months or more, and praying for guidance, we felt led to take him on, to work in return for his room and board, (a meager allowance which we have arranged with one of the church members). We are glad to do this for him and he is proving to be a real help with the work. Meanwhile he continues studying a Bible course, which Miss Clor is giving him. He is a very capable worker, and we trust will prove a valuable helper and worker in the mission. We are looking to the Lord to supply his need, for he has been taken on by faith. Will you join us in prayer for him?

Never in the history of the mission have there been so many requests for New Testaments among the members of our Jewish classes. They are willing to pay in order to get a copy. Many professional men, including several doctors are among those who are interested in studying God's plan of redemption.

The Sabbath school of Jewish children is always well attended in spite of threats from their schools to turn them out. Just recently after the message was given and they were asked how many wanted to accept Christ as Saviour, a good number raised their hands. The old prejudices are disappearing and doors of opportunity are opening.

Join us in prayer that, from among these people, God will raise up the future evangelists of the land.

We are grateful for the assurance that our labor "is not in vain in the Lord," and that in "due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

*Zech. 1:17.

A HUMBLING COMPARISON

500,000 Southern Presbyterians	25,000 subscribers to THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY
1,500,000 Northern Baptists	34,000 subscribers to MISSIONS
1,000,000 Congregationalists	21,000 subscribers to THE MISSIONARY HERALD
8,000,000 Methodists	64,000 subscribers to THE WORLD OUTLOOK
5,000,000 Southern Baptists	ONLY 17,000 subscribers to THE COMMISSION

Are Southern Baptists less concerned about Kingdom enterprises?

Less than one cent a week brings THE COMMISSION for a year.

FIELDS AND
FACTS

Redeeming the Time

W. E. CRAIGHEAD, *Cernauti, Rumania.*

A glance at the air-defense balloons above London, the air-raid shelters in the parks, the streets clad in grim darkness, as well as the presence, on my return trip across the English channel, of a crew of Yugoslavians, whose boat had been sunk recently,—all these left no doubt in my mind that “the days are evil.”

The years, 1938-1939 represent calvary experiences for Rumanian Baptists. This period will go down on record as the time when the Baptists were recognized as an “association.” Under this title they were deprived of many of the rights formerly enjoyed: most of the churches were closed and many of the members falsely accused, fined, and imprisoned. “But prayer was made without ceasing” abroad, as well as by those in this country. The natives continued to knock at the doors of the authorities. The help of lawyers was solicited, which incurred no little expense. One poor brother, desirous of obtaining religious liberty, cried out at a convention meeting, “I have only one cow, but will gladly bring her as an offering of sacrifice to obtain liberty.”

At last, it seems that the Lord is opening the doors of religious freedom here; even today new instructions concerning Baptists will be issued by the government, whereby they are no longer to be considered as a mere “association,” but as one of the recognized cults.

Being aware that opinion abroad, as well as rumors within, indicated that my mission field was facing a particular crisis, I hastened to redeem the time in the development of the work. During the first month back on the field a careful survey was made of seven strategic city churches with their adjacent districts. During the second month three other city churches were visited in addition to those mentioned above. In all of these places we endeavored to give the call to repentance; to establish the New Testament order in the churches; to unite the churches and build them up in the faith; to promote the building of chapels and the home and foreign missionary interests.

To help create more interest, especially in the meetings, Brother Vranhan, the former imperial opera singer, was invited to make the trip with me. The general feeling of depression, as well as the desire to hear Brother Vranhan, brought large numbers to our meetings. In the Danube River city churches of Reni, Ismail, and Chilia Noua, where

there has been some contention and division, a spirit of reconciliation was brought about. At Tataresti, where we intended stopping only a few minutes, we had to spend the night. The brethren there just would not let us go. At a late hour the word went abroad that there would be a meeting. After several sermons and solos we started to close the meeting, but the people continued to come in from the nearby villages, so we had to carry on. However, we were rewarded by seeing the return of one stray sheep to the fold there.

In the city of Balti there were evident signs of God's visitation during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. After a week of meetings and in response to the last call to repentance in the old year, about fifteen souls surrendered; among this number was a Jew. On the day after Christmas a special service was arranged to raise money to cover the remaining debt on the chapel. An altar of miniature size and of Old Testament type was erected near the pulpit. After the service the people eagerly made their way to the altar, one by one, until the entire amount needed was raised.

The Balti Church has become a refuge for many of the churches in the adjacent districts. At present most of the churches around Balti are closed. Recently in a village near there, a Baptist was falsely accused of killing his child. Even though it was proven by reliable medical authorities that the accusation was false, the brother was declared guilty and put in prison for three months at Balti. While in prison this brother testified concerning his faith and, as a result, two of the most notorious bandits in the country were converted.

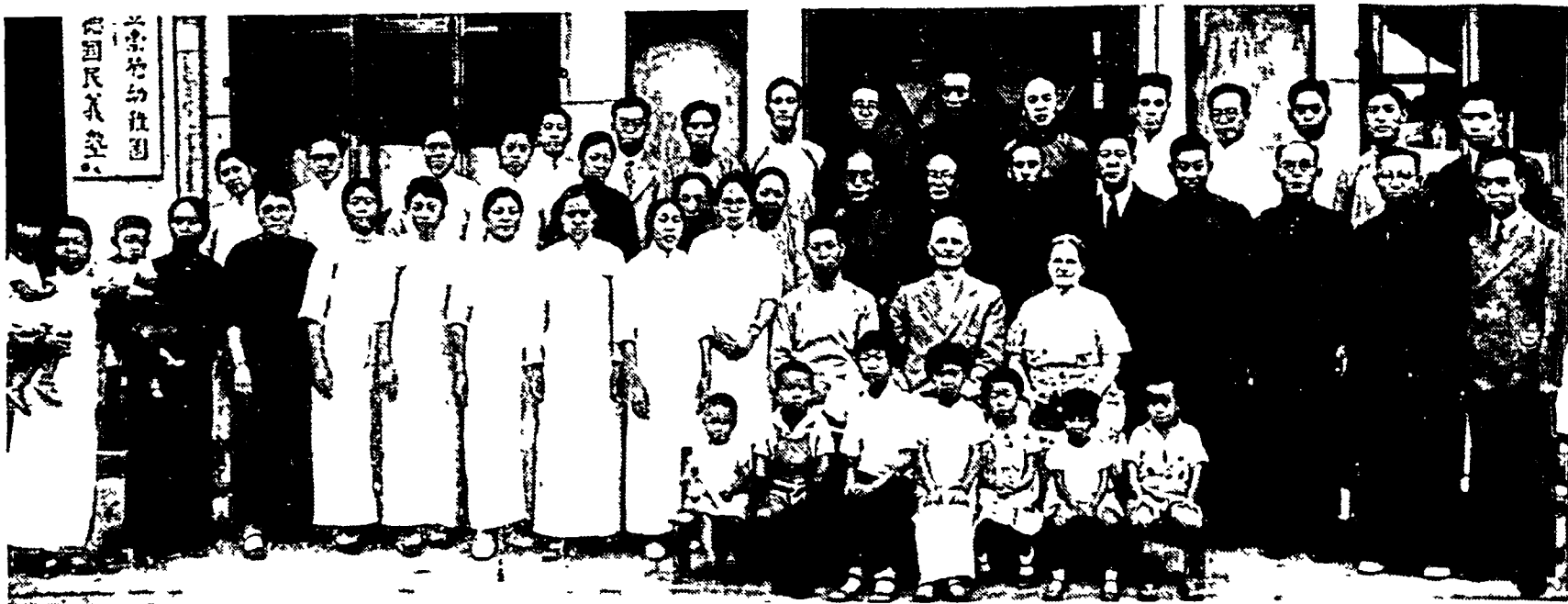
In connection with the visits several days' instruction was given about the promotion of missionary interest at home and abroad. With the map of the Foreign Board before us, we endeavored to survey the fields one by one. By this means a new interest has been created in promoting the work which has already been started by the Bessarabians in Nigeria.

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DEBT RETIREMENT

Seven years ago the debt of our Board stood at \$1,110,000.00. We owe today \$241,000.00. In these seven years we have paid a total of \$869,000.00 on the principal of the debt and \$210,289.26 in interest. Thus it will be seen that we have paid out \$1,075,289.16 on debt service in seven years.

FIELDS AND
FACTS



THE POWER OF GOSPEL

CHARLES A. LEONARD, SR., Harbin, Manchuria

*How the Word of God under Varied Conditions
Changes the Lives of Individuals and
Builds Up Groups of Believers
in Manchukuo (Manchuria).*

During observations and experiences of nearly thirty years of missionary work here in the Far East and travels in other lands I have yet to find a single missionary in evangelistic work who has been, or is, discouraged. Rather are we much encouraged. And were God's people in the homeland able to see what we see, hear what we hear and feel what we feel, funds needed from abroad would not be lacking.

Taking the missionary's hand with a warm grasp in both of his, with real earnestness and feeling, the leading man in the village, a stalwart Chinese of forty years, said: "Pastor, we have been looking forward for days to your visit." He and others were waiting in the cold outside the village to receive us, for two men on horseback had passed our car and carried news ahead. Others were awaiting us in the house and hastened out into the yard with expressions of welcome when they heard the cart's approach on the frozen yard and the happy voices of those traveling with us.

Until a few years ago large numbers of Chinese Christians met us in the same spirit at the railway stations here in Manchuria, but to avoid abuse and intimidation they do this no more, for policing of the railways is now in different hands. But in their hearts there is the same appreciation and, we believe, there is a better understanding among the non-Christians as to our purposes and work.

A Great Christian

Our first visit to this village, ten miles from an outstation, was three years ago, along with a lay

evangelist. On account of banditry the landowners had to flee to the railway for protection, while many of their homes were looted and burned. Among these was Mr. Hwa, the most influential, to whom was presented a Bible by a Christian while he was patiently waiting at Anganghsi for better days. It was then, during days of adversity and a realization of man's depravity and injustice, that he became a Christian. Later we had the pleasure of baptizing him and other members of his family.

Mr. Hwa is one of those who show real appreciation of the missionary and his message, and an understanding of what it has meant for us to leave homeland, parents, and others that he and his might have salvation. He feels deep gratification for Christ's great sacrifice. Such Christians always make rapid progress. On the cart with Evangelist Ku and me were a dear old man, his daughter-in-law, his son's daughter, and three small children. They had come from a distant place to join others in the opening up of uncultivated land belonging to Mr. Hwa, and had never before heard of the unsearchable riches of Christ. The bumping of the heavy wheels on the rough frozen road, with only a thin layer of straw between us and the floor of the heavy springless cart was hard on the women and children. These people were so impressed with our concern for their comfort and saving the children from frozen feet, ears, and hands by sharing our bedding with them that they not only heard the Word willingly but, with great reluctance, saw us leave the village of their adoption.

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A Setback

On our first visit to Peitachial more than fifty men and women enrolled as enquirers. Some did so because of Mr. Hwa, the head of the village. Among these was a man who tore down his private heathen temple. But soon afterwards a cow died. Later members of his family became ill. He was frightened, and hastened to Anganghsi, where he was told by a soothsayer that he had offended the idols, foxes, and other animals whom he had formerly worshipped. He was told to warn the people against becoming Christians, to rebuild the temple and restore worship of the animals which are supposed to embody the spirits of devils. By the time he did this his family had recovered from their sickness. This gave a setback to the gospel, others also turning in fear to their old gods.

Encouragements

Recently Miss Liu, the Bible Woman, and Mr. Cheng, the lay evangelist, held ten days of meetings in the village. The Christians were enabled to see the Truth in a better light and to find just where they stood. It seemed a fitting time for Evangelist Ku and the missionary to make a visit. I wanted especially to help them get a reading class started, using a primer of one thousand characters which makes possible reading of the New Testament. Regular weekly worship was organized, to be held in the Hwa home, and the reading class was enthusiastically instituted, fourteen enrolling, Mr. Hwa teaching this six nights in the week. The roll of enquirers was revised. There are now forty-two who give evidence of being born again. These are to be prepared for baptism. They have now been formed into a regular organized group, and later will grow into a church with their own place of meeting.

Thus the work begins and develops at these places, each in a different way, but ultimately to the same end. The genuine love and appreciation of these people at such places is an inspiration. We are made to feel so unworthy, and yet so grateful, as the children crowd around to hold our hands, to ask that we prolong our visit, while the older people express a desire to do anything in their power for us. It was possible to be there only two days and three nights. On the last night the meeting continued until long after twelve o'clock. As the babies went to sleep the mothers put them down upon the hard, warm brick "Kang," covered with a thin mat, but the boys and girls remained wide awake until 12:30.

At another place, Toutzan, visited on our way back to the railway, we advised with the group of some twenty Christians there regarding the building of a place of worship this spring. An earnest Chris-

tian has given for this a large and most desirable lot in the center of the little town. At this place a reading class was also organized, twelve enquirers who cannot read enrolling for this. Mr. Wang (King), who gave the lot, will teach the class. This work is largely the outgrowth of the Anganghsi Church, members of this group going to Toutzan, six miles distant, on their bicycles Sunday afternoons to preach.

At an important city, Antachan, one of our outstations, we responded to a request to assist them in selection and purchase of better buildings to be used as a church and evangelistic center. This, a leading soy bean center, has gone down commercially in recent years, but business has now improved since the advance in the price of grain. The Lord's work there is also going forward.

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

MARY MOORE, *Tennuco, Chile*

The other day when I was on the train a well-dressed woman, led by a dear little boy of about five years, came to my seat. She asked if I were the Sunbeam leader of the Baptist church. When I replied that I was one of the leaders, she said that her little boy had attended a few times and had talked so much about it that she felt as if she had been there herself. At my invitation she sat beside me and told me of her Christian experience. She had been a devout Catholic and, three years before, had taken her oldest son, nine years of age, to Santiago to study for the priesthood. Soon after returning from Santiago she had been invited by a neighbor to attend a service in the Methodist church. Out of curiosity she went, and God touched her heart. After a year of probation she became a member of the Methodist church. She had many long talks with her Catholic "confessor" who agreed that her new belief was correct, but that it was not safe to teach to the people.

After three years of study in Santiago her son returned home, discontented with his life among the priests. But he was horrified to find that his mother had become a Protestant. Little by little they read and discussed the New Testament and the Catholic prayer book. One night the boy slipped into our Baptist church when the women were holding their Week of Prayer service. No one noticed the twelve-year-old boy, but God saw the longing in his heart and answered his prayer. The mother was radiantly happy as she told of her ambitions for her son to study in our Baptist School.

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Loyal Christians in Nazareth

SARAH FOX EDDLEMAN, *Nazareth, Palestine*

How much alike are the responses of real Christians!

The scene this time is in Nazareth, Palestine. The group of faithful women gathered are Baptists. They are few, for Baptists have not been working here very long. Their eyes are dark brown, their hair very dark and their skins are brown, but their hearts are the same as those first Baptist women who heard of Miss Lottie Moon giving her life and all to China for Christ. They are not wealthy in this world's goods. Some are widows, some are barely able to keep the hungry wolf away from their little children, some are physically handicapped for life. Yet their hearts of Christian love prompted them to give of their little bit for the Master to be used in His Kingdom work over the world.

In fact they appear such a pitifully poor group that one hesitates to suggest that they give a special offering above their regular offerings each Sunday to church. When they gathered this time it was the Day of Prayer Around the World for Baptist women. As they heard of Miss Moon's noble life their faces revealed their hearts. The young girls of this country live for the day when they shall be brides. If one never marries, the heads nod and whispers go around. No one is known to refuse forever to be a bride. One may refuse the first opportunities hoping for a better chance. So when they heard that Miss Moon had refused a well educated, cultured, fine young man just because she wanted to give her whole life for Christ in China, there was amazement on all their faces. One young mother

sighed, another let tears run down her face unheeded. Then upon hearing how Miss Moon gave her life, denied herself the things that she could have had in America and even the things that she could have had in China, all to get closer to the people, their hearts were overflowing. One dear old soul cried out, "God have mercy on us that give so little and do so little for Thee."

When they were told the response of the Baptist women in America was the same as theirs they were not surprised. Then, hearing that every year the Baptist women give a special offering at Christmas, they suggested that they give even though their offerings would be later than the others. So they did bring their gifts. One who sells lace gave the money from her only piece of finished lace.

That they might have a better offering next year, they asked to come right after dinner one day a week and work on lace just for this offering. So they have been coming each week and working for four hours. While they work they have been listening to Bible studies and hearing of the efforts of women in other fields.

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Harvest Time

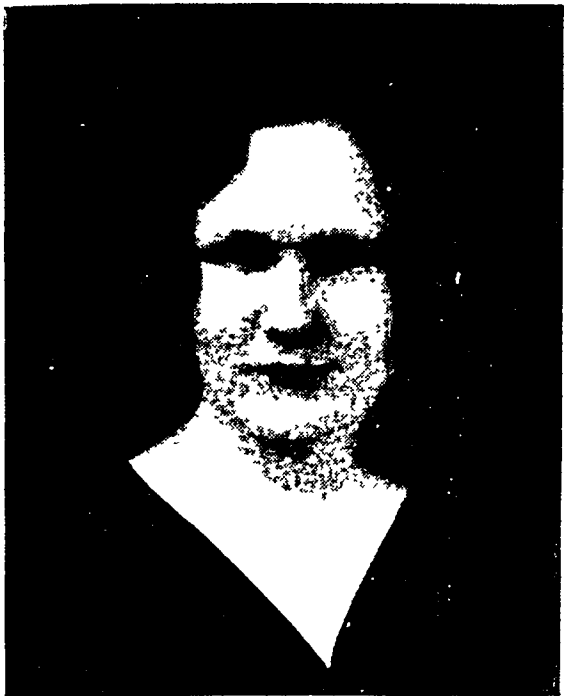
"Last Sunday thirty-six were baptized into this church, making 155 this year. The weather was cold last Sunday. Water was heated and carried into the church to heat the water a little."

—BONNIE JEAN RAY, Pingtu, Sung, China.



Threshing wheat in Palestine where primitive methods continue to prevail.

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Myrtle H. Zentmeyer

Two New Additions to the Headquarters Staff



Arch M. McMillan

A WELCOME RECRUIT

It is with genuine joy that the Foreign Mission Board welcomes as a member of the headquarters staff, Miss Myrtle H. Zentmeyer who has, for the past twelve years, served ably as church secretary in Barton Heights Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. Her fine co-operative spirit, her marked ability as a speaker and leader, and her deep consecration to the cause of Christ have endeared her to the hearts of the people of her church; and both pastor and members were reluctant to give her up.

Miss Zentmeyer, a native of Floyd Courthouse, Virginia, is a graduate of the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Kentucky. Converted at the age of ten she has, since childhood, been deeply and actively interested in Kingdom affairs, investing for God, without reserve, her time and talents.

Her activities with the Foreign Mission Board center in the Editorial Department but will include contacts with the churches as a speaker and teacher.

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IN PALESTINE

I tell you, when I looked upon those fields
And stony valleys, through the purple veil
Of twilight, or what time the Orient sun
Made shining jewels of the barren rocks,
Something within me trembled; for I said,
This picture once was mirrored in His eyes;
This sky, that lake, those hills, this loveliness,
To Him familiar were . . .

—From the poem by
Richard Watson Gilder.

OUR NEW MANAGING EDITOR

We are happy to introduce to THE COMMISSION family our new Managing Editor, Arch M. McMillan, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, missionaries located at Soochow, China.

Mr. McMillan was born in China, educated at the American School in Shanghai, Wake Forest College, and Harvard University. He was editor of several college publications while at Wake Forest and prepared himself for religious journalism.

He is a consecrated and gifted young man and we welcome him to a blessed fellowship of hard work in the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board.—C. E. M.

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A BREAK IN OUR RANKS

After almost seven years of untiring and efficient service to the Foreign Mission Board, Miss Inabelle Coleman sailed on Friday, August 20, for China to take up her new duties as a member of the faculty of Shanghai University.

Versatile and aggressive, she has made a large contribution to the work of the Board and the great Cause it represents. As a skillful teacher and a gifted speaker she has made wide contacts throughout the South and has thus broadened and deepened the influence of the Foreign Mission Board. As an able writer and editor she has contributed generously to innumerable publications.

As she begins her new work in the educational field, the Board wishes her abundant success and abiding joy.

NOTE: Miss Coleman's address is 466, Rue Lafayette, Shanghai, China.

Missionaries Write the Secretary —

True to the Trust

"In the light of current events it seems advisable to acquaint the Board with my desire to remain on the field in spite of any future political situation which may develop, and I ask that the Board concur with my request for permission to do so.

My decision in this matter has been made without conferring with any other member of our mission staff, and only after earnest prayer. It is my sincere impression that for me, at least, this is the right course to pursue; but I hope that should the choice of remaining or evacuating become an actuality, my desire will not in any way necessitate others remaining if they feel they should leave. I have long felt that under such conditions missionaries had an inalienable right to act as each felt the Master directed; and now that the possibility faces this field too, I claim that same right, since I have no dependents or responsibilities to others beyond the work itself.

At the same time, may I ask the Board to act for me in the possibility of anything happening to my person or possessions in preventing any claims or demands to the United States Government. My life and all that I have are under the sole protection of the Heavenly Father, and I neither ask nor desire that anyone else ask that any earthly government be held responsible for what happens to me.

At present, we are all well and carrying on as usual, and have every reason to feel encouraged over the work. We do ask your earnest prayers for a great revival of Christian lives and a widespread evangelistic movement throughout Palestine, among both Jews and Arabs."

—KATE ELLEN GRUVER,
Haifa, Palestine

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A Growing Need

"The mission house is quite crowded with the church rooms, quarters for pastor's family, housekeeper, and us, so that there is no room for the little seminary I'm hoping so desperately can be opened this fall. I believe that we can, with this \$1500, fix us some rooms back of the large building and free these larger rooms for dormitory space. With the \$500, I believe we can run the school after its opening until January, 1941. I hope there can be an appropriation for this purpose in the budget for next year."

—JOHN A. MOORE, *Belgrade, Yugoslavia*

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All One in Christ Jesus

"Sunday night we had the Lord's supper at the First Church here. On the bench by me was a Russian who had recently joined the church. His deep devotion was clearly seen all through the service. Just behind me was a German couple, and as they partook of the Lord's Supper they wept—wept for their country and their friends who know not our Lord as Saviour. All through the audience was repeated the same scene—Germans, Russians, Hungarians, Italians, Americans, Spaniards, and Uruguayans, all joining around the Lord's table. In this picture we have the hope of this world of war and strife."

—REV. AND MRS. S. L. GOLDFINCH,
Montevideo, Uruguay

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Heart-Hungry Multitudes

"I don't think I have ever seen such opportunities for service as we have here. Had I been four people coming back, we could all have found plenty to do. In the church outside the city here on the school compound, the auditorium will not begin to hold the people. The first Sunday I was here, besides filling the church and four or five large rooms in the school there was a great crowd out in the yard. For ten minutes after the church service there was a steady stream of people filing out from the door of the church to the big gate of the compound. In the Wednesday prayer meeting, the downstairs and balcony and the aisles of the church building were filled and crowds standing outside the doors. We are to begin our spring meeting Sunday with Peter Lee leading. How I praise the Lord for being permitted to be here at this time; and how I feel that apart from Him, truly, I can do nothing."

—ZEMMA HARE, *Kaifeng, Ho., China*

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Gratitude

"We of the Dairen Station and the churches here as well as the members of the North China Mission, are profoundly grateful for the money given to Dairen for a new house of worship.

"The day after we received the letter from Miss Kathleen Mallory notifying us that the W.M.U. had given \$1,000 toward the Dairen church building, we began to take definite steps looking towards the building of this house of worship."

—W. W. ADAMS, *Dairen, Manchuria*

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Glad Tidings

"The boys' school, Seinan Gakuin, is coming into its own. We had 1,370 applicants for the high school, college and commercial night school. We could take only about a third of those who applied for entrance. There are now 1,380 students in the school.

May 11 was Founders' Day (the 24th year of the school). It was an unusual celebration. We were in the midst of evangelistic meetings, and on that day two hundred and ten high school boys, and fifty college boys declared their purpose to follow Christ. The next day two hundred commercial night school boys also made the same declaration. There were several teachers who made decisions and twenty-seven other students signed cards declaring that they too would turn their faces Godward. Between eight and ten young people volunteered for *life service*."

—MRS. MAUDE B. DOZIER,
Seinan Gakuin, Fukuoka, Japan

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A Unifying Agency

"The B.S.U. in the Girls' School in Rio is flourishing, doing a splendid work among the non-Christians, a phase sometimes neglected. I don't mean entirely the direct evangelism, talking to them about their lost condition, which of course is vital. But as a better background for winning them, the B.S.U. is trying to create a friendly atmosphere for all, organizing a literary club in which non-Christians can have a leading part. It was interesting to see in their first meeting that the non-Christian president decided to open with a devotional, calling on a Christian girl present to lead in prayer. The B.S.U. statistics show seventy-five Christians among the students and sixty-five non-Christians. Of these last, twelve are daughters of believers."

—RUTH M. RANDALL,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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Gratifying Growth

"I have liked my work much more since I have been free to work on Sundays in the church regularly. My class of Intermediates in Sunday school have been getting the best grade in Sunday school work. We started in with nine and now have sixteen members and always some four or five visitors. Two weeks ago I organized the first Intermediate Training Union that our church has ever had. The first night we had eleven and last Sunday night we had sixteen. I am counselor but I have an eighteen-year-old boy who does most of the work in directing, and I sit back and listen."

—ALMA JACKSON,
Sao Paulo, Brazil

Our Need for Native Workers

"Perhaps our deepest need on this field is for trained evangelists and preachers and I do not know where to look for them apart from our own constituency. As far as I have been able to find out, this, too, is the need on all the fields, so that we cannot look to others to meet our needs. If we did not have students in training to whom we could look to fill the places of evangelists and pastors, the work would suffer if not collapse. Again we want to thank you for this grant, and I definitely feel that it is going toward a work which is very necessary."

"We have just concluded a series of meetings here in the Kweiteh city church. We had with us Brother Buford Nickols, and it was a great joy to have fellowship with him. We enjoyed his preaching and his fine spirit. There were many who came up to the city to attend the meeting. Four hundred and twenty-nine visitors from the country churches registered, many came expecting baptism. The crowd was so great that we had to improvise sleeping places for them. We need more buildings here in the East Suburb to care for the Christians when they come in to the meetings. One hundred and forty-four were baptized last Sunday, and my guess is that eighty per cent of them had never seen a baptizing before. You see what a task is before us in 'teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.' Hence the need for those trained evangelists and pastors."

—PHIL E. WHITE, *Kweiteh, Honan, China*

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Persecution Ariseth

"Here in La Rioja we are going along with the services in the hall and the open air services. It is hard to get a good attendance in the Hall for the people are afraid to come as they will have to bear the consequences. They are told not to come and if they do they will lose their friends. One case came to me the other day, during one of the revivals that we had, a young man who works in one of the hospitals began coming. He was very interested and I was hoping that he was really converted. All at once he stopped; I urged that he come; he gave several excuses but did not come back. He did go to one of the other converts and told him, 'I was told by the superintendent that if I attended the services there I would lose my job.' A merchant told me that he knew that we were right, but if he came with us the priests would close his business. These cases can be multiplied since there are so many."

—Z. PAUL FREEMAN, *La Rioja, Argentina*

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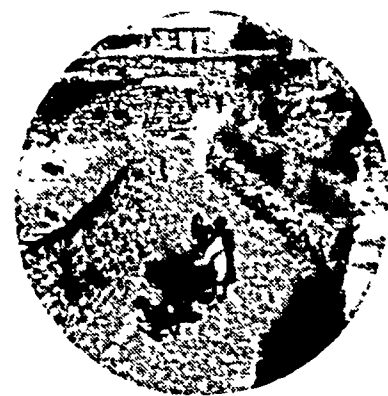


At the village well in Nazareth

*Senior R. A.'s of Jerusalem. The group represents Jewish, Arab, Assyrian, English and Hungarian families. The young men at the ends of the front row are members of the church
Back row, center, Miss Eunice Fenderson*



School children on the Baptist playground, Nazareth

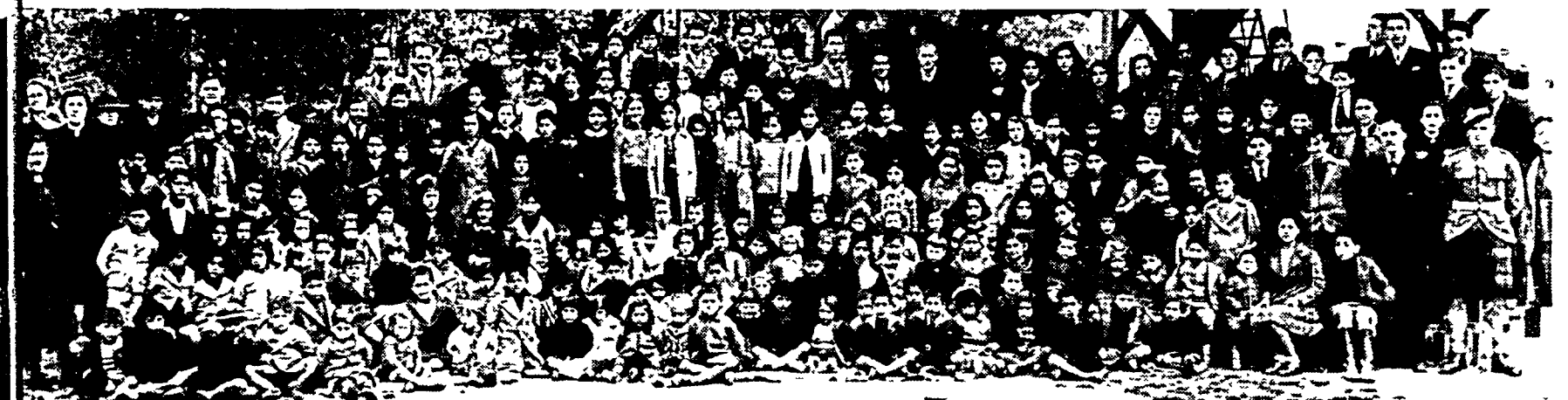


Main street in Kefr Mishky

Two Arab boys



Sarah Enfield Eddlem daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries in Nazareth

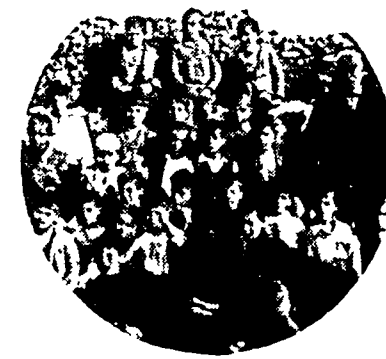


The Jerusalem Baptist Sunday school pupils and teachers



Street scene in Bethlehem

Palestine



School boys of Nazareth



The Jordan River, south of the Sea of Galilee



Some G. A.'s and Y. W. A.'s of Jerusalem, enjoying an outing by the sea, at Tel Aviv. The girl in the striped blouse is a member of the Baptist church and teacher in the Primary Department of the Sunday school



Mosque of Omar, Jerusalem



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Carey's Work Must Not Die

The oldest Baptist Foreign Mission Board in the world is the Baptist Missionary Society of England. It was organized at Kettering, England, by William Carey and his associates on October 2, 1792,—one hundred and forty-eight years ago. Judged by the momentous and far-reaching results that have flowed from this action of twelve humble Baptist preachers, the meeting at Kettering stands out as one of the most important in all Christian history, second only to Pentecost. Here is what a great mission writer says of this meeting: "At Kettering, in the back parlor of the widow Beebe Wallis, was formed the 'Particular Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen.' How utterly insignificant were the actors for numbers, or station, or gifts! Only twelve, belonging to a feeble and despised sect, and unheard-of outside the interior counties in which they lived. Only one London clergyman gave countenance to the movement. Kings, statesmen, church magnates cared nothing, knew nothing. And they made a subscription on the spot for the world's conversion, which amounted to L 12, 2s. 6d.,—(\$62.75)—over which the brilliant Sidney Smith made merry years after, for its preposterous inadequacy when the souls of 420,000,000 were con-

cerned. Indeed, how sublime was that act of faith, that venture far beyond the realm of sight. How exceedingly remote were the heathen and what an uncounted host! The undertaking was vast beyond conception and the issue exceedingly doubtful."

The work that Carey began in India 148 years ago has been gloriously successful and is still going on, under the guidance of British missionaries who are worthy successors of Carey.

But sorrow and disaster have come to our Baptist brethren of Britain. The British Commonwealth of Nations is now fighting desperately at the last outpost of freedom and religious liberty in Europe. The British Government has laid its hand on all the income and wealth of Britain for the winning of this gigantic struggle.

Our Baptist brothers in Britain have appealed to Southern Baptists to help them keep alive in this tragic hour the work Carey began. The Committee, appointed by the Convention to have charge of this matter, has issued an appeal to our churches for a love gift of \$200,000 as our part, at the present time, in saving the work of the British Board in India, Africa, and China. We sincerely hope that every church in the Southern Baptist Convention will have a worthy share in this great and Christlike undertaking.

We must not let the work of Carey die.

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Black-Out Over Europe

The year 1940 will go down in history as the darkest and most disastrous year in the history of Europe within five hundred years. One by one the lights of democracy, liberty, justice, and freedom have gone out. The brutality and repression of the Dark Ages have returned. The countries that stood for human rights, freedom of conscience, and religious liberty have been overrun and destroyed. They are now under the iron heel of the most despotic and cruel set of international bandits and desperadoes the world has seen since the days of Nero. Just to call the roll of the liberty-loving nations that have perished within ten months is but to emphasize the enormity of the crimes that have been committed against freedom and human rights by the three bloody despots who now rule Europe from Moscow, Berlin, and Rome. Here is the list of states that stood at least for a measure of human liberty: Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Esthonia, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, and France. England, beleaguered, besieged and hammered from every side, is the last and only hope for Christianity and human decency in all the continent of Europe. Darkness covers Europe

from Moscow to Madrid and from Constantinople to Amsterdam.

What of Christianity and evangelical religion throughout Europe, if and when, this terrible holocaust is over? What of our Baptist work in Spain, Italy, Hungary, Rumania, and Yugoslavia? Will any remnant of it be left? The most virile and effective work we had in Europe was in Bessarabia, and now this has passed under the sway of Red Russia.

We do not know now what will be the final outcome of the sinister and evil powers that now rule in Europe. We do know that God still lives and Christ Jesus is enthroned at His right hand. He still rules in the affairs of men.

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed saying,

Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

—Psalm 2:1-6.

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The Lands of the Southern Cross Beckon

One by one the lights of civilization and vital evangelical Christianity have gone out over Europe. Since the days of the Reformation, led by Luther and Calvin and their successors, there have been virile and aggressive Protestant groups that have flourished throughout Central and Southeastern Europe. Within recent years, however, the rise of the new religion of Neo-Paganism, the religion of blood and soil and race, have smothered any elements of a vital evangelical Christianity that survived the centuries of domination by the politico-religious State churches. In Northern Europe the Russian masses were kept in ignorance and serfdom by the bishops and priests of the reactionary Greek Orthodox Church. Southern Europe, Spain, Portugal, and Italy have endured untold misery and suffering under the domination and cruel sway of the Roman Catholic Church. It appears now that the door of Europe as a fruitful field for missionary service has been closed to evangelical Christianity for many years to come. In all probability the unholy triumvirate that now holds Europe in thralldom

will close every door to the entrance of a vital New Testament Christianity that teaches that all men are brothers in the love and freedom of Christ Jesus.

Thus threatened with exclusion from Europe, it seems to us that the Holy Spirit has opened to Southern Baptists "a great door and effectual" for immediate and fruitful missionary expansion in South America. In four glowing and influential Republics down under the Southern Cross—Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, and Chile—we have firmly established the cause of New Testament Christianity. The need in these four lands for missionary recruits and assistance is acute and compelling. Seven populous states in Brazil have not yet received a Baptist missionary and the pleas for reinforcements are insistent and continuous. In the progressive and forward-looking Republic of Uruguay there are only three missionary couples. In Argentina one half of the Provinces (States) are yet without Baptist missionaries. We consider Argentina one of the most potential and challenging missionary fields in all South America. Across the Andes lies Chile, the land of vast, undeveloped natural resources and one of the ripest mission fields in the world for Southern Baptists.

The Gospel has overflowed into half a dozen other Republics in South America, and everywhere inviting doors swing open to the Baptist missionary. We could send one hundred new missionaries to Latin America this year and then not have half enough to enter the open doors that invite us on every hand.

Under the aegis of the Monroe Doctrine the fate of all the Americas, from Hudson Bay to the Straits of Magellan, is inextricably bound together. Within the next few months we are going to hear much of the activities of the "Fifth Column" and other subversive elements in all the Americas. The best antidote for all of these evil and unwholesome influences is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Southern Baptists have now an immediate and unsurpassed opportunity to forestall in South America the awful tragedy that has befallen Europe. It lies in our sending out to these waiting lands within the next few months a host of young missionaries thoroughly prepared and consecrated, and consumed with a sense of a divine call to preach Christ and Him crucified for sinners. This is the only message for the waiting and eager millions long held in bondage by the Catholic Church. This is truly a "Good Neighbor" policy, and within a few years it will return dividends a thousand fold in American solidarity, goodwill, and Christian brotherhood.

The lands of the Southern Cross beckon us. The fields are "white already unto harvest," but the laborers are all too few. We *must* answer their urgent call.

Munitions or Missions

The sinister trend of world events has compelled the United States Government to launch a rapid and gigantic program of military and naval armament and expansion. The overwhelming majority of the American people are genuinely inclined toward peace with all mankind. But we live in a world that is dominated by cruel and relentless dictators and the terrible fate that has befallen Europe will be visited speedily upon us unless we prepare with thoroughness and haste to meet the arrogant and undisguised threat against our liberties and way of life.

The cost of this preparedness program is going to be colossal and every citizen of America will feel the effects of it in greatly increased taxes. The free, easygoing way of life, long enjoyed by all the people of America, will never be the same within the life of this generation. Because we live in a world dominated by bandits and gangsters, we who love the ways of peace and freedom must voluntarily lay upon ourselves the burdens and restraints incident to the purpose to continue to be a great and free people. We sincerely hope and pray that we may never be called upon to use this vast and costly equipment against any other nation on earth. We look upon this vast program of rearmament as an insurance policy against the cruel and murderous aggression of international madmen gone insane with their own swollen egoism. Every citizen, therefore, who loves America and profits by the freedom and security prevailing under the Stars and Stripes, ought gladly and without a murmur to pay his share in the form of increased taxes that this program of insurance against aggression and aggressors may be made effective and secure as soon as possible.

We believe profoundly that this awful scourge has come upon the world because Christ's Church has failed to give the Gospel to a needy and sinning world. If so-called Christian America had given the Gospel of Christ to Japan seventy-five years ago when she opened her doors to western civilization and trade, we would have averted the tragedy of suffering and death now stalking through China. If so-called Christian England and America together had begun and continued with unselfish and disinterested devotion to give Europe the Gospel of Christ following the close of the first World War, they would have saved Europe from the abyss of a second "Dark Age" into which she has plunged. At the same time they would have firmly established themselves as the friends and servants of all mankind in a Christian world brotherhood.

Through the years it has been a choice, therefore, between munitions and missions, and the nations of the world have chosen to support munitions and

have ignored missions. Belatedly, America has been forced by the logic of inexorable circumstances to turn her attention to the task of saving her chosen way of life from the aggressions of lawless and desperate men who would bring under their cruel sway all the nations of the world. We must and will gladly support America's program for defense, but if we are wise and alert as a Christian people bent on "buying up our opportunities" for the spread of Christ's cause among all the nations, we will, while paying all that our government requires of us in taxes for munitions, give freely, joyously, and generously for all mission causes, that there may be no lack of funds for the proclamation of the Good News of salvation and freedom in Christ to all the peoples of all the nations.

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After Fifty Years

Fifty years ago representatives of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention began mission work in Japan. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCollum and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brunson were the pioneers and founders of our work in the Sunrise Kingdom. Through the years other brave and devoted souls have "followed in their train."

A severe climate together with disease and sickness has taken a heavy toll of our missionary personnel through the years. The work has been hard and progress in winning the Japanese people to Christ has been slow. Many missionaries, having grown discouraged have resigned, and sometimes it seemed that at every turn of the way, tragedy and adversity beset the footsteps of our Japanese Mission.

However, a few devoted souls continued through the years to sow the gospel seed "beside all waters." Today we have some thirty churches with about three thousand church members. We have a well organized Convention, a splendid college for men and one for women. We have a Theological Seminary and a Missionary Training School for women. We also have a well established Publishing House that is doing much for the evangelization of Japan through the printed page.

Our Japanese churches are celebrating this year as the semi-centennial of the founding of the Baptist work in their country. As a major part of this celebration, they are holding evangelistic meetings in all the churches and in the schools and colleges. How earnestly all of the friends of our Japanese Mission have prayed and longed for a great spiritual awakening in Japan! Now comes the good news that the Holy Spirit is at work in Japan and many are turning to Christ. We give here the text of a cable

received from President Hara of Seinan Jo Gakuin, the girls' college at Kokura:

AT FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY REVIVAL 531 SEINAN GIRLS SURRENDERED TO CHRIST.—HARA.

The student body numbers about seven hundred. A few days later we received a message from Mrs. Maude Burke Dozier, saying that out of a student body of 1,380 in Seinan Gakuin, our boys' high school and college at Fukuoka, 460 boys and young men surrendered to Christ. Several teachers also made the great decision. How our hearts rejoice at this glorious news! After fifty years of sowing and waiting in Japan, the time of reaping has come. Harvest hands are needed sorely.

*He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing seed for sowing,
Shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:6*

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Free China Calls. Who Will Go?

The Cross of Christ is on the march in southwest China. The Japanese military machine has overrun the coastal provinces of eastern China and has penetrated into central China along the Yangtze River. The vast area of southwest China, as large as the territory of the United States west of the Mississippi River, is rapidly filling up with middle and upper class Chinese from the Japanese occupied areas in eastern and central China. Many of the factories and industrial plants have been moved into free China, and the government is building railroads, modern highways, and power lines throughout this vast, undeveloped region.

Many of the mission schools, colleges, hospitals, and government technical schools have been transferred into the territory of free China.

This region is marvelously rich in raw materials and is a vast storehouse of resources for a new industrial China. The region already has a population as great as that of the United States and, within a generation, will become one of the richest industrial

and agricultural areas throughout the entire Orient.

Southern Baptists, without a moment's delay, ought to go into this new and growing section of China and open a new mission. Thirty years ago, missionaries Sallee and Lawton went out on a great pioneer venture of faith and today we have our great Interior Mission centering in Kaifeng.

The Foreign Mission Board is ready to support another venture of faith into free China in the challenging southwest. We know of nothing that will so hearten our missionaries in China and inspire our people at home as the launching of this new gospel crusade into the new and free China now rapidly in the making.

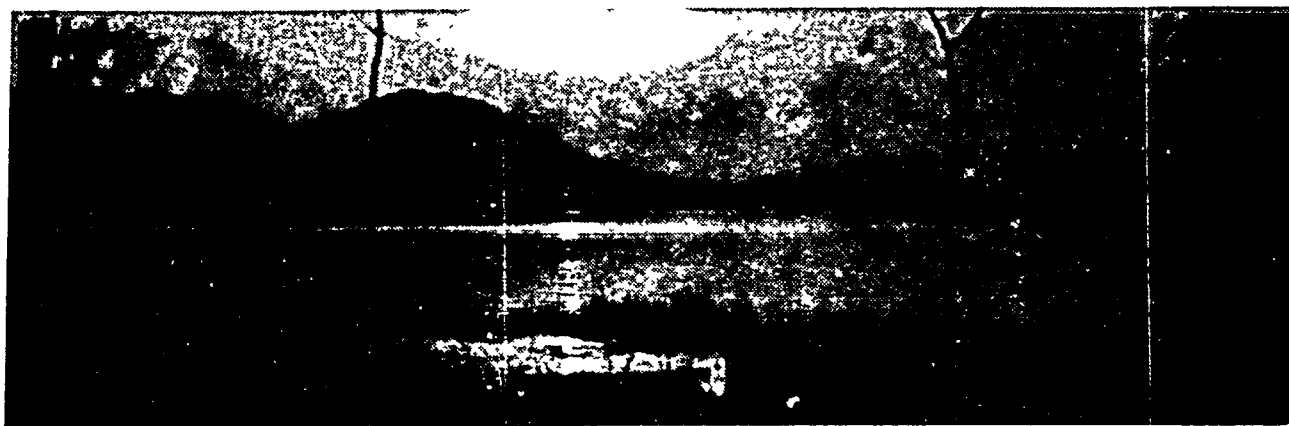
The trek of the ages is on in China. Southern Baptists should, by all means, be in the forefront of this movement. Surely God is calling some brave, heroic souls for this task.

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A Visit Postponed

It was deemed wise, because of the uncertainty of world conditions at this time, to postpone the proposed visit of the Preaching Mission to China. A well organized and intensive evangelistic effort has been launched in all of the Baptist churches of our five missions in China and a group of our leading pastors had been invited to come to China this summer for the purpose of taking part in this evangelistic crusade.

The following brethren had accepted the invitation of the Foreign Mission Board and were making their preparations to sail for China with Secretary M. T. Rankin in August: Drs. Harold W. Tribble, Walter P. Binns, W. R. White, J. Howard Williams, and Ellis Fuller. We regret that the political conditions in America and abroad made it seem wise to delay the visit of this Preaching Mission to China. However, as soon as the war clouds pass, the plans for this visit will be renewed and we sincerely hope that these ministers will go to China and have a part in the spiritual awakening now sweeping over that suffering and needy land.



Scene near Soochow

Editorial Varieties

CHARLES E. MADDY

It Will Be Paid—For more than a decade the Foreign Mission Board has been severely handicapped by a crushing debt. In seven years we have paid out, for interest, the enormous sum of \$268,869. This amount would provide the salaries of 336 missionaries for one year. The debt is now down to \$242,000. At the recent session of the Convention in Baltimore the Woman's Missionary Union in their Convention voted with unanimity and enthusiasm to give *one million dollars* through the Hundred Thousand Club during the next four years toward the liquidation of the debts of the Convention. The Foreign Mission Board receives eighteen per cent of the receipts from the Hundred Thousand Club. The Woman's Missionary Union will raise every cent they have pledged, and with this help the Foreign Mission Board will surely be out of debt when we meet to celebrate our centennial in 1945.

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The Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary—In El Paso, Texas, is the combined seminary and training school, conducted for Mexicans and other Spanish-speaking people. The classes are taught in Spanish.

In the present school year thirty-four students have been enrolled—twenty-two men and twelve women. The plans of study are ever reaching toward the ideal of higher education for all, and special training for those who show capabilities of making leaders, while every effort is made to develop, consecrated, missionary pastors. The lack of education of many who feel called to preach makes it necessary to have classes of primary and secondary instruction before they can grasp the more profound study of theology.

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New Theological Seminary Opened—Ever since 1936 we have been planning for the opening of a Theological Seminary in Santiago, Chile, for the preparation and training of native leaders. We are glad to announce the opening of the new Seminary under the most favorable auspices. Rev. J. W. McGavock is the moving spirit in the enterprise, and he is ably assisted by Missionaries McConnell, Wood, and Bryant. The first unit of the new building, the gift of Woman's Missionary Union, is nearing completion.

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Baptist Academy at Lagos—Our Baptist Academy at Lagos reports a good year under the direction of our

missionaries, A. Scott Patterson and B. T. and Mrs. Griffin. The teaching staff consists of forty-two—thirty-seven men and five women. The enrolment of pupils is 856. The departments range from the kindergarten to the requirements for the Cambridge University higher examination, equivalent at least to junior college graduation. A very interesting feature of the patronage of the Baptist Academy at Lagos is the cosmopolitan personnel of the pupils representing twenty-one tribes coming from eighty-nine towns and villages of Nigeria. The age of pupils ranges from four and one-half to twenty-one years. A large number of the pupils come from Mohammedan families. Here is the evangelistic opportunity and the justification for this type of school in our mission program.

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Status of Our Missionary Personnel—During the past six years, we have been striving to reinforce the hard-pressed missionaries in the several lands beyond the seas. In 1934, the Board adopted a wise and adequate Pension Plan for our emeritus missionaries who have reached the age of seventy years. We now have a total of sixty-nine emeritus missionaries who have retired from active service and are receiving a pension of \$500.00 a year.

During the past seven years, we have appointed 183 new missionaries and re-appointed thirty-two, making a total increase of missionary personnel during this period, 215. There are now 455 missionaries in the active service of the Board. Adding to this figure the sixty-nine emeritus missionaries makes a total of 524 missionaries under the care of the Board.

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Ogbomosho—Nineteen thirty-nine was a busy year for the hospital, the dispensaries and clinics. More than twenty thousand treatments were given to nearly two thousand patients; two hundred thirty-two major operations were performed and nearly five hundred in-patients were cared for in body and in spirit. The evangelistic side of the work consists of services held in the hospital's chapel waiting-room, these services being conducted by the pastors of the Ogbomosho churches under the direction of Miss Eva Sanders. There are also Sunday morning services in the wards led by our laboratory technician, the nurses, and the missionaries on the staff.

Situation in Soochow, China—The poorer and middle class people are all back in Soochow while the most wealthy have not returned. Business is poor, yet the cost of living has more than doubled. Just how the masses will pass through the winter, only God knows. The Christians are doing all they can with their limited means to relieve the suffering. Through funds given by people in America and China a limited amount of free rice and American wheat is being distributed. A number of free relief schools are being conducted by the different churches for the very poorest children. Along with their studies the noon-day meal is given them. Five clinics are being run by missionary doctors and Christian Chinese doctors and nurses. The largest of these is on our Baptist Compound.

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Three Significant Decisions—The year 1939 was significant for the Japan Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention in that three far-reaching decisions for the future of the work of Southern Baptists were made.

The field in which Southern Baptists have been represented in their work in Japan is called the *West Japan Baptist Convention* and the field of Northern Baptist work is called the *East Japan Baptist Convention*. Plans have now been perfected for the union of these two bodies, and from 1940 they will be known as the *Baptist Convention of Japan*. The single convention will be divided into five associations known as the *North-Eastern*, the *Mid-Eastern*, the *Mid-Western*, the *Inland Sea*, and the *South-Western* Associations. The twenty-five missionaries, five girls' high schools, two boys' high schools and colleges, one seminary, and one training school of the *East Japan Baptist Convention* will come under one convention along with Southern Baptists' fourteen missionaries, two schools, one seminary, and twenty-five churches. On December 26, the Executive Committee of the *West Japan Baptist Convention* went on record as holding its last Executive Council meeting. From January 1940 the Executive Body of the *Union Baptist Convention* will administer the work of Baptists in Japan.

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Matto Grosso, Brazil—This state is twice the size of Texas. Mr. Sherwood writes: "For me Matto Grosso is growing larger, and I get smaller as I look at its possibilities and needs. I wish I had all the workers I could use. Ten wouldn't be too many right now—to locate one here and one there, long distances apart, to hold what we have and to start new work." The State reports ten churches with a membership of 560.

The Federal District of Rio—The Federal District now has forty churches with a membership of 5,861. During the past year there were 517 baptisms. With its 2,500,000 population the Federal District, including the City of Rio, offers one of the greatest evangelistic opportunities in all Brazil. The First Church now has more than nine hundred members and each of the Meyer and Tijuca churches has more than three hundred. This field led all others in the support of denominational causes and, for all purposes, contributed more than \$38,000. Nearly all the missionaries who work in the Baptist institutions located in Rio are pastors. The seminary boys also do good work in the churches.

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Goyaz, Brazil—This state of Brazil received its first permanent missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McNealy. In their first year of service they have been able to accomplish important results. Mr. McNealy has baptized twenty converts, organized one new church, two women's missionary societies, and the Goyaz Baptist Convention. One young man has been ordained to the ministry, and two others have become promising preachers.

Thanks to the help of the Baptist women of Texas the church in the capital city of Goiania has already begun work on a good church building that will be an honor to the Baptist cause and adequate to meet the growing needs of that new and beautiful city.

The state reports five churches with a membership of approximately 140.

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In Buenos Aires—Near our Seminary, we have our Missionary Training School for Women, and this year four fine young ladies were graduated and sent out as workers. These are our first graduates, and they are already actively engaged in the Lord's work. Miss Martha T. Ellis, the principal, has been very happy with her thirteen girls this year, and is doing a notable work in this field, which is entirely new for us. The Seminary and Training School use the same faculty and nearly all the classes are co-educational, proving a definite blessing to both the young men and women. Several pastors and pastors' wives teach in our Seminary and Training School and are doing a very effective work.

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A Gratifying Increase in Our Current Income—Seven years ago we reported a total income for the year of \$880,573.71. For the year of 1939 we received a total from all sources of \$1,149,251.87. This is an increase of \$268,678.16 over the amount received in 1933.

NEWS FLASHES

GENE NEWTON

Sailings

May 22, 1940, aboard the S. S. PRESIDENT PIERCE, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Beddoe sailed from San Francisco to return to their work in Wuchow, China.

Miss Lillian Porter sailed from New Orleans on June 12, 1940, on the S. S. DELVALLE to spend a year with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Porter, in Campinas, Brazil.

July 6, 1940, Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Bryan and Miss Lois C. Glass sailed aboard the S. S. PRESIDENT CLEVELAND of the American President Line for China. Dr. and Mrs. Bryan are our emeritus missionaries who are returning to Shanghai after an absence of three years. Miss Glass returns to Laichowfu.

Arrivals

The following missionaries have recently arrived for their periods of furlough:

Miss Eunice Fenderson, Jerusalem, Palestine.

Home Address: Route 2, Box 51, Cedar, Minnesota.

Miss Ruth Ford, Kweilin, China. Home Address: 2080 Jackson Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

Rev. and Mrs. L. Raymon Brothers, Iwo, Nigeria. Home Address: 413 West Howry Street, DeLand, Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. George Green, Ogbomosho, Nigeria. Home Address: 316 Randolph Ave., Danville, Va.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, Shaki, Nigeria. Home Address: Warsaw, North Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson, Pernambuco, Brazil. Home Address: 2304 N. Aydelette, Shawnee, Okla.

Mrs. E. G. Wilcox, Pernambuco, Brazil. Home Address: 1301 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas.

Miss Alberta Steward, Bahia, Brazil. Home Address: 725 Olive Street, Carthage, Missouri.

Miss Olive Riddell, Kweitch, China. Home Address: Route No. 12, Richmond, Virginia.

Miss Auris Pender, Sun Hing, China.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Glenn Walker, Ogbomosho, Nigeria.

Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson, Abeokuta, Nigeria. Home Address: Owings, South Carolina.

Miss Isabella Moore, Oyo, Nigeria. Home Address: % Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

Miss Elma Elam, Shaki, Nigeria. Home Address: Madison, Mo.

Congratulations

On June 16, 1940, a son was born to Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Vance, Pingtu, China.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wilson of Greenville, South Carolina, announce the arrival of William Byron on June 18, 1940. Mrs. Wilson is the daughter of Dr. W. C. Taylor, Secretary for Latin America.

Sympathy

News has been received that on June 14, Mrs. C. F. Stapp passed away in Campina Grande, Brazil. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stapp grieve with the family in the loss of this beloved missionary who served in Brazil for nearly thirty-one years.

On May 19, a telegram announced the death of Mr. S. F. Hawkins, the father of

Miss Floy Hawkins of Waichow, China. Sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Hawkins and her family in their loss.

From Barcelona, Spain, on July 2, Rev. Nils Bengtson, our beloved missionary, was called to his eternal home. Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the bereaved wife and son.

Transfers

Miss Vivian Nowell has been transferred from Ogbomosho, Nigeria to Abeokuta and now to Iwo. This transfer is made during the absence of Dr. Green with whom she regularly works as secretary.

Miss Elizabeth Gray has moved from Laichowfu, China to Pingtu where she is working in the Oxner Memorial Hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton left their work in Shanghai for the summer to assist the depleted force of missionaries in Hong Kong. They will be back in their Shanghai office on September 1.

Appointment

On June 6, 1940, Miss Mary Lawrence Mills of Winston-Salem, North Carolina was appointed a missionary of this Board. Miss Mills goes out to



Billy and Marylu Moore, children of Rev. and Mrs. W. Dewey Moore, missionaries in Rome, Italy.

Japan as the bride of Rev. Robert A. Dyer, who was appointed in April.

Reappointment

At the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board on May 9, Miss Hannah Plowden was restored to the list of active missionaries. Due to illness Miss Plowden was forced to retire from active service and has been teaching at the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. She plans to sail for China in September to take up her work at the University of Shanghai.

Marriages

Mrs. Clifton Ayers Baker, missionary to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has announced the marriage of her daughter, Elsie Lucile, to Mr. Edward Haskell Hodgens on May 31, 1940, in Greenville, South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgens are making their home at 1906 East Thirty-first Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Rev. and Mrs. T. F. McCrea, emeritus missionaries to China, announce the marriage of their daughter, Maribelle, to Mr. Richard West at Bacone College, Bacone, Oklahoma.

Illness

A special furlough has been granted to Miss Maye Belle Taylor of Pernambuco, Brazil to come to the United States for an emergency operation.

Welcome to Africa

On May 27, a cablegram was received announc-

ing the safe arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Homer R. Littleton and Rev. Charles E. Knight in Lagos. These three newly appointed missionaries to Nigeria sailed from New York on March 30, but were delayed in Italy for three weeks.

Children's Day

Miss Minnie Landrum of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil has written of the fine plans that the W.M.U. of Brazil had for Children's Day. Last year the little children sent in enough money to pay the salary for twelve months of a couple to the interior of Brazil and about four and a half months' salary of a couple to Portugal. She is most enthusiastic about the co-operation given by the children and is hoping for even better results this year.

China's Youth

"It is amazing," says one of our missionaries in Shanghai, China, "to see the fine, cheerful attitude of the students in the schools which are temporarily carried on in a crowded and noisy place with little equipment. They really *want* an education."

Preaching from a Ford

Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Orrick of Montevideo, Uruguay, feel that the twenty years they have been in Uruguay have been preparatory years and that the time has now come for them really to go out and take the country for the Lord. They have preached in some eight or ten towns with their loud speaker attached to a Ford and find a favorable response to the preaching of the Gospel.

Going Forward

"On Friday afternoon we dedicated our new church, pastorium, and Sunday school rooms at our Ho Dza Men center, inside the city. The service was unique in that we had representatives present from all the churches in Tsinan and from Baptist churches in Tsining, and ten other counties in Shantung. Each of the pastors made a short talk. Frank Connely preached the sermon. Special music was rendered by a double quartette. It was all impressive and the presence of the Lord was manifestly felt. Miss Alderman plans to move over there to live and work. We have five new churches to organize this spring."

—JOHN A. ABERNATHY, *Tsinan, China.*

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WOMEN AND THEIR WORK

Witnessing in Palestine

The only distinctly Jewish work of our Foreign Mission Board is in the Near East Mission in Jerusalem, where there are 70,000 Jews. At the Baptist Compound in the newer section of the city Miss Elsie Clor and Miss Eunice Fenderson are the untiring missionaries who are devoting themselves to the task in this difficult field.

We saw there the attractive church building which is almost filled with people for every church service, the well-planned residence used as a missionary home and also a goodwill center, a smaller building and a playground where happy Jewish and Arab children had gathered to play.

The church was erected by the gifts of W.M.U. of the South, and the Goodwill Center is largely supported by that organization.

A Daily Vacation Bible School is conducted every year and enrolls as many children as can possibly be cared for.

A Sabbath school is held for Jews on Saturday, and one for others on Sunday.

The influence of this mission is not limited to those who attend the meetings, for the children carry back to their homes and playmates the Bible lessons and Scripture verses they have learned.

Our hearts go out in a special way to those who attend the Jewish women's meeting, for we know that some of them have braved ridicule and scorn in order to come. Their first contact with the mission has probably been through their children who have been welcomed to the playground or to the classes. Some of these women are drawn by curiosity, others by a heart-hunger for some way of peace and stability in these troubled times. Whatever their motives for coming, some do find the secret of security in Jesus Christ. If they decide to become His followers, their way is beset with difficulties. A husband may forbid baptism, or the

family may make home conditions almost unbearable for them.

The group of young people are the missionaries' greatest source of encouragement, and from these come the largest number of church members.

In Tel Aviv, a city of 150,000 Jews, we have no missionary—a harvest field with no laborers.

There are no Jews in Nazareth, where Mr. and Mrs. Leo Eddleman are at present working among the Arab population.

They visit near-by Jewish colonies every week and are trying to arrange to give more time to that phase of their ministry.

In Haifa, Mr. and Mrs. Roswell E. Owens devote themselves to the work among Arabs and Moslems, while Miss Kate Gruver works among the Jews also. She writes, "Once a point of contact has been established, one finds it very easy to

lead into conversations and discussions about the Christ; and even when the Jew is antagonistic, there is a pathetic eagerness underneath." There are innumerable settlements and towns where, as yet, the Jews have no Christian witness. Among all the peoples of the Near East progress is slow, evangelization is difficult, and results are often discouraging. But God's power is unlimited.

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Modern Palestine

The political problems of the Near East are reflected along its city streets and throughout the countryside. As we tread the ancient streets of Jerusalem within the old walls, we see people of all nations and hear them speaking many languages. These are not tourists but Jews who have fled from the persecutions in Europe to build anew their homes in Zion.

Driving by auto along the smooth highways one sees frequent evidences of modern agriculture in the Jewish settlements where fences enclose acres of land filled with grapevines bearing luscious



Seinan Bible and Kindergarten Training School students. This school was opened April 17, 1940. Front row, left, President Shimose

grapes, and orange trees laden with fruit. Tall windmills, spinning busily, draw the water to transform these enclosed areas from desert into oases. On the bare, rocky fields all about, only some flocks of goats or sheep tended by the Arab shepherds give a touch of life. Along the way are Arab villages, and across the hills are seen the homes of Bedouins—tents made from black goat-skins which are fastened together, the sides of the tent being lifted up on poles to give better circulation of air. Here the women are busy with their pots or their grinding while unkempt, unwashed children play about the tent, and the men ride to and fro upon their prancing horses.

The old ways of the Arabs, moving their flocks from place to place as fresh grazing grounds were needed, continue along with the modern methods which, by the simple means of irrigation, transform barren land into fruitful fields. And all the while, as these changes take place, the old antagonisms between Jew and Arab are growing.

A power-house on the Jordan is furnishing electricity for distant places. An enormous business concern on the Dead Sea is recovering the chemicals which have been washed down into those waters through the centuries, and is making them available as fertilizer for the land. A pipe-line brings oil from the wells 800 miles away to the rapidly growing seaport city of Haifa. These are some recent projects which are changing the old, old country into modern Palestine.

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Good News from a Far Country

From the island kingdom of Japan come tidings of progress in missionary work. While glaring headlines daily call our attention to the Japan of war, ruthlessly pursuing the policies of its government and warlords, there is another force at work in Japan—a group totally different in its spirit, quiet in its work, with no secret policies or aims. It is a company whose numbers are small, but whose influence is vital and penetrating. This is the company who have come out from the pagan multitudes to become followers of Jesus Christ—the small and slowly-growing Christian group. In April, 1940, a hope of many years' standing was realized in the opening of the Bible and Kindergarten Training School in Fukuoka. Here on the quiet campus of the Willingham Memorial School that extends along the seashore, apart from the rush of business of the city and of government projects, this newest addition to the means of giving the Gospel to Japan has begun its work.

Here, as in other countries, has been felt the same

great need for young women trained in evangelism and in Bible study to work among the women of the land—a need that is a thousand-fold greater than in our America. A distinct want has also been realized for young women trained in another field to go along with Bible women. Every church in Japan wishes to have a kindergarten, for this means of teaching their own children and of reaching out to enlist the sympathy and interest of non-Christian families has been proved one of the most fruitful methods of presenting the Gospel. So this new school for Bible and Kindergarten training meets a demand that has been felt among all our churches.

Plans have long been in the making and a Bible school was already in operation, but it has now assumed its permanent character. Mrs. Maude Burke Dozier has been the persevering leader of the project. She and other missionaries have prayed and planned and counselled together for the coming of this day.

The faculty is composed of men and women, many of whom are known personally to friends in America. The president, Rev. K. Shimose, has as his co-workers Mr. S. Kawano, Mr. S. Ozaki, Miss Kiyoko Shimose and Miss Kazue Murata, and in a peculiar way they have our interest and give us assurance that this young institution is consecrated to the coming of God's kingdom in Japan.

Since the rigid government requirements have caused delay in the erection of permanent buildings, the school is occupying temporary quarters. Four girls in the Bible department and nine in kindergarten training compose the student body.

We think of our women's training schools around the world, of the enlarged vision they have brought, the greater participation in evangelism. We think of the hundreds who have been prepared in our training schools to go carry the "good news" to the people in the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia; and now we also think gratefully of this one in the far-away Sunrise Kingdom.

To this youngest sister we send our loving greetings and the assurance of our prayers for her in the days of her expanding usefulness and growing spiritual leadership among the women of Japan.

Emma Parker Macleay

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The Only Remedy

"The wounds of the world are bleeding, and they never can be healed by any material things. The only remedy is that brotherhood and healing which emanates from the gospel of Christ."

—LLOYD GEORGE.

CURRENT
CHRONICLES

A Shoe-Maker and a Map of the World

N. F. W.

In his little shop in Northamptonshire, England, a young cobbler named William sat busily making a pair of shoes. Tap! Tap! sounded the hammer as the young shoe-maker drove the nails into the heels and soles. Then, every little while, the sound would stop and, if you could have peeped into that bare little shop, you would have seen the young man gazing at something which hung on the wall. It was a map of the world—not just an ordinary map showing countries and oceans and rivers. It was a home-made map, drawn by young William himself. Here and there over different countries were pasted little clippings telling something about the people who lived in those lands—the fierce cannibals of the South Sea Islands, the idol worshipers in India, the savage tribes of Africa, the non-Christian millions of China. It was a fascinating map but, to the young shoe-maker, it was also a very sad one.

Each time that William's eyes turned away from the map they turned straight to the open book which lay beside him, and always, from the page, there seemed to pop out one little sentence which was, after all, a very big sentence, for it said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation."

The more William looked at that map, the more

SEEING A MAP

A map's not just a map to me,
With mountains, rivers, lakes and sea;
It's people sad and people gay—
Little children at their play,
Folks with feelings like my own,
And some place that they call their home.
Their skin may black or yellow be,
But brothers and sisters all are we—
Members of God's world family.

—Adapted.

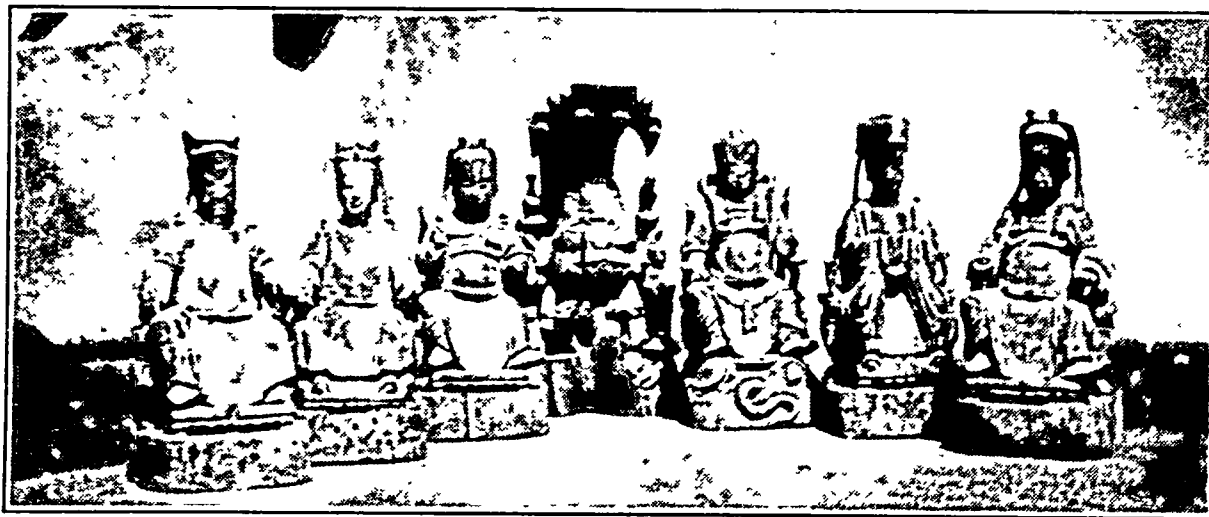
certain he felt that God wanted someone to go and tell the story of Jesus to the people of those far-away lands—people who had never heard the story of Jesus.

At last the young shoe-maker decided that he just had to do something about it. He went to a meeting where a group of Baptists had gathered together and, standing up before all those people, he asked a most amazing question. "Do you think," he said, "that Jesus' words, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation,' were intended for only those few early disciples, or for all of his friends at all times?"

For a moment there was a hush while everybody was thinking hard. Then the old man who was in charge of the meeting looked sternly at William and shouted, "Young man, sit down! When God wants to convert the heathen, he will do it without your help or mine."

The young man sat down, but his wonderful missionary idea simply wouldn't sit down. It kept popping up in William's mind, and every time he had a chance to preach he would talk about missions, until at last the very people who had tried to stop him, agreed that William was right and that they ought to send missionaries to heathen lands, and they gave money to send someone.

You will not be surprised that Rev. William Carey



*Idols worshiped by many
hundreds who have never
heard of the true God*



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This little boy in Africa was sad because his beloved Missionary, Miss Ruth Kersey, was leaving him to come to America for a rest. Miss Kersey is back in Africa now, so we can imagine how he is smiling.
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in many of our hymn books. It begins like this:

"O, thou my soul, forget no more
 The Friend who all thy sorrows bore;
 Let every idol be forgot
 But O, my soul, forget him not."

So well did William Carey master the language of India that he was chosen to be a professor in a college there, and he was also able to write the Bible in the language of India. Thus he helped many, many people to learn about Jesus.

Forty long and busy years that first Baptist foreign missionary spent in India, preaching and teaching and being a friend to the people. He was a trail-blazer for the earnest messengers who would follow him.

Since then, hundreds of brave missionaries have gone forth from England to far-away lands,—to India and China, to Ceylon and Africa and Jamaica—and their friends at home have given money to buy their food and clothing for them. But now, the cruel war which Germany carried over to England has taken the people's money so that they have none to send to their missionaries. That part is terribly sad. But there is a gloriously glad part to the story. It is that we, Jesus' friends here in peaceful America, have now a wonderful chance to say to our English brothers and sisters, "We'll help you. We'll gladly do without some treats so as to have extra money to send to you. Then your noble missionaries will not have to be hungry and cold and ragged. That will be our way of saying 'Thank you' to God for the peace and plenty we enjoy."

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the preacher-cobbler was the very first one to offer to go, and on June 13, 1793, with his wife and four children, he set out on the long, slow voyage to India—a voyage which did not end until the first day of November.

Finding a place to live and learning to speak the new language were Carey's first tasks. The latter was not an easy one, but the brave young missionary kept studying hard, and learning more and more.

For seven long years William Carey worked faithfully, learning the language, teaching and preaching to the brown people of India and, in all that time, not one person really believed his message. They could not make up their minds to give up their idols. But one glad day a man named Krishna Pal turned from his lifeless idols and trusted in the living Jesus. After becoming a Christian he wrote a poem which has been translated into English and is found



A Kindergarten Orchestra in a Christian School, Canton, China.

Training School Girls Give A Surprise

MRS. A. B. CHRISTIE, *Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*



Seven members of the Graduating Class

It was a privilege to be included among the guests at an informal gathering promoted by the graduating class of the girls' department of the Baptist college here in Rio at the end of the year.

This was a fitting manifestation to the dean, Miss Bernice Neel. There were twelve girls in the class. All completed the normal course and ten of them had finished also the religious education course given by the Training School which, at present, occupies the same building with the college.

Miss Neel has aided, coached, and been big sister to this group of girls since their entrance into the college. Some had entered as early as the primary grades, others came from state schools where they had done their preparatory work; but all had been under Miss Neel's care for five years. She had been associated with the girls not only in their school work but also in their B. T. U. activities, as their counselor.

It was very natural for the girls to want to show, in some tangible way, their love and appreciation of this good friend. During the busy days of commencement week they asked the president, Mrs.

Jane Soren, if they might have the chapel period for the occasion.

One of the graduates, who is very artistic, had made from cardboard a cut-out map of Brazil. The two hoisted flags, Brazilian and American, in their exact colors and with their staffs crossed, decorated one side, while on the opposite side was the program for the occasion. As we took our seats each was given a program, with the request that we should not let Miss Neel see it.

In front of the audience, near the piano, was a large easel on which could be seen the outline of a picture frame, entirely covered and surrounded by beautiful flowers and ferns. One of the girls directed the program. As an introduction she reviewed the years the group had spent in school together. There was one, she said, who had journeyed with them, making their trip more pleasant and profitable, and it was to this one that they wished to express their gratitude.

"We the class of 1939 wish to leave, as a gift to the College, a picture of that person; it is here on the easel. I will now ask some one to unveil the picture." She stopped and looked around as if she were seeking someone, then she turned and said: "Well, Miss Neel, you are right here; will you just unveil it?" Miss Neel obeyed and what a shock she received! The student body laughed and clapped long and loud. Miss Neel was finally able to join in the fun.

How praiseworthy is the gesture of this group of girls! What a comfort to the tired worker to know that her efforts have been appreciated and have produced an echo in the hearts of those whom she tried to help! It would be well if more of us did likewise.

"Do not save your loving speeches
For your friends 'til they are dead;
Do not write them on their tombstones
Better say them now instead."



Training School Girls, Colegio Batista, Brazil

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Book Reviews

News Is My Job. Edna Lee Booker. The MacMillan Company. Price \$3.00.

A dramatic record of events in China is presented by a brilliant newspaper correspondent who has spent eighteen years in the Orient. Knowing and loving the Chinese people, speaking their language, and keeping in close touch with their political and social affairs, Miss Booker (Mrs. John Stauffer Potter) draws a fascinating pen picture of Chinese life. Her personal interviews with such outstanding leaders as Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Mayling Soong (Madame Chiang Kai-shek), Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Dr. Wu Ting-fang (premier of the South China Republic), are so vividly portrayed that the reader finds himself sharing those experiences. From the culture and glamor of high social life one follows the writer in her harrowing experiences with bandits and Japanese bombings. And all the while one's respect for Chinese culture and wisdom and patience and nobility of character grows and deepens.

The book, "a readable combination of history, politics and the ways of life in China," will be of great value as a supplement to any mission study course on China.—N. F. W.

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Bright Sky Tomorrow. Mary Brewster Hollister. Friendship Press. Cloth \$1.00; Paper 50 cents.

Written for junior-age girls and boys, this fascinating story portrays a Chinese family who experience the ordeal of fleeing before the Japanese invaders. In vivid word pictures the writer shows the splendid courage of the Chinese people, their love for their country and their homes, their splendid patience in suffering and loss, and their fine determination to rebuild their lives. Clever line-drawings and a picture-map of China add to the vividness of the story.

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Jack and the Bean Fields. Nina Miller. Friendship Press. 25 cents.

Illustrated with real photographs of real people, this attractive little book gives the reader a glimpse of the handicaps and the loneliness of the children whose parents spend their time harvesting the bean crops. Then, in contrast, it pictures the cheer and help that come to these children through the Christian Center.

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Five Stories About China. Friendship Press. Price, 10 cents.

This little pamphlet contains five fascinating stories selected from *Missionary Stories to Tell* and *More Missionary Stories to Tell*. They are suitable

for Junior and older Primary children, and each story abounds in interest and missionary challenge.

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Four Stories About Migrants. Friendship Press. Price, 10 cents.

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Five Christmas Stories. Friendship Press. Price, 10 cents.

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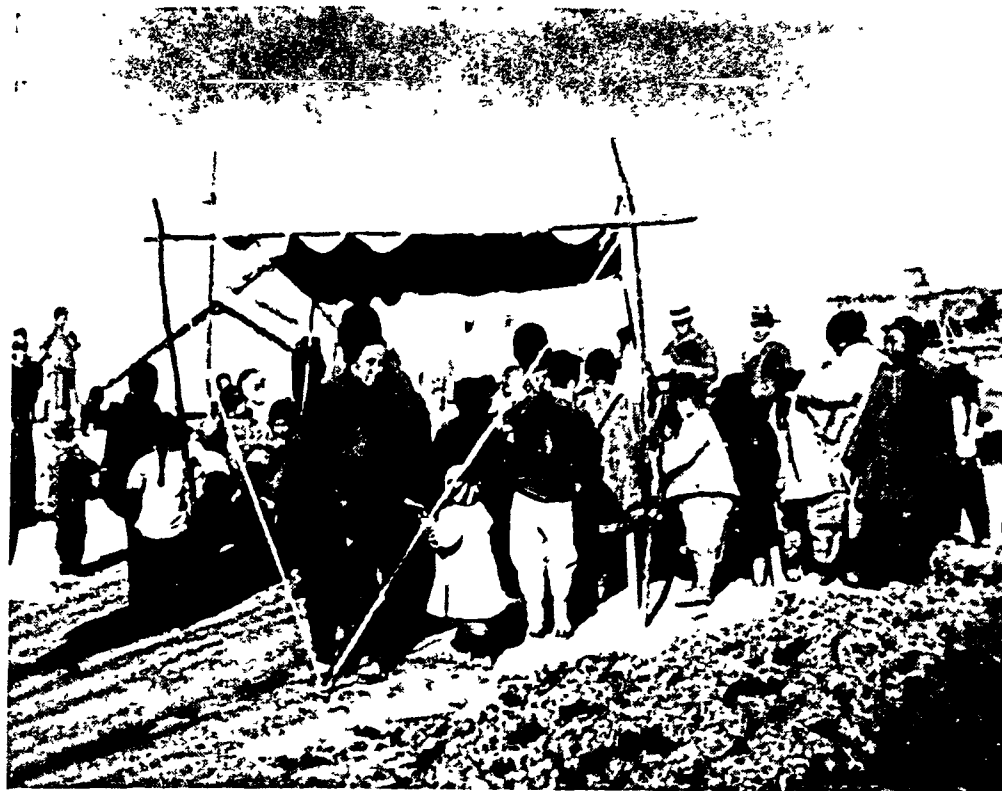
A DEDICATION

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A Vatican that gave its blessing to the rape of Ethiopia and Spain is scarcely the place to look for a just and lasting peace. The agitation for the recall of Mr. Taylor from Vatican City should have the unqualified endorsement of every Protestant of the nation.—*The Christian Century*.



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