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## WHY WONDER

If radio's slim fingers can pluck a melody  
From night and toss it over a continent or sea;  
If the petaled white notes of a violin  
Are blown across a mountain or a city's din;  
If songs like crimson roses, are culled from thin blue  
air;  
Why should mortals wonder if God hears prayer?

—MRS. ETHEL R. FULLER.

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# A Fertile Spot

By CATHERINE ALEXANDER\*

"God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." This has been proven in our mission work in the Hawaiian Islands.

For some years a group of Baptists in Honolulu on the island of Oahu have been asking that our Foreign Mission Board take over the work in that place, but the Board was unable to do so. Then God took a hand in the matter. What was a tragedy for our work in Japan and China has become a blessing to Baptists in Hawaii.

Missionaries who could not remain in China and Japan are now doing a glorious work on these islands of ours.

As the islands are a fertile spot for the growth of flowers, pineapples, and sugar cane, so are they equally good soil for the growth of all religious beliefs both good and bad. Too much cannot be said about the importance of Southern Baptists giving the gospel to the polyglot population of Hawaii.

The two stations we have on the one little island of Oahu touch a most cosmopolitan group. In

Wahiawa, James Belote has in his church as clerk, a young Chinese, a Japanese banker as a member along with Hawaiians, and others of mixed blood. The same can be said of Rev. Victor Koon's church—the Olivet Church—at Honolulu.

These people are all anxious to hear the gospel and surely it is our opportunity as well as our duty to give it to them at this time. Who knows but from these islands the world may receive a Kagawa or Chiang Kai-shek?

As the greater portion of the population of the islands are Chinese and Japanese families, it is fortunate that so many of our missionaries here are experienced in working with the Orientals.

While the doors are closed in other sections, let us sow the gospel seed in these islands of the seas.

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*First study course group of the W. M. S. of Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu*

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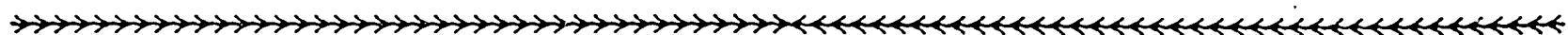
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## The Nerve Center of World Missions

By EVERETT GILL, JR.\*

Anyone visiting the rooms of the Foreign Mission Board during these unpredictable and distressing days, will be impressed with the amazing amount of activity going on at every moment. The mails, the telegraph wires, and the cable lines from all parts of the world are kept busy as news arrives in an endless stream. Here Dr. Charles E. Maddry, our executive secretary, and his staff, with God's help, seek to meet the needs, solve the problems, and plan the missionary strategy of the hour. A wire from the State Department brings the latest news from the Orient as the Board tries in every possible way to communicate with our heroic missionaries in occupied China; a cable from Free China indicates that the way is open for the meeting of tremendous physical and spiritual needs; an emergency called meeting of the Board gives authority to transmit funds; good news comes through that it will be possible to evacuate some of our missionaries from Europe's war zones; Dr. George Sadler makes a hurried trip to Washington to confer about the restrictions on sending new missionaries to Brazil; calls are coming in for special speakers; plans are under way to launch a great south-wide war emergency relief movement; missionaries on furlough come in for conference—all this and more is part of the daily routine. This is, in truth, the nerve center of world missions, throbbing with activity and life where each day presents new problems, where the distress of human hearts, the cry of lost souls around the world fills the heart and taxes the mind.

At ten o'clock each week day the entire staff and office force meet in Dr. Maddry's office for devotion and meditation. Here we are carried to the throne of grace as God's Word is read and hearts are lifted in prayer. When every hour brings news

of shifting fronts and changing conditions, we are brought face to face with the never-changing Christ. Here we are again made conscious of His presence, His power and His promises. Like a glorious light against the midnight darkness of contemporary events, the majestic phrases of the Psalmist

shine luminous. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; therefore will not we fear," and "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings, his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord." Here on the wings of prayer we remember our denomination, our people and pastors, whose loyalty and gifts and prayers have made this great missionary enterprise possible; here we remember our missionaries on the far-flung battle lines, and those families that are now separated by the war; here we pray for one another to be given grace and strength for the duties and responsibilities of the



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day; here we remember our nation and those in places of authority whose decisions will determine the destiny of nations and the lives of millions; here we pray for a just peace and for that day when "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

While some doors are temporarily closed, others are wide open. A cable from South America reads: "Opportunities never brighter." This is no time for gloom and defeatism. This is the day to demonstrate to the world that we follow a Conquering Christ, who in the darkest hour of all history, on the eve of His crucifixion, cried out to His discouraged and despondent followers: "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

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# Fifty-four Years for Christ in China

By CHARLES E. MADDY

On January 3, 1857, there was born in a country home in Habersham County, near Gainesville, Georgia, a little boy who was destined to give fifty-four years of active and fruitful service for Christ and the gospel in China. The name of the lad was C. W. Pruitt, the oldest in a family of eight children.

Converted at the age of ten, he was baptized into the fellowship of Concord Church, by Pastor Webb of Rutherford County, North Carolina.

Mr. Pruitt studied in the "old field" schools of that day and in "subscription schools" as opportunity offered. He spent one year at Furman University and for several years taught in the country schools of north Georgia. In 1877 he entered Louisville Seminary and studied Greek under Dr. J. A. Broadus the master-teacher. This was to lead him in good stead in later years in his work of training young ministers in China.

It was largely through the labors and guiding influence of Dr. and Mrs. Pruitt, that the excellent system of schools, including the Theological Seminary and the Woman's Missionary School, were established in Hwanghsien, North China. These two blessed missionaries, with their sound scholarship, genuine culture and, above all, their gentle Christ-like spirit, have left upon the life of our Baptist churches in Shantung an imprint that will never be erased.

The crowning work of Dr. Pruitt's fifty-four years of glorious service in China was the translation into Chinese of Dr. John A. Broadus' Commentary on Matthew. This monumental work has been published and is already in wide use in schools and seminaries throughout China.

Mrs. Pruitt, an able missionary and a gifted writer, is the author of a number of mission study books and tracts on China.

A native of Ohio, with Pilgrim and Huguenot blood in her veins, Miss Anna Seward went to China in 1887 as a Presbyterian missionary. In 1888 she became the wife of Rev. C. W. Pruitt and together these two have rendered, throughout the years, a service whose results are inestimable.

Dr. and Mrs. Pruitt retired from active service in China in 1935 and are now living in Atlanta, Georgia. They are actively engaged in deputation work among the churches as their strength will permit.

Their friends are numbered by the thousands, both in China and America. Multitudes love them for their work's sake and they are a constant example



*Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt*

of the way to grow old gracefully and appealingly in the service of Christ.

We are glad to allow Mrs. Pruitt to tell, in her own charming way, the story of those early beginnings in China:

Late in the fall of 1881, W. S. Walker and C. W. Pruitt, two young preachers, fresh from Louisville Seminary, set sail for China. Their steamer was small and the winter ocean stormy and rough. Mr. Pruitt soon succumbed and spent much time in his bunk. At a call from his friend to "Just come and see the beautiful gulls" his response was instantaneous and animated, but he relapsed in disappointment when instead of looking at some charming girls, he saw only flocks of sea birds.

They were in mid-ocean at Christmas time, but although they had neglected to provide anything for "Christmas gifts" they were not baffled. They exchanged handsome presents, each giving the other a fine, new, unabridged dictionary.

After a weary, monotonous month they stopped in Japan where they were obliged to wait several days for a yet smaller steamer to take them to China.

Here they had converse with members of the Northern Baptist Mission and had their first rides in the man-sized,

man-pull-man perambulators which had recently been invented by a Baptist missionary.

When they reached Shanghai they were taken to the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Yates, at the Old North Gate. Mr. Walker was to remain in Shanghai, but Mr. Pruitt was to go five hundred miles farther north. In winter boats are few, and Mr. Pruitt had two pleasant and profitable weeks in the Yates home. Dr. Yates was ill from an operation, but Mrs. Yates took the new arrivals to make calls of ceremony upon members of other missions in Shanghai, as is the custom in all the ports.

On January 31, 1882, dear "Mother Yates" gave Mr. Pruitt a birthday dinner in honor of his twenty-fifth anniversary.

The trip north to the Shantung field, in a tiny coast-steamer, was the most trying of the whole journey. At the port of Chefoo Mr. Pruitt was entertained by Dr. Hunter Corbett, the enthusiastic and warm-hearted pioneer of the Northern Presbyterian Mission, and his devoted, missionary wife.

That first evening in Chefoo Mr. Pruitt was invited to a party at another Presbyterian home and there met Miss Ida Tiffany who had come to China on the preceding voyage of the steamer that had brought him.

The last lap of the journey to his field was two days in a *shendze*, or wheelless mule-litter, the only equipage that could go safely over the narrow, rocky roads. In this he had for company a young Presbyterian doctor who could tell him how best to make himself comfortable in the inns where entertainment for man and beast are so close together as to be startling to a newcomer from the West. A Chinese servant who knew no English, but carried the bag, heavy with strings of small copper cash, paid the bills in thousands of cash, sums quite incomprehensible to a newly arrived American.

At the end of the second day they neared the picturesque walls of Tchengow city, and entered the gate that had been standing since before Christ.

Climbing down from his *shendze* Mr. Pruitt chose to walk the narrow main street, paved with ancient, worn-out mill stones. The Chinese guide stopped at a door at the Little Cross Roads and repeated, with gestures, the mystic syllable, "Moo, Moo," but the pilgrim did not know that it meant Miss Lottie Moon's home. He was guided a bit farther to a much wider gate which he entered, cross a courtyard and was welcomed by Miss Moon herself who had come to the Crawford home to do honor to the new missionary, as Mrs. Crawford was then in America.

That spring and summer Mr. Pruitt felt impelled to repeat the journey to Chefoo frequently. His ostensible reason was the need for new clothes, but it was evident that he was interested in a suit of a different kind.

He and Miss Tiffany were married that autumn and began housekeeping in the North Gate house that had been vacated by Miss Moon when she took over the work and residence of Mrs. Holmes. This handsome house, unusually strong and commodious, had been originally built for a pawn shop, but while yet new had been secured and rented by the first Tchengow missionary. By the addition of board floors and glass windows, part of it had been changed into a homelike residence. Generous Chinese quarters on the street and at the rear gave room for domestic requirements, a small chapel, and school rooms.

When Dr. Crawford was asked how soon a new missionary should begin to preach in Chinese his answer was, "In six months he might try. It would do him good and wouldn't hurt anybody else." So after half a year of study Mr. Pruitt began with sympathetic Christians for his audience, then talking to men on the streets, in shops, and by the wayside

practicing his new tongue. He acquired the Chinese manner of inflection, and became more fluent in Chinese than in English. Some missionaries acquire vast vocabularies but always speak like foreigners. It is not so common for one to learn to speak like a native.

One foundation principle of Chinese life at that time was emphasis on deliberation in gait and mien. A scholar should never hurry. That was left for the coolies who could work only with their "bitter strength" (the literal translation of the word coolie).

For several weeks each spring and fall Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt left the comforts of home and visited country villages and towns, living in Chinese inns or in rented rooms where Mrs. Pruitt could gather women and girls about her. In Pingtu she found unusual appreciation of the gospel message. She looked forward to an increasingly great work there. Such it proved to be, but not for her. She was taken to higher service in the autumn of 1884. Miss Moon later planted and reaped ever-widening rich harvests from that small beginning.

After three years of loneliness Mr. Pruitt married Anna Seward, another Presbyterian, and thus won the nickname, from that mission, of "The preying animal that preys chiefly upon the Presbyterian Mission."

In the spring of 1888 we moved to the new station of Hwanghsien. Our first work was to convince the common people that we were human beings, more or less like themselves. Even then we were unwelcome interlopers, but thanks to the innate politeness of the Chinese people we were never ridiculed to our faces, nor treated with hostility.

During the Japanese war in 1894 we stayed in Hwanghsien in spite of frequent peremptory calls from our American consul in Chefoo to seek safety at the port. Our home was the shelter for all the Christian refugees from Tchengow. That war gave us the opportunity to prove to the Chinese that we were in China not for our own good, but for theirs.

What changes we have seen in and around Hwanghsien! The Boys' School begun on our own premises has grown into the educational center for three missions.

Most noteworthy has been the growth in patriotism. It seemed wholly lacking at first. Anyone who was willing to fight was unworthy, and *ought* to die. Affairs of government were for Peking officials to manage. Why should the Japanese come and throw shells into the sacred city of Tchengow? Let them go to Peking and have it out with the emperor.

The wars, famines, and banditry of the past sixty years have wrought great changes, some intangible and many that are evident. Hwanghsien is poorer and wiser and well aware of world conditions. The church has grown and multiplied and is now sending its own missionaries into remote unevangelized places. The Seminary has done much in training Christian workers. The hospital, with its corps of ardent evangelistic men and women, has been of untold blessing in opening hearts as well as in saving lives.

Thus from small beginnings the work has grown and expanded.



"Who (Jesus) loved me and gave Himself for me"



## A Preaching Point in Rio State

By MRS. A. B. CHRISTIE

Senhor Azevedo and his wife Dona Margarida are members of the First Baptist Church of Campos but they live at Poco Gordo, a sugar-mill town, ten miles away.

Brother Azevedo is a pharmacist and is highly esteemed by the people in that section. Being a sincere Christian he is always ready to tell of the love of Christ which transformed his own life. His wife is the daughter of our oldest pastor.

Going to make their home in Poco Gordo they soon visualized what could be done for the Master there and they opened, in their home, a Sunday school that was welcome by the people of this place, especially the children. It soon grew to such proportions that a hall was rented and a preaching service added. Now there is a full fledged and very promising congregation under the care of the First Church.

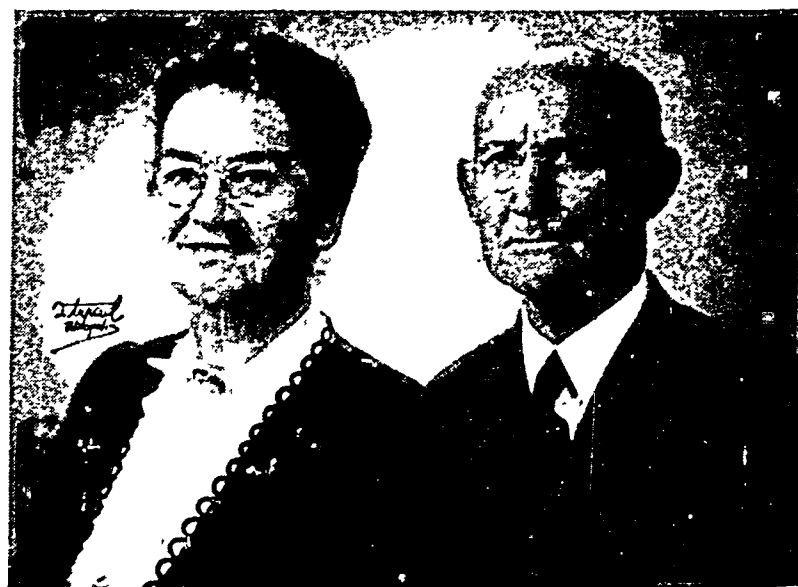
This picture shows the group that gathered for the Christmas celebration. They moved outside for the occasion because the hall was too small and the weather so very warm. The children are happy and satisfied with their sacks of candy and nuts. The couple dressed in white, in front are Mr. and Mrs.

Azevedo. The happy-looking old gentleman is Dona Margarida's father, who is seventy-two years old. He is Spanish by birth but a Brazilian by choice. Her mother is seated at his right.

This is a typical example of how churches spring up on a mission field. Such examples account for the rapid growth of the Baptist constituency in the section called "Fluminense" which is manned by one missionary couple and a single woman who gives her time to W.M.U. work.

At this date there are 128 churches and approximately from four hundred to five hundred preaching points that have been established and are being developed by laymen who interpret the "Go ye" that Jesus pronounced as meaning not only the pastor and evangelist but every one who professes Christ's name and has been redeemed.

*Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, Southern Baptist missionaries in the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They were signally honored at the Jubilee Convention of Baptists of Rio when there was a special program in their honor, at which time a bronze plaque of them was unveiled and was presented to the First Baptist Church of Campos—the oldest church in that state, having completed fifty years of work*



# Kingdom Facts

## and Factors

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### AMERICA DIDN'T DESERT CHINA

The course of the United States in the Orient for the last four years had left ground for uneasiness in many minds when Japan asked, as the price of "peace," that America give over China entirely and permit Japan to complete her subjugation and incorporation (if she could) without further help to China. At last the Washington government was prepared to give an emphatic "NO!"

Then broke the war—broke with almost unexampled suddenness and simultaneous destructive strokes at many points. To Japan's own skill and duplicity had been added Hitler's oft illustrated lessons. The war for the control of the earth is on. The demand for China and the refusal of that demand was simply one incident marking a new stage and opening another fearful chapter of the story of slaughter and destruction. When it will end only God can say. Nor how and what His word will be none can clearly foretell. Of this we may be sure: God will speak for "justice in the earth"; "righteousness and peace must kiss." Truth must spring out of the earth to meet the righteousness that looks down from heaven (Cf. Psalm 85:9-13).

### VIGOROUS DENUNCIATION BY SECRETARY OF STATE

With this characterization our Secretary of State found vigorous, if not violent, voice to denounce in unmeasured terms the barbaric brutality of the Japanese for the destruction wrought on Manila as "an open city." Raining death and ruin from the skies upon defenseless, helpless non-combatants, women and children, for no directly military reason deserves the strong word of condemnation. Yet we must not forget that for more than four years, on a thousand occasions, the Japanese have done this same thing to open and undefended cities, towns, and villages all over China; and that our Secretary of State turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of millions of American citizens who urged our government to stop the supplies from our country with which Japan was slaughtering these Chinese non-combatants by mounting thousands.

For more than four years America thus shared in the unjust business against the Chinese. Now it comes home to us. Japan used upon Manila materials this country had supplied for use on Chinese. Engines made in America, motored by gas from

Texas and California, and with munitions made from scrap iron, lead and other materials from all over the United States, drove the bombers that wrought death and destruction at Pearl Harbor and Manila. Yes it has been unjust—all the way through. And now there is clamor for American boys to avenge all this by bombing and burning Japanese cities. Truly "Man's inhumanity to man" must crucify afresh "Him who died to save us all!"

### "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR"

The effort to make a fighting slogan of that phrase does not seem to be succeeding. How should it, in the sense intended? Yet, if taken in the true meaning of that terrible disaster, and taken to heart by Americans generally, that may well be the slogan that will enable us to win the war and to make it well for the world that we win it. Up to the time of the Pearl Harbor tragedy we were not fit to win, and it cannot yet be said that we are fit. For who wins the war must master the peace—master it for humanity, for righteousness, for the Kingdom of God; or else the winning will be losing.

If we shall all "remember Pearl Harbor" in shame and repentance; if the nation will sober up and recover its ideals, personal, social, and national, then may we hope to be fit to win. The Pearl Harbor tragedy may be made a turning point in our nation's spiritual history. Thereby it may be made a turning point in world history. But we must know that the military disaster was only a symbol of our spiritual degeneracy, and that, not primarily in the navy and the army, but in the people. Unless we learn that lesson we are doomed. A nation bent on pleasure and fleshly indulgence cannot provide or deserve a winning army and navy.

### CONTRAST

On January 4 a news item told that the United States government outlay for the one month of December was two and a half billions of dollars. That is approximately the total amount expended by all American Protestants in foreign missions during their entire history. Mr. Roosevelt has warned us to expect an annual war budget of fifty billions. That is one thousand times the highest annual outlay for foreign missions by Protestants in their peak years following the first World War. Can we wonder that wars continue?



# Associations and Institutes

By CHARLES L. NEAL

If we may judge from reports coming from our two institutions (and I think they are a good index to our work) this has been one of our finest years of work in Mexico. We have six different associations and five of them have had their meetings this year. In all of them the attendance has been good and some of them the laymen have attended in good numbers.

The Southern Baptist work reaches thirteen states of Mexico. These associations include from one to six states. The women have organized auxiliaries and meet the day preceding the association and, for that reason, we have more women in the meetings than we have men. Many of them are not members of the association but they stay through the meetings.



*Young women's dormitory, Mexican Baptist Seminary, El Paso, Texas*

Each associational gathering has four full days of work, and each night they have a sermon for the public. These messages all terminate in an evangelistic spirit and many are converted during the meetings. In these associations they discuss all phases of the work and make plans to touch as many of the unoccupied fields as possible. Special emphasis is given to the work of the colporteurs because they can cover the whole field and preach in many places that the pastor cannot visit. In the financial report it was seen that some of the churches gave as much as \$25.00 pesos (Mexican dollars) per capita and many of the churches gave as much as \$15.00 pesos per capita. Considering their poverty their gift is a large one.

## INSTITUTES

The thirteen states are divided into three sections for our institute work with the preachers. The southern section has six states, the northern section four, and the west coast three states. The territory is too large to have all the preachers in one institute. These institutes last ten days. We have held two this year. The teachers of the one in the South were

*Rev. Charles Neal, Southern Baptists' missionary in El Paso, Texas, has served there since August 1907*



Missionaries Orvil Reid and William Webb, and Moises Arevalo. Mr. Webb is studying the language preparatory to becoming a teacher in our Seminary. Mr. Reid is preparing to take over all the field work in Mexico and Sr. Arevalo is an invaluable helper in the southern states.

Besides the special courses for the preachers, the whole scope of the work was discussed and problems on the field were considered. Plans were made for a book fund to provide books for the preachers. This is a very fine step for the work. The plan is to furnish the preachers books at half price so they can at least secure enough books to enable them to grow in knowledge and to broaden their thinking.

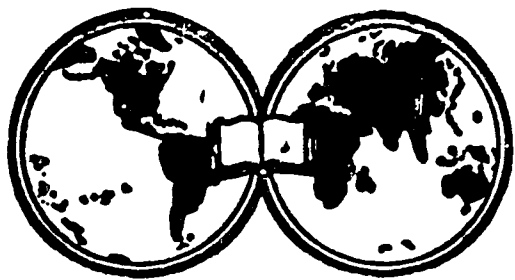
The other institute was in Torreon, Coah. This institute was exceedingly fine. The teachers were Sr. Alfredo Muller and Sr. Abel Pierson from our El Paso Seminary and Sr. Jonas Garcia, ex-teacher of the Seminary and one of the best literary teachers



*Missionary Training School Girls, Mexican Baptist Seminary, El Paso, Texas*

of Mexico, and Charles L. Neal the field missionary. All but two of the preachers in this field have had their seminary course, so our teaching had to be somewhat different from that of the other institutes. Plans here were made to have a circulating library for the preachers. How they do need books!

Every night throughout the ten days of the institute we had evangelistic services and many people were converted. There was a great uplift, not only for the preachers, but for the church and people who attended.



## World Trends

Items of Social and Missionary Interest

CHARLES E. MADDY

### LEST WE FORGET

From time to time we see emanating from the Vatican, statements to the effect that the Pope is deeply grieved over the sorrow and suffering through which the helpless and innocent peoples of the world are passing as a result of the brutal and murderous wars now raging over five continents. We hope the Pope has not forgotten that he gave his blessing and benediction to Mussolini the "Sawdust Caesar" and his strutting legions, when untold thousands of innocent and helpless men, women, and children perished in the rape of Ethiopia. We were in Rome during this shameful hour in Italian history, and it was the common talk of the streets that the Vatican largely financed the Ethiopian campaign. It was widely known in Catholic circles that if Ethiopia were conquered all Protestant mission work in that ill-fated land was to be suppressed. All the world now knows that not only Protestant missions, but the ancient Coptic Church of Ethiopia was also suppressed, and that Catholic priests, bishops, and functionaries swarmed into Ethiopia, following the Italian "victory."

We hope also that the Pope will not forget the fact that he received in audience the "heroes"—the Italian aviators, who bombed the open and undefended cities, towns, and villages of Spain, murdering thousands upon thousands of Spanish civilians, during the bloody Civil War in Spain. The "Holy Father" blessed them and called them "Crusaders of the Church."

The shame and infamy of Ethiopia and the Spanish Revolution will stain the already tarnished honor of Italy for a thousand years; yet the Vatican sanctioned these unholy campaigns and the Pope gave his blessing!

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### A NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT

On December 31, 1941, *The Commission*, as a full fledged monthly missionary journal, was four years old. At that time we had 31,410 paid up subscriptions. Our goal for 1942 is 40,000 subscribers. The first week in February the number exceeded 33,000. We must press on to our Centennial Goal—sixty thousand paid-up subscriptions before 1945.

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### BECAUSE THEY LOVE THEM

"Travelers, members of diplomatic services and newspapermen now agree pretty generally that no one understands the Asiatics and Africans as well as the missionaries who *live* among them. So states Dr. Lora G. Dyer, of Pierce Memorial Hospital, Foochow, China, adding, 'Missions are builders of world peace. The doctor and nurse have peculiarly fine chances to serve, to understand, to interpret Christian internationalism.' Then Dr. Dyer points out that 'The persistent honesty of the mission doctor in seeking an accurate diagnosis, in giving valid treatments . . . along with his earnest efforts in preventing epidemics, has had perhaps the greatest effect in convincing Christian and non-Christian patients alike of the good will and desire of the West to help and not to exploit the East.'"

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### A GREAT CONVENTION

The Baptist General Convention of Texas has grown to be the largest state gathering of religious workers in America. The recent annual meeting was held in the chapel of Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene. It was estimated that not less than 6,000 people attended the three Conventions—the annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union, the Laymen's Brotherhood, and the General Convention.

Foreign Missions was accorded a great hearing, from 11:20 to 12:30, Thursday morning. A large number of foreign missionaries were introduced to the Convention and the Executive Secretary was given a sympathetic hearing.

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### DEMOCRACY BORN IN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

"The war of resistance against Japanese invasion has profoundly changed the very thought-life of China's millions. The old prejudice and opposition to Christianity are entirely gone in both 'occupied' and 'free' China. This is especially true of the student classes.

"The fact that Sun Yat-sen, the father of the Republic, was an earnest Christian and that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, at whose name all students

spring to their feet, is also a Christian, has had a profound influence on the student mind. The great contribution of the church and the work of the missionaries during the war years has silenced whatever remained of former criticisms. Many of the highest government officials are Christians and former critics now have their children in Christian schools. All doors are open. The student response is unprecedented. It is almost a mass movement. The Chinese Church and foreign missions should at once prepare socially-minded evangelists, who love both Christ and youth, for the great open student field in China. One hundred such evangelists could not possibly meet the challenge. The new student response to Christianity is probably the greatest challenge to Christianity in our day and generation."

—Stanton Lautenschlager, Presbyterian Mission, West China.

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### LEADERSHIP

In his discussion of today's outstanding leaders in Christian nations, Henry P. Van Dusen thus emphasizes China's unique record:

"Among corresponding leaders in all of the 'Christian nations' of Europe and America, there is not more than one, or at most two or three, persons of Christian conviction and devotion to match five or six of China's foremost officials. What nation is there on the face of the earth in whose government the head, whether he be President or Prince, the Commander-in-Chief, the Prime Minister and Finance Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, two of the three ranking members of the diplomatic corps and the nation's leading financier are devout Christians?"

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### WE TOO HAVE DONE SOMETHING

Since Japan began her "undeclared war" on China, Southern Baptists have given more than \$139,000.00 for Chinese Relief. Every two weeks all contributions received are remitted to our treasurer in Shanghai. These funds are distributed by our missionaries who are scattered throughout the occupied area of China. From the Interdenominational Committee for China Relief the following report showing what others are doing, has been sent out: "In two hundred stations scattered over the length and breadth of China, Christian missionaries have



been relieving distress throughout four years of war—tending wounded civilians in hospitals; caring for widows and children; helping farmers made destitute by war to buy seed and start life afresh. In these and scores of other ways missionaries have given a practical demonstration of the gospel. For this relief work American churches have sent to China in the last three years more than \$1,000,000."

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### "INASMUCH . . . YE DID IT UNTO ME"

Millions of innocent, helpless men, women, and little children are victims of this cruel and destructive war. They are perishing from hunger and cold,



*In a Chinese village*

and unless the Christian churches of America come to their relief they are doomed to slow starvation and inevitable death. America, secure and prosperous, is the only hope for these perishing millions for whom Christ died. He needs our hands and our substance now. Here is a summary of the needs:

"Fifty million people in China have lost their homes, their means of livelihood, their loved ones.

"Thousands of Christian workers in Europe are friendless and without support.

"Thousands of refugees are knocking at our doors—hundreds of them are Christians fleeing from persecution.

"Hundreds of thousands of children in Europe and China are separated from parents, undernourished and ill.

"Nearly 4,000,000 prisoners of war in Europe, Canada, India, living in enforced idleness.

"Women and girl refugees, war workers and battered civilians in every land.

"Twenty-five hundred 'orphaned' missionaries of European churches will starve unless we help.

"Hundreds of thousands in Europe, in Asia, in the United States of America are clamoring for copies of the Scriptures."

### MANY-SIDED EVANGELISM

In a recent letter Mrs. Victor Koon tells of some of the many ways used by our Hawaiian missionaries in sending out the good news of the gospel:

"Yes, we have a car. Each missionary family has felt the need of having one in this big city where the distances are so great and our church visitation makes a car necessary. The church is located near the center of town but we live near the edge. The housing problem is very acute here and one must take what can be had. In addition to the church work, we have religious education classes in the different public schools. There are two classes in the penitentiary, one at the boys' reformatory, one



Miss Hattie Stallings with some young Baptists of Wahiawa

at the girls' reformatory, and two meetings a week in the tenement section of town. Every Sunday morning from 8:30 to 8:45 on station KGU we have a Southern Baptist Hour which is called "The Friendly Gospel Hour." The Missionary men take turns broadcasting at this time. We hope it is doing good. Several people have visited our church and joined by letter—because of this broadcast."

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### THE BEGINNING OF A GREAT CHURCH

Our central down-town church in Honolulu is Olivet Church, Rev. Victor Koon pastor. Just as soon as possible we must buy additional land and help the members erect, on this strategic site, an adequate and worthy house of worship for our growing Baptist work in this city of 250,000 people. The church membership is increasing rapidly and is sorely in need of a new, well appointed building. A missionary gives a picture of an impressive baptismal service in connection with Olivet Church:

"The church has no baptistry so one time we went over to the First Christian Church for the baptismal service. Another time we went to a private stretch of beach and had a most impressive service. While the fifteen candidates were putting on their

white robes inside the house, the group of about forty people (seated in front of the house and facing the ocean) were singing hymns. I shall never forget the beauty and solemnity of that occasion, the charm of natural scenery all around us and "our Father's ocean" providing the ideal baptistry. In the audience were Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiians, and Americans. The afternoon shadows lengthened as everyone sang hymns of praise to their Redeemer. We ask that you pray for these new converts."

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### MANY RACES INTERMINGLED

The Hawaiian Islands, the forty-ninth State-to-be of the American Union, is truly a medley of many races. The following population ratios will give some idea of the problem involved in the efforts of the United States Government to Americanize these five islands so strategically located at the crossroads of the Pacific:

Chinese	28,601
Filipino	52,898
Hawaiian	63,858
Japanese	155,042
Others	115,060
Total	415,459

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### RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS

The 415,459 inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands are also widely divergent in religious beliefs and forms of worship. The following figures furnish some conception of the opportunity and challenge presented to our newly constituted Southern Baptist Mission in the islands:

#### Religious Groups

Shintoists	3,000
Mormons	9,944
Protestants	26,996
Buddhists	49,713
Catholics	115,723



Newly organized Y. W. A.'s of Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu

## SOME BY-PRODUCTS OF MISSIONS

The primary objective of all missionary endeavor is the winning of the lost to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. All of our missionaries are evangelists. Some teach in schools, colleges, or theological seminaries; some are medical missionaries; and some are pioneer preachers. It is all the same enterprise.

Along with this supreme objective, there are many other valuable derivatives of missionary effort in pagan and heathen lands. Modern medicine, sanitation, child welfare, the uplift of womanhood, education, and other social values are the direct by-products of missions. From an exchange we quote:

"Christian missions are teaching over 3,000,000 in 56,891 schools and colleges and building intelligent and creative leadership for many lands.

"The Christian missionary has been responsible for providing a written form of language for large numbers of the human race. He has made available the Scriptures while teaching reading and writing.

"In Asia and in Africa it was the Christian missionary who started all modern education. In India there are seven times as many Christian teachers in government schools as the comparative number of Christians in the country would justify. More significant than numbers is the fact that the Christian communities around the world are made up largely of literate men and women of character, ability and leadership. Their influence in government and other fields is out of all proportion to their numbers."

## YET WE CALL AMERICA CHRISTIAN

"Sixty-three per cent of the population of the United States is outside the membership of the Christian churches," says the Rev. Dr. George A. Wieland, head of the Episcopal Church's department of domestic missions. Dr. Wieland says further that thirty million American children have no religious background or instruction.

"Is there possibly some relationship between these figures," he said, "and the fact that our national crime bill is fifteen billions per year—\$120 for every man, woman and child?

"And is there not something ominous in the fact that our national liquor bill is five billions of dollars," Dr. Wieland continued, "or practically one-half the amount of our food bill? Or in the further fact that we spend \$15.33 per capita for education and \$38.60 per capita for alcohol?

"I believe that the future of our Christian civilization, our Christian culture, and perhaps even the future of the human race, will be determined here, on the American continent, in the decades that lie immediately ahead. For if a Christian civilization is the only hope of world sanity, and of world peace, as I believe it is, then a Christian America is the pivotal factor upon which the future of humanity depends.

"And America today, though nominally Christian, is essentially pagan in its outlook and its life."

—National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church.

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## A CODE FOR LEADERS

*Prayerful.* A good leader is prayerful. I will not fail to pray daily for my group and for guidance in my work.

*Present.* A good leader is regular in attendance. I will be regular in my attendance, never being absent without providing a substitute.

*Punctual.* A good leader is prompt in arriving. I will see to it that I am habitually punctual, being in my place at least five minutes before the beginning of the session.

*Prepared.* A good leader is prepared to teach. I will make careful preparation for each lesson.

*Pattern.* A good leader must be a worthy example. I will endeavor, with God's help, so to live that my influence shall, at all times, be helpful.

*Patient.* A good leader is patient. I will try to be always patient in awaiting results.

*Partner.* A good leader is a good "pal." I will endeavor to be a sympathetic companion.



# The Trip to West China

By C. L. CULPEPPER

(Continued from February issue)

## Homeward Bound

We decided that after such a hard trip up we would get at least one chair for the return trip; but there was none to be had as the Government had commandeered all of them for a party who were going out. In order to see more of the cities and territory we took a longer route back. We also hoped to get a chair after the first day. My feet got worse and I felt that I absolutely could not go forward; but no chair could be found. Dr. Hsu and I prayed and asked for strength; then we started out and made about one hundred li. The second night we stopped on a mountain in a board-covered, temporary shack and slept on boards laid on the ground. It rained all night and the next day we waded in water and mud down the mountain and came within seventy li of Yaan. There we got two chairs. The men also proved to be opium smokers and would not go without being paid half in advance and food and money at each stop. After carrying us about half way and receiving three fourths pay, one of

ing Dr. Hsu to go on to Pao Chi to his family, I returned to Chungking, arriving Friday night at ten o'clock.



*Travelling above difficulties*

The next morning I rushed around to the plane office where I had previously made application for passage to Hongkong and was told the earliest plane that I could get would be September ninth. I returned to my room at the Canadian Mission and was resting when a telephone call came asking me if I could board a plane for Hongkong immediately. I replied affirmatively and, grabbing my coat and suitcase, I made a dash for the air port arriving there just twelve noon. Then the pilot decided he would not take off until after three o'clock so as to avoid running into planes along the way. We finally left Chungking about a quarter past three and had a wonderfully smooth flight. I saw Kweilin and Wuchow in perfect light from about twelve thousand feet. We came into Hongkong five hours after leaving Chungking and it was one of the most beautiful sights I have ever seen, with the land, the sea, islands, ships, all colors of lights, searchlights playing all over, the moon and stars, all joined together to welcome us safe to port.

I went to the Missionary Home for a good night's rest and early next morning I rushed to the American Express to see if I could get passage to Shanghai. They said they could give me the last and only passage on a boat sailing the next day at nine-thirty. I had to do some hustling in order to get a police permit, a medical certificate, etc. Then I went out to see Misses Dodson and Clement. They arranged for me to have a meeting with a group of the Chinese workers Sunday night where I made my first report. It thrilled me to meet about fifty of these Christian workers who had been praying for us all summer. It took us exactly sixty days to go from Shanghai to Chengtu on our trip out. We returned in seven days. I came back from Chung-



*Travelling under difficulties*

my men ran away and I had to walk thirty li after all. I just came to the conclusion that I was a predestinated pedestrian. We reached Yaan, and again enjoyed fellowship with our Northern Baptist missionaries. To our great joy we also found that Dr. Lenox and family and another family had chartered a seven-passenger car for Chengtu the next day and still lacked two passengers, so we took them up. We should have driven it in half a day, but we had car trouble and had to spend the night on the road. The next day we ran into an air raid and came near being machine-gunned.

Upon reaching Chengtu I found about a dozen letters from home and a telegram from Dr. Rankin asking me to try to return immediately. The first bus I could get was Thursday, September fourth. Leav-

king to Hongkong in five hours and it took us fifty days to go from Hongkong to Chungking.

I feel that it has been one of the greatest privileges of a lifetime to have made this trip. Words cannot describe the wonders, the thrills, the opportunities, the call of the great needs of the benighted souls that pull at the deepest compassion of one's heart. I feel I can never be the same missionary again after such a trip.

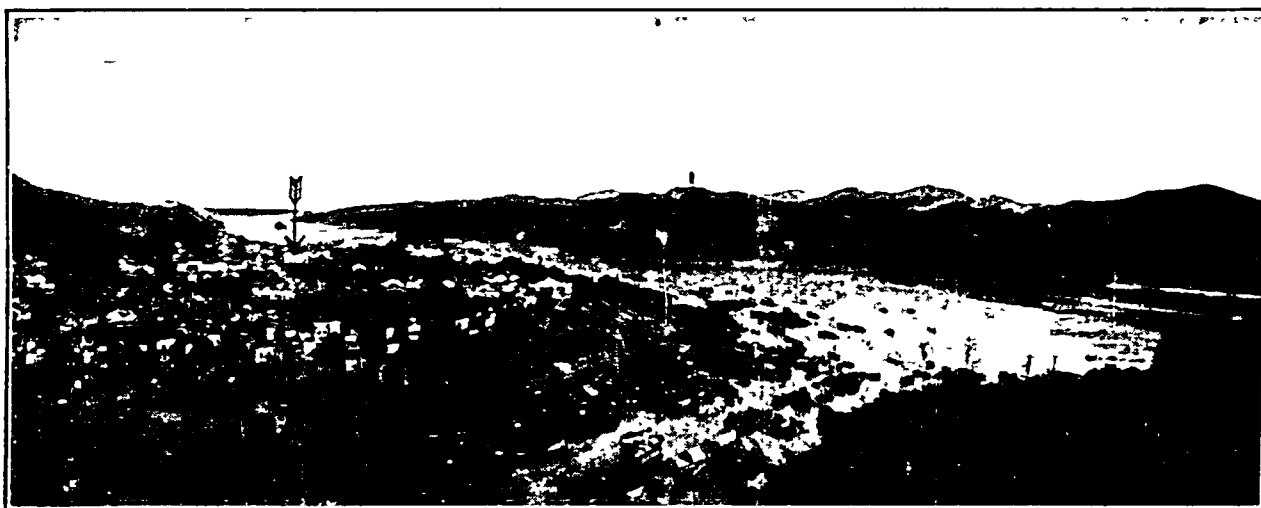
#### *My Travelling Companion*

I cannot close this account without special mention of my deep appreciation of Dr. Hsu. I have known him for eighteen years and have always had the highest regard for him, but in these three months I have seen him being tested. We have traveled together on ships, buses, chairs, trains, sampans, launches, and have walked long distances under every conceivable circumstance. We have

#### *The People and the Place*

I wish to say a few words about the country and people. I have been agreeably surprised and pleased over the amount of vegetation and the water supply, the fertility of the ground, and seeming abundance of crops, the great quantities of natural mineral resources. The chief handicaps are practical methods of development and transportation. These drawbacks are being overcome to some extent. Highways, railways, and waterways are being built and improved. There are at hand the natural resources with which to do most of this work.

The people seem somewhat slow and backward and appear, to some extent, resentful of all this influx of "down-the-river" population. The natives have probably had less opportunity for education and training and are backward and timid in many ways; therefore, there is a jealousy and prejudice against the in-comers.



*City of  
Wuchow  
The arrow indicates  
the Southern Baptist  
Mission Station*

eaten together, slept together, prayed together, talked together, made plans together. Often we've differed in our ideas, but in all these trying situations he has proven true. He has received tempting offers from other missions and institutions, but he has held true to his call to the Frontier Mission of our churches. The harder the difficulties and problems grew the more determined he became to carry out the work he feels God has called him to do.

The churches of our conventions can barely pay the living expenses of our missionaries, but the medical work of Dr. Hsu must have at least from ten to fifteen thousand dollars to get started. This means only about five hundred United States dollars. Then, with very little help, he can carry on; but he must have this help. I have pledged the Lord and Dr. Hsu that I will do my best to raise this fund for him. We cannot do less, and it should be the greatest joy of our lives to furnish this amount for a well qualified physician who loves souls and is giving his whole life for this work.

#### *The Status of Mission Work*

The present Christian work that I have observed seems to be rather slow and not really to have taken hold of the people. In Kweichow and Szechuan were China Inland Mission, Alliance, Anglican, Canadian Methodists, Church of Christ in China, Seventh Day Adventists, Salvation Army, and Independents. It was distinctly disappointing to see the small congregations and lack of any vital interest in the services. In the large cities the best congregations numbered from one hundred to two hundred on Sundays; in some cases there were as few as ten and twenty. There was a spirit of indifference and coldness on the part of the Christians and discouragement and defeat on the part of the workers. For instance, in one of the largest cities a leading evangelist told me that he knew there were over a thousand Christians there who were not attending church. He said he felt sure that if there were a capable pastor with a vital message, most of these people could be reached. It seems to me a tragedy

of all tragedies that, after all these years of mission work, in this great crisis when the people are in such dire need of a message of life and hope there is practically no one with such a message and with a soul on fire.

In one of the largest cities on a Sunday I asked about services, and was told that at the two leading churches there were only eight or ten people at one, and the other about thirty. The missionary said that under the present circumstances you could not have a church service as the people were afraid of an air raid alarm. I do not believe that that is the reason. I believe it is the lack of a vital message. In fact, one reportedly warm-hearted Christian said that the Christians could get nothing at church so they worshipped at home. I asked one of our own leading Chinese evangelists what he felt was the remedy for these conditions, and he said a trained and equipped ministry with a "red hot" message.

I hope that I have not overdrawn the conditions. Of course, there may be a few exceptions, but the overwhelming state is as described. The contrast with the conditions in North, Central, and South China is beyond comprehension.

#### *Urgent Needs*

I wish to point out a few of the most pressing needs that I observed. (1) A deep and thoroughgoing revival of churches and leaders, including missionaries. (2) A God-called and adequately

trained native ministry. (3) A re-emphasizing of the evangelistic message in some neglected fields, such as the country districts around some of our already established mission stations. (4) Work among the neglected tribes along the border of Kwangsi and Kweichow. (5) The reaching of some hitherto untouched areas in Yunnan, Kweichow, Sikong, Chinghai, etc. (6) The opening up of an evangelistic campaign in the larger cities, emphasizing the preaching and teaching of the gospel message.

Without much comment I mention these needs as I see them. It is high time for us, as a denomination and as a mission, to rise up in the strength of the Lord and meet this great challenge which calls for superhuman strength and wisdom.

If ever there was a need and an opportunity to reach the future leaders of a nation it is now, in China. The Chinese people need to have their minds and hearts filled with gospel messages and truths. This preaching must be in power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit by preachers who feel the holy calling of God to deliver his message to a nation of distressed people.

For this work I feel that we should release some of our best preachers; that the Foreign Mission Board should raise sufficient travel and expense funds for such teams; that these campaigns should be followed up by itinerating missionaries stationed in the West, to hold Bible classes and to help locate trained workers for these centers.

#### TA YEU KOU CAVE CHURCH, CHINA



1. Entrance to the church auditorium
2. Evangelist standing before the door of the parsonage
3. The kitchen
4. The guest room
5. The tent in which inquirers are interviewed
6. The baptistry

During 1942 the Foreign Mission Board  
will need  
\$300,000.00

# for Relief and War Emergency Work

We have established financial contacts with the Bank of China in Kweilin. Without trouble we can now send funds to the Bank of China in Chungking. We are in constant contact with Dr. R. E. Beddoe of Wuchow and have sent him money for our regular work and for EMERGENCY RELIEF WORK in Free China, Wuchow, Kweilin, Chengchow, and Pochow.

A cable from Dr. Beddoe indicates that he can forward funds to our beleaguered missionaries in the South China Mission, and in part of the Interior China Mission.

We are sending Emergency Relief money to Spain, and make contacts soon with the North China Mission. We are sending thousand dollars for the purchase of Bibles, Testaments, and portions of the Scriptures for Russian prisoners in Germany and other peoples in Balkan lands.

Increased appropriations are desperately needed for a greater output of Bibles and religious literature for all Latin America, through our publishing houses in Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Santiago, and El Paso.

Every church in the Southern Baptist Convention should at once take an offering for Emergency Relief and send it to the Foreign Mission Board.

Proverbs

## Lending unto the Lord

19:17

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord;  
and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Famished



"Father, we thank  
Thee for our food"



Hungry—Homeless—Hopeful



Right: "We are smiling because we are about to have some rice porridge and vegetables and milk. Our friends in America help us to smile"



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## CHRIST AT THE CROSSROADS OF THE PACIFIC

### BEAUTIFUL HONOLULU

For more than two years the Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board had been trying to find time for a brief visit to the youngest mission of our Board. Finally, on November 28, after many delays, we sailed from Los Angeles on the S. S. *Lurline* of the Matson Line and arrived in Honolulu on the morning of December 3. There we spent ten days in a careful and comprehensive study of the present status and future outlook for our Baptist work in the Hawaiian Islands.

On December 7, four days after our arrival in Honolulu, came the sudden and treacherous Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor and the city of Honolulu. The horrors of that day of destruction and death will live with us to life's last hour. We remained in Honolulu six days after that morning of infamy, and in several meetings with the fifteen missionaries constituting the Hawaiian Mission, we were able to plan the work and chart the course of the mission for the fateful and challenging days ahead. We here set down some of our hopes and plans for the secure establishment of the cause of Christ at this strategic crossroads of the Pacific.

## THE DAY OF SMALL BEGINNINGS

Some fifteen years ago Mr. Charles J. McDonald, a Baptist Scotchman of Canada, went out to Honolulu to engage in business. He associated himself with the Davies Company, Factors, one of the oldest and most influential business firms in the islands. Their interests are wide and extensive and, through the years, Mr. McDonald by reason of his splendid business ability and by dint of hard work, has become one of the most influential members of the firm and is widely known in the islands as a man of honor and integrity.

Being a strict Baptist and a lay preacher, Mr. McDonald, several years ago, began an effort to establish a Baptist church, free from the formal and unionizing tendencies he found in church circles all about him. At the town of Wahiawa, in the heart of the pineapple industry, some twenty miles from Honolulu, he opened a mission and soon it grew into an organized Baptist church. About four years ago Mr. McDonald appealed to the Foreign Mission Board to take over the work.

Because of unsettled political conditions in the Far East, from time to time missionaries from China have stopped off for a season and worked with Mr. McDonald and his group in the islands. Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Anderson, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hall, Miss Hattie Stallings, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Leonard have all made a worthy contribution to the work in Hawaii.

A little more than a year ago the Foreign Mission Board took steps looking toward the establishment of a permanent mission in these mid-Pacific islands.

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## A CHOICE GROUP

The following missionaries who were forced out of Japan and China because of war conditions, are now working in the Hawaiian Islands:

Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Dozier, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Belote, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Koon, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Blackman, Miss Hannah Plowden, Miss Helen McCullough, Miss Mary Alice Huey, Miss Clarabel Isdell.

We are doing our best to secure permission from the United States authorities for some eight or ten more missionaries now on forced furlough from the Far East, to go out and join our overworked group in the islands. The need is great and the people are anxious to hear the gospel. The evangelical fervor of our missionaries and their devotion to the New Testament gospel and way of life, come as a new and refreshing miracle to the masses so long accustomed to a rationalistic and formal presentation of Christianity. No missionary group ever came



to a greater hour of challenge and opportunity than that faced by these faithful and devoted missionaries now representing us in this polyglot crossroads of the Pacific. We must earnestly pray for them, adequately support them, and promptly reinforce them.

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#### OUR NEWEST BIBLE SCHOOL

As soon as our missionaries became established in the Hawaiian Islands, they saw the necessity for a Bible institute for the purpose of training native Christian workers. There had been no such training school in the islands and, after much prayer and consideration, the mission voted to launch the enterprise. In searching for a suitable building for housing the Bible Institute, they found that the home of the president of the Mid-Pacific Institute—a Congregational school—was for sale. The house is spacious and the grounds beautiful for location. It is on University Avenue close to the University of Hawaii, and in one of the best localities in the city of Honolulu.

With an initial gift of \$2,000.00 from Woman's Missionary Union, the Mission bought the property on very favorable terms. Other gifts made since then will almost free the property of debt. With a current expense fund of only \$500.00 for the year, the school was opened. Miss Hannah Plowden is principal and the missionaries do the teaching. Already there are ten students enrolled this first year, and many more are planning to enter at the beginning of the next session.

The purchase of this valuable and beautiful piece of property together with the act of sublime faith on the part of our missionaries in launching this Bible School, has greatly advanced our Baptist cause in the city. People see that we are in the islands to stay and, best of all, that we are there to preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ with evangelical fervor and zeal. They are ready and anxious to hear the gospel of Christ preached in the simplicity and power of the Holy Spirit.

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#### WORK AMONG SERVICE MEN

Under the enthusiastic and efficient ministry of Rev. and Mrs. James D. Belote the work at the Wayside Chapel in Wahiawa is growing very rapidly. The membership increased so quickly that it became necessary to secure a more central location and begin the construction of a new and more commodious chapel. This was made possible by means of a generous gift of \$5,000.00 by Woman's Missionary Union. The church and friends in Honolulu also responded liberally and the chapel was already more than half completed when war came. Because

of defense needs, there may now be some delay in the building enterprise.

The Wayside Chapel was used evenings for work among soldiers and sailors. There was such deep interest on the part of service men that Mr. and Mrs. Belote were soon overwhelmed with it all. The mission made a plea for additional workers and the Foreign Mission Board sent out Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Stuart and Miss Helen McCullough to work among soldiers and sailors. They went in October and already a gracious revival was in evidence and many were being saved when the tragedy of December seventh came upon Hawaii. A vacant lot had been secured and a large tent had been purchased for work with service men. We hope to send other recruits for this important task as soon as passage can be made available for them.

#### A NEW CENTER OPENED

The Hawaiian Mission is keenly alert to the many openings for the entrance of the gospel in the numerous un-churched areas of Honolulu and the outlying towns and villages in the islands. Sunday schools and preaching stations are being established as rapidly as they can be adequately cared for. A very promising new mission station has been opened in a thickly populated and well-to-do Chinese section on School Street in Honolulu. Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman and Miss Alice Huey are devoting themselves to this promising and growing center which will soon develop into a new church. The mission has made a careful survey of some of the other outlying islands and, as missionaries and funds are available, we plan to extend our growing work into other sections where the gospel has not yet gone.

We earnestly entreat all our people to pray without ceasing for this new and highly promising work in these mid-Pacific islands.

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#### SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THIS CRISIS

Sunday night December 7, 1941, was one long-drawn-out agony of fear and dread for the 250,000 inhabitants of Honolulu. How we prayed and waited for the dawn of Monday, yet with a horrible dread that it would bring with it a repetition of the deadly and murderous Japanese air attacks of the preceding day. As the dawn lengthened into noon-time and there were no more missiles of death raining from the skies, the battered and broken "city of sunshine and flowers" began to take stock of the death and ruin left behind, when the last Japanese bombers had been driven away Sunday night at 9:15. It was found that there were nearly 2,900 soldiers, sailors, and civilians dead and 800 wounded,

many of the latter being burned and mangled beyond hope of recovery. Mass funerals began and continued through Saturday December 13, before the last victims of Japanese treachery and sadism were buried.

How did it all happen? There was evidence on every hand that among the 137,000 Japanese inhabitants of the islands, there were some who were agents, spies, and informers for the Japanese war lords. Everyone knew that the vast majority of these Japanese Americans were innocent of any wrong-doing and wholly loyal to America. How were the guilty to be discovered among so many thousands of Japanese who were friendly and loyal?

This was the problem of the Federal Bureau of Investigation—the G-Men of the United States Secret Service.

Early Monday morning Missionary Edwin B. Dozier who was born and reared in Japan, and for nine years served as our missionary in that land and was now doing mission work with the Japanese in Hawaii, came to the secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and asked for permission to offer himself to the F.B.I. chief for service in interviewing Japanese suspects who were being rounded up in large numbers. Mr. Dozier, knowing the Japanese language from his childhood, and understanding the Japanese character and psychology, felt that he could save many innocent Japanese from suffering during this time of war hysteria, and at the same time he could help to ferret out the spies and fifth columnists among the Japanese, that they might be brought to deserved punishment. We advised him to go at once and offer to co-operate with the government, it being understood that he was to continue his missionary work. Before he could get to the office, the F.B.I. chief, Colonel Shivers, called him and asked for his help. Later we received a call to come to the office of the Chief of the Bureau. We went immediately and the chief expressed great appreciation for the services of Mr. Dozier. We were glad to assure Colonel Shivers that Mr. Dozier was assigned to his department for part-time service while the war lasted. On the same conditions we also offered to the F.B.I. the services of Mr. Victor Koon, and these two very competent and widely popular missionaries of our Board are now assisting the United States Government in a very intimate and useful way in the hour of supreme need and tragedy, at this out-post of American defense.

These two missionaries while still serving God as opportunity offers, are, at the same time, helping to win this war for freedom and human rights. We are one hundred per cent for them and for every other American who is serving his country in this fearful hour of destiny. Let us pray for them.

#### DOWN-TOWN OLIVET CHURCH

Some years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Tyssowski, ardent and devoted Christians from the American west coast, located in Honolulu. Mr. Tyssowski was a successful lawyer and a consecrated lay preacher. These devoted Christians started a Sunday school and held a weekly prayer meeting in their home. The work grew and was known in Honolulu as "The Mission Church."

It had been Mr. Tyssowski's custom to preach every Sunday morning to the inmates of the penitentiary. One Sunday, about six years ago, while preaching to the group of convicts, this noble Christian was suddenly called to his eternal home. Since that time Mrs. Tyssowski, with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Oyer—graduates of the Bible School in Los Angeles—has carried on the enterprise begun by her husband.

With the arrival of our missionaries the work was re-organized and called Olivet Baptist Church. The location is excellent for our leading Baptist church in Honolulu. Mrs. L. W. Alexander of Texas, has made a generous gift toward the erection of a much needed church house. Woman's Missionary Union has added to this gift and, just as soon as materials are available, we will launch the building enterprise.

Rev. Victor Koon is the popular and growing pastor of Olivet Church and the membership has doubled in six months.

Miss Itsuko Saito, a Japanese native of Hawaii, and a graduate of Baylor University and the Southwestern Seminary, is the Young People's worker and assistant to Mr. Koon. She is a very capable and consecrated young woman and is doing a noble work.

The church is composed of many races, all working together in beautiful fellowship and harmony in the gospel of Christ.

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#### THEY ELECTED TO STAY

From the beginning of the Japanese attack on China, four and a half years ago, the Foreign Mission Board has faced a very serious and difficult problem with respect to the evacuation of our 235 missionaries located in China.

In the first place, these devoted men and women had gone out to China at the call of God, to proclaim the good news of salvation to China's dying millions. These missionaries felt that they were in the place and service to which they had been called by the Holy Spirit. Later on, upon the earnest warning and entreaty of our State Department, we brought home all who would come. The mothers with young children, the aged, and those who were sick were brought home. Many of these came re-

luctantly and would gladly have stayed on, if they had been permitted to do so.

We repeatedly gave all those remaining in China, the privilege of coming home. Ample funds were placed in the hands of our mission treasurer in Shanghai to bring home every missionary left in China. However, in the face of continued warnings from the United States Government and the known attitude of the Foreign Mission Board, more than one hundred elected to stay on with their work in China.

We rejoice that, despite great danger, they steadfastly remained. Business men by the hundreds stayed on for the sake of their invested interests and for purposes of gain. Multiplied thousands of our choicest young men were answering the call of our government to go wherever needed to help put down the aggressors and defilers of our flag. Why, then, should we expect these missionaries, called of God and sent out by Southern Baptists as ambassadors for Christ, to flee at the first threat of danger? We are glad they resolutely remained at their posts of duty because they believed it was God's will for them, and we have a deep and profound conviction that God will verify His promise, given a thousand times in His Word, to keep them and shield them from all danger and harm. They belong to God,

the work is His and He will surely keep His own.

Others are staying on in the Orient with no thought of fleeing. American Catholics had 1,200 missionaries in the Far East when this war began. There were 183 in Japan, Korea, and Manchuria, and some 6,000 in occupied China. The others are in Free China and the Islands of the Pacific. None of these has been moved except in routine shifts, and not one will be brought home because of war or threat of war.

The thing for Southern Baptists to do now is to thank God for the fidelity and devotion of these missionaries that have held them at their posts of duty through all these tragic experiences and to pray unceasingly that they may be kept in the center of God's eternal power and everlasting love.

Then we should begin, without a moment's delay, to provide all the funds these missionaries need for their own support, the support of our Baptist work in China, and for the relief of the millions who are dying of hunger and cold during this dread winter. The call of the ages is upon us: God help us to meet it!

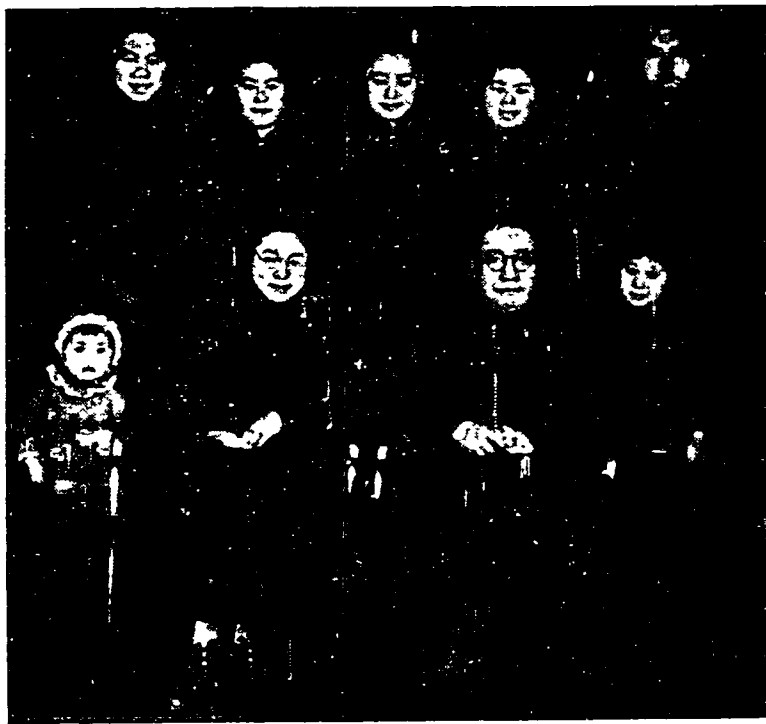
*And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*



*Chinese volunteer workers making garments for homeless refugees*

# A Third Generation Christian

Fruit from the Pioneer Service of Dr. and Mrs. Matthew Tyson Yates



*Wong Kia-tsong and his family*

Wong Kia-tsong—grandson of Scholar Wong Ping-san, the first native pastor (1867 to 1890) of the Shanghai First Baptist Church—stood respectfully before his American long-time friend, second-generation-missionary daughter of Dr. R. T. Bryan. “Bryan Little Sister,” he bowed, “I well remember your childhood name, because it sounded just like the initials in my given name—K. T.”

In their younger years, the Chinese “brother” and American “sister” saw each other often over the tops of the high pews at Sunday school and church service in the last church building erected by the pioneer Matthew Tyson Yates. Kia-tsong was musical like his father, Wong Sing-san—Dr. Bryan’s co-worker. At every Sunday school service, the boy delighted to use his sweet, high voice leading the street urchins in singing the Christian hymns translated into Chinese by his grandfather. Later, and on through the years, he continued to make melody unto the Lord both in his church choir and in Kingdom service. Recently, he consented to the request for a picture of himself and family together with his own sketch below of his life.

—F. CATHARINE BRYAN

“On both my father’s and mother’s side, I am a third-generation Christian. After the early Baptist missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Yates, came to Shanghai, my grandfather, Rev. Wong Ping-san was the first Chinese scholar to believe in Christ, and to give his life in God’s service. He was baptized in 1855 in the Whangpoo River near Little East Gate. A baptism then was a most unusual spectacle, and great crowds watched it with much interest. He was a church member for thirty-four years. For more than ten years, he was a voluntary Christian worker. He became the first deacon and, in 1867, he was ordained the first Chinese pastor of the Shanghai First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully

for twenty-three years. He died February 20, 1890.

\*“My father, Mr. Wong Sing-san, (Sing-san means Zion) was the tenth son of Rev. Wong Ping-san. At sixteen he began to work in the British and Foreign Bible Society. He found God’s call to him for Christian service here, and was always deeply interested in making it a success. He never left the work except when duties in his church, or as Baptist Sunday school superintendent, demanded his attention. He continued his work with the Society until his death in 1896 at the age of thirty-eight.

“My mother was a Christian from childhood. After her marriage to my father, ‘she looked well to the ways of her household’ and helped my father train the children for Christian living. She is still living at the age of eighty, God having given her the blessing of seeing her grandchildren of the third generation.

“I have been greatly blessed of the Lord in having Christian parents and grandparents. I was born in the home of my grandfather while he was the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shanghai. Being the first son, my parents dedicated me to the Lord when I was just three days old. Their expectation was that I should be a successor of my grandfather as a preacher of the gospel. I myself never felt definitely called of the Lord to preach, but though I went into business I have always tried to serve the Lord faithfully and have given much time and thought to His work.

“I first studied in a little school in my own home run by the church. In 1895, my father, Dr. R. T. Bryan, and others started the Ming Jang Academy which was the first Southern Baptist mission school for boys in Shanghai, and I was one of the first students. Then, there being no Baptist college in China, I went to an Episcopalian school, St. John’s University, for a short time. I was obliged to stop school when my father died. I spent five years with the British and Foreign Bible Society, then I took the Customs’ examination and began to work there. After thirty years of service in the Customs, I retired five years ago with an annuity. The Inspector General of Customs wrote me a letter expressing his great appreciation for the services I had rendered.

“Even while I was in business my first loyalty was always to my church. I led singing in the First Baptist—now often called the Old North Gate

\*See *His Golden Cycle*, pp. 114-116, where Sing-san was Dr. Bryan’s co-laborer and friend, just as Ping-san was Dr. Yates’ associate.

Church—and taught a Sunday school class. I was, for many years, superintendent of the Sunday school. Later when the church work grew and more deacons were needed, I was chosen and ordained one. It was my great joy to lead my first wife to Christ and see her baptized into the church several years before her death. She became an earnest Christian and, after God had healed her son from a severe illness in answer to her prayers, she made a testimony of God's miracle-working power.

"Since my retirement from business I have devoted myself to church work. I have been chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of the church, and now I am doing a great deal of evangelistic work, visiting church members, praying for the sick, and comforting those who are in trouble. Besides that, I get a great deal of joy from visiting the jail, preaching to the prisoners, leading their singing, witnessing to them, and hearing their testimony of God's goodness to them as, one by one, they have believed in Jesus. God has greatly blessed our work among the prisoners. There were twenty-nine received into the church on last Christmas, and twenty-two on Easter Sunday.

"I have six living children, four by my first wife and two by my second. The four older children are all active Christians. Two of them are married to

young men who are working faithfully in the church and have established happy Christian homes. Into the home of my oldest daughter have come two little girls. One of them God took to himself and the other one blesses and makes happy the hearts of her parents and grandparents. The son who was healed as a result of his mother's prayers, whose name is Unling, meaning 'God's grace showered upon us,' is now showing a deep interest in religious work and says he hopes to make that his life work. My third daughter is teaching in our Old North Gate Church School. The two little children love to come to church with their mother. They both love to sing religious songs. Because my second wife has small children she is naturally kept at home rather closely. Before her marriage she was a teacher and now she teaches the two little ones.

"Few people in China have had the great joy which is mine of seeing five generations of Christians in their family. God has given all these five generations a special talent for, and love of, music. And we have tried, generation by generation, to use this gift in our home and in our church in His praise and for His glory. With the writer of Hebrews we have said, 'By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.'"

## Behind It All

By CHARLES A. WELLS

The great increase of America's armed power is being accomplished so swiftly that we are likely to forget that steel plated giants on land, sea or in the air do not really represent America's strength. These things are only the vehicles of strength. The strength arises from something deeper, something behind all of this. It's hard to define it, but we know when it is not there. It was not within France. It has been within England. One nation was heavily armed—but collapsed. The other was pitifully unprepared, but out of its deeper channels there flowed forth a spirit that could not be defeated. What America *believes* is the most important element of our preparation for victory. If we are seeking a victory for imperialism and materialistic arrogance, our victory will be our greater defeat. We are saying a lot about freedom, justice and truth these days—more than our lives justify. In a new and real consecration to those words will be found the only path to a true victory.







*Rev. J. W. McGavock*

# Another Spiritual Lighthouse

*By* CHARLES E. MADDY



*Mrs. J. W. McGavock*

In 1937 we had the happy and delightful privilege of visiting for some three weeks our Baptist Mission in Chile. We were much pleased with the rapid growth and notable development of the enterprise in all particulars. The evangelistic work of the native pastors under the guidance and supervision of the missionaries, was making rapid advancement. New churches were being organized and some real progress was being made toward self-support. With a very few exceptions, the pastors had begun as lay preachers and, with the help of the missionaries, they had largely equipped themselves for the work of evangelism and the pastorate.

The schools at Temuco were doing a magnificent piece of work in training the boys and girls. Addi-

tional property was purchased for the Boys' School and the standard of those institutions has been raised until soon they will attain the rank of an American junior college.

The big problem, however, that remained to be solved, was the training of men and women for the work of the ministry and missionary leadership in the churches. We saw at once that if we were to win Chile to Christ, we must have, at the earliest possible date, a theological seminary and missionary training school. In this enterprise, the mission supported us heartily, and preparations were begun at once for opening, in Santiago, the beautiful capital city of Chile, these Bible training schools for both men and women.



*In the school library, Temuco, Chile*

*RIGHT—Group of graduates of the Baptist School, Temuco, Chile, trained and ready for Christian service*



Rev. Honori Espinoza, a brilliant young lawyer, was the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Santiago. He was anxious to come to the Louisville Seminary for his theological training, with the purpose of going back to Chile to devote all his time and energy to the work of the ministry and the training of brother pastors in the things of the gospel. He entered Louisville in 1938 and, after finishing his course last year, he returned to Chile to become our leader in the Chilean Convention.

In the meantime, Missionary James W. McGavock led out in the building of the Seminary and Missionary Training School. The Woman's Missionary Union of the South gave us the funds necessary for the erection of the first units for the schools. Brother Espinoza has been elected president of the Seminary and we sent out Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn to take charge of the Training School. Both institutions have closed the first year with splendid suc-

RIGHT—Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, who is in charge of the training school in Santiago, Chile



BELOW—Missionary group in Chile



Baptist School, Temuco, Chile

cess and the outlook for a trained native leadership for the churches in Chile is hopeful indeed.

Many have rendered valuable help in the task of making possible this day of triumph for our Baptist cause in the Shoestring Republic; but to Rev. and Mrs. J. W. McGavock must go the chief credit for the final realization of our hopes and dreams for the establishment of these gospel lighthouses in Chile. To this noble couple we would pay a full measure of tribute.

### NEGLECTED POWER

A small boy was trying to move a large rock. Unable to budge the weight, he asked his father to help. It was then done easily, and the boy remarked, "I tried with all my might, but I couldn't move it."

The father corrected him saying, "No, Son, you did not try with *all* your might until you asked me to help."

Someone has said that the greatest unused force in the world is prayer. It is not easy to use, not something that can be obtained by the mere turning on of a switch. One must first fulfill the conditions for the release of its energy, as men do for steam, gas, or electric power. But the source of power is unfailing, and those who have used it most are most confident of this. It has sometimes been found difficult; it has never been found wanting. "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world."

In time of travail, personal bereavement or human disaster, we turn as individuals to a higher Being. We seek comfort and solace in the thought that God has a purpose or a plan, unfathomable though it may be to our finite minds.

Why, then, should we not re-examine ourselves and utter in unison as nations the prayers we have been accustomed to speak in our hours of sorrow and personal meditation?

### ERRATUM

In the January issue of *THE COMMISSION* (page 35) mention was made of the offering given on the World Day of Prayer by the missionaries returning from China to America. The statement was that \$35.00 had been contributed. Miss Willie Kelly has sent us word that that offering amounted to \$50.00. We are glad to make this correction.

# Brazilian Briefs

## LAYING FOUNDATIONS

By MILDRED COX\*

At present we have forty-five young women studying in our Training School. Four of these will graduate in November. Our students come from nine different states of the North. In order to be accepted as a student each applicant must be at least eighteen years old, must have completed the course of a good grammar school; and must have a recommendation from the church of which she has been a member at least a year. If a girl fails in her studies or if she misses classes because of ill health she is not accepted again for the next year. She must affirm both to the church and to the Training School faculty her call to special Christian service. The closest care has been exercised in the acceptance of students, so that we have the pick of young women in the North.

Most gratifying of all has been the spirit of service that the girls show on graduation. Thirteen graduated last year. One has gone as a missionary of the Home Board; eight are teachers out in the interior in unevangelized places; one is a permanent worker for the W. M. U.; and the others teach in Baptist schools on the coast.

This year we shall graduate four, three of whom

\*Miss Cox directs the work of the Baptist Training School for girls in Recife, Brazil.

live in distant interior towns and who will return to those places to work. One of these girls, together with her father, was the first to be baptized in a small town about 800 miles from the coast. That was ten years ago, and this girl who has taken some nurse's training as well as her Training School course, now will return to be the first medical worker that that part of the country has ever had.

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## AN OXCART TRIP

Miss Edith West of Victoria tells some experiences on a recent trip. The pastor had been told that Miss West liked to travel by oxcart and so five yoke of oxen were provided.

"Going through a certain village we were waylaid by a man requesting us to hold a meeting there at his house. Mussed and soiled as we were, we climbed out and complied. Mr. Ezekiel said we were really honored, as the people of that place had been so against the Gospel. They had made an arch of willows for us to pass under.

"At Mr. Ezekiel's they had made fresh sorghum and had an abundance of sweet potatoes and chicken. This picture is more or less typical of the way a church often starts. When Mr. Ezekiel moved to that place, he began to have meetings in his house. His sala was soon overflowing, so he made a meet-



*An oxcart  
ready for  
a trip into  
the interior  
of Brazil*

ing house by knocking the partitions out of an out-building, and filling it with benches. This too was soon filled with people. Oh, how they did seem to enjoy the novelties of our work. What they lack there in intellectual preparation they compensate for in consecration and interest and effort."

"As we continued our trip it seemed that the interest and power increased in each place. There were forty-one professions and the interest among the young people was most gratifying." Miss West closes by saying, "It is only through prayer that we can carry on."

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## A LOST TRACT

By J. J. COWSERT\*

Some eight months ago a man lifted his hand at the close of the night service, saying that he accepted Jesus as his Saviour. After the service we talked to him. He had a small, torn, dirty tract: "How to Obtain Eternal Truth." He began by repeating a part of it. It was a part of the Gospel of John.

\*Mr. Cowsert has devoted more than twenty years to evangelistic work in Brazil.

"How long have you known the Gospel?" we asked.

"Only about two months," he replied. "I found this tract in the street in another part of the city and I have memorized a good part of it. I want to be a Christian."

The little tract was printed by the Bible House in California. It will never be known who gave it, or who threw it away or lost it in the street. It may have been given by a careless hand, or from a heart of prayer. The receiver might have been hard and indifferent to the Gospel, and thrown it away. These things we shall never know and it does not matter. One thing we do know is the truth of God's statement, that "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:11.

This man attended our class for the new believers, or, as we call it, "Class for the Interested." He showed every evidence of being a converted man, and he was later received for baptism. He is making a most faithful member.

The price of a daily paper would send out a dozen tracts. If one in a dozen was read, and one in ten dozen won a soul for Jesus, what an opportunity to evangelize by distributing the Word of the Master!

## THE HEART OF THE BLACK MAN

Let me take out the black man's heart,  
That it may throb before your eye;  
Now you look close into this heart,  
And see if you find there a lie.

Grant you, some thug may have untruth,  
Or stains of falsehood on his soul;  
Even this heart has a secret booth,  
That treasures truth as if it were gold.

His simple heart beats to the soul,  
While yours, you see, beats to the mind;  
His heart seeks Heaven as its goal,  
Yours seeks a treasure great to find.

When up beyond our hearts' ways meet,  
And souls are judged each by its craving;  
Who will receive the honored seat—  
He for his longing or you for your saving?

We are not judged by wealth's amount,  
Nor our crude standards of success;  
There, only things eternal count,  
Planted by God our lives to bless.



Battery Sergeant Major,  
Nigeria Regiment,  
West Africa



Gunner and Gun Carrier,  
Nigeria Regiment,  
West Africa

# Studying Missions

MARY M. HUNTER  
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and Exhibits

## FORTHCOMING STUDY BOOKS

Many mission study leaders are asking for advance information about the new foreign mission study books. During 1942 Southern Baptists will be studying their South American mission fields. The Foreign Mission Board is preparing a full graded series of textbooks on Southern Baptists' work in South America to be published this spring. There is to be in the series a book for every member of the Woman's Missionary Union and the church family and every age of the church school of missions. Each book will have a definite appeal to those who are eager to know more about the work in South America. Final announcement of the authors, titles, and contents will be made soon. The series will be presented to Southern Baptists at the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio in May.

## STUDYING WORLD MISSIONS

We must say just one more word about the world mission series of mission study books. This series has been so widely studied that all of the books have run into the second edition and some of them into the third. If you are one of those who have not studied a world mission book you have lost much, and we earnestly hope that you may yet join a class. The story of the rise and the progress of the work of Southern Baptists around the world is one that you cannot afford to miss. We urge that it is exceedingly important for all who have not done so, to study one of the world mission books. Certainly it is our obligation to know about our own efforts on the mission fields.

## FREE LITERATURE

Picture Posters, the Catechism on the work of the Foreign Mission Board, and the Board's Annual Report are available for the mission study classes and for enriching the missionary program material. For free copies write to the Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia.



## CHINA RELIEF

To meet the continued demand for the China Relief folder, "Give Ye Them to Eat," the third reprint of the tract has just come from the press. A request for copies for your group or organization will bring a supply to you by return mail.

## OUR THANKS

To the Sunday School Board and the Baptist Book Stores of the Southern Baptist Convention the Foreign Mission Board wishes to express sincere thanks and appreciation for their generous support of our foreign missionary enterprise through

the publication and sales of the 1941 graded series of mission study books on World Missions. Their fine spirit of co-operation has contributed greatly to the cause of world-wide missions.

## WHY READ?

Why missionary reading? For enlightenment; for knowledge of need; for inspiration; for prayer list items; for widened horizons; for greater compassion for our brothers and sisters across the seas and in our home land; and to feel more deeply Christ's Great Commission which rings true today: "Go!"

—*The Missionary Tidings*



# NEWS FLASHES

GENE NEWTON

## *Sailings*

On December 22, 1941 Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Allen sailed from New Orleans for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They were delayed several days in New Orleans while the ship was being painted grey and they sailed in black-out all the way. News has come of their safe arrival in Rio.

## *Deaths*

Rev. J. H. Benson passed away in Arkadelphia, Arkansas on January 5, 1942 after an illness of several months. Last summer he felt compelled to give up his work as president of the Mexican Theological Seminary in El Paso, Texas and he and Mrs. Benson moved to Arkadelphia to be with their daughter.



Mr. Benson was born in Wabash, Missouri. He was converted at the age of twenty-three and following his conversion entered Baylor University as a ministerial student. He and Mrs. Benson were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1906 for service in Mexico where they did educational and evangelistic work until conditions forced them to leave Mexico.

Mr. Benson will long be remembered for his fine missionary service in Mexico and as president of the Mexican Seminary in El Paso. The Foreign Mission Board has suffered a severe loss and grieves with Mrs. Benson.

Sympathy is extended to Rev. T. N. Clinkscales of Curityba, Brazil in the loss of his mother, Mrs. L. M. Clinkscales, on December 24, 1941, and to Miss Josephine Scaggs of Benin City, Nigeria, whose mother recently passed away.

## *Congratulations*

Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Askew of Buenos Aires, Argentina announce the arrival of a daughter, Martha Witt, on December 3, 1941.

A letter from Rev. C. J. Lowe, on furlough from Shanghai, China, brings the good news that his son, Dr. Jackson Lowe, has been given a fellowship to Mayo's Clinic. He will go to Mayo's after July to specialize in surgery.

## *Illness*

Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, emeritus missionary to China, recently had a very serious fall. She is confined to her home in Atlanta, Georgia.

## *Safe in Lisbon*

On January 22, a cablegram from John Allen Moore in Lisbon brought the good news that he and his wife and Miss Ruby Daniel had escaped from Budapest, Hungary. They cabled for funds to bring them home and we hope that by the time this comes from the press they will be safe in America.

## *Addition to Office Staff*

Miss Lucy E. Smith, on furlough from Shanghai where she has been working with Dr. Rankin and Dr. Williams in our office in Shanghai, has come to Richmond to head up the Circulation Department of THE COMMISSION during the leave-of-absence of Arch McMillan who is going to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in further preparation for his life's work.

## *"For the Duration"*

Dr. B. L. Nichols of China is teaching at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Seminary Hill, Texas.

Rev. H. Leo Eddleman of Palestine is teaching at the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. S. W. Vance of China has a position with the United States Public Health Service in St. Petersburg, Florida.

These missionaries are not resigning from service under the Foreign Mission Board and are planning to return to their fields when the way is open.

## *Arrival in America*

January 23, 1942, a telegram was received from New York announcing the safe arrival from Lagos of Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Griffin and their small son. The family went direct from New York to Texas. We are thankful that they made this trip across the Atlantic in safety.

## *Red Cross Nurse*

Miss Thelma Williams of China has volunteered for service as a Red Cross nurse and is expecting to depart for Honolulu at an early date.

# FROM THE FRONT

COMPILED BY  
Archibald M. McMillan

## World Emergency Relief To Seek \$300,000 in April

The Baptist World Emergency Committee, with Dr. George W. Truett as chairman and Dr. Louie D. Newton as secretary, is co-operating with the Foreign Mission Board in asking the Baptist churches of the South to contribute \$300,000.00 for world emergency relief, with the month of April designated for the major effort and the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention as the culmination.

This committee's last major effort was in 1940, when at the Convention's authorization nearly \$200,000.00 was raised to help save the work of the British Baptist Missionary Society. For this timely aid, such British Baptists as J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and H. L. Taylor, mission treasurer, expressed their deep appreciation to Southern Baptists.

Part of the money was sent through Dr. Charles E. Maddy in Richmond directly to such British mission fields as India, China, Africa and Ceylon; part was sent to London on instructions from the British and then transmitted by them to the various mission fields. Treasurer Taylor wrote that this help would "enable the work in our various fields to be carried on for the time being."

Then he added these words of warm appreciation: "Will you be good enough to pass on to the friends concerned our very grateful thanks for their great kindness to us which of course is of greater value and is if possible even more appreciated as a result of the disaster which has come upon us through the destruction of our mission premises in London."

### New Relief Needs Desperate

In a full committee meeting at Atlanta January 14 and a subcommittee meeting on January 29, the needs of world emergency relief were studied and plans made to raise funds for fighting starvation in war-torn countries. Since the Foreign Mission Board has a good part of its force now in the homeland, it was decided that they should promote the raising of this money and should also transmit it to the fields with which they maintain almost constant contact.

A major part of the relief money to be raised will go to China, where Southern Baptists already have sent \$127,681.28 between the beginning of the Sino-Japanese war in 1937 and the end of 1941. Of

this \$50,664.34 was raised in 1941 and \$10,332.95 during December alone. No organized or official effort was undertaken, but the people made this response to appeals by missionaries like John Lowe, pastors like Dr. Truett, and writers in *THE COMMISSION*. This money has saved thousands of Chinese from starving to death.

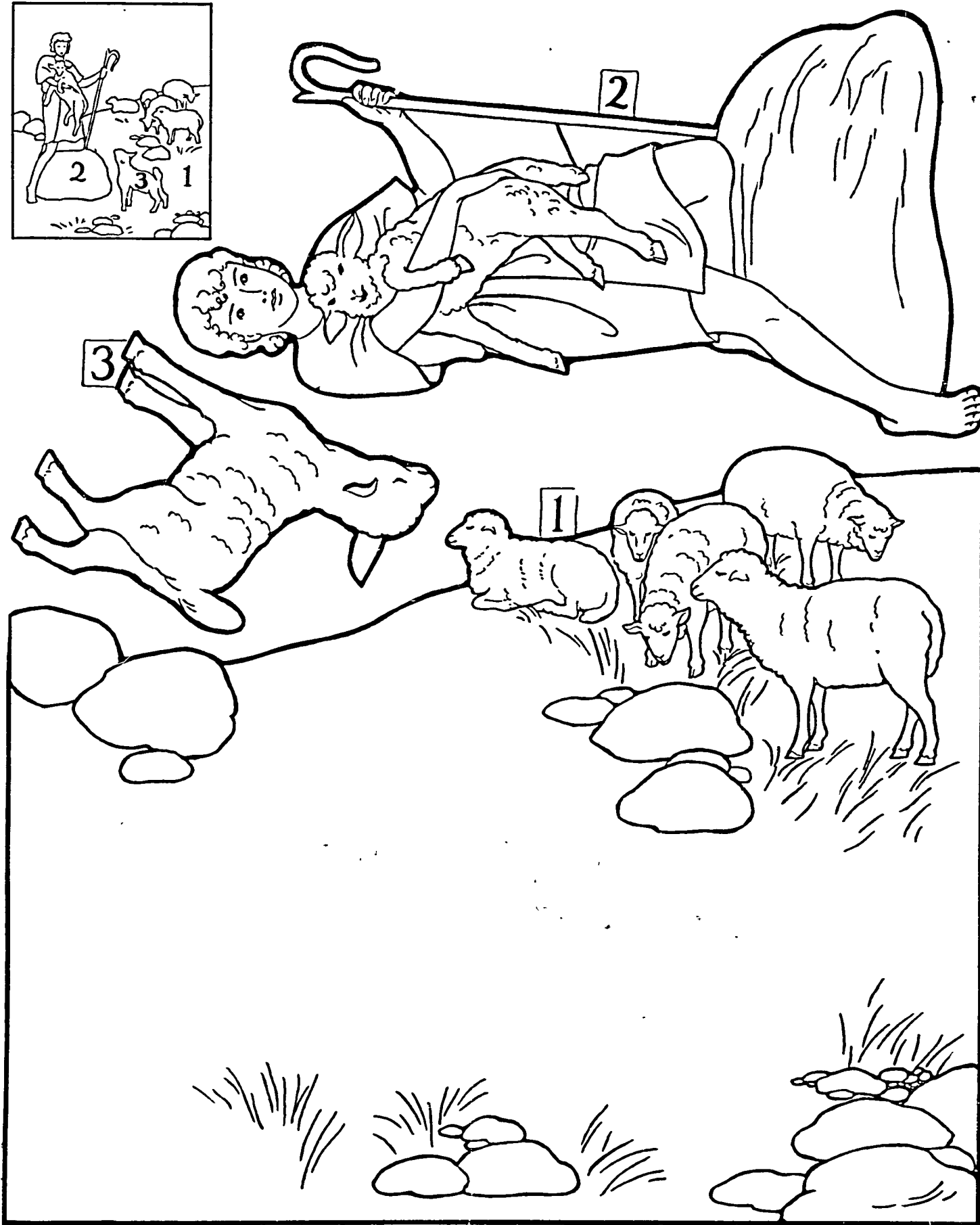
Efforts are being made by the Foreign Mission Board, the State Department and the Chinese authorities for the unrestricted transmission of mission funds into occupied China. There are no restrictions on sending money into Free China. To meet just such an emergency as arose on December 7, 1941, Dr. R. E. Beddoe had been prepared to assume the duties of treasurer for the Free China mission, dealing through a Kweilin bank. Through him and through agencies in Chungking money can be sent to the fifteen Southern Baptist missionaries in unoccupied China. There is also the possibility that missionaries can go "over the line" into Free China, as at least fifteen already have done under the leadership of a Methodist bishop.

Part of the relief money also will go to Spain, where people are reported dropping dead on the streets from starvation, and where intense want is felt by the families of Baptist ministers. Other parts of Europe, like Italy, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Rumania have Baptist people in dire need of help. Small amounts have been transmitted regularly to Spain for relief and efforts are being made to maintain contacts with these other parts of Europe.

The exact distribution of funds will be announced later, but conditions change so from day to day that a certain flexibility must be allowed in meeting unforeseen emergencies as they arise. For example, the need for relief funds in Hawaii and the Philippine Islands has arisen largely since the Japanese attack and will continue to increase. Part of the money to be raised will be designated for these areas. Providentially, Southern Baptists have fifteen missionaries on the spot in the Hawaiian Islands and nine in the Philippines. Thousands of innocent people there have been bombed out of house and home, seeing their possessions destroyed overnight, and facing starvation with the greatly increased cost of food.

Over the whole world there is hunger not for physical bread alone but for the Bread of Life as found in the Word of God. Through this war, avenues have opened up for sending Bibles to Russian prisoners, and it was decided to help meet this need through the relief effort in April.

## THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



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### MY SHEPHERD

*The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His,  
And He is mine forever.*

## Recent Books

N. F. W.

*A Truth in a Smile*—J. Clyde Turner. Broadman Press. Price 75 cents.

Truth is a tonic which, although good for us, is not always pleasant to take; but Dr. J. Clyde Turner has, in this delightful volume, proved himself to be a master in the art of making wholesome truths agreeable to the taste. Written by one of the greatest of preachers, the book is refreshingly free from prosaic "preachiness."

Seventeen stimulating sermonettes couple seriousness with smiles. The first message, "Ceptin' You Riles Me," is a mirror in which most of us discover our own reflection. The last message, "Glad You Squz It," brings home to the reader the world-wide heart-hunger for friendliness and comradeship. The chapter "If Joshua Had o' Sot Still" gives a sugar coating to the truth regarding the evils of exalted egoism.

Ideal as a gift book, rich in material for those in search of apt illustrations, challenging and wholesome for all classes of readers, *A Truth in a Smile* goes forth laden with counsel and cheer to bless this old world which all too often forgets to smile.

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## Exchanges

### INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN WITNESS

A remarkable service was held in Westminster Abbey on Whit Sunday afternoon, when the nave, which is not affected by the recent bombing, was packed to the doors for a United Service of International Christian Witness. In the procession of clergy were representatives of sixteen different foreign churches, including those of Greece, Germany, France, Holland, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries. . . .

At the close of the service the Dean called on the whole congregation to say the Lord's Prayer using their own language—"every man in his own tongue wherein he was born."—*The Spiritual Issues of the War*.

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### GOD PLUS ONE LIFE

We Westerners are prone to think that all wisdom dwells with us and that even the Almighty will have a hard time if our representatives are withdrawn from the mission field. The fact is that God works surely and with amazing swiftness wherever he finds a man or a woman, of any race or color, who is willing, as a matter of everyday fact, to let his spirit be lighted as the candle of the Lord. How


about T. Z. Koo and Madame Chiang and all that splendid line of Chinese Christians who are impressing the whole world today with the marvelous endurance of man's spirit, when controlled and empowered by the presence of God?—*World Outlook*.

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### BRITISH PLANNING

*Planning for War and Peace* is the title of a recently published pamphlet in which are reprinted ten editorials from *The Times* of London. The editorials reveal this bulwark of conservatism as doing some radical "looking ahead," as when it says, "In its origins democracy was a revolutionary and forward-looking force." And again, "Out of this horror must come the building of a better housed as well as a better fed British people."

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The Relief and Annuity Board cannot properly make a contribution from its trust funds to this cause, (all of its funds are trust funds), but its officers and staff will contribute to it 100%.

Southern Baptists will not forget the words of our Saviour, "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat."

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Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime."*

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\*At present in this country.

### In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Many and varied are the sources from which have come to us the great hymns of the Christian church. Many and varied have been the scenes or the events which inspired their writers.

To an English nobleman, Sir John Bowring, who lived from 1792 to 1862, Christianity is indebted for the matchless devotional hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." That brilliant statesman who served twice as a member of the British Parliament, was appointed consul to Hongkong, and later he became the governor there.

A great scholar, the master of thirteen different languages, John Bowring claimed to be a Unitarian in his belief; but while nominally endorsing the Unitarian faith (or lack of faith), there was in his heart the acceptance of the evangelical gospel which prompted him to "glory" in the cross of Christ.

It is said that one day, in 1925, as he passed along a war-wrecked street in Macao, China, he looked at the ruins of the great church pictured on the cover of this issue of *The Commission*. As he gazed at the wreckage and observed, atop the one remaining wall, the cross, that symbol of suffering and sacrifice, he was inspired to write the lines of the great hymn.

# IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

*Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.—  
Lamentations 1:12.*



*Orphans rescued by a relief agency in Europe*

## STARVATION

From an editorial in the *News Leader*, Richmond, we quote the following:

It is not shortage or marginal and occasional hunger the Inter-Allied Information Committee described, but cruel starvation, the beastly plundering of the helpless victim to fatten the conqueror. The German "pillaging program," as the committee styles it, probably will mean the starvation of half a million Greeks before winter ends. "One whole generation" of Greeks, the committee says, "appears to be already doomed." Conditions in Belgium are described as "simply terrifying." In Poland, which was "essentially a self-supporting and agricultural country," even rural families "have been reduced to boiling down the bark of trees and the skins of dead animals."

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*Undernourished waifs in Europe receiving cod liver oil  
to build up their resistance*

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## Southern Baptists Saving Lives

By FRANK T. WOODWARD\*

What would you do if you had three thousand hungry people to feed every day? That is what happened when a gift of five dollars was made and the Baptist relief work was begun in Canton. Little did those who initiated the plan of the work realize the great service God had in store on behalf of the hungry people when that small gift was made; nor was it possible to foresee the splendid support Southern Baptists were to give such an undertaking.

From the beginning it was felt that the Lord had planned the work. Several weeks before the fall of Canton three Chinese men—a preacher, a doctor, and a business man—met in my office. There the plans for any emergency were made. We were to stay in the city, if war came to our section of China, and assist Christians and others who might need help. So, when the crisis came, we were ready.

When the need for food became acute among the people the relief work was begun. It has been my lot to examine hundreds who came to us at the point of starvation. I have seen them take a bowl of warm rice and sit down and cry. They were so hungry they could not eat.

The food is given out after it has been cooked in the eight centers scattered over the city of Canton. Each center is located in a church and has close supervision by the local preacher and others who are designated for this work. Each day, before the food is distributed, the gospel is preached and much needed help and instruction in the Christian life are given. Many are being baptized who give evidence of being saved and a large number are being instructed in the ways of Christian living. Future generations will profit by the splendid assistance Southern Baptists are giving their Chinese friends in Canton and China.

### IF ONLY YOU COULD SEE THEM

If you could go with me to the relief centers and note the smiles on the faces, if you could see the old people, the people who are sick and unable to work, the mothers with small babies and the hosts of others,

\*Mr. Frank T. Woodward, who since 1924 has been a missionary to China, is now heading up the relief work being done by Southern Baptists in Canton.

you would better understand the great need of the relief enterprise. Thousands have asked me to thank Southern Baptists for the help they are giving in feeding the multitudes.

Almost half the number fed are children. Hundreds of the growing girls and boys who come have never had enough of the right kind of food. On these children we see all kinds of marks of undernourishment. They have poorly developed heads, thin faces, bony arms and limbs, and frail emaciated bodies. These physical indications and the many other things that we see and hear from day to day give evidence of hunger and suffering which cannot be described.

Could you but see these children eat the gruel made out of American cracked wheat, rice, and beans, and then observe their gratitude you would be even more glad Southern Baptists are helping so faithfully in this great work. As one sees the happiness of such unfortunate children in the midst of so many hardships and constant suffering, one marvels at their courage. Dressed in rags, with scarcely any means of diversion or play, and often with sores on their frail bodies, they come to the schools that are to be found at each center, and get food that has been provided by their Christian friends in other lands. If a small portion of rice drops on the ground bony hands quickly pick it up, for questions of hygiene are disregarded in the effort to satisfy the gnawing of an empty stomach.

### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS STAND BY

Last fall when the funds and materials of the Red Cross were exhausted Southern Baptists were the only large group who continued to carry on their relief work without missing a single day. Since there was then even greater need, the number helped was increased and the number of meals provided throughout the winter averaged over twenty-five thousand per week. Aside from this, additional service is rendered to the children and the sick. All are encouraged to go to our hospital which treats several thousand patients per week. Often a person who is suffering from some contagious disease comes to the relief center. Arrangements are made for this

person to be received and treated in a hospital that specializes in that disease. During the summer such a woman came to the relief center at Tung Shan. It was soon certain that she was suffering from cholera. I drove her to the hospital where all that could be done to relieve her suffering was done. It was too late for her life to be saved, but her children were found and are being cared for by Miss Lydia Greene.

#### ENCOURAGED

The Christian work has continued and the organization has not been broken up. When conditions permit the work can be resumed on the original basis. The Chinese Christians have been encouraged to carry on and they are convinced that the Foreign Mission Board, its missionaries and Southern Bap-

tists are in earnest in their efforts to assist in the establishment of Christian work in China. All the property in Canton has been saved and is ready for the better days which are sure to come.

As your missionaries match with their lives, your prayers, your interest, and your support, they are confident that the Lord will bless in the future as He has so abundantly in the past. Though prices have increased over one hundred per cent since the work was begun, the feeding still goes on. Since all of the workers give their services free, every bit of money contributed goes directly to the feeding of the hungry. You Southern Baptists, by your contributions and prayers are saying to us, your missionaries, "Go ahead and feed the multitudes; we will continue to furnish the funds."



*The poor have the Gospel preached to them.—Matthew 11:5*

## "Give Ye Them to Eat"

For more than four years now, the period of the occupation of the invaders, your missionaries have been giving the multitudes that come a morsel of food which has been made possible by friends in the home land. But it is not only material food which is dispensed. Spiritual food is also offered to them, and as the hungry men, women, and children wait for their meal the gospel is preached to them. Although the bodies of men so determine the reactions of their souls to higher appeals, those who sit day by day do, in time, have the opportunity of hearing and under-

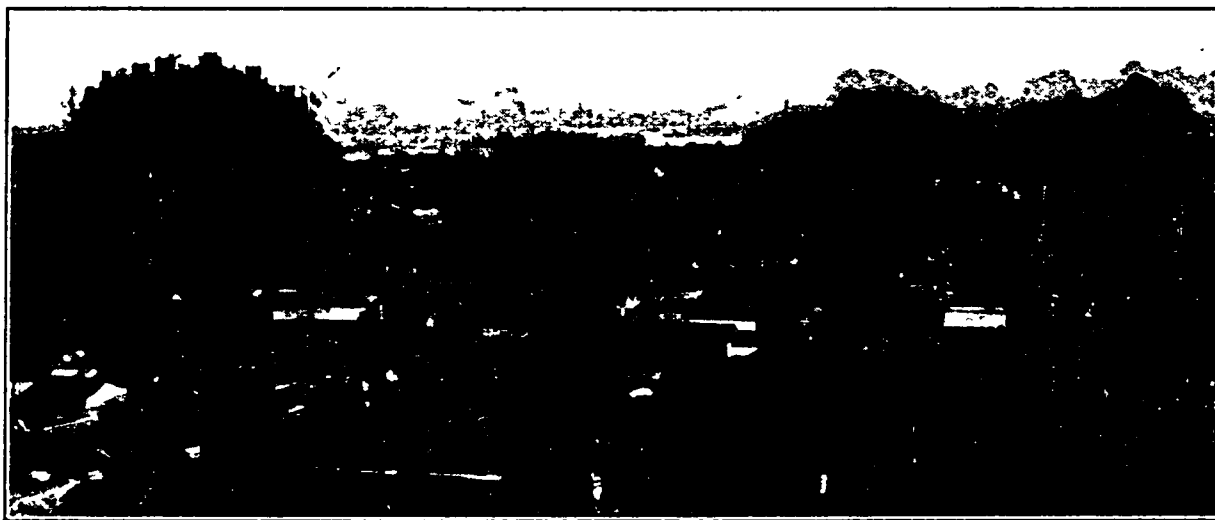
standing. It is "here a little and there a little." When people scrape up from the ground a spoonful of rice which drops from the ladle, one realizes that they are indeed hungry. But if they go away without the bread of heaven, they have not received all they should. It is our task to be sure that they have the table prepared before them, lest—as the poet said—

"The hungry sheep look up  
And are not fed."

—A. R. GALLIMORE

# Under Fire

By HATTIE STALLINGS\*



*Kweilin, China*

It was Saturday and 6 A.M. when the alarm sounded. I was having my breakfast so, as the report was "one plane," I just did not go. Then came another report telling of several groups of planes. All the hospital force and several of the rest of us went out behind some trees that are near our wall. Soon the planes came. One group flew over us again and again as if they were looking for something special. They seemed to say to me "Peek-a-hoo, I see you, hiding behind that tree-ee-ee." After they had circled five times, down came the bombs. We had a jar but no hits. As soon as the noise of planes seemed to be receding, we came out to see who were the victims. There was our Girls' School building with its southeast corner down, and all the smaller buildings wrecked. But the old building was so tied together with iron rods that the rest of the frame seemed unmoved. The Chinese said, "What a building to stand such a shock!" But every door, window, and movable board seemed to be down.

The medicine room was not hit, but the medicine for daily use was all knocked about and spilled.

The coolie was injured. We put a splint on his broken leg, tied up his wounds, and sent him to the government hospital. Then we began to move out to the house where Mr. Herring lived. Now our nurses and doctor are there. On and near this building that is being used for the hospital now, three bombs fell. And such holes as they did make! Several other bombs fell beyond the compound, killing

three people. And just outside the city wall, opposite this building, a fire raged from the bombs dropped there. So we had fear of fire as the wind was in the north that day. But our Father protected us, and so all is well with each of us. If we could only forget the sound thereof. My ears are nearly gone to the bad.

Be sure to be getting some one—or better still, a group—ready for this future work. It is such a needy field. If this keeps up, I won't be equal to working after it is over. Some can stand by and some can be ready to take over. We hope that all our furlough people will be back by this time next year. Then we can rest a bit.

The two days following the bombing, the planes came to bomb our city in other places. We were in "the cover" from 6 A.M. to 11 A.M. We make ourselves comfortable and take lunches. So we try to ease off as much as possible. Mr. and Mrs. Bausum and children are marvelous. They manage to do much—and keep hiding, also. We make it as much fun as possible. I am going with them in their car now every day. If that gets bombed, I do not know what they will do with their three children to care for. I marvel that they are so calm over it all. He never gets nervous over anything. What a blessing for us all! Mr. Herring is like that, too. We need them so much.

If all goes well, I shall go again to the country for a month. If only we could find a clean resting place, the country is better. The filth nearly gets the best of me and so I come home frequently for a change.

Physical beings can stand just so much, and we all know it. Keep praying for us.

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# Kingdom Facts and Factors

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## A NATIONAL LOTTERY?!

In a paragraph in March, this page warned of a new surge of effort to entrench immorality and vice in legal sanction while public attention is absorbed with war. This was done in the war a generation ago. Ethical and moral sentiment has become inured and calloused to an alarming degree. We shall sink to new depths of public and general immorality in this war unless there shall be a more vigorous challenge to righteousness, purity, sobriety, reverence and godliness than is yet in evidence.

Shortly after the note for March was written a bill was introduced in Congress to legalize a lottery on a staggering scale—the highest “prize” to be one million dollars. More recently a “Gallup poll” professes to have discovered that fifty-four per cent of Americans gambled during 1941 and now favor setting up a national lottery “to help finance the war.” More and more I suspect these “Gallup polls.” However trustworthily they may reflect actual opinion, it is quite clear that they are a powerful means of influencing public opinion and it looks as if they were being used quite skilfully for propaganda.

In any case this showing is cause for very great alarm. High honor and strict integrity are not outstanding in public life today. It is hard to believe that our Government and our Congress would be willing to debauch the people further under pretext of meeting need for revenue. Already the liquor traffic and several forms of gambling are authorized and tolerated on the pleas of revenue value and of the desires of the people. To set up a lottery on these pretexts would be the crowning infamy. For the war chests everybody is to be taxed legitimately to the utmost limits. All that would go to lottery tickets would be pauperizing the masses and swelling the rolls of relief; and buying tickets would be urged as patriotic duty. It is high time honest Americans awoke. To degrade moral standards and conduct is to undermine the foundations of society and of the nation.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE IN MISSIONS

At the end of January in Louisville, Kentucky, teachers of missions in sixteen theological seminaries, from Michigan to Atlanta and Fort Worth, together with a few missionary executives and other interested persons, conferred in three protracted sessions

concerning the aims and methods for missions in and after the world crisis, with special attention to the responsibility and duty of the seminaries with reference to this cause. The discussions were led by Dr. Charles H. Fahs, Curator of the Library of Missionary Research, New York.

The recent annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America gave serious attention to the present condition and future demands of the missionary work over the world. Other conferences are being held.

When this war is over and the incomprehensible task of rearranging a world order faces humanity it will be most important that the Christian view of the world, and the Christian program for human society, and the Christian way of life shall be pressed upon the leaders of men and upon the masses of mankind in all sections of all the world. This must have as its very foundation the Christian message of man's deepest need and of God's supreme grace, a two-fold message which comes to complete focus only in Jesus Christ. Man must be reborn and led and empowered to re-orient and re-integrate his life: first and always in the individual, then and in all aspects in the ordering of men in their relationships. We must all, the world over, “repent and believe *into* the Gospel,” realizing that “The Kingdom of God is at hand” for such repentance and faith—for all penitents and believers.

To this end disciples must be made of all the nations. Missions is the first step in this program of Jesus. Missions on a truly world scale are called for at once. The best, the only preparation for world missions after the war is an all-out support of missions during the war.

## 1941 SURVEY

War conditions delayed arrival of the January *International Review of Missions*. It comes at the last moment possible to include a paragraph concerning the showing for the missionary cause throughout the world. About one hundred pages are occupied with this annual survey which is one of the most valuable of all resources for students of missions. Limits of space enable me to set down, without elaboration or examples to illustrate, some of the outstanding facts revealed.

Of course the interference of the war continues to create confusion and to require readjustments;

but the capacity of the leaders and workers to effect changes and adjustments and to lay hold on new opportunities is as gratifying as it is amazing. One gains a convincing impression that, on the whole, the cause of expanding and growing world-wide Christianity is in stronger position than ever. The tragedies, hardships and privations and even persecutions are all leading to deeper and more realistic dependence on the wisdom and power of God, who of course works mightily.

Evangelism—the winning of souls—is the most prominent emphasis in most lands and situations.

The growth of native capacity, independence, insight, courage, initiative, and devotion is most encouraging. Great progress is both revealed and promoted by the hardships of the war so that “native churches,” “indigenous Christianity” are far advanced and rapidly advancing.

The promoters of Church Union are, in some places, working over time and by too exclusive zeal for union they are hindering the normal “unity of the Spirit.” Still definite progress is making in truly Christian co-operation and understanding.

Educational and medical missions are counting far more than ever in revealing the nature and power of the Christian way of life.

Nationalism is working strongly against Christianity in several countries, while in others the true universalism of Christianity is a powerful factor against narrow racialism and nationalism. The churches in the “newer” sections of the world are a definitely greater factor in the life of these countries, on the whole, than ever before and more influential than most would have believed before the times of testing came. There is abundant reason to rejoice and every reason to support and strengthen our missions.

### JOHN R. MOTT TO RETIRE

The announcement that Dr. Mott will retire from the Chairmanship of the International Missionary Council calls attention to one of the most remarkable contributions to modern Christian development. Joining the Student Volunteer Movement fifty-six years ago at its beginning Dr. Mott has led in forming and directing more movements for missionary



*Dr. John R. Mott*

expansion, international Christian fellowship, and Christian student effectiveness than any other man. He has been a marvel of energy, insight, comprehensive understanding and capacity for commanding the co-operation and confidence of the lovers of the universal gospel and the Kingdom of God. No man has organized and presided over so many world-changing conventions, committees, and organizations. His strength of body and mind today belie his seventy-seven years. He will continue as “Honorary Chairman” after Bishop Baker takes up the active functions and will be, let us hope for a long time, one of Christianity’s most honored and trusted counsellors and inspirers. In many lands in all continents millions thank God for his personality and achievements.

### CHRISTIANITY SPEAKS

Democracy, my son and heir,  
Born that men might not despair;  
Born that men might equal be,  
In every land, on every sea.

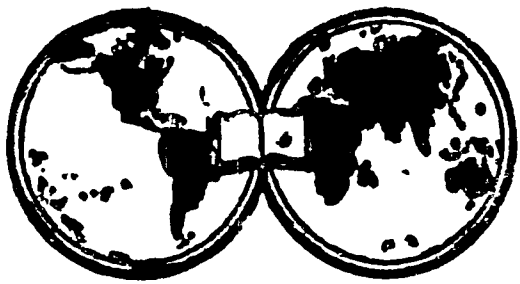
My Christ I gave to make you free,  
To shed His love abroad for thee,

For freedom comes where hearts are pure,  
And souls are equal and secure.

Hold fast the strength that makes you strong;  
My truth defend, the right, not wrong;  
The faith you once reposed in me  
Will lead you on to victory.

NELL LAWRENCE BOSTICK





## World Trends

Items of Social and Missionary Interest

CHARLES E. MADDY

### THE NEW GERMAN RELIGION

A book which gives a clear outline of this official German religion is called "Gott und Volk," 200,000 copies of which are already in circulation, mainly among S.S. and S.A. men, soldiers, and in Labour Service camps. The Berlin publishers say that further editions will be ready early in 1942.

Here are a few quotations from this "religious" book:

"We Germans have been called upon by fate to be the first to break with Christianity. It is to be an honour."

"The Church has had time to begin to mould mankind into a cleaner, higher striving race. A thousand bonds tie us to the Christian belief, but one blow will make us free. To make Germans strong and ripe for this step is our task of holiest obligation."



Acme Photograph

Refugees arriving in France by freight-cars, reach eager hands for food given out by a Red Cross worker

"Wherever a fight for the souls of Germans is going on, there are fronts. The fronts are clear. One is called Christianity and the other is Germany. There is no third. There is also no compromise."

"Every epoch has its sign. Two epochs and signs oppose each other today: the Cross and the Sword. The sword is the weapon of the fighter. The sufferer drags the cross."

"We are on the offensive. The front of the cross has a strong and weak wing. The strong is Catholic. The weak is Protestant. We are fighting against both."

"We do not want to tear down cathedrals. We want to fill them with a new spirit. We want to proclaim a new faith in them. . . . The tortured, pain-torn figure of the crucified Christ will disappear. Our heroes must again carry swords in their fists instead of a cross on their backs."

"Baptism and Confirmation: We will receive the newly-born into the community of the nation, not as Catholics, not as Protestants, but as Germans."

"Marriage: In future there will only be a German consecration of marriage. Marriages will not be concluded in the name of the Church."

"Bible: Take the Old Testament and burn it in consecrated places! And thank God that He sent the Fuhrer."

"Civilisation: The age of Christian civilisation is past. Only German civilisation has anything to say. We are German. Therefore we cannot be Christians. The German at present has two obligations, earthly and heavenly: as long as he has two masters, the Fuhrer and the Saviour, he will not find his way to Eternity."

"Education: Every day, every hour is lost which our youth spend in church. We want to educate them to tear the faith of Christianity out of their hearts: only Germany has a place there. How do we want to educate our children? As though they had never heard of Christianity."

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### AMERICAN METHODISTS

In the autumn of 1941, American Methodists launched a movement for a MILLION DOLLARS to be given in one day for World Emergency Relief. Over \$900,000.00 was received, the rest soon will be.

The Commission

## THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

The Emergency Million Fund continues to grow. The amount in cash and pledges as of January 13 was \$252,502.10. Reports of the teams that have just entered the second period are not available for this issue of *World Call*. Word from the field tells of the success of this second approach despite the present war situation. The needs that called forth the Emergency Million have become intensified by the fact that our nation is at war.

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## NORTHERN BAPTISTS

In June 1941, our Northern Baptist brethren launched their War Relief Campaign. Their objective was \$600,000.00. They report \$420,000.00 received up to January 1, 1942.

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## ORPHANED MISSIONS

Doctor A. L. Warnshuis, American secretary of the International Missionary Council, reports that in round numbers a million and a half dollars have been given by churches in all parts of the world for the work of Orphaned Missions. Financial aid has gone to 120 missions, all of which were in distress because of war conditions.

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## AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM IS THE REMEDY

Doctor Walter E. Woodbury calls attention to the fact that among Northern Baptists 1,625,268 were added to our rolls by baptism between 1915 and 1940. Allowing for normal loss by death, our membership should now be 2,503,942. Dr. Woodbury declares that our present membership is almost exactly 1,000,000 less than that. In other words, 40,000 Northern Baptists have been lost to our churches every year. This should be a matter of great concern to all of our pastors and to all of our people. Here in the North, our denomination is actually making no gain at all. We lose as many as we gain. What is wrong? Apply the facts to your own particular congregation.—*Watchman-Examiner*.

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## TREATMENT OF JAPANESE IN AMERICA

The presidents of three national Protestant bodies in this country—Dr. G. Pitt Beers of the Home Missions Council of North America, Miss Sue Weddell of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and Dr. Luther A. Weigle of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America—issued the following message to the American churches:

Under the emotional strain of the moment, Americans will be tempted to express their resentment against the action of Japan's government by re-

*"Couldn't you love a little  
Jap like me? I'm waiting to  
be taught about the Prince  
of Peace."*



criminations against the Japanese people who are in our midst. We are gratified to observe that the agents of our government are dealing with them with consideration.

Let us remember that many of these people are loyal, patriotic American citizens and that others, though Japanese subjects, have been utterly opposed to their nation's acts against our nation. It is incumbent upon us to demonstrate a discipline which, while carefully observing the precautions necessary to national safety, has no place for vindictiveness.

We therefore call upon the church people of this country to maintain a Christian composure and charity in their dealings with the Japanese among us.



*Rev. and Mrs. V. L. Seats and their little son whom they had to leave in America when, in response to the Great Commission, they sailed for Nigeria.*

### A NOBLE UTTERANCE

It is most heartening and stimulating, in a time of great national peril, to find the leaders of great railroads and industrial enterprises and institutions, paying humble and grateful tribute to Christ the Nazarene. We are, indeed, happy to give wide publicity to the following statement:

"SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

Office of the President

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23, 1941.

To All Officers and Employees:

Soon we will be commemorating the birth of the humble Nazarene who taught people to love their neighbors. Later we will be celebrating the advent of another fateful year. We will do so—while our nation wages grim war against savage forces which would enslave the world.

Under these conditions, the holiday greeting I would like to extend to you and your families seems hopelessly out of tune with things as they are. Yet I want you—each one of you—to know that this year, more than ever before, I am sincerely grateful for your loyalty, your devotion to duty, your wholehearted and fine co-operation in every effort to bring success to the Southern Railway System and to the territory it serves.

So now, instead of saying "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," I ask only for the privilege of joining you in every fervent prayer that soon "on earth peace, good will toward men" will be re-established in the lives and hearts of all mankind.

—Ernest E. Norris."

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### A CHOICE LOT

Kentucky Baptists are a mighty and aggressive host. There is a growing interest in world missions throughout the churches. From a recent exchange we glean the following facts concerning some of the leading churches:

"Kentucky has 2,065 Baptist churches with a membership of 404,131. Among the outstanding churches are the Walnut Street Church, Louisville, with 3,849 members; the Frankfort Church, with 2,248 members; the First Church, Bowling Green, with 1,988 members; and the First Church, Owensboro, with 1,987 members; the First Church, Newport, with 2,061 members; the church at Mayfield, with 1,960 members; the Calvary Church, Lexington, with 2,756 members; the Parkland Church, Louisville, with 1,724 members; and the Immanuel Church, Paducah, with 1,860 members. There are many more large churches in the state."

### A MILITANT HOST

Under the wise and efficient leadership of Secretary J. W. Merritt, the Baptists of Georgia have made marvelous progress during the last decade. The following facts appeared in a recent publication:

"It was reported at the recent meeting of the Georgia Convention that there are 86 associations, 2,452 churches, and 530,843 members in the state. Additional figures show that there were 17,281 baptisms in the preceding year. Serving the 2,452 churches are 394 full-time pastors, 527 half-time pastors, and 1,531 quarter-time pastors. There are 2,100 Sunday schools, 1,170 training unions, and 3,210 women's missionary unions. The amount contributed by the churches of the state to home, foreign, and State missions and to the whole Co-operative Program through the State Board was \$650,510.00. This is the largest amount so contributed since 1924, the closing year of the Seventy-five Million Campaign."

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### THE JOLLY COMRADES OF TEXAS

Mrs. Manon Seawell of Forth Worth, Texas, is editor of the children's page in the *Baptist Standard* of that great state. Some time ago she took up with her readers—"The Jolly Comrades"—the question of sending funds for the relief of Chinese children. Mrs. Seawell had in mind especially the starving children under the care of Missionary Lydia Greene in Canton, China. The idea grew and during 1941 the girls and boys contributed a magnificent total of \$1,000.00 for the relief of the starving children in China. Now comes the good news that the Jolly Comrades are going to send us \$50.00 each month for the relief of China's suffering children.

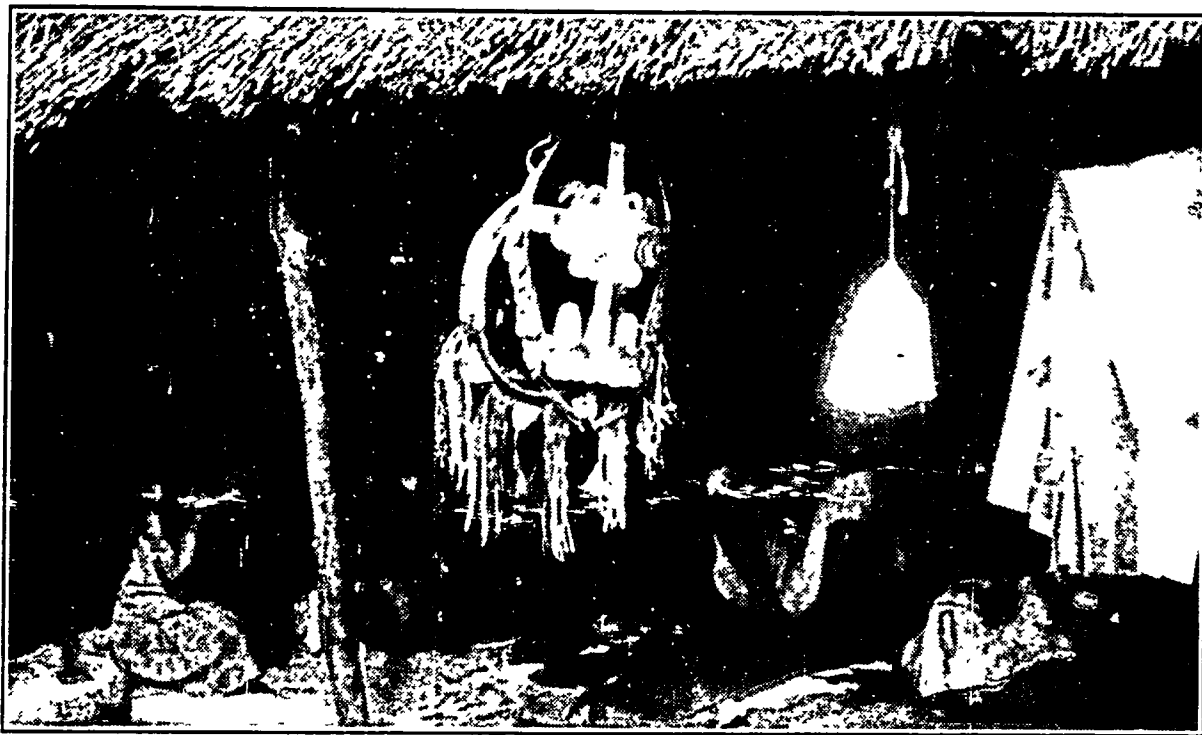
We hope soon to re-establish contact with Miss Lydia Greene in Canton. In the meantime, we will send a part of the gifts of the Jolly Comrades to Mrs. Eloise Glass Cauthen of Kweilin, Free China. There is great suffering in that area and the populous Chinese city has been bombed by the Japanese hundreds of times.

We are deeply grateful for these generous gifts from the Jolly Comrades of Texas, and we hope that the girls and boys of other states will follow their example.



# Hungering and Thirsting After Righteousness

By MRS. J. C. POWELL\*



*An African beathen doctor's office*

Often I've heard missionaries from other lands say how hungry the people were for the gospel of Jesus Christ, and I've wondered if the statement were really true. I could not believe it true, because I seemed to see only the expression of more or less idle curiosity on the faces of crowds of people who gathered about us from time to time. They seemed to want to see what the white man was like, the kind of clothes he wore, what he ate, and how he ate it, where he slept and how he slept.

I thank God that I am now really seeing a bit of the heart-hunger about which other missionaries from other lands have spoken. Our young people are seeking salvation and appear to want to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus as their Saviour.

In one church girls and women were being helped to know the Bible better, and nothing was being done for the boys. One afternoon a group of boys were standing by the rocks saying, with their eyes, to the missionary, "We too want to know the Bible better." Only a suggestion was necessary and they were soon at work memorizing Scripture. Any person who loves the Lord, if he can read, can teach the Scriptures. Thank God that His "word will not return to Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleases."

Today will be long remembered. It is the close of a full Lord's Day. After a drive of ten miles the church was reached. It was not yet nine o'clock A.M., and what did we see but a group of one hundred or

more girls of G. A. age coming out of the assembly room where they had already been in a G. A. meeting? Most impressive, as it lengthened across the lawn in front of the church, was that irregular line of girls dressed in their striped and spotted blue, native costume. Few of those present could read God's Word, but their very presence testified to their desire to know Jesus as their Saviour, when encouraged in their efforts and helped in learning to read God's Word. To say the least they listened with interest. For this our Father in Heaven be praised and their leader inspired to greater effort.

The day was spent examining candidates for baptism—most of whom were young boys and girls. A rigid examination was given and the majority of the candidates showed a clear understanding of the way of salvation and the standards of Christian living. They had been present all day long except during a brief noon hour. When words of encouragement and warning were given at the close there seemed such a heart-felt desire not to miss a single word which fell from the lips of the missionary and interpreter. Even while we were waiting for the motor to go, and the missionary was too tired to think of anything else to say, the expression on those eager faces seemed to say, "Missionary, please tell us more before you go." God's Word says "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

There are sixty-four to be baptized. Our prayer is that every word of this passage may come true in the hearts and lives of these young people.

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*Miss Knight, who has given twenty-one years of devoted service to educational and evangelistic work in North China is now stationed at Laichow-Fu.*

# What Hath God Wrought?

*This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.—Psalm 118:23.*

By DORIS LYNN KNIGHT\*

## A LINK IN THE CHAIN

"Mrs. Yang," I said, as we sat around the table of that warmhearted Christian woman, "tell me about your becoming a Christian, about the beginning of the church here."

"Well," was the startling reply, "it all really began with the Red Spear Society."

Then she told me of the beautiful way in which the Grace of God came to the village of Cheng Kuo Tswang.

About 1928 there arose in Hwanghsien and Yeh Hsien (*Hsien* means county) a superstitious sect known as the Red Spear Society. The members had red spears, which they used in going through all kinds of incantations, believed to render them immune to any harm.

The society grew rapidly, and before very long enthusiastic members were going as far as Cheng Kuo Tswang, urging the leading people there to join. This brought about much talk in the village as to the merits of various superstitious sects, because in Eastern Shantung one may have his choice of a large number. One day in the general gathering-place, which was the medicine shop of the two Messrs. Yang, as the discussion waxed hot, someone remarked, "And then, there is the Jesus Way."

"Oh, but none of us knows anything about it, and we know no one who does. Anyway, it is a foreign affair, we don't need to consider it."

"Well," said one Mr. Yang, "I have seen their sacred book; and, from what little I understand, it really sounds as though it is meant for the whole world. It really isn't foreign."

"Oh!" and there was a chorus of voices, "where is there any such book? Why not borrow it and let us see what it is all about." They spoke much after the manner of the Athenians who "spent their time in nothing else but either to tell, or to hear some new thing."

That very afternoon Mr. Yang went to get the Book. It was in the home of his maternal uncle where, for five years, covered with dust, it had lain on a shelf waiting to be taken down at this moment to be used as God had long ago planned.

The Woman's Hospital in Laichow was an important link in the chain of circumstances which led to the establishment of the church in Cheng Kuo Tswang. Dr. Jeanette E. Beall not only did her utmost to heal the bodies of those who came, but above all she wanted to make a lasting impression for Christianity on her patients. She knew that God's Word was the instrument to use, and many a woman left that hospital with a Bible, as did Miss Liu of Erh Shih Li Pu, the daughter of Mr. Yang's maternal uncle. The Bible was taken home and for some time it was read; but because there were so many things difficult to understand it was finally put on the shelf. So there it was that day when Mr. Yang went to borrow it.

After that, those who were interested met each afternoon in the medicine shop to hear the Book read. The people themselves, without knowing what



*Group of Baptist Buildings in Laichow-Fu, China*

they had done (it is thus that God often works), had already provided some one who could help them in understanding its message. It was the village school teacher, a Miss Wang, who was a graduate of the Laichow Girls' School. Two years before, when she had been asked to take the position, there had been some opposition because it was rumored that she was a Christian. Perhaps she had heard about this; perhaps she was not very earnest. In any case, during those two years she never once had said anything about Christianity; but that afternoon when she walked into the medicine shop and heard Mr. Yang reading the Bible, she said, "Oh, do you have that Book?" When they asked, "What do you know about Christ?" her answer was, "I know that He is *Wu Kiung; wu Chin*." By that she meant, "I know that He is inexhaustible; His riches unsearchable." That sentence caught the ears of the people.



Soon there came a day when the two Mr. Yangs went to Laichow City to see the evangelist, about whom Miss Wang had told them. For hours they listened to Mr. Tsei as he talked about the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. His promise was that from that time workers would go to their village to preach. They did go; and "the hand of the Lord was upon them and a great number believed and turned to the Lord."

Thus God's grace came to Cheng Kuo Tswang and another local church was organized, another group was added to the "Church invisible."

#### WHO WILL CONTINUE THIS UNFINISHED STORY?

The place of worship now in use at Cheng Kuo

Tswang is one given by the Mr. Yang who borrowed the Bible. The second Mr. Yang, along with others, has contributed stone and tiles to put up a real church building. The "incident" has stopped their plans. Everything is so high, the skilled labor necessary is so expensive that they can go no further, for there are no rich men in that group. I looked at the stone and the tiles, at the inadequate little building where they now worship. I wondered whom God would lay His hand on in America to help these brave people finish what they, in their love and enthusiasm, have begun, but which unforeseen conditions have made it impossible to complete. It is a glorious thing to give a Bible to some one. It is a glorious thing to have a share in putting up a church building.

## Hunger's Horrors

The other day, on my way to church outside the city, I spoke to some women who were standing in the door of their house and asked them to come to church. They replied, "What advantage is it to us when we are hungry?"

When I was returning from church I saw the feet of somebody from under a bamboo mat, and asked what it meant. They said that someone had died, and they put the body out there for the authorities to bury him since they were not able to do so. He had died from hunger on the wayside. So many are starving.

Another day, the evangelist in one of our chapels in the city was talking to a man about his soul. The man said: "You can see I am undernourished, my mouth is all drawn in." These are only a few cases, I mention in order to show to you how hard it is to preach the gospel to those who are physically hungry.

How we do praise the Lord for all the help that has come to these people.

#### HELP ARRIVES

Many, many bags of cracked wheat have just arrived from America, and this welcome food is fast being distributed by the different missions. It is marvelous how they are organized to distribute it, and give it out to those who are in greatest need. The international relief fund is saving multitudes from starvation. Those who receive a salary are not included in this fund; therefore many of them, whose salaries are small, are in great need. Only a few days ago one of the teachers in our big school came to me weeping, saying that his salary was not sufficient to support his family of five. He said: "Knowing the



*Children eating warm gruel in Tung Shan*

condition of affairs, and that the high cost of living may continue for a great while, I can't bear it." Also, he said "Nobody knows I am a poor man." This man, Mr. Chang, is a young Christian.

—EDNA E. TEAL

# A Chasm

(The Religious and Political Contrast Between Italy and America)

By J. F. PLAINFIELD\*

Recently my home was opened to a visitor from Italy, a cultured, modest, educated young woman. I was happy to renew acquaintances almost forgotten. It was an opportune moment to inquire about life in "the old country" and to elicit a clear statement concerning the reactions of the Italian people and specifically of the Baptist leaders for or against the present policies of the Italian government and Mussolini.

Through the long years spent in America I had become so saturated with the ideals of our democratic life and with the happy atmosphere here that, quite unconsciously, not to say naturally, I had wrenched myself loose from the habits of thought and life so peculiar of the old world.

On many occasions I had dared attack the new orientation of European nations under dictatorship,

dictated life under the new political leaders? Had I, in stating the case of democracy and Christianity against nationalism and communism, been unfair to the latter? Here, now, was my chance to find out and I leaped at the opportunity to put questions squarely to my guest from Italy and, if possible, to get at the bottom of the matter of our American disagreement with conditions and policies of Europe.

"What about Italy?" I began. "Is it happy under Mussolini? Is life easy and pleasant? How much improvement, if any, has Mussolini imparted to it?"

"Italy," she answered, "is still the country of beauty and warm hearts, but the war and its resultant privations have robbed the people of their smile and lightheartedness. Life is no longer easy and pleasant because the enormous demands of money for armies and armaments and the expensive campaigns in Africa and Europe have drained the people of the means for a generous living. However the ardent youth believes in Mussolini and supports his attempt at reconstructing the Roman Empire. Many are the physical improvements."

"Are the ideals and policies of fascism popular among the Italians?" I inquired.

"Of course there will always be those who never could accept the change"; she replied, "but the majority of the young people are wholeheartedly for fascism and the policies of the present government of Italy. Italy never has been really democratic even under parliamentary rule, and when Mussolini started his march on Rome, he did so with the secret connivance of the people. Italy has always dreamed of the resurgence of the Roman Empire and Mussolini gave expression to their unrealized hopes."

"What do the Italians in Italy think of the Germans?" was my next question. "Are they backing Mussolini in his alliance with Hitler?"

"The Italians hate the Germans," she answered, "and would drive them from Italy if possible. Hitler is particularly *persona non grata* but Mussolini will carry the people in any undertaking that responds to the ambitions of a greater Italy and a more glorious empire. Mussolini's alliance with Hitler is not for help to Germany but solely for the realization of Italian aims."

"What, then, is the relation between state and church?" I wanted to know. "Are the Protestants better off under Mussolini than under the old liberal system of government?"

Her reply was deliberate: "The state is Supreme



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G. B. Taylor  
orphanage  
family in  
Rome, and  
Pastor  
Veneziano  
of the Via  
Urbana Church  
in Rome, Italy

and in speeches or writing I had exposed what, in my judgment, was a crime against humanity. Of late, because of so much misery caused by a war against peoples rather than against the armies, a war of annihilation of life and property, I had grown bitter against the Axis policies. Had I been wrong in my stand? Had I been blind to the blessings of a

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and both the Roman Catholic Church and the Protestant churches are regulated by law. The Roman Catholic Church has almost complete freedom because of the preponderance of numbers, but the Protestants have obtained legal standing which they lacked before Mussolini came to power. Yet, whereas under the liberal government the evangelical Christian could preach the gospel freely, at his own risk of being persecuted by the Roman Catholic authorities, now by law they are protected from the Catholics but are forbidden to carry the message of Christ from door to door and to proselyte any person outside the premises of the church building. There is division among religious leaders as to which is better"; she continued, "but in general there is a feeling that the present policy is favoring the evangelical church in the enjoyment of peaceful life within its premises. That is not exactly what Christ would have them do, but it is the best we can get

and we try to be satisfied until more liberal concessions are granted."

My next question turned more upon the state of Baptists in Italy. "What," I asked, "is the present policy of the Baptists in relation to the government? Do they feel free or do they fret under legal restrictions?"

"The Baptists of Italy," my visitor replied, "submit to the government freely and never discuss publicly matters of legal or political import. Theirs is to obey. They are not free but they are rather resigned to their present status, although it gives the lie to one of the fundamental principles of the Baptists and the gospel—the liberty of the soul in the worship of God, and the duty to witness freely for Christ."

The conversation took us into varied discussions and strengthened my impression that there is little in common between the American and the Italian way of thinking and believing.

## The Miracle of Living

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Christian giving is like a farmer's spring sowing. He concentrates part of the yield from his toil to be returned to the mystical processes of life that created the harvest. When you give to the support of righteousness and mercy in the world, you are returning strength to those underlying functions that undergird and support all life. But what would you think of the farmer who decided to keep all his harvest, returning nothing to the divine and creative processes? Would you have much sympathy with him when later in the season he complained that he had been cheated of his harvest, that life had not been good to him? The world is full of people who are lonely, empty and impoverished, having brought their own unhappiness to pass because, by their indifference and selfishness, they blocked the process whereby God would have blessed them. They destroyed the very channels that would have enriched them.



## A Prophecy

When pictures look alive with movements free,  
When ships like fishes swim below the sea,  
When men outstripping birds can scan the sky,

Then half the world sore drenched in blood  
shall lie.

—From an Essex, England, tombstone,  
five hundred years old.



I pledge allegiance  
to the Christian  
flag, and to the  
Saviour for whose  
Kingdom it stands  
—one brotherhood  
uniting all mankind  
in service and  
in love



Old  
age and  
youth  
wait for  
food sent  
by America

## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?



European refugees find refuge in Sweden, and the problem  
of hunger increases

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A soup kitchen for  
European refugees



Chinese lad eagerly saving the  
gruel about to fall from the  
outer edge of his bowl

Happy, hopeful children at the relief center in Tung Shan, China



*If a brother or sister be naked, and  
destitute of daily food, and one of you  
say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye  
warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye  
give them not those things which are  
needful to the body; what doth it profit?*

—James 2:15, 16.

Saved from starvation—an emergency center in Europe

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## LENDING UNTO THE LORD

*And the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren who dwelt in Judea: which also they did, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.—Acts 11:29-30.*

Southern Baptists, in launching this great program for WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF, are in good company. The greatest missionary church of the first century was that of Antioch. It was a busy, aggressive church, blessed with great leadership. This church, led by the Holy Spirit, sent out the first missionaries to preach Christ's gospel in Europe.

This glorious group at Antioch took literally the words of Jesus when He said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Acting upon this incentive, the church sent relief to their suffering, starving brethren in Judea.

That same Christlike motive in the hearts of our people is behind this movement for WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF. It is a good evidence of the spiritual health of our churches, when the cry of a hungry, suffering world moves them to action in such a substantial and practical way. We are fully confident that the total sum of \$300,000.00 will be given during the month of April.

## PLANS OF THE WORLD EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF THIS GREAT SUM

For four and one-half years friends of China throughout the South have been sending to the Foreign Mission Board gifts for Chinese Relief. Up to January 1, 1942, a total of \$140,140.78 had been given. This fund has been wisely dispensed by our missionaries in China. It has saved untold thousands of hungry Chinese from slow starvation. This Chinese Relief Fund has now been merged with the WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF appeal, and at least one half of all we receive henceforth for WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF will go to China. We have already sent out to Free China \$15,000.00 for relief purposes. With Dr. R. E. Beddoe of Wuchow, we have reliable contacts whereby we can get relief funds into the hands of our missionaries in most of the territory of our South and Interior China Missions. We hope soon to make contacts with our missionaries in occupied areas.

## SUFFERING IN EUROPE APPALLING

Every report coming out of the countries overrun and enslaved by Germany, indicates that the misery and suffering among the masses are so appalling that words are inadequate to describe the condition.

In Spain the whole population is frightfully undernourished and literally multitudes are dying of slow starvation. We have recently sent \$3,556.00 extra to our missionary, Mrs. Nils Bengtson, for distribution among the suffering Baptist people. With funds given by our members in the Southland, the Baptist pastor and his church in Madrid are maintaining a soup kitchen. During 1942 we ought to send to the starving people of Spain not less than \$25,000.00.

## ITALY AND THE BALKAN STATES

Three months ago, after many hardships, Dr. and Mrs. W. Dewey Moore, our devoted missionaries to Italy, returned to America. The story they tell of the suffering of the poor people of Italy is appalling. We have in Italy, about forty Baptist pastors, and in normal times they looked to the Foreign Mission Board for the larger portion of their support. They did not want to make war on us nor on any other nation. They are now suffering acutely and we must, in some way, send them relief.

The situation in Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Rumania is, if possible, worse than that in Italy. We have something like 100,000 Baptists in this area, including Bessarabia. Many of these heroic Baptists are going to perish unless we can send them relief. We are now negotiating with the FRIENDS COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF SERVICE, hoping to send help to our starving Baptist brethren in these Balkan states.



#### BIBLES FOR RUSSIAN PRISONERS

Through the American Bible Society we have already sent nearly \$9,000.00 for the purchase and distribution of Bibles to Russian prisoners in German prison camps. The American Bible Society gives us assurance that they can distribute Bibles freely throughout the war-torn lands of Central Europe. Southern Baptists must have a worthy part in this great work.

There are many other specific and acute needs which we can help relieve if our churches will contribute, during the month of April, this requested World Emergency Relief Fund of \$300,000.00.

*And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul: then shall thy light rise in darkness, and thine obscurity be as the noonday.*

—Isaiah 58:10.

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#### WHEN PEACE RETURNS

At this time the supreme effort and the united energy of America and the British commonwealth of nations are devoted to the one task of bringing to a just conclusion this war for human freedom—this struggle for the right of all nations, big and little, to live together in peace and security in the world family.

That the forces of right and justice will ultimately triumph we have never doubted. One glad day this strife will end and the dove of peace will hover over the war-wrecked world. Then, after the destruction and ruin resulting from the most deadly and cruel war the world has ever experienced, the disillusioned millions of earth, having buried their war-dead, will turn in utter weariness and exhaustion to the stupendous task of restoring their homes and reconstructing a wrecked civilization.

#### AMERICA, GOD'S SECOND ISRAEL

From that eventful day in 1492, when America was discovered, until the present crucial hour, the guiding hand of almighty God may be clearly traced in the unfolding life and destiny of this country. The men who founded our nation and directed its course through the early years of its growing and expanding life, believed this profoundly. They were also convinced that they were the agents and instruments of a divine Providence in establishing, on these shores, a chosen nation that would some day become God's second Israel to bless and succor all the peoples of earth.

Every great crisis in the life of this country has called forth a great leader who believed intensely that he was a chosen agent of divine Destiny in the establishment and on-going of a mighty nation that would some day be called upon to maintain and to forward God's way of righteousness and truth for

all the nations. Washington, the founder of this great republic, believed it. Jefferson, with his principle of human liberty and soul-freedom for all men, believed it. Monroe, with his doctrine of the unity and solidarity of the Americas, believed it. Lincoln, with his confidence in a government "of the people, by the people and for the people," believed it enough to die for it. Wilson, with passionate faith in democracy for all the peoples of all the nations, gave to this ideal the full measure of his devotion, even unto death.

#### AMERICA AT THE CROSSROADS

When the blessed hour of peace comes, America, whether we will it or not, will stand as never before, in all her history, at the crossroads of her destiny. She must not fail God nor this battered and broken world in the hour of its acute and supreme need. A starving and destitute world must be fed and clothed. The small and helpless nations that have been crushed by the iron heel of cruel war lords, must be guided and sustained as they try to establish anew for themselves the democratic way of life. In the new Parliament of Nations that must be established when peace shall come, America must take her place as the leading advocate and defender of the rights and liberties of all peoples everywhere.

If America fails God in that supreme hour and test of peace, she will go the way of all the dead nations that forgot God and His Kingdom, when He called them to their hour of leadership and service for mankind.

America must not fail.

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#### CHRISTIANS OF AMERICA MUST EVANGELIZE THE NATIONS

The wealth of the British Empire is being swallowed up in the awful struggle to maintain her very existence.

This generation of the lost in pagan and heathen lands must pass into eternity before England, the great friend and supporter of world missions, will be able to take her place again as the servant of Christ to earth's peoples. The small Protestant nations of Europe have been so completely ruined and impoverished by brutal and ruthless war, that for generations they will not be able to take any adequate part in the evangelization of the world.

It remains, therefore, for the churches of Christ in America to assume the leadership in the glorious task of giving the saving gospel of Christ to the millions still living in the darkness and misery of spiritual death. If God's people in America fail this lost generation, then it is lost indeed, for there is no other nation to come to the rescue.

## THE TASK OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

The problems of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention are many and perplexing. For two decades we have been hampered with a crushing debt. In 1932-'33 our income went into a disastrous decline which greatly curtailed our efforts to give the gospel to the nations beyond.

Many of our missionaries, overburdened with work, and suffering for lack of re-inforcements and adequate support, have come home broken by the suffering and the burden of it all. It has been a decade of fearful struggle to pay our debts, to increase

our current income, to hold our own on the several foreign fields, and to send new recruits to our hard-pressed fellow-laborers in distant lands.

The day of peace and glorious gospel opportunity will soon dawn. Our debts will be paid. A wonderful group of God-called young men and women, consecrated and prepared, are anxiously awaiting appointment to the hardest places needing messengers of light. We believe our generous-hearted mission-minded people in the churches are ready for the great day of advance when blessed, healing peace comes to the suffering and sorrowing nations in a war-weary world.



## Don Pascual Salazar, Consecrated Layman

By J. C. QUARLES\*

Don  
Pascual  
Salazar

Sometimes the conversion of one individual will change the character of an entire church. There had perhaps been lacking a member of the right qualifications for leadership or the proper spirit of aggressiveness to inspire and move others; then one man or one woman comes under the influence of the gospel and new life, a more abundant life, is infused into the entire membership.

Such was the situation of the church in Caucete, San Juan, when several years ago an elderly countryman heard the gospel and was converted. Though unlettered and living the modest life of the country sections of those distant provinces, Don Pascual Salazar had been a hard-working, businesslike farmer and cattlemar on a small scale. He brought into his new Christian life these same sterling qualities, and immediately he became a leader.

At that time our Baptist "temple" in Caucete was a plain, ordinary room, twelve by twenty-four feet, built of *adobes*, with a floor of mother earth, and having at each end a door that had to be left open

to admit light. A crude pulpit-stand and a dozen or so ramshackle benches, a couple of carbide lamps for night services constituted the whole material equipment of the church.

Don Pascual immediately began to work to change things. The piece of ground was ample for a worthy church structure, and that same piece of ground could furnish the greater part of the necessary building materials. He began by hauling a number of loads of crushed rock for the foundation; he promised the logs from some trees on his farms for the rafters; he proposed to the other men of the church that they "cut" *adobes* off the church lot.

Finally, when all the necessary building materials were ready, another consecrated saint of the San Juan Church, Don Gines Gil, offered himself as builder, without salary, on condition that the church furnish a place for him to sleep and something to eat while engaged in the work.

If the male members of the church were too busy to help the builder the women came and worked as hod-carriers. When the walls were finished and the roof in place, some one donated the necessary tile for the floor, others gave door-frames and window-frames—the most expensive items in building. Thus, under the leadership of our good brother Don Pascual, a worthy temple was raised in Caucete.

A year ago our district convention of Cuyo voted to meet, this year, with the Caucete Church. When Don Pascual went home from that meeting, he announced to the Caucete brethren that he was putting aside a calf to be raised and fattened to feed the delegates when they assembled for that convention. By the time the convention met, the walls of the *adobe* temple were plastered over to look like sandstone. Thanks to Don Pascual Salazar, we have a beautiful edifice, worth several thousand dollars, which in actual cash outlay cost only \$200.00.

\*Dr. Quarles, for more than thirty years has devoted his life to missionary work in Argentina. Home on furlough now, he and Mrs. Quarles expect to return soon to their work in Godoy Cruz.

# FOREIGN MISSION BOARD, S. B. C., RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FROM STATES

JANUARY 1, 1941 TO JANUARY 1, 1942

E. P. BUXTON, *Treas.*

	<i>Program</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>British Missions Relief</i>	<i>China Relief Fund</i>	<i>Debt</i>	<i>Lottie Moon</i>	<i>Total</i>
Ala.....	\$ 32,910.93	\$ 10,234.96	\$ 114.39	\$ 3,428.54	\$ 2,600.75	\$ 14,326.39	\$ 63,615.96
Ariz.....	619.26	139.37	17.32	11.13	141.83	475.62	1,404.53
Ark.....	11,946.30	3,269.22	53.64	551.60	2,066.36	9,599.39	27,486.51
D. C.....	5,117.36	3,930.73	457.97	241.86	257.01	1,256.09	11,261.02
Fla.....	24,568.12	8,270.98	93.78	1,550.47	3,163.04	10,442.57	48,088.96
Ga.....	43,470.81	24,600.03	1,697.31	2,604.04	7,510.25	23,758.07	103,640.51
Ill.....	8,583.02	1,833.76	14.25	655.85	1,070.32	4,289.90	16,447.10
Ky.....	61,006.12	15,044.52	513.11	3,318.04	3,223.08	20,691.53	103,796.40
La.....	14,665.78	4,661.26	94.75	570.70	1,883.28	13,428.42	35,304.19
Md.....	10,237.84	840.04	135.30	912.77	525.74	2,620.29	15,271.98
Miss.....	16,848.84	6,818.48	615.60	1,434.36	1,427.76	17,497.69	44,642.73
Mo.....	28,402.35	5,874.79	287.73	1,742.79	3,640.35	13,781.75	53,729.76
N. M.....	1,620.73	518.72	21.25	100.24	339.18	1,854.79	4,454.91
N. C.....	63,112.07	39,151.61	1,124.62	5,266.32	3,742.61	42,005.28	154,402.51
Okla.....	10,664.90	11,806.44	10.95	3,360.25	2,226.43	13,560.19	41,629.16
S. C.....	60,962.94	21,309.43	307.84	4,083.78	2,359.04	26,223.08	115,246.11
Tenn.....	61,672.41	35,955.22	1,326.47	1,647.61	2,668.06	23,263.38	126,533.15
Texas.....	65,499.99	44,869.10	716.30	9,069.04	6,603.30	74,449.93	201,207.66
Va.....	102,192.57	27,578.33	1,166.78	4,609.70	12,835.10	47,836.78	196,219.26
Misc.....	262.09	8,255.09	250.00	5,635.75	1,403.72	721.78	16,528.43
Totals.....	\$624,364.43	\$274,962.08	\$ 9,019.36	\$50,794.84	\$59,687.21	\$362,082.92	\$1,380,910.84

### JANUARY 1, 1940 TO JANUARY 1, 1941

Ala.....	\$ 27,433.97	\$ 7,938.47	\$ 7,917.82	\$ 494.17	\$ 1,707.36	\$ 13,119.50	\$ 58,611.29
Ariz.....	554.72	90.49	183.95	25.90	93.45	461.25	1,409.76
Ark.....	11,219.30	3,174.60	1,503.66	67.85	1,028.50	9,221.52	26,215.43
D. C.....	4,642.24	3,691.10	1,137.88	933.95	164.51	1,269.58	11,839.26
Fla.....	15,568.08	8,756.69	7,717.36	607.39	1,322.71	9,930.86	43,903.09
Ga.....	34,714.00	24,299.13	19,484.28	596.68	5,300.87	21,858.21	106,253.17
Ill.....	5,956.20	2,316.75	1,401.33	237.86	458.46	3,956.80	14,327.40
Ky.....	52,322.03	7,991.87	9,455.61	1,457.04	2,074.78	12,679.75	85,981.08
La.....	12,301.62	3,383.74	5,835.23	148.88	1,285.69	12,550.18	35,505.34
Md.....	9,089.99	576.61	1,094.18	223.06	167.87	2,490.00	13,641.71
Miss.....	14,116.53	5,850.86	6,491.95	280.28	1,176.14	16,567.02	44,482.78
Mo.....	29,489.13	5,076.90	5,976.56	862.11	2,212.47	13,834.12	57,451.29
N. M.....	1,017.42	428.68	1,285.95	23.51	221.07	1,786.59	4,763.22
N. C.....	56,233.33	26,350.81	12,685.53	1,248.55	2,067.69	40,267.10	138,853.01
Okla.....	11,015.00	14,592.65	9,694.55	375.28	1,243.90	13,845.68	50,767.06
S. C.....	47,214.37	32,245.11	18,518.18	962.42	910.24	23,156.23	123,006.55
Tenn.....	53,923.32	23,631.84	10,987.58	400.96	1,816.20	23,237.67	113,997.57
Texas.....	56,755.81	47,023.50	42,886.80	1,040.85	4,521.30	64,986.52	217,214.78
Va.....	87,182.75	32,864.33	19,852.05	1,616.41	1,539.75	46,234.69	189,289.98
Misc.....	71.43	4,606.39	784.39	1,802.16	795.02	345.16	8,404.55
Totals.....	\$530,821.24	\$254,890.52	\$184,894.84	\$13,405.31	\$30,107.98	\$331,798.43	\$1,345,918.32

In addition to the above receipts from states there were receipts from miscellaneous sources in 1941 of \$46,089.60, making a total turnover for the calendar year of \$1,428,639.69. This is the largest amount received by the Foreign Mission Board within a single year since the convention year ending April 30, 1927.

On December 31, 1941 the debt of the Foreign Mission Board stood at \$163,500. During the month of January 1942 \$7,500 was paid on outstanding bank notes, reducing the debt to \$156,000 as of February 1st. This balance should be brought well below \$150,000 by the time the Convention meets in May.

## *Is This the Time to Halt?*

Is this the time, O Church of Christ, to sound retreat?  
To arm with weapons cheap and blunt  
The men and women who have borne the brunt  
Of truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?  
Is this the time to halt, when all around  
Horizons lift, new destinies confront,  
Stern duties wait our nation, never wont  
To play the laggard when God's will was found?

No, rather strengthen stakes and lengthen cords,  
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,  
And to thy kingdom come for such a time!  
The earth with all its fullness is the Lord's,  
Great things attempt for him, great things expect  
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime.

—CHARLES SUMMER HOYT

## New Missionaries



*H. W. Schweinsberg*—Born at Ardglen, New South Wales, Australia, December 22, 1910. My father and mother, Daniel and Agnes Schweinsberg were devout Roman Catholics.

Educated in Roman Catholic schools and colleges, I served for seven years as an acolyte, assisting the priest in the celebration of the Mass.

At the age of eighteen I entered the Royal Australian Naval Reserve and worked hard at the study of seamanship, navigation and radio operating. I was a proud young man when I received a gold medal from the Navy Department for having gained second place for efficiency.

When almost twenty years of age I obtained work with a large pharmacy and decided to make this my life's occupation.

Just a few months after making the decision to become a pharmacist and chemist, I was converted.

As I was walking along a street in New Castle, Australia, one night, a young man, standing on a busy street corner, handed me a New Testament. Handing out to the passers-by cheap paper-covered editions of the New Testament, he seemed not to be giving them out at random, but rather to be selecting the ones who were to be recipients. As I came along he handed me one, with the injunction, "Take this home and read it."

I have never known who that young man was. I do not expect ever to find him until, in Glory, I have the privilege of thanking him for that day's work.

I accepted the little Testament and casually read portions of it. Then it began to grip my heart. I would read it for hours. It was the first copy of the New Testament I had ever seen, although from my study of Catholic doctrine, I was familiar with certain quotations of Christ. In this little book, however, I found all the words of Christ. I saw that, when they were read in their context, the meaning was often very different from that which I had been lead to believe.

After three weeks of intensive reading of this New Testament, the Spirit of God wrought a great consciousness of spiritual need. I came to John 3:3, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Right then I became conscious of the fact that all my confessions to a priest, all

my attendance at Mass, all my religious rituals were insufficient. That night I knelt alone and made salvation personal. I remember praying, "Lord, I don't know what it means to 'be born again' but, whatever this is, I want to." I arose from my knees conscious of the fact that God had heard my prayer and that I was "born again." From that moment this blessed consciousness has been an ever present experience.

From the instant I came into personal fellowship with Christ, I felt I should serve Him as a missionary.

My people were overwhelmed at the change that had come over me. They refused to have any interest in me any longer; so, two weeks after being saved, I was turned out of home.

Feeling the need for further preparation to serve as a missionary, I resigned my work in the pharmacy and entered the Missionary and Bible College in Sydney. While in this institution I began the study of the various denominations, comparing them with the Word of God. I would not join any church until I was satisfied I had found that which was closest to the New Testament. After two years of study I was lead to the little Baptist church in Haberfield, New South Wales, where I was baptized and, following the custom of the Baptist churches in Australia, I was called upon to give an oral testimony before the congregation.

After graduating from the Missionary and Bible College, I was privileged to take a short course in Tropical Diseases and Medicine in the University of Sydney. I then entered a Dental Hospital for a six months' course in practical dental training after which I worked as assistant in the casualty ward of the North Sydney Hospital.

In 1933 I was accepted by the Bolivian Indian Mission for work in Bolivia, and in September of the same year sailed for that land.

It was my joy to work almost five years, mainly among the Quechua Indians who are the true descendants of the Incas. While in this republic I met and married Dorothy Brickell, from Missouri. Together, we labored in the interior of Bolivia in the fanatical town of Totora. The work was difficult and slow, but God gave us blessing. We had the joy of having one of our church members enter the Baptist Seminary at El Paso. This young man, Augusto Orellana is a real Quechua. Not only did we carry on our ministry of preaching and teaching, but it was necessary to do considerable medical work for the relief of those unfortunate people.

We felt our lack of adequate preparation; so on coming to the United States for our first furlough, we entered the Southwestern Baptist Seminary where we received singular blessing from the Lord.

While we were in the Seminary, the North Fort Worth Baptist Church graciously voted to support us if we were appointed by the Board for Colombia. God honored their faith and ours and, on October 11, 1941, we were commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board to open work for Southern Baptists in Colombia.

After making a survey of this vast republic of Colombia, we are convinced that this field is one of the greatest that Baptists have entered in recent years. There are large cities with almost no evangelical work being done, and there are hundreds of large towns with absolutely no gospel witness of any kind. The recent construction of roads into the interior have made Colombia accessible as never before for missionary work. We are facing a time of opportunity that is a challenge. God grant that we may measure up to it.

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*Dorothy Brickell Schweinsberg*  
—I was born at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, on October 7, 1904. There were two older brothers; my twin sister died shortly after birth.

When about eight years of age I became a member of a Christian church. Although I attended services quite regularly, I was a worldly member and knew nothing about a personal experience of salvation until I was about twenty-three years old.

Immediately after conversion I had a desire to study the Bible in some school, and in January 1920, I left Missouri to enter the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. For six years I had been working as billing clerk for a wholesale grocery company in my home



town. While studying at Moody I worked in one of the offices there to pay expenses. I had no idea what my future work would be, but I believed that God would work out my future.

After having been in the Bible Institute for nine months I had a deep desire to become a foreign missionary. Through an appeal given by a returned missionary from Peru, God called me to service in South America.

After completing the missionary medical course, in April 1932, I returned to my home in Missouri. I had made application to the Bolivian Indian Mission and in July I received appointment. In October of the same year I sailed from Los Angeles.

For about two and a half years I lived in Cochabamba, Bolivia, serving for two years as treasurer of the Mission. There I met Harry Schweinsberg from Australia who was a member of the same Mission. We were married in August 1935, and went to Totora, a town of some 7,000 inhabitants, to begin our home and our missionary service together.

The following year a baby boy came to our home. We had the joy of keeping him for only fourteen months.

In 1938 we returned to the States for furlough. We made our home in Texas, and Mr. Schweinsberg enrolled in Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Seminary Hill. I had the privilege of attending some classes but, because of our two baby girls, I did not finish my course.

In October 1941, we were thrilled to be accepted by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, to open work in Colombia, South America. The North Fort Worth Baptist Church volunteered to provide our support, and we shall ever be grateful to the friends there. Many other friends furnished necessary provisions for us; to all of them we are indebted and we pray God's blessing upon each one.

We have been only a few months here in Barranquilla, Colombia, and are astounded at the great need. We covet the interest of praying friends that we may be used of God in this work.

### *To Greet the Day*

This is the day which the Lord hath made.  
Thus I will greet it, all unafraid.  
Something of good shall come with each hour,  
Something of courage, of kindness, of power;  
Something of tenderness, something of cheer;  
Patience to face every task that is here.  
Thou, the All-present, stay closely today,  
Pointing new beauties along the old way.

Thou, the All-knowing, teach me to know  
Wise things and true things, as onward I go.  
New-born each morning, lo, I awake.  
Grateful my tribute to Thee then I make.  
I dwell in Deity; God dwells in me;  
May this day strengthen this blest unity.

—DORA HEPNER MOITORET.



# Thrilling Appeal From Kettering

By CHARLES E. MADDY

One hundred and fifty years ago the Christian world was thrilled with the story sent out from the little town of Kettering, in the English Midlands, that a Baptist Foreign Missionary Society had been organized and that William Carey was going out to India to make Christ known to the vast multitudes of that distant land.

This same Missionary Society is very much alive in battered and bleeding England today. Their Mission House in London destroyed by German bombs, the Society has moved back to Kettering. From the same room in which the Society met one hundred and fifty years ago, comes the following ringing challenge—a plea for religious liberty in a world gone mad with the lust for war and for the suppression of all forms of liberty.

## RESOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY PASSED AT A MEETING HELD AT KETTERING ON TUESDAY, 8TH OF JULY, 1941

The General Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society are deeply disturbed by the suppression or denial of religious liberty in many lands and its serious limitation in others. They affirm that an essential element in any satisfactory post-war settlement is the recognition by all States of the right of all men and nations to the enjoyment of full religious liberty, and urge the British Government to emphasize its entire agreement in this matter with the repeated public declarations of President Roosevelt. They further appeal to the Baptist World Alliance to urge its constituent bodies, so far as it is able to communicate with them, to re-assert the

historic Baptist principle of religious freedom, and to endeavor to create a public opinion which shall insure not only the restoration of rights recently withdrawn but the world-wide application of a principle which is accepted by all free and democratic peoples.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE MONMOUTHSHIRE ENGLISH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN ITS ANNUAL MEETING ASSEMBLED AT BLAENAVON, JUNE 12, 1941

This meeting is profoundly disturbed by the widespread loss of religious freedom in Europe, and the persecution of religious minorities. We regret that the Roman Catholic Church condones this denial of religious liberty in countries where she has unfettered ecclesiastical authority. We affirm the right of all men and nations to full religious freedom, and no proposals for peace or the building of a new world can be satisfactory which ignore this human right. We regret that the Pope's "Peace Points" include no recognition of it, and we regard this omission as making it impossible for Baptists and other Free Churches to accept his statement as adequate.

We believe the present evils in the world are due to the failure of nations and peoples to carry out the laws of God. No permanent peace is possible unless the principles of the Christian religion are made the foundation of national policy and of all social life. This involves regarding all nations as members of one family under the Fatherhood of God. We claim for men and nations the four noble freedoms set forth by President Roosevelt: Freedom of thought and speech; freedom of every person to worship God in his own way; freedom from want; freedom from fear.

We call upon the members of our churches and other Free Churches never to relax the struggle towards this ideal for civilization.

## A TIMELY HINT

All over the South listeners have been thrilled by Alberta Steward's story, "All of You Have Shoes." It was a meeting of a small group of women to pray for and to give to state missions—women who had little of this world's wealth. The leader had finished the program and was making her plea for a generous offering for the great home needs that had been presented. Back and forth across the front of the room she walked peering closely at the feet of each woman there. (Only on special occasions do the poor women of North Brazil wear real shoes, most of the time they can afford only inexpensive cloth covering for their feet.) This day the women wore their cherished shoes. "Every one of you here has on shoes!" the leader exclaimed. "How did you get those shoes? You worked and saved for them, because you wanted them. If you can wear shoes, you can give to the Lord. Double your offering." And they did.

—MRS. GEORGE McWILLIAMS

## WHAT SHALL I RENDER UNTO JEHOVAH?

What shall I give to thee, O Lord?

The kings that came of old  
Laid softly on thy cradle rude  
Their incense myrrh, and gold.

The martyrs gave their hearts' warm blood;  
Their ashes strewed thy way;  
They spurned their lives and dreams and dust  
To speed thy coming day.

Thou know'st of sweet and precious things  
My store is scant and small;  
Yet wert thou here in want and woe,  
Lord, I would give thee all.

Then came a voice from heavenly heights:  
"Unclose thine eyes and see,  
Gifts to the least of those I love  
Thou givest unto me."

—Rose Terry Cooke.

# Studying Missions

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## SPRING CLASSES

We are hoping that already leaders are planning their mission study classes for the late spring and summer and that many church schools of missions will be held in April and May. In considering the textbooks for your classes and schools of missions, we again call attention to the series of books on World Missions. This series has been remarkably and cordially received, but there are many who have not yet studied the books. Surely every Southern Baptist should study a World Mission book because it tells of our own work on every mission field. If you have not already taken one of the books do not let the spring season pass without joining a class on World Missions.

## MISSION STUDY AND THE COMMISSION

Every member of a mission study class should be a regular reader of *THE COMMISSION*. Mission study gives the fundamental principles while *THE COMMISSION* furnishes the current material for filling in and completing the picture. Mission study leaders would find it a great help in their work if they could induce each member of the class to become a subscriber to *THE COMMISSION*.

## THE CATECHISM

When you want a tract on the historical background of the Foreign Mission Board together with the latest statistics from the mission fields; when you desire a tract to supplement a foreign mission study book; when you need a tract to distribute at any missionary meeting write for the *Catechism on the Work of the Foreign Mission Board*, stating the number of copies you need, and a supply will be sent to you by return mail.

## A CHALLENGE TO MISSION STUDY CLASSES

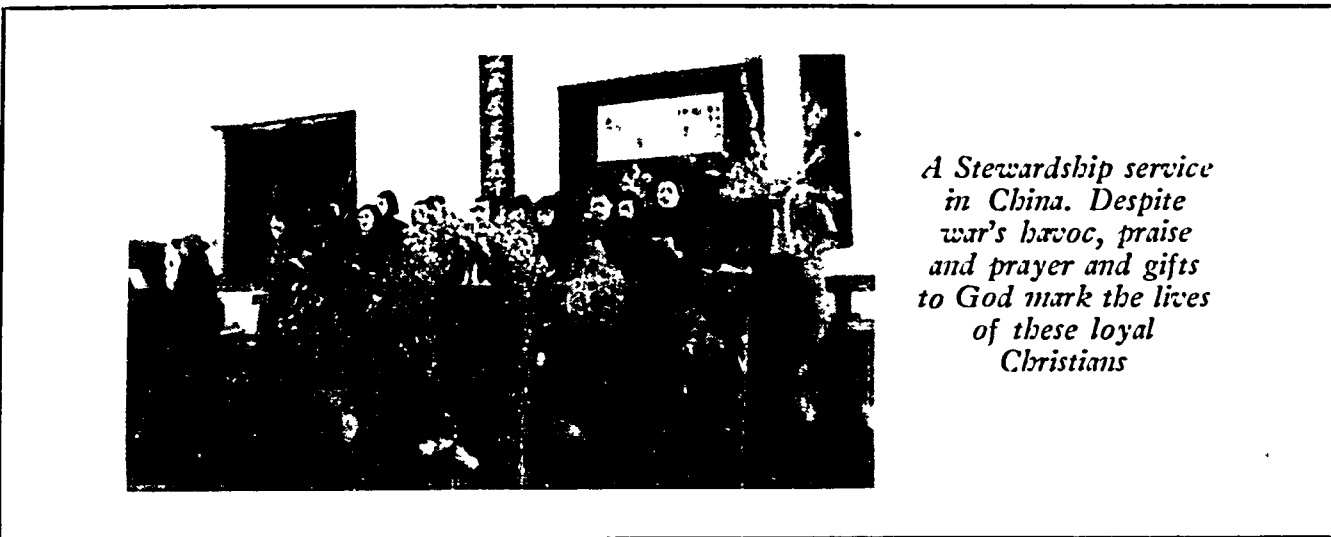
It is hard for us to visualize starvation because we have not seen it. It is difficult to make real to ourselves a picture of men and women and children lying naked, dying by the roadsides and at the city gates. We have heard from our missionaries who have witnessed such scenes, the story of thousands in China who die every day from hunger, and of the hundreds of thousands who are doomed to death from starvation if relief does not reach them immediately.

Dr. Charles E. Maddry has been charged by the World Emergency Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention with the responsibility of raising \$300,000.00 during the month of April, to relieve the tragic and awful suffering of people in China and Europe.

We believe that the scope of mission study covers every object and problem which concerns Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. Members of mission study classes, mission study institutes, and church schools of missions who are looking for practical ways of crystallizing into action their new impulse to help meet the need of the world today, will find a place for real service in enlisting their friends and family and the members of their churches in the Foreign Mission Board's effort to raise the \$300,000.00 for World Relief in April.

For all who are willing to help in this great Southern Baptist project, we have prepared a special Relief Poster, a reprint of the tract *Give Ye Them to Eat*, and duplicates of the sixteen millimeter film "Feeding the Hungry."

For a supply of the tract and the poster and information about making reservation for the motion picture, write to the Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia.



*A Stewardship service  
in China. Despite  
war's havoc, praise  
and prayer and gifts  
to God mark the lives  
of these loyal  
Christians*

# Lift Up Your Eyes and Look

By T. W. AYERS



*Dr. Ayers—one of the first medical missionaries sent by Southern Baptists to China—built Warren Memorial Hospital at Hwanghsien—the first hospital Southern Baptists had on foreign soil*

Early in his missionary life Matthew T. Yates, the first Southern Baptist missionary to the great city of Shanghai, China, was led by God to lift up his eyes and look north of Shanghai, where he saw two hundred million people who had never heard the name of Jesus. In all that great section of country there was no Christian man or woman to tell them that God had a Son who died to save them. Think of it! Less than one hundred years ago, two hundred million people in one section of one country who had never heard the name of Jesus! When that great young North Carolina missionary caught this vision, it is not strange that he sent a great Macedonian call to America for some one to come over to North China to tell these millions about Jesus.

So far as is known from the record of missions, the first person to hear and respond favorably to this Macedonian call of Matthew T. Yates was a cultured young Baptist woman of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, named Martha Foster. Her family, the most prominent in the city, held membership in old Grand Church a few miles distant.

This refined young woman, after much prayer, consecrated her life to Christ, accepting the challenge to go thousands of miles from home and loved ones to tell, to a people of whom she knew but little, the story of Jesus and His love. Her great decision Martha Foster kept in her heart, not even telling her parents about it.

One Sunday morning, soon after she had consecrated her life to this great task, she was with her

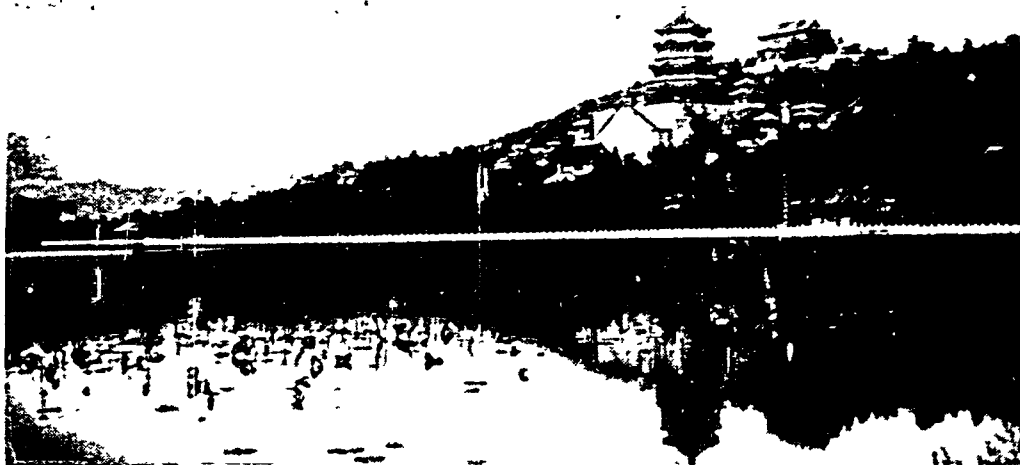
parents at the country church. That morning the old pastor, Dr. Teague, after preaching a really great sermon on missions, called for a volunteer to go in answer to the appeal from Matthew T. Yates. Martha Foster made her way to the aisle and started toward the pastor, but her father, Deacon Foster, stepped in between her and the pastor and said: "Martha, Martha, the pastor was not calling for *you*, but for some other man's son or daughter."

Putting her arms around her dear old father she explained to him that she had already definitely given her life for this task. Then the father, with tears rolling down his face, said: "Daughter, if you have made the sacrifice to go, your father will have to make the sacrifice for Jesus' sake to be willing for you to go." Never before had there been such an hour in old Grant Church, and there was dedicated that day the first person in the world, of any denomination, to be set apart to carry the gospel to North China.

Following this dedication, Mr. Teague sent Martha Foster's application to the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. In answer there came a letter from Dr. James B. Taylor, Secretary of the Board, saying that he thanked God that this fine young woman had been led to consecrate her life to the glorious task, but regretted exceedingly to have to say that the Foreign Mission Board could not send an unmarried woman to China. So the door was temporarily closed to Martha Foster. However she did not give up the hope of going, but prayed constantly and earnestly that the opportunity would yet be opened to her. Meanwhile she became a teacher and had a school in a country village near her home in Tuscaloosa.

Not long after the door had been closed to Martha Foster, a young Baptist preacher by the name of T. P. Crawford in Union University, Tennessee,

*Temple of  
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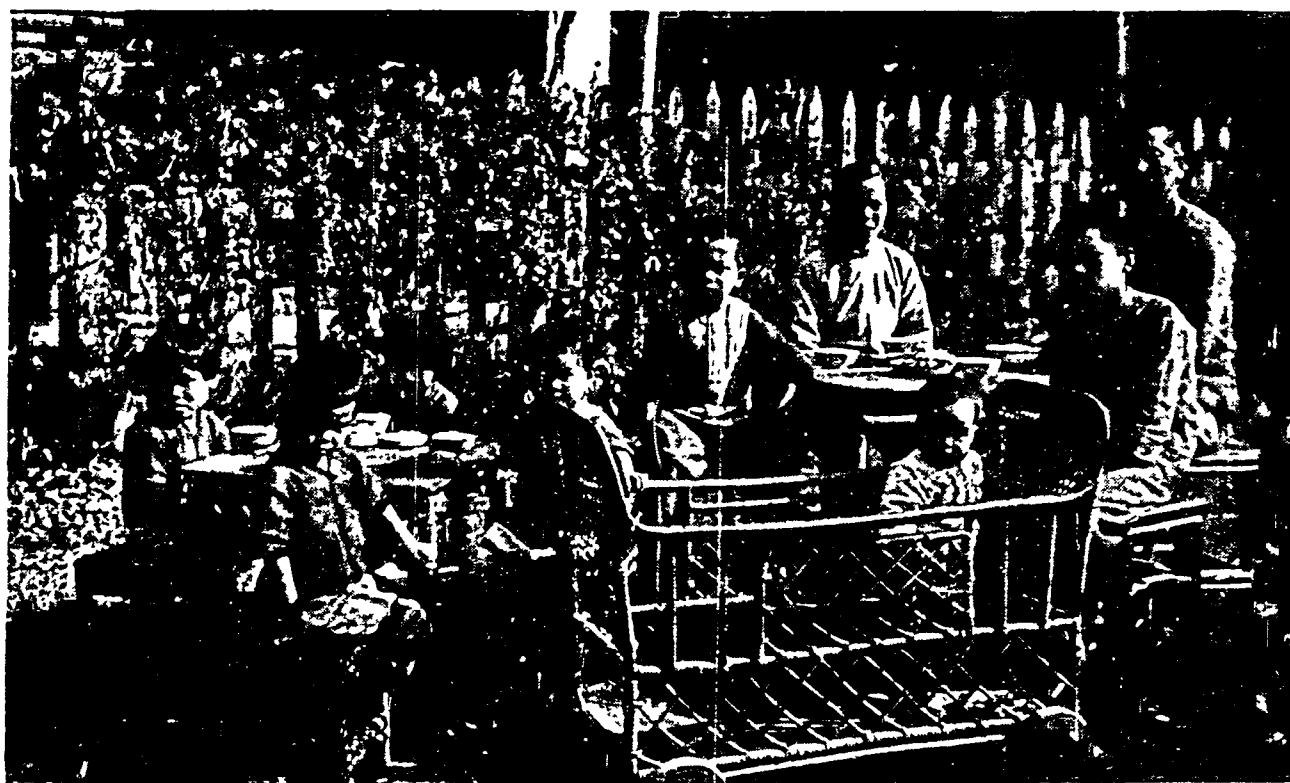


*at  
Winter  
Palace,  
Peking*

had the same call that Martha Foster had heard, and he was invited to come before the Foreign Mission Board to be examined.

After the appointment of this young man, the heart of Dr. James B. Taylor, the secretary, went out in pity to him as he thought of his going alone so far away. Inviting the young appointee into his office, Dr. Taylor said: "Is it true that you have no prospect of marriage?" The young man answered: "No prospect whatever." Then Dr. Taylor said to him: "I have something to tell you that may be of interest to you. There is a fine young woman down in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who has had the same call you have heard. She made her application, but we had to decline to appoint her because we cannot

young man with the same characteristics that I discovered in him in China after he had grown to be an old man—going directly after what he wanted and fighting to the last ditch to obtain it. When Miss Foster entered he greeted her as follows: "You are Miss Foster. I am T. P. Crawford, a young Baptist preacher, a graduate of Union University in Tennessee. I have recently been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as a missionary to North China. While at the meeting of the Board I learned from Dr. James B. Taylor, the secretary, that you had applied to be appointed as a missionary to North China, but that the Board had to refuse you because it could not send an unmarried woman to China. I have come



*Chinese Evangelist and Family, Wuchow, China*

send an unmarried woman to China." In answer to this, young Crawford said: "I consider this a providential indication that I should go to Alabama."

The young man returned to his home, saddled his horse and started for Alabama. After reaching the village where Miss Foster was living, he inquired where the village school teacher boarded. Securing this information, he went immediately to her boarding house. Writing on a piece of paper "T. P. Crawford," he asked that the manager take it to Miss Foster. On seeing the name Miss Foster asked, "Who is he?" and the manager answered, "Don't ask me; I never saw him before." Then the young teacher asked, "What does he want?" and the manager answered, "He wants you." "What must I do? Would you go down to see him?" "I think I would, as he is a nice looking young man."

When she reached the living room she found a

down her to see if we cannot arrange to go together."

"Mr. Crawford," the young woman replied, "I do not understand. I do not get your meaning."

"Miss Foster," he said, "I have been appointed as a missionary; you want to be appointed; we have had the same call. I see no reason why I should not be perfectly frank and say that I have come to see if we cannot go to China together as Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Crawford."

"How sudden! This is so absurd that I must refuse even to discuss it with you until I can see my parents."

"That will be easy. Tomorrow is Saturday, and you do not have to teach. I will be here in the morning riding my Tennessee horse and leading a gentle Alabama horse with a side-saddle. We will ride into Tuscaloosa and see your parents."

"I don't know about that."

"Don't you want to see your parents?"

"Of course, I do."

"Then, we will go to see them in the morning."

"Well, I suppose there will be nothing wrong in going with you."

After Miss Foster had introduced Mr. Crawford to her parents, she left the room immediately, for she felt sure the young preacher would lose no time in telling the purpose of his visit. And he didn't. After he had his say, Deacon Foster was indignant, and said to the man that he must be crazy, and declined to discuss it with him. To get rid of him, he proposed to take him to Dr. Manly, a close personal friend, and let him say to him what he had to say.

Dr. Manly heard the young man patiently and sympathetically. He gave him his blessing, and then went with him to see Mr. and Mrs. Foster. It was decided that no definite understanding should be hastily reached; that they should wait and see if they could really love each other. They did learn to love each other, and they did cross the Pacific as Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Crawford.

The Crawfords were not the first missionaries to go to North China. When they reached there in 1863, after having a period of service in Shanghai, they had been preceded by Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Holmes and Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Hartwell, who went in 1860.

When I went to North China in 1901 Mrs. Crawford had grown old in the service which she loved, and I saw her living in the lives of great teachers and Bible women. No missionary was more helped by the work she had done than was I, for it was she who had taught my dear old Teacher Chu, who was worth more to me for twenty-five years than any man has ever been. Mrs. Crawford not only taught him, but she led him to Christ. How he did love her!

One day Teacher Chu came into my office with tears literally pouring down his cheeks, and said, "Mother Crawford has gone. Mother Crawford has gone to heaven. A few of us who were her pupils have just been in a conference trying to decide what we can do to express our love for her and to tell something of the wonderful work she did while living among us."

These pupils sent to Laichowfu and bought a beautiful marble slab, and then Teacher Chu with hammer and chisel carved on it Chinese characters telling of the love of her pupils, and something of the wonderful work she had done. They took the slab and put it into the wall of the old Baptist church in Tungchow, the first church of any denomination organized in North China. There it is today as a monument to "Mother Crawford," and I pray it will be there when Jesus comes again.



## "Builders of a Spiritual Kingdom"

*"I have my own ambition. It is not  
To mount on eagle wings and soar away  
Beyond the palings of our common lot,  
Scorning the griefs and joys of every day;  
I would be human—toiling like the rest,  
With tender human heart-beats in my breast."*

ELLEN PALMER ALLERTON.



While they yet live, let us pay our just and sincere tribute to Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox of Belo Horizonte, Brazil—those veteran missionaries whose pioneer building will compare favorably with that of the patriarch saints of any age. No task, in the Lord, has been so great but that they have undertaken, preserved, and achieved. The message has borne the fire of the Holy Spirit, as did Peter's on the Day of Pentecost; their gentleness has won the

hearts of proclaimed enemies—the gentleness of a John whose ideals of Christian love were able to abide through the ravages and the scourge of time. Having been persecuted and stoned, they have thus become partners with Stephen and Paul. Through more than half a century they have been Christ's evangelists and have carried His message both on their lips and in their lives. We honor them, for their labors have not been in vain.



## THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

### SOME GEMS FROM THE SALT

By ARTHUR R. GALLIMORE

Some one, in writing about the world's "common people," called them "salty." The world is made up largely of common people, and so many millions of them are now what are termed refugees.

On a recent Sunday I baptized fourteen homeless refugees. Unlettered and sweaty they were. They could not be otherwise than "sweaty" in this tropical climate. But on that Sunday morning they honored the occasion by looking their best. There are many refugees whom we have chosen to call gems from the salt. Certain combinations of salt make gems, it is said.

Little Mun Wun is the adopted daughter of the preacher in the Tung Shan Church in Canton. She is about three years old. Rescued from starvation and cold and fear, she is a real sunbeam in her new home. Her name, of course, was given to her, but nobody knows the date of her birthday. The young preacher, her foster father, has said that the day that she accepts Christ as her Saviour is to be recognized as her birthday.

Another little refugee girl landed in the hospital, a mere handful of flesh and brittle bones—wasting away with starvation. Weak and frightened and alone in a big war-wrecked world she was a pitiful little waif. So weak was she that she could hardly raise her hand. Before entering the hospital she had never heard of the God who loves and pities His children; but now, in answer to the question, "Who feeds you?" she smiles, raises her weak little hand, and points heavenward saying, "My Heavenly Father."

Then there's the little seven-year-old boy and his sister who is two years old. Their mother died suddenly and these two were left as charges of the missionaries. We have never seen a more tender and beautiful sight than the way in which A-Ngan, the boy, takes care of his little sister. None of the Eastern feeling of superiority in him. They are both provided for by Miss Lydia Greene in connection with her refugee kindergarten.

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### GOD IS LOVE

An ancient legend tells of a proud knight who was an infidel and who boldly denied that there was a God. One day he decided to prove to himself and his companions that there was no God.

Armed with his gleaming sword and ready for combat, the knight threw his glove on the ground. That was the way in which one knight used to challenge another to fight. Then, looking up to heaven, the godless knight called out in bold defiance, bidding God to come and fight with him.

Waiting for some answer, the knight stood looking toward the sky when he noticed a scrap of parchment floating through the air and dropping at his feet. There seemed to be nowhere from which it could have come and the young man, curious in regard to it, stooped and picked it up. Unfolding it he read the words, "God is love." Impressed by this unexpected message the knight broke his sword into fragments and, kneeling down he asked forgiveness of the God of love and peace. There on his knees he vowed to love and serve the only true God and to use his strength to help his fellowmen.



*Miss Lydia Green and some of the hungry little Chinese children. She is able to feed them each day because Southern Baptist girls and boys send her money with which to buy food.*

# NEWS FLASHES

GENE NEWTON

## *Sailings*

February 11, 1942, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. McGavock, Rev. and Mrs. W. Q. Maer and Miss Ethel Singleton sailed from New Orleans for Chile. In Cristobal they joined Miss Lois Hart, who sailed from New York on February 18. Miss Hart is going to Antofagasta, Mr. and Mrs. Maer and Miss Singleton to Temuco, and Mr. and Mrs. McGavock to Santiago.

## *Arrivals*

On February 16, 1942 Rev. and Mrs. John Allen Moore and Miss Ruby Daniel arrived in Florida from Lisbon, Portugal. Miss Daniel wired of her arrival after a miraculous trip.

## *Announcements*

Rev. and Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman announce the arrival of a daughter, Evelyn Lucille, on February 10, 1942.

On February 14, 1942 a daughter, Janet Lynn, was born to Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Ross of Galveston, Texas. Mrs. Ross is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Beddoe of Wuchow, China.

Through an error announcement was omitted of the marriage of Miss Pearl Dunstan of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to Rev. C. F. Stapp of Parahyba, Brazil on July 30, 1941. The wedding ceremony took place in Rio. Mr. and Mrs. Stapp are making their home in Parahyba.

## *Starmer's in Lisbon*

A telegram from the Department of State has brought the good news that Rev. and Mrs. Roy F. Starmer and their infant son were able to leave Bucharest with the official party. At the time of this writing they are in Lisbon, awaiting transportation to the United States.

## *Missionaries from the Orient*

Miss Blanche Bradley is a nurse at the Tubercular Sanatorium, Alto, Georgia. . . Miss Jessie Green is

working with Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia. . . Miss Pearl Johnson is doing very effective work among the Chinese in Houston, Texas. . . Miss Cecile Lancaster is working with a group of twenty Japanese in Houston.

## *April Board Meeting*

The Foreign Mission Board will meet in semi-annual session April 21-22 in the Richmond office.



*Mrs. Anne R. Margrett of Rosario, Argentina and her six-year-old daughter, Doreen*

## *Transfer of Hawaiian Missionaries*

Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm W. Stuart have moved from Wahiawa to Honolulu where they will have enlarged opportunities for work among the service men. Miss Alice Huey and Miss Clarabel Isdell are living with them.

## *Deepest Sympathy*

A telegram brings the shocking news of the sudden death of little Ann O'Neal, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Paul O'Neal, on February 20 in Birmingham, Alabama. Ann endeared herself to Southern Baptists before sailing for Nigeria, just a year ago, on the ill-fated *Zam Zam*, and it was with joy that she was welcomed back to America. We grieve with Dr. and Mrs. O'Neal in the loss of this precious child.

## TWENTY THOUSAND "WARPHANS" (WAR ORPHANS) FIND HOMES

One million orphans have been invited to come West by Mdme. Chiang and six hundred Chinese women. Here they will find food and shelter. These children must travel by night lest they should be bombed. After two miles the children must rest,

after five miles they must have food, and after ten miles they must sleep. Some twenty thousand of these "Warphans" have already arrived in the West and have found food and shelter. Hundreds have already been adopted into homes.

# Names and Locations of Missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board

**Africa: George Green, M. D., Sec.**

## NIGERIA

**Abeokuta**, via Lagos—Miss Susan Anderson,\* Miss Willie Kate Baldwin, B. T. Griffin,\* Mrs. Griffin,\* I. N. Patterson, Mrs. Patterson, Miss May Perry, Miss Elizabeth Truly. **Iwo**, via Lagos—L. Raymon Brothers, Mrs. Brothers, Wilfred H. H. Congdon,\* Mrs. Congdon,\* Miss Alma Graves, Miss Lena Lair, H. R. Littleton, Mrs. Littleton, Hugh P. McCormick,\* Mrs. McCormick,\* Miss Mildred Smith. **Lagos**—A. Scott Patterson,\* Mrs. Patterson,\* J. B. Adair, Mrs. Adair. **Ogbomosho**, via Lagos—George Green, M.D., Mrs. Green, Miss Ruth Kersey, C. W. Knight, Miss Kathleen Manley,\* H. D. McCamey, D.D.S., Mrs. McCamey, R. U. Northrip, M.D., Mrs. Northrip, Miss Vivian Nowell, J. Paul O'Neal, M.D.,\* Mrs. O'Neal,\* J. Christopher Pool,\* Mrs. Pool,\* Miss Eva M. Sanders,\* H. Glenn Walker, M.D., Mrs. Walker. **Ede**—Miss Neale C. Young.\* **Oyo**, via Lagos—Miss Ethel Harmon,\* Miss Isabella Moore, V. Lavell Seats, Mrs. Seats. **Sapele**—M. E. Brantley, Mrs. Brantley. **Port Harcourt**—Box 132—W. H. Carson, Mrs. Carson. **Benin City**—Miss Ruth Walden, Miss Josephine Scaggs. **Shaki**, via Lagos—Miss Hattie Gardner, Miss Margaret Marchman, J. C. Powell, Mrs. Powell, Miss Amanda Tinkle.\* **Igede**, via Ado-Ekiti—A. C. Donath, Mrs. Donath.

**Emeritus Missionaries:** Mrs. L. M. Duval, 226 Douglas Ave., St. John, N. B., Canada; Mrs. Carrie G. Lumbley, 24 St. Alban's Crescent, Bournemouth, Eng.; Dr. and Mrs. E. G. MacLean, Cody, Queens County, N. B., Canada.

## ARGENTINA

**Bahia Blanca**—Erhardt Swenson, Mrs. Swenson. **Buenos Aires**—General Urquiza 186—M. S. Blair, Mrs. Blair, Miss Minnie McIlroy; Fray Justo Sarmiento, 1735 Florida, F. C. C. A.—Wm. L. Cooper, Mrs. Cooper; Ramon Falcon 4100—Miss Martha Thomas Ellis, Miss Beatrice Glass; Zapiola 475, Ituzaingo, F. C. O.—C. O. Gillis, Mrs. Gillis; Dante 36—L. C. Quarles, Mrs. Quarles; Ensenada 269—H. B. Ramsour, Mrs. Ramsour; Rafaela 3576—D. F. Askew, Mrs. Askew. **Cipolletti**—F. C. S. Rio Negro—G. A. Bowdler, Mrs. Bowdler. **Cordoba**—Cerro Las Rosas—V. L. David, Mrs. David. **Godoy Cruz**—Maipu 104, Mendoza—J. C. Quarles,\* Mrs. Quarles,\* Miss Vada Waldron. **Tucuman**—General Paz 1410—Paul Freeman, Mrs. Freeman. **Rosario**—Calle Maipu 3132—T. B. Hawkins, Mrs. Hawkins; Ade Julio 2775—Mrs. Anne Sowell Margrett.

**Emeritus Missionaries:** Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Elder, Calle Almirante Brown, 714, Temperley, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mrs. F. J. Fowler, Box 626, Hendersonville, N. C.; Mrs. R. L. Logan, 815 Moore St., Bristol, Va.; Rev. S. M. Sowell, General Urquiza 186, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

## URUGUAY

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Institutional Employees' Pension Plan— Orphanages .....	1-1-1936	257	12	19,444.75	31	8,150.16	64,878.17
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Ministers' Retirement Plan (18 States and District of Columbia) .....	S. C. 7-1-1938. All other states 1939-40-41. D. C., 1942	4,902	7,561	546,469.30	372	131,270.72	1,022,208.14
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		7,380	7,764	\$744,815.59	1,234	\$433,834.07	\$4,510,628.68

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