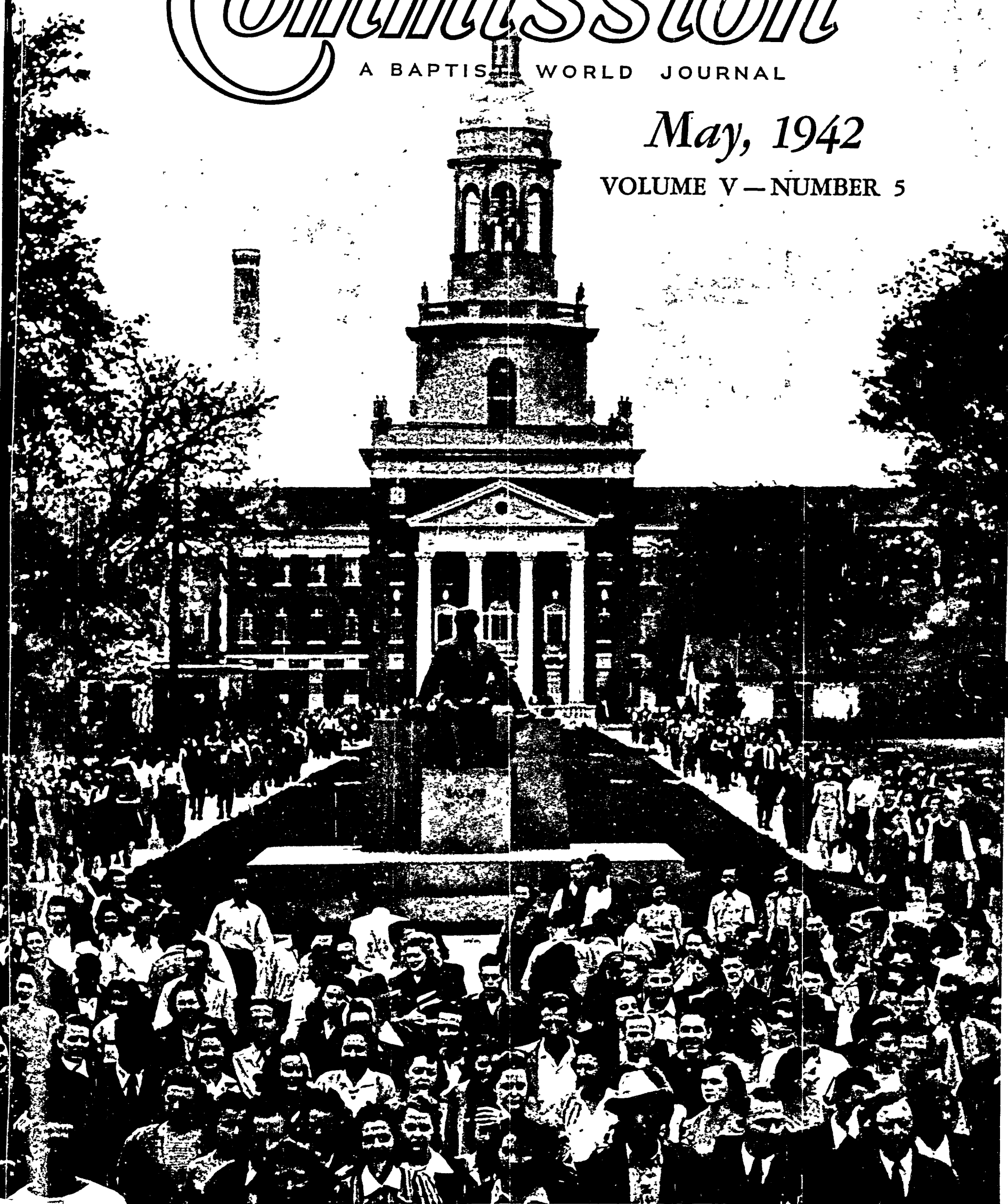


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I Shall Pray for You

"I shall pray for you. Each day," you said,
 "My voice shall lift
 In your behalf. . . ."
 Oh, friend of mine,
 There is no gift,
 Though you should search the wide world through,
 That can compare

With the precious, shining white weight
 Of your prayer.
 "Pray one for another," we are told.
 I, too, shall pray
 For you and for each troubled heart
 In need today.

—GRACE NOLL CROWELL

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*Whither the tribes go up,
The tribes of the Lord unto the Testimony of Israel,
to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.*

—Psalm 122:4

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Baptist World Emergency Committee Southern Baptist Convention

Our Dear Fellow Preacher:

On behalf of the Baptist World Emergency Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, we send you our most cordial Christian greetings, with every best wish for the highest spiritual happiness and usefulness both to yourself and the people to whom you minister, in the gospel of Christ.

We believe that you fully agree with us that we now face one of the most poignantly tragic conditions in all the history of the world. Such conditions imperiously challenge the most faithful service of Christ's people for the alleviation of human need, both temporal and spiritual, throughout the earth. We must not, dare not, fail to express our most worthy witness and service for mankind, in Christ's name, in such a tremendous hour as this.

Summoned by these unprecedented conditions, representatives of the Baptist World Emergency Committee and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, have recently held two conferences concerning our inescapable responsibility in the light of these conditions. Accordingly, the unanimous and very earnest conclusion was reached by the joint committee that our Southern Baptist churches should be asked at once to provide a sum of not less than **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS** (\$300,000.00) to help meet the awful plight of the imperiled, starving peoples, to whom we have direct access, throughout the war-torn world.

The first Sunday in April is the day unanimously agreed upon for this **EMERGENCY RELIEF OFFERING**. Where churches find it necessary to take the offering on another Sunday, we earnestly urge that it be just before or just after the first Sunday in April. It must be evident to us all that this offering should be made only after careful and prayerful preparation, both upon the part of pastors and churches. Every pastor will be provided with ample information for this appeal by the Foreign Mission Board, aided by the always faithful leadership of Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood, the honored and trusted State Secretaries, and the nobly helpful Editors of our State Baptist papers.

May we not, as the divinely appointed teachers and shepherds of our many church families, dedicate ourselves with unreserved devotion to this incomparably urgent cause and call! Remember the words of our blessed Master, when He said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

The Lord of Hosts be with us all and each, and lead on!

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

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Ministerial students

"The Little One Shall Become a Thousand"

(Isaiah 60:32)

By MRS. LILY M. RUSSELL*

Before 1845 the American Baptist Home Mission Society had sent two missionaries to Texas in response to the appeal from the church at Old Washington on the Brazos, organized in 1837, the first regular Baptist Missionary Church in Texas. The request was that "some men of understanding . . . able to confound all opposers" be sent to Texas. Many were moved by this appeal; among them Jesse Mercer of Georgia who gave \$2,500.00—a magnificent sum at that time—to the cause of missions in Texas. The minutes of the old First Baptist Church of Atlanta records the tender and touching service in which James Huckins, then in Georgia as an agent of the Home Mission Society, and William Tryon, a student in Mercer, were dedicated to missions in "the foreign land of Texas." Huckins arrived in Galveston in January, 1840, and Tryon just a year later. Judge R. E. B. Baylor, lawyer and preacher, "an effective missionary" himself, had reached Texas in 1839, and in October, 1840, had participated in the organization of Union Association, the mother of all organized mission work in Texas and, in a very real sense, the mother of Baylor University; for there the institution was conceived, brought forth, and nurtured during the early years. These three missionaries—Huckins, Tryon, and Baylor were directly responsible for the founding of

Baylor University, which thus became the child and the cherisher of the missionary spirit.

To this same missionary movement Baylor owes her first two presidents, Dr. Henry Lea Graves and Dr. Rufus C. Burleson. While Dr. Graves was a student at Colgate, James Huckins made such a fervent appeal to the student body as to the needs in Texas that Graves decided to give his life to that field, and he was elected as first president of Baylor University. When Dr. Graves resigned in 1851, Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, newly come to Texas and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Houston, which Huckins had founded, was elected to succeed him. Dr. Burleson had offered himself to the Southern Baptist Domestic Mission Board for work in Texas, and it is said that when he disembarked at Galveston he knelt in the sand and prayed that God would give him Texas for Christ.

With this missionary beginning and care in the early years it was inevitable that Baylor University should be missionary spirited. No foreign missionaries, however, went out from Baylor or from Texas in the early years of the institution.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY BEGINNINGS

In fifteen years the Civil War came to distract and drain the country, and the needs of the home land taxed the resources of the people. Texas itself was still a mission field. The first missionaries, however, sent out from Texas by the Southern Baptist Con-

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*Pat Neff Hall, with illuminated carillon tower,
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vention, W. B. Bagby and Anne Luther Bagby were from Baylor. They were appointed in 1881 to their chosen field, Brazil. Anne Luther, daughter of Dr. J. H. Luther, President of Baylor Female College, was the first volunteer. The story of the Bagby's great work is familiar to all who know anything at all about foreign missions—how, when they arrived in Brazil, there was not a Baptist church on that continent, but when Dr. Bagby's missionary endeavors came to a close in August, 1939, there were 125 Baptist missionaries and 600 churches with a membership of 60,000. "The little one" has become many thousand in South America.

To the Bagbys were added in 1882, Dr. Z. C. Taylor and his second wife, Laura Barton Taylor who shared with the Bagbys the labor and the joy of spreading the gospel in the "Land of the Southern Cross." Of the 282 missionaries sent by the Foreign Mission Board to South America, fifty-eight have been Baylor men and women; and of this number twenty-eight are serving there now.

Before 1900 only eight missionaries had gone from Baylor to foreign mission fields, and all of these except one went to Brazil. In addition to Dr. and

Mrs. W. B. Bagby and Rev. and Mrs. Z. C. Taylor were Dr. C. D. Daniel, Mrs. Lena Kirk Daniel, and E. A. Puthuff in 1885, and R. E. Neighbour in 1893. Rev. David A. Wilson answered the call to Mexico in 1886, from which Texas had won her independence only fifty years before. The religious needs of Texas up to and following Reconstruction were so pressing that more Baylor preachers had felt the call to work in the home fields rather than to go to foreign lands. Then those who felt called to foreign missions found it difficult to secure training.

However by 1900 a deep and broad foundation for foreign missions had been laid. Texas needs were becoming less acute, and money was more plentiful. A great missionary spirit had been developed at Baylor. For forty-six years Dr. Burleson, "the greatest gift any mission board ever made to Texas," had guided the destinies of Baylor at Independence and of the two institutions at Waco. Dr. B. H. Carroll, as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Waco, for twenty years president of the Baylor Board of Trustees, and for many years professor of Bible, had contributed much to the growth of the institution as a whole and particularly to the spiritual life and the missionary spirit.

THE VOLUNTEER BAND

To those two intellectual and spiritual giants, Burleson and Carroll, was added in 1888 a lad of nineteen, perhaps the most brilliant and dynamic personality of all the rich galaxy of Baylor's great men, John S. Tanner, who was made first professor of Philosophy and Bible, and by 1900, professor of New Testament Greek and Hebrew. On Thursday afternoon, December 6, 1900, Professor Tanner met twelve students who were deeply interested in missions and organized the Volunteer Band. The members were: W. B. Glass, B. L. Lockett, E. M. Levies, W. P. Graws, J. F. Norris, W. D. Holloway, Joseph Pearce, F. M. Edwards, H. H. Muirhead, D. B. Hill, Eloise Shimmins, and Eunice Taylor. R. J. Willingham, J. B. Gambrell, O. H. Cooper, W. B. Bagby, and John S. Tanner were made honorary members.

Dr. Tanner's connection with the Volunteer Band was brief, for he died the next year; but because of the influence set in motion by that quiet, prayerful group, his work will endure throughout all time and eternity. That December afternoon they covenanted together: To cultivate by closer than ordinary association, mutual prayer and counsel, a personal spiritual life; and to prepare themselves in some measure for foreign work; to these same ends to prosecute by reading and special discussion studies of mission fields, men, and methods; to assist in building up at the University a mission library; to promote, in every proper way, world-wide missions.

PIONEERS FROM BAYLOR

Only half of the group of twelve reached the mission fields, but the work of those six is known around the world. Three of them pioneered in three separate continents opening up new fields of service for Baptist missions: W. B. Glass in China, B. L. Lockett in Africa, and H. H. Muirhead in Brazil, where F. M. Edwards also labored until his death.

The importance of the work of three of these first members of the Volunteer Band and of several other Baylor missionaries has been pointed out by Mrs. J. B. Tidewell. She states that Dr. and Mrs.



President Pat M. Neff

Bagby opened the South American continent to the Baptists; Dr. B. L. Lockett blazed a trail in darkest Africa; Mrs. Annie Jenkins Sallee with her husband, Dr. W. Eugene Sallee, pioneered in Interior China; Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Muirhead extended the field of

missionary endeavor within the borders of Brazil.

Through the forty-two years of the existence of the Volunteer Band there have been nearly a thousand active members, though only about one hundred have reached foreign mission fields. Many, having been compelled to give up their plans, have gone into special work in the home field.

"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS"

Baylor has sought, throughout the years, to keep alive and vital the "Faith of our fathers, living still." Through a carefully chosen faculty, actively Christian; through organizations designed to afford opportunity for cultivation of Christian graces and to open avenues of Christian service to all the students: the B. S. U., the Y. W. A., Volunteer Band, Ministerial Alliance and Baylor Ministers' Wives, the training unions and Sunday school classes in nearby churches; the daily chapel; the Baylor Religious Hour on Wednesday nights; the annual meeting; Religious Focus Week in February this year; the morning watch; the friendship circles—through all these agencies has been created a religious atmosphere vital to the development of students into all-round active Christian men and women. These activities are all co-ordinated under the B. S. U. headed by the Director of Religious Activities, Mr. Robert S. Denny.

Mr. Denny does a great service off the campus, too, in arranging for student programs of both speaking and music in the churches, planning especially for "student night" programs at Christmas, and using not only ministerial students and volunteers, but any talented and trained students thus giving all opportunity for Christian service.

More recent Baylor missionary pioneers are now in Hawaii and the Philippines where new work has begun as a result of the compulsory evacuation of mission fields in China and Japan. Rev. Victor Koon and his wife, Aurora Lee Hargrove Koon and Mrs. Edythe Boyd Stuart, forced out of China, and also Itsuko Saito who had just returned to her native land, are all working in Hawaii; as are H. H. Culpepper and Ruth Cochrane Culpepper who were appointed to work in China.

IN MISSION LANDS TODAY

Many other Baylor missionaries are among those still in the war zones. In North China are: C. L. Culpepper, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Glass and Lois; in Central China: Mary Alexander, Wilson Fielder, Hannah Faire Sallee, Dr. Ethel Pierce, and Blanche Groves; in Interior China: Mrs. Annie Jenkins Sallee; in South China: Dr. John Miller (who went out only last summer), Dr. R. E. Beddoe, Rex Ray Dr. B. J. Cauthen and Eloise Glass Cauthen.*

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*See Special Issue of THE COMMISSION, January, 1942.

Kingdom Facts and Factors

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WHO WILL MAKE THE PEACE?

There is in Christian circles in Great Britain and the United States much discussion of the terms and conditions of the peace that will terminate this war, and of the nature of the peace and the order that is to follow. In political circles also these subjects receive attention. Always it is assured that these two nations will be the determining voices at the peace table. In the United States especially this assumption is bold and unquestioning. It is time for sober thinking. Have we in America the knowledge, the experience, the humility, the human concern, the acceptance of God's right and claim in human affairs to fit us for a major role in peace making? And Americans might well begin to ponder the possibility that they may not have the major part in the councils that map a new order.

It is now quite clear that Great Britain and the United States cannot win the war without very great reliance on China and India, possibly also without great help from some of the Latin American states. But for the amazing showing of Russia the Axis powers and Japan would already be defining the terms on which British and Americans might quit. Russia and China certainly, India most probably, Turkey possibly will have every right to full recognition with America and Britain.

Also we must reckon with the possibility that neither group of "enemies" will have in its hands the control of the peace. In no case must a peace be concluded in a dictatorial mood and in a vindictive spirit. Unless this war is to be the supreme failure and folly of all history the peace that terminates it must be made in the interest of all peoples, races, and governments. That can only be if the Spirit of Christ moderate and mediate among the peacemakers.

As we look around the world today, Chiang Kai-shek looms most largely as a possible voice of justice, equity, and humanity. The Chinese alone among the nations most deeply involved are free from imperialism, past, present or prospective. Indians have much to commend them, but they are not a nation, not united, not sufficiently enlightened or experienced to take a leading role. But they are one sixth of the human race. They do have ideals and the temper to give powerful expression to the terms on which men may live together. In time of war men must prepare for peace. When we are prepared peace will come. Until we are prepared no treaty will bring peace. It is time to turn to the Prince of Peace.

THE AGE OF EMPIRES IS PASSING

In the war a generation ago one of the phrases that caught the imagination was, "God said: I am tired of kings." The peoples supposed they were tired of kings. Democracy was to be the new order for mankind. It was "to make the world safe for democracy" that America went to war, according to our President's idealistic declaration and the strong conviction of idealistic Americans. In that we failed.

The outcome was disappointing, confusing. It turned out that the peoples were not tired of kings—just tired—exhausted, impoverished, dispirited. After a period in the sloughs of despondency and the mires of disillusionment and privation, they became the deluded victims of dictators—a worse type of kings than they had known before. In America we were prosperous, materialistic, secularized; and we went on a wild debauch that landed us in a quagmire of depression and of dissipation for which we would not repent and from which in ten years we received nothing but artificial and deceptive relief.

Now we are in another world war, in comparison with which the preceding horror that we thought supreme pales into mediocrity. The present world struggle was precipitated by empire builders, more ambitious and more desperate than ever before, set out to crush the freedom, the idealism and the hopes of humanity's millions.

But the tendencies and tides of this series of wars, now merging in one universal war after five years, seem clearly shaping into one grand warning for all the empires and all the imperialists. God is done with empire building! The hundreds of millions of men will never again, for long, accept the domination of conceited and cruel dictators; not again, for long, be ruled by minority groups with arrogant superiority complexes. There can be no peace on the basis of claims of messianic destiny of one race or one nation to dominate others. The peoples and God are sick of imperialism. Yet the peoples' only hope is in God's way of sonship and brotherhood, his plan for world fellowship and helpfulness. The age of empires is past. Henceforth it is chaos and destruction, or repentance and turning to God for the principles and the power of living together. And the power which God gives is grace, love, righteousness, truth.



These 162 students of the Pooi To Girls' School, Hongkong, accepted Christ during a revival service, June 1941

CHRISTIAN HUMANISM

All the empire rulers and empire builders now pay tribute to the idealism of a human world order by professing to be waging war for the deliverance and for the good of other people. Japan is seeking to establish a "co-prosperity order" for Asia. Hitler and his hordes are going to establish a permanent order of unity and prosperity for all Europe and for the rest of the world as others seek or are forced to inclusion in this grand scheme of good. The Russians were going to destroy, with their communism, the terrible evils of capitalism and imperialism by world revolution, so that all men would live happily in laboring nobly for the whole. The "Charter of the Atlantic" is to guarantee and make secure for all men everywhere the elemental freedoms which are essential to welfare and happiness.

All these see no hope for their messianic missions except by superior force. All admit that their blessings must be imposed by force until the peoples learn to desire and love the ways of the good order to be established. There is at least this very great gain: that none of them any more loves war, none any more openly avows selfish ambition as the end of their warfares. For all, force is a deplorable and deeply deplored instrument for a good and holy end. The goals must now be ethical, humane, idealistic. Thus in theory, empire for empire's sake is abandoned. The next step must bring in the age when empire building will be abandoned as a means,

even as it is being now denied as an ultimate end.

Only as men accept—really accept—the Kingdom of God can they be done with Empire. Here is the call for prophets, evangelists, missionaries, Christians.

A CENTURY AND A HALF

In this month of May the British Baptists will magnify, at their annual Union assemblies, the grace of God whereby on May 30, 1792, at Nottingham, William Carey moved to the verge of action the "ministers and messengers" of the Northampton Baptist Association by one of the great sermons of Christian history. The next morning, May 31, at a business session, when they were about to adjourn, Carey grabbed the presiding officer, Andrew Fuller, by the arm and imploringly asked if once again they were going to adjourn without doing anything. The outcome was a definite resolution with a committee to submit a plan to organize for foreign missions at the fall meeting of the ministers. Thus on October 2, 1792, at Kettering, "The Particular Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Heathen" was constituted and the modern missionary era opened. The heart of the Baptist world will be with the British Baptists as they celebrate this historic event in the midst of the barbaric spasm of war into which the world was so vehemently hurled.



Mr. I. P. Wan is principal of the school, and Dr. B. J. Cauthen was the evangelist

HONG KONG'S HUNDRED YEARS

We have become accustomed to thinking that everything in China is old—especially its cities. However, a hundred years ago, Hong Kong was hardly included on any map of China. Indeed it was only a mosquito-infested, fishing village, made up largely of the pirate element. It was in 1841 that it was ceded to Great Britain, and was so developed that it was made a Crown Colony.

Up to that time Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis Shuck had made their residence in Macau, the Portuguese Colony forty miles south; but when Britain took over Hong Kong they moved there. Mrs. Shuck became the first white woman to reside in the Colony. Aside from his labors as a missionary Mr. Shuck was identified with the early life of the Colony. By dint of circumstances, and in order to make a living, he accepted the position of co-editor of what was practically the first newspaper in the Colony. It was called "The Friend of China." He continued his missionary work, however, and organized a church in Hong Kong. There too Mrs. Shuck established a school for girls and small boys.

So it was that Hong Kong became an open door to China when the gates of Canton remained closed. Mrs. Shuck stood the strain only a short while and died in Hong Kong in 1844, where she sleeps in beautiful Happy Valley Cemetery.

—A. R. Gallimore
Canton, China

THE NEED IS GREAT

"My object in writing you is to ask if your committee can send us added funds for famine relief. We have used up all funds, and have had to say to the sick, 'We cannot help you as our money is exhausted.' Calls for food and clothes are not as urgent now as they will be when the very cold weather sets in; but there are many in want even now. The autumn crops in this section were practically a failure because of the drought. In other districts floods have drowned out. Bandits and soldiers have 'relieved' the people of bedding and clothes, so there is ever a constant need.

"Our Chinese business manager for our school has helped in the distributions of the funds and he knows the needs better than any of us. Surely there will be a turn before the next wheat harvest.

"In this region many suffer from enlarged spleen, and the four Chinese who had had some experience with our good Dr. Mary King when she did such a fine work here, are able to give the needles; but they are expensive, and all medicines are very difficult to secure just now.

"Miss Barratt is very bravely carrying on here.

"Thanking you again for the grants you have already made, and hoping we may still be in the line of such favors, I am

Very sincerely,
ATTIE T. BOSTICK,
Kweitch, China."

"Bowl of Rice" Dinner for Chinese Relief

By LARRY HARRIS

The Baylor University International Club, in collaboration with the Baylor Round Table, organization of faculty women and professors' wives, and with the advice and assistance of missionaries Mrs. N. A. Bryan and Mrs. J. Walton Moore, now residing in Waco, sponsored a "Bowl of Rice" dinner for Chinese relief. Over two hundred guests, members of the Round Table, their husbands and friends, many dressed in the regalia of ancient Chinese noblemen, attended the function which was held at the First Baptist Church, Waco.

Chow mein, chop suey, and other Chinese delicacies were prepared by a Chinese chef, Joe Yee of Dallas, and were served by five Chinese young men in gay Chinese costumes.

Decorations carried out the Chinese motif: lanterns, flags, dozens of teapots, brass ornaments, symbolic white pear sprays, and red candles, the color symbolizing happiness, created the atmosphere for the program. The high light of the occasion was a colorful, Chinese play enacted by members of the International Club and some other Baylor students. Among the members of the cast, who were dressed in gorgeous and elaborate costumes,

some lent by the Foreign Mission Board, were the following Margaret Fund Students now in Baylor University: Larry Harris, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Harris, on leave from their mission station at Kaifeng, China; Lee Howard, whose father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Howard are missionaries under the Northern Board at Kharagpur, Bengal, India; Miriam Moore, whose mother, Mrs. J. Walton Moore, has had to leave her work in China and is now living in Waco; Judson Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin S. Blair, missionaries in Buenos Aires; Sarah and Ann Bryan, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Bryan of China. Mrs. Bryan is residing in Waco for the duration.

Mae Ginn Ng, a Chinese student in Baylor, presented a recording of Chinese war songs, bringing the object of the dinner home to the group. The most beautiful feature of the whole occasion, however, was the spirit of co-operation, of comradeship which united faculty members and students, missionaries and local Chinese, in this common endeavor to help suffering, helpless humanity—an endeavor of the sort which brings happiness in Heaven as well as on earth.



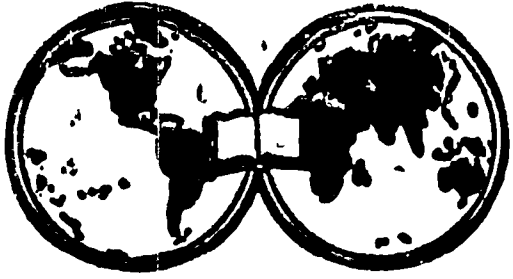
In the picture, back row, left to right are: Edward Bratcher, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Wai Suey, Waco high school student; Dora Katherine Williams, Baylor student; Esther Ruth Cowsert, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Mrs. A. J. Armstrong, former sponsor of the International Club; Miss Pearl Johnson, Chefoo, China; Mrs. N. A. Bryan, Hwanghsien, China; Mrs. J. Walton Moore, Chefoo, China; Mrs. Leo T. Murray, present sponsor of the International Club; Ou Yang Fay, junior high school student, Waco.

Second row, left to right: Richard Harris, Kaifeng, China; Mary Helen Mewshaw, China; Rose Lengefield, Baylor student; Geneva Boyd, Baylor student; Dorothy Mewshaw, China; Patricia Hallack, Baylor student.

Front row, left to right: Lillian Ann Gibson, Baylor student; Mae Chun Ginn Ng, Baylor student, South China; Joe Tseung, Houston; Bill Gar, Houston; Joe Yee, Dallas, chef for the dinner; Joe Lee, Houston; (gave five dollars to the fund) and Dick Gar, Houston.

Missionaries present but not in the picture were Dr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw of Kweilin, and Dr. Jeanette E. Beall of Laichow-fu, China.

Over one hundred dollars were the net proceeds of the dinner.



World Trends

Items of Social and Missionary Interest

CHARLES E. MADDY

FREE CHINA

The eyes of the world are on Free China. This area comprises about two-thirds of China proper and is larger than the United States west of the Mississippi River. This vast, undeveloped section of China is marvellously rich in natural resources and in raw materials. There were already one hundred and fifty million people in this area and now fifty million refugees from coastal provinces have trekked into this portion of Free China.

The Foreign Mission Board faces a challenge in Free China such as we have not faced in the ninety-seven years of our history. Here are some facts gleaned from an Exchange:

"Relief is still needed in China.

Fourteen provinces of Free China are still accessible. Money is safely cabled to Chungking through the Bank of China.

Hundreds of missionaries are still available for relief work.

In Free China millions of refugees are undernourished and ill.

In Free China there are thousands of homeless war orphans.

In Free China the price of rice has risen 1,000% causing great distress.

In Free China students who migrated on foot 1,500 miles are now living in caves and temples and many are suffering from malnutrition and beri-beri.

In Free China there is hope in spite of danger and reconstruction in the midst of war.

In Free China Christians have a chance to make a demonstration of love and mercy at a turning point in the nation's history."



CHINA BAPTIST FRONTIER MISSION COMMITTEE

At the left end of the front row is Miss Jane W. Lide; at the right end of the front row is Miss Martha Linda Franks. Third from the left end of the front row is Rev. Wu Gi-Djung, who made a host of friends for himself and for China, during his visit in America in 1939



Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Beddoe of Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, with their evangelistic workers

WE ARE GRATEFUL

From Missionary Grace Boyd Sears, who served so long and with such splendid devotion at the Pingtu, North China station, we have just received the following good word which we pass on to *The Commission* family:

Western Australia
Subiaco

December 16, 1941

Dear Dr. Maddy:

For some time it has been my intention to write you to thank you and each member of our Board for retaining me as an active member of our Southern Baptist Convention all through this year. It is—and always has been—an honor I sincerely and dearly prize. There is no Board like our Board and no Mission like our Mission throughout the length and breadth of China—not one that has such a standing among other missions. To say you are a member of the Southern Baptist Convention turns pleased inquiries immediately to warm cordiality and friendship.

The same thing has also manifested itself right here. Folk say, "oh, then, you belong to the Mission that did such a wonderful thing in sending much-needed help to our British Baptist Society—not lending but *giving* outright. We want you to come to our churches, missionary societies, Sunday schools. How happy we have been these past months telling of how God has so richly blessed the labors of our Southern Baptist Convention missionaries, of the wondrous work He still is performing through the literature of our Baptist Publication Societies—through all the trained, native workers who have passed through our institutions."

A WONDERFUL TRIBUTE

The Chinese Ambassador to Washington, Dr. Hu Shih, recently paid high tribute to relief work carried on by Christian missionaries in China. He said:

"As an unreconstructed heathen, I wish to pay my respects to all the Christian missionary workers, Protestant or Catholic, who have aided China during these years of China's war of resistance to aggression.

"Throughout these years many of the missions have lost their property and have suffered casualties in personnel. Their women workers have been sent away and have suffered great indignities, physical hardships and misery because of wartime troubles.

"But as far as I know, no missionary worker has deserted his post whether he be a member of the Mission for Lepers or a medical missionary or a teacher in a mission school.

"Their missions have become centers of refuge for thousands, and in some cases for tens of thousands, of Chinese civilian sufferers, particularly women, children, and the aged.

"It is this spirit of service, this devotion to work, this sympathy for the cause of China's independence and freedom that has won for them the warm admiration, high respect, and love of the Chinese people."

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THE NAZI CREED

The Nazi plan for a National Church of the German Reich, offers a "profession of faith,"—a new creed, in which Hitler replaces our Lord as the supreme revelation of God.

We quote the terms of this Profession of Faith: "We believe in one great eternal National Socialist German State. We believe in the National Socialist conception born in the man Adolph Hitler



Chinese lepers helped by gifts from America

during the great struggle between German humanity and all the races of the earth. We believe that, in answer to his prayer, Almighty God restored to this soldier the sight he had lost during the World War. We believe, we see, and we realize, in this man alone, the Saviour and the Ruler sent to our German nation, to our country, and to our people who are bound to us by ties of blood. We believe in his written work, *Mein Kampf*, which alone is holy; we believe we must obey all the commandments laid down therein with all our knowledge and all our power, and, if we carry them out in all sincerity, we believe that we may thus confess ourselves: O Lord, we stand before Thee without sin. We are bound body and soul to our Führer, to our country, to our people, and we cry together with a loud voice: Adolph Hitler, our Führer, we shall be faithful to thee unto Eternity.

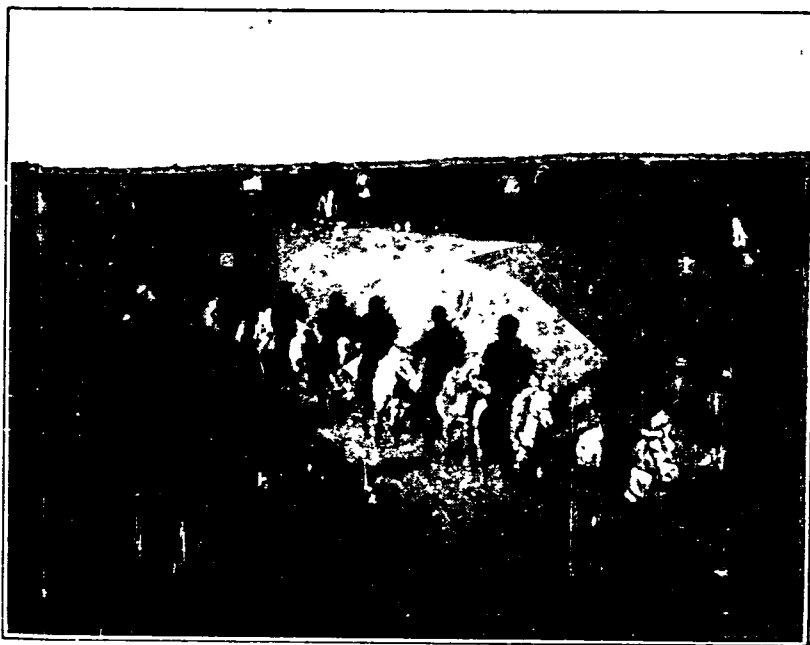
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THE CHINA COLLEGES: GUARDIANS OF THE FUTURE

War is stalking rampant across civilization. The civilization which generations have built is threatened on all sides. We must now work to save as much as possible for the future of mankind. . . . The destinies of China and America have been united and have been thrown into the balance.

IN OCCUPIED CHINA the colleges have been closed. Cables received through the International Red Cross, and from Chungking, indicate that staff members are not being ill-treated. Dr. Stuart and his associates in Yenching are in "honorable confinement." In Nanking, Tsinan and Shanghai, American citizens appear to be under surveillance but enjoy a limited freedom.

THE NEW TREK to Free China is now under way. Hundreds of young people, and their teachers, are slipping through the battle lines in search of freedom. Usually the difficulties and dangers are



A public road in China

great. We must help our friends to reach safety, and to build for the future. Our own fate is closely linked to that of our representatives who are struggling against such odds in China.

IN FREE CHINA there is hope and intense activity. After four years of exhausting war, the Chinese no longer are fighting alone. . . . There is justifiable pride in their single-handed accomplishments against a powerful enemy.

China has unlimited manpower, which needs only leadership to win both the war and the peace. Therefore, the Christian colleges are of greater importance now than ever before.

The four co-operating universities in Chengtu have invited the refugees from Japanese-controlled areas to join them on their crowded campus. Fukien Christian University has agreed to take 150 students from Shanghai, and doubtless will receive many more applications. Lingnan has already re-established a unit in Pinkshek, in free Kwangtung.

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STRONG MEAT IN NORWAY

There are not many Quisling-minded clergy in the Norwegian Church—a bare handful. It would appear, however, that what they lack in quantity they atone for in vigor, for the Vicar of Rakkestad, Mr. Olay, preached a New Year's sermon in which he claimed a Divine mission for Quisling.

"The first duty of the Norwegian Church," he said, "is to give thanks to Quisling, who becomes the shield for Jesus. Quisling never doubted the truth of his mission, because he has God and the future on his side. Norway has found a great statesman, and it is our hope that this man, who is still not appreciated by many, will be better understood in the New Year. May God let the Norwegian people understand what we owe to Quisling."



Nurses and twin babies at Warren Memorial Hospital

GROWING IN POPULARITY

The motion picture library of the Foreign Mission Board is constantly growing in favor. The Board now has a total of 130 sixteen-millimeter reels, and during last year these were used on 661 missionary programs throughout the South in local churches, as well as at assemblies and institutes.

There are twenty-three sets of the film showing the work of Southern Baptist missionaries in Canton, feeding the starving thousands there.

These reels are available for any church or missionary organization desiring to use them and willing to pay the carrying charge each way. However, the demand is so great that reservations must be made far in advance.

Do
you
recognize
her?
If not,
turn
to
page 210
and
learn
her name



NERVE TONIC

The world will claim you if it can—your soul won't be your own—Unless you break away sometimes, and dare to be alone—and rest awhile from all the noise, the bustle and the din—to find yourself, and lean upon the Power that is within. . . . Don't rush round to the doctor's when you think your nerves are frayed—for medicine won't heal a heart that's troubled and dismayed—Tune in and get in harmony with things that are Divine—and seek the very peace of God that no man can define.

—Patience Strong



*Age and youth amid war's horrors
(Note the bound feet of the elderly woman)*

WHAT YOUR MONEY WILL DO IN CHINA

5¢ a day will feed a starving child.

5½¢ will pay for one clinic treatment.

6¢ will provide ether for one major operation.

27¢ will pay for full hospital care for one day.

\$2 will provide food and shelter in a refugee camp for a month.

\$5 will disinfect the wounds of 250 people.

\$6 loaned without interest to a farmer, whose crops have been destroyed by war, will enable him to plant his fields and become self-supporting again. (In 500 such cases 98½% of the money was repaid within six months.)

\$50 will provide emergency treatment for scores of air raid victims.

\$60 will support and educate a war orphan in one of Madame Chiang's homes for a whole year. (Cost has increased with war-time rise in prices.)

\$100 will endow a bed in a mission hospital for one year.



New Missionaries

Lois Hart

daughter of Rev. and Mrs.
J. L. Hart of Temuco, Chile



Ethel Singleton

daughter of Rev. and Mrs.
R. W. Singleton of
Coushatta, Louisiana

Of all the privileges granted to me throughout the years, the most wonderful was, and still is, that of having a Christian home. My father and mother—Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hart—were on the field as Southern Baptists' missionaries in Rosario, Argentina, when I was born, December 21, 1915. Later they were transferred to Chile; and it is this latter country that I remember best.

It was there at the Baptist school, during a series of meetings that I became a Christian. I was thirteen years of age when I made the decision, and I was baptized soon thereafter.

We came to the United States in 1928 and from that time I have been attending school. After two years in high school I entered Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia. Then, one year in the Training School at Louisville, Kentucky, was followed by a nurse's training in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

It was at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, during a B.S.U. retreat that I definitely resolved to plan my life with foreign missionary work in view.

To many people I am indebted for inspiration and help along the way—especially to those earnest missionaries who have shared with me some of their enthusiasm for Kingdom work.

When, in October 1941, I was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to work in Antofagasta, Chile, I faced not only a great task but also a glorious challenge and a wonderful opportunity to serve my Master in South America.

On March 22, 1914, I was born into the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Singleton. I am thankful for having been a minister's daughter, and grateful for all the influences of a Christian home. When eight years of age I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour and united with the Baptist Church at Hall Summit, Louisiana. I was brought up in the organizations of the church, the Sunday school, Training Union, and junior societies of the Woman's Missionary Union.

After I finished high school I attended the Louisiana State Normal College at Natchitoches and received my teacher's certificate in 1935. In the summer of 1936 I attended the Louisiana Baptist encampment at Mandeville. There I surrendered my life for special service for my Master. I realized that I needed further education and training. At that time it was impossible for me to go back to college, so I taught in the public schools and attended Louisiana College in the summers until I received my B.A. degree in August, 1938. The next fall I secured a scholarship from the Louisiana Woman's Missionary Union and entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, receiving my M.R.E. degree in 1941.

As I studied missions, read the lives of many missionaries, heard the appeals of our own missionaries, I heard the call of God to serve Him on a foreign field. I was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board on October 15, 1941, and sailed for South America February 11, 1942, and I am looking forward with joy to my new work in Chile.

What God Hath Promised

God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain,
But God hath promised
Strength for the day,



Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.



Mexican Baptist Seminary and Training School

By H. H. MUIRHEAD, *President*

Due to the changing political situation in Mexico, the Mexican Baptist Seminary has been forced to change its habitat many times in the last two decades. Monterrey and Saltillo, Mexico; San Antonio and El Paso, Texas, have been the places of its sojourn. At present the Seminary is comfortably housed in the three splendid buildings located on the mountain side, seven miles from the downtown section of the progressive and picturesque side of El Paso, Texas, which occupies the strategic position bordering on Mexico, Texas, and New Mexico.

While the Seminary is primarily for the preparation of preachers and workers in Mexico, it is rapidly becoming an international institution for the Spanish-speaking people of the United States, Mexico, Central America, and parts of South America, as the following statistics for the current year show:

Native born Mexicans..... 23

Directly from Mexico..... 11
Born in U. S. A..... 15
Directly from U. S. A..... 27
Native and directly from Bolivia..... 1

All of the twenty-three native born Mexicans, in conformity to Mexican law, can direct religious activities in Mexico.

From the U. S. A. there are: nine from Texas; six from New Mexico; four from Nebraska; four from California; two from Illinois; and one each from Kansas and Michigan. All are consecrated, earnest, and studious. These students receive their support, not from the Foreign Mission Board, but from individuals, churches, or State Boards, whence they come.

Among the applicants for next school year are five from El Salvador, one from Nicaragua, and one from Costa Rica.

The matriculation this year is thirty-nine as against thirty-three for the year 1940-41. We confidently expect fifty for the coming year and could have twice that number, if we had scholarships. A scholarship, which covers only the food of a student, is \$100.00 for the year. Even one hundred in preparation is all too small a number to meet the growing need of the two million Mexicans in the United States and the nineteen million in Mexico, to say nothing of the multiplied millions in Central America and the northern part of South America.

Surely the Mexican Baptist Seminary is one of the greatest assets of Southern Baptists and offers one of the largest opportunities for investment in Kingdom interest.

The following incomplete figures give an imperfect but impressive idea of the immediate contribution the students and faculty are making to the evangelization of the U. S. A. and Mexico.



The graduating class, May, 1942

Number of students enrolled.....	39
Number of teachers.....	7
Sermons and addresses.....	589
Devotional and prayer services conducted.....	1,461
Sunday schools led.....	610
S. S. classes taught.....	360
D. V. Bible schools participated in.....	49
Institutes and training courses participated in.....	65
Religious visits	2,493
Personal religious talks	2,062
Bibles and portions distributed.....	603
Tracts distributed	7,286
Miles travelled	5,142
Professions of faith	312
Baptisms	34

The number of baptisms is small, but it must be borne in mind that only a few of the students and teachers are ordained pastors qualified to administer the ordinance. Many more were baptized by the local pastors of the churches served.

Pray for this "school of the prophets" that it may fulfill its important mission to the Spanish-speaking peoples of the Americas.



GIRLS' TRAINING SCHOOL
EL PASO, TEXAS

By MARY LOU DUNN

In the above picture is shown the Girls' Training School with the girls themselves and their director in the foreground.

The Training School is not a school separate from the Seminary, but a vital part of the Seminary itself. Girls were first admitted in 1936 when the Seminary was moved from Mexico to San Antonio, Texas. Prior to that time, several had applied for entrance, but had been refused because co-education in Mexico was still in the beginning stages and had not been generally accepted by the brethren.

The W. M. U. of Mexico took an active interest in the education of the girls. In their annual meeting in April of 1936, they voted to grant two scholarships (\$100.00 each) to girls who wanted to enter the Seminary. The offer of this money was the immediate cause of their acceptance. So, in Sep-

tember, 1936, two girls from Mexico and two from the United States were admitted.

When the Seminary moved to El Paso two years later, there were eight girls. This year the school opened with ten: Mexico, two; Texas, six; New Mexico, one; California, one.

The two girls at the extreme left are the ones who were born in Mexico.

One of the girls from Mexico and one from Texas will be graduated May 8, 1942. They have been students in the Seminary throughout the four years that it has been located in El Paso. Both of them have made most commendable scholastic records, and have developed qualities for effective leadership.

Prospects for the coming year are encouraging. Already four applications from girls in Mexico have been received. As can be readily seen from the above picture, our dormitory space is limited making it possible to receive only eleven comfortably.

The girls come from widely varied environments and, therefore, with marked individual differences; but all come with an earnest desire to prepare themselves adequately for Kingdom service.

THE MISSIONARY

What was his name? I do not know his name:
I only know he heard God's voice and came—
Brought all he loved across the sea,
To live and work for God—and me.

And at the end, without memorial died;
No blaring trumpet sounded out his fame:
He lived, he died; I do not know his name.

No form of bronze and no memorial stones
Show me the place where lie his mouldering
bones.

Only a thousand homes,
Where every day the cheerful play,
Of love and hope and courage comes.
These are his monument and these alone:
There is no form of bronze and no memorial stone.

Is there some desert or some pathless sea
Where thou, great God of angels, wilt send me?

To feed the waiting children of my God?
Show me the desert, Father, or the sea.
Is it thine enterprise? Great God, send me;
And though this body lie where ocean rolls,
Count me, O Lord, among all faithful souls.

—E. E. Hale

Baylor's Gift to Medical Missions

By W. MARSHALL CRAIG

Since our church is so convenient to the Baylor campus in Dallas, practically all the members of the missionary volunteer group in the University's scientific schools are in our membership. They are faithful and loyal, actively supporting the entire program. Their deeply consecrated lives are a tremendous influence both on the campus and in the church. This pastoral relationship affords numerous opportunities for personal contacts and conferences, which always reveal unmistakable evidences that these splendid young people are earnestly and studiously seeking to prepare themselves for their

life's work. In observing their excellent, personal qualifications, the conviction deepens that our missionary lines of the future will be greatly strengthened.

In Christian character, lofty ideals, sacrificial spirit and high conceptions of Christian service, the present group of volunteers is truly representative of the large number of former student volunteers who have taken their places in mission fields throughout the world. Although we realize that most of the decisions were made earlier in life, before entering this period of advanced preparation, we are grateful



MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER STUDENTS, BAYLOR MEDICAL SCHOOL
AND SCHOOL OF NURSING, DALLAS, TEXAS

Left to right—Front row: Estelle Mercer, Eva Katherine Eakin, Ruby Wheat, Frances Hammett, Mrs. E. Kay Bryan; middle row: Bobby Jo Cox, Golda Jean Fielder, Mrs. Lamar Cole, Emogene Campbell; back row: Dr. E. Kay Bryan, Wallace Shamburger, John Bryan, Lamar Cole, James M. Behrman

that we have this outstanding Baptist institution in which these richly endowed young people may complete their professional training. In view of this, we have no hesitancy in saying, that the Baylor Scientific Schools have made an invaluable contribution to the cause of world-wide missions. Those of us in close touch with the institution are unceasingly grateful for the Christian homes and noble churches from which these wonderful young people have come, and we are ever conscious of the responsibility of ministering helpfully to them in their final years of preparation.

Our Foreign Mission Board, together with our growing Baptist constituency, has long recognized the urgent need of training more God-called young men and women for such responsible places of Christian service. Indeed, as the years have passed, this need has become increasingly apparent. The appeal is constantly being made for more missionary doctors, nurses, and dentists to serve in our hospitals in the various mission fields. Those who are heroically serving today are voicing their appeal for additional helpers, just as soon as conditions will justify.

We all agree, surely, that the post-war period will offer the most challenging opportunities any generation ever faced. Our hearts rejoice that so many of our choicest young people are answering the call of God and are now getting ready to enter the open doors of the future. They will be thoroughly trained for the gigantic task of ministering

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Gaston Avenue
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of
Dallas, Texas*



in Christly service to the millions who will have passed through the distresses of war. As servants of the Lord Jesus, wherever they may be called to labor, they will magnificently do their part in helping to rebuild a world civilization that shall honor our Saviour. We praise the Lord for the ones now in training, as well as for the other valiant groups that have gone out, year by year. It is our united prayer that "the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into his harvest," for verily, "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

"Baylor's Fairy Godmother"

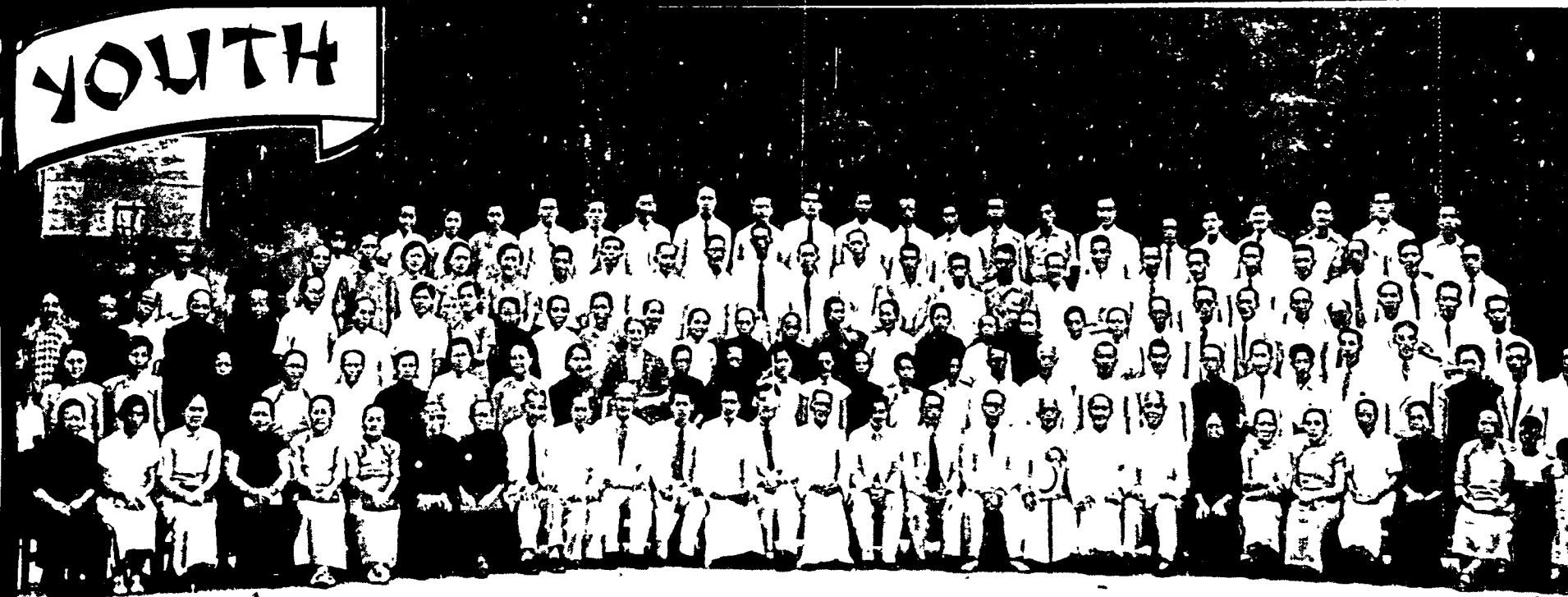
Not the least of the forces at Baylor in recent years which have intensified the missionary interest on the campus has been the impact on the lives of the students of a great missionary spirit in the person of the present Margaret Fund adviser, a gracious lady whom we delight to call Baylor's "Fairy Godmother"—Mrs. L. W. Alexander, who lives in a suite in the women's dormitory she made possible, the Catherine Alexander Hall. So intimately acquainted with our missionaries and the needs of the fields, and so generous is she, that interest in the cause she loves and sponsors has spread like a "noble contagion" over the campus. Mrs. Alexander believes in Baylor and her mission, and generous have been her benefactions to the institution. Great also is her contribution to the support of missionaries and mission work on the field. She has been around the world more than once and knows firsthand the needs of our mission fields. Last year she

visited Hawaii and her own missionary "children" there and brought the scenes and the needs home to us all in a beautiful colored film which she showed and discussed on a number of occasions. Now she has gone "by Thunder Bird" as a self-appointed ambassador of good will, to visit the mission fields in the Latin American countries, and we at Baylor will be informed and stimulated by her accounts on her return. She will bring us messages from our Baylor men and women at various points: from Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Orrick in Uruguay; from Martin Blair and Minnie McIlroy in Buenos Aires; from Letha Saunders, Katherine Cozzens, Bernice Neel, the F. A. R. Morgans, the Bagbys and many others in Brazil. At the last she will fly a thousand miles up the Amazon to see the Clem Hardys at Manaos in their jungle mission. Her missionary influence is powerful because "her works do praise her" and reinforce her words.



terior China Young People's leaders
summer conference, Pochow, June, 1941

CHINA'S YOUTH



Leung Kwang fifty-seventh annual convention,
Ta Ching Branch school, Kowloon, Hongkong,
August, 1941



Leung Kwang Baptist
Young People's tenth
convention, Kowloon,
Hongkong, August,
1941

Leung Kwang Baptist Young People's summer
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Speakers and officers
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WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF

In answer to the call of Chairman George W. Truett and Secretary Louie D. Newton, the Southern Baptist Convention World Emergency Committee met in Atlanta, Georgia, January 14. The meeting was well attended and, after full and free discussion, it was unanimously voted to ask the churches of the Convention to give, during the month of April, the sum of \$300,000.00 for WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF.

A second meeting of representatives of the World Emergency Committee and the Foreign Mission Board was held in Atlanta, January 29. At that time plans were perfected for making known to our people in the churches the desperate need for relief now confronting the Foreign Mission Boards in those lands in Central Europe and the Far East where our work is being carried on.

The Foreign Mission Board was requested to take the lead in raising this great Relief Fund, and to assume the responsibility of administering this generous gift of Southern Baptists to a hungry and starving world.

We may say that, out of its regular current funds, the Foreign Mission Board is able to care for the salaries, rents, and normal traveling expenses of all of our missionaries. The emergency relief offering

from the churches will be used for the relief of hungry, suffering, freezing, starving people in war ravaged lands in Europe and Asia, as we may be able to make contacts with our missionaries or other responsible agents.

Already we have sent \$15,000.00 in relief funds to Free China and can send money to some sections in occupied China. We may use the Friends' Service Committee in the Balkan areas of Europe, and we have already established contacts with Spain. Through the American Bible Society, we have forwarded some \$9,000.00 to be used for the distribution of Bibles among Russian prisoners in Germany and Central Europe. We have sent \$1,700.00 to the Herman C. E. Liu Memorial Orphanage at Suifu, Free China.

We sincerely hope that all of our pastors and leaders in the churches will take up, wholeheartedly and at once, this urgent matter of emergency relief.

Send all funds to your State headquarters. We pledge our best efforts to see to it that every dollar sent us will go to relieve suffering humanity in these lands overrun and blighted by cruel war.

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A VISIT OF FAR-REACHING SIGNIFICANCE

The work of the Foreign Mission Board is truly world-wide in its contacts and ramifications. The enterprise in all lands has grown and enlarged in a most unprecedented and gratifying way. In the matter of finances, alone, the funds of the Board have increased from \$880,573.71, for the calendar year of 1932, to a total of \$1,428,639.69 for the year 1941. This is an increase of \$548,065.98 in ten years.

The program and work of the Board in foreign lands is organized under the direction of the executive secretary and three large regional committees with a regional secretary assigned to each division. Dr. M. T. Rankin is secretary for the Orient; Dr. George W. Sadler is secretary for Europe, Africa, and the Near East; Dr. Everett Gill, Jr. is the newly elected secretary for Latin America. Coming to this work January 1, 1942, Dr. Gill has been busy these three months familiarizing himself with the work of the Board in general, and with our missionaries, mission stations, institutions, and agencies in Latin America in particular.

The Board feels that Dr. Gill should go out to Latin America this spring and spend six months or more in a careful and systematic survey of all phases of our work in Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, and Colombia.

We are hoping to be able, within a few months, to open work in Peru and Ecuador, thus—with the exception of Venezuela and the Guianas—completing our encirclement of the whole South American continent.

The most immediate mission challenge confronting the Foreign Mission Board is in Latin America. The doors swing wide for the entrance of the gospel and we should accept the challenge and enter now in force. Dr. Gill is going on a mission of tremendous importance to the future growth and enlargement of all our work down under the Southern Cross. We bespeak for him the sympathy and prayers of all our people.

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THE CONTRIBUTION OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY to the FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

The Southern Baptist Convention, the Foreign Mission Board, and Baylor University were all founded the same year—1845. Baylor is making great plans for the celebration of her centennial, three years hence. The Foreign Mission Board is vitally interested in everything that pertains to the growth and prosperity of that great college.

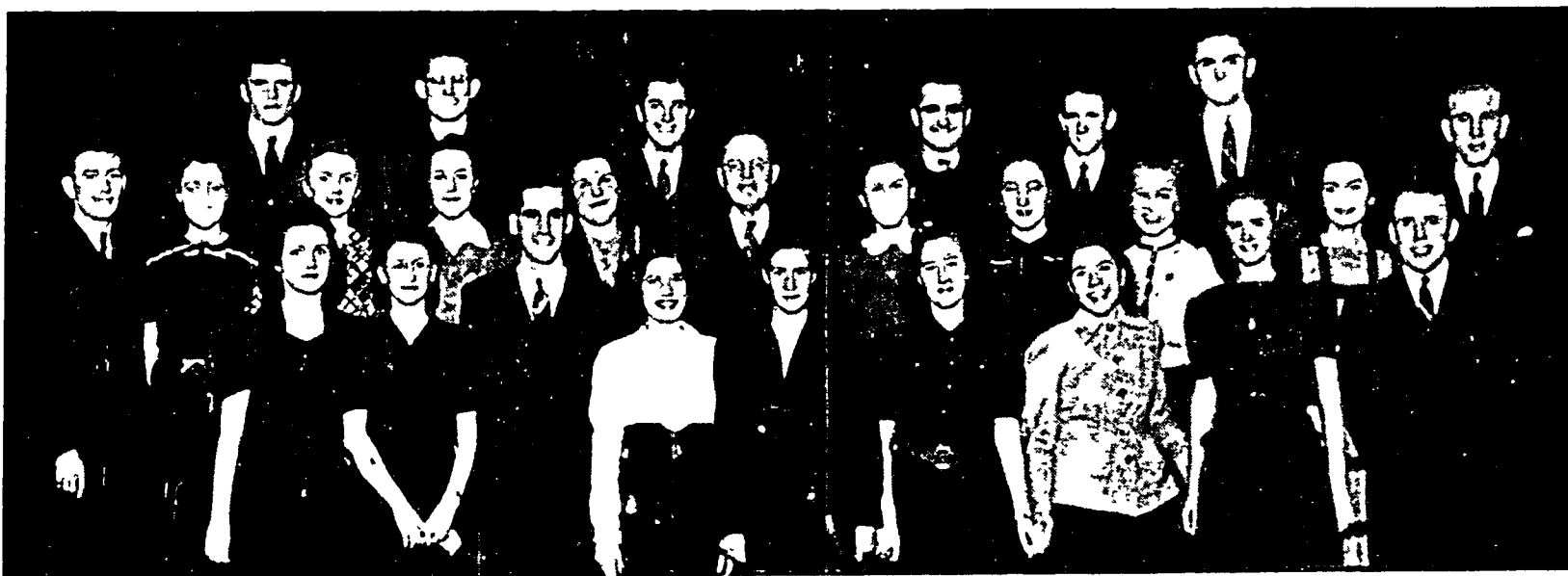
During the ninety-seven years since the Foreign Mission Board was organized, it has sent out approximately 1,185 missionaries to the several lands in which we have established work. Of this number, Baylor University has furnished 138, and at present

it has eighty of its graduates serving as missionaries under the Board. We doubt if there is another college or university in America that has sent to foreign mission fields as many missionaries as has Baylor University—nearly one-fourth of all missionary candidates coming before the Foreign Mission Board during the past decade have received their training in this great institution of learning.

Under the guidance of President Pat M. Neff, Baylor University is making marvellous progress today in every phase of its life. New buildings and equipment are constantly being added, and the endowment fund is rapidly increasing. The student body has grown to a total of 3,814 for the 1940-41 session. We feel confident that this is the largest student enrollment of any Baptist college or university in America and we doubt if this record is equaled anywhere in the world.

Elsewhere in this issue of *The Commission* we are publishing an inspiring article, by Mrs. Lily M. Russell, together with some splendid pictures of Baylor's buildings, and its faculty and student groups.

We congratulate President Neff and Baylor University upon the marvellous growth and development during these ninety-seven years.



The Volunteer Band of Baylor University—an organization of student volunteers for Foreign Mission service

PEACE

"Blessed are the peacemakers" . . . sweet gentle words that ring—Down the war-mad centuries—triumphant, challenging—The power of human cruelty, of fear and hate and greed—The gentle Voice still speaks today to meet the world's great need. The age-old conflict still goes on—the Wrong against the Right—The evil forces and the good—the old eternal fight. . . . Oh, let us pray for sanity—May strife and tumult cease—And every man be drawn into the Brotherhood of Peace.

—Patience Strong

An Invitation From the General Chairman

The twenty-four Baptist churches of San Antonio, with their 16,500 members, hereby extend the hand of cordial invitation to the Southern Baptist Convention. You will find here that facilities for your comfort are sufficient and attractions are numerous.

Girdled by tree-covered hills, through whose fertile valleys run crystal streams; combining in its architecture the lure of the historic past with the designs of the progressive present; made lovely by the romantic river that winds through the business section and from which the city takes its name; adorned with innumerable parks, and made illustrious by the famed Alamo—San Antonio is beautiful for situation.

Large and well appointed hotels, many of them adjacent to inviting parks, and all of them near points of historic interest, will welcome the convention messengers. Civic authorities have united with the Chamber of Commerce and the various convention committees in all the arrangements for your comfort and safety. We are sparing no effort to make your visit pleasant and profitable.

The municipal auditorium, comfortably seating

7,000 is within easy walking distance from most of the hotels. Ample committee rooms, display and exhibit space, as well as lounging rooms, will be available both at the auditorium and in the various hotels. Restaurants, cafes and dining rooms, ranging from the modest to the elaborate, will provide good food within the price area of all messengers. It will be of general interest to know that the restaurants have agreed to give free breakfasts to all of our missionaries. Details for this generous service have yet to be completed.

It might be well to remind ourselves that it is no farther from the Eastern Seaboard to Texas, than it is from Texas to the Eastern Seaboard, or elsewhere! Some twenty-five years ago, before the widespread use of automobiles, messengers made their way to the annual Convention almost exclusively by train, and thought little of it. But whether you come by train, airplane, ox-cart, or by "thumbing," be assured of a cordial welcome. We want you to come in large numbers and may God bless you en route.

PERRY F. WEBB,
General Chairman.



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Pastor Riverside Baptist Church*

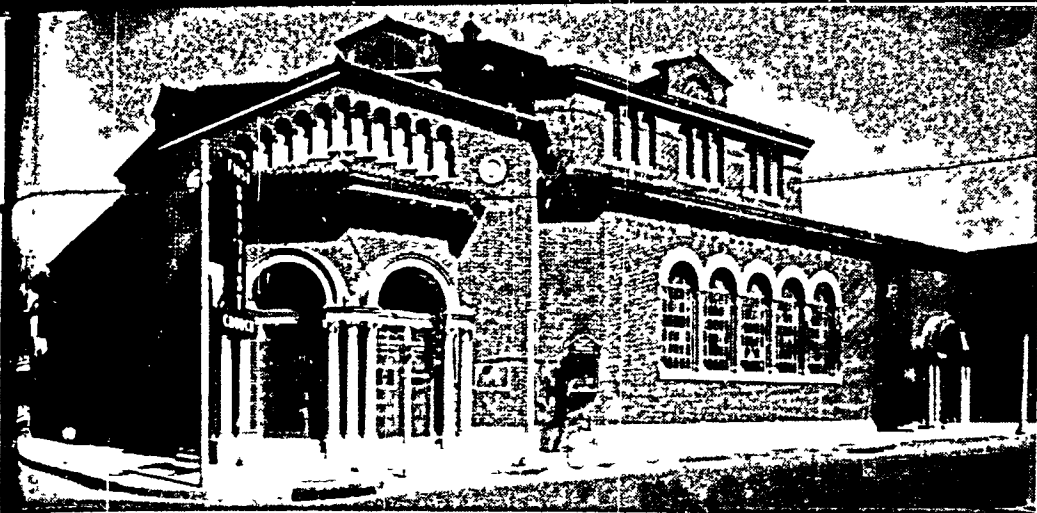


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Some of San Antonio's Baptist Churches



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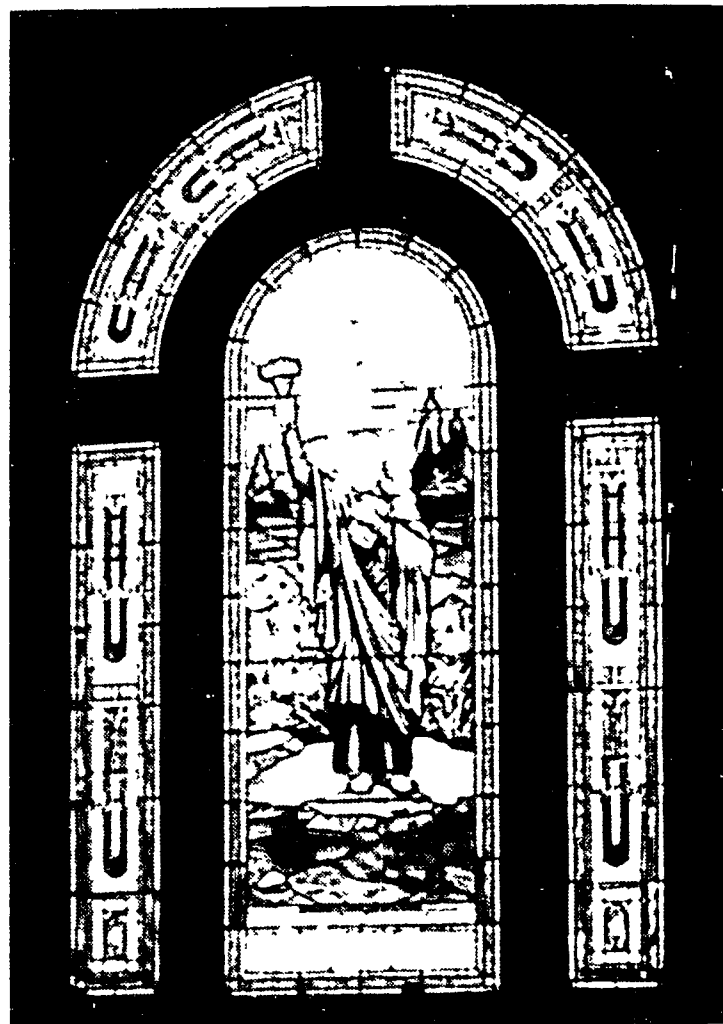
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San Antonio Churches

BAPTIST TEMPLE

Baptist Temple grew out of a mission and was organized in December of 1911. Its present membership totals nearly 2,000. It has a Sunday school enrollment of 1,400. The Church has maintained a missionary spirit through all the years, having at present one missionary in China and supporting four missions in the city of San Antonio. One of these missions, Sunny Slope, is for Mexicans. Baptist Temple was among the twenty-five churches out of more than 3,000 in Texas, making the largest contributions to the Co-operative Program in 1941.

A new plant was begun in March 1941, and completed in February 1942. There are now three separate units with auditoriums, classrooms, and equipment for an enrollment of 2,600. The church auditorium seats 1,200. There are at present twenty Sunday school departments and 111 classes. The chapel has a seating capacity of 400. Both the main auditorium and chapel are air conditioned.

The church is located in the suburban district composed largely of home owners. This part of San Antonio has shared in the increased growth of the city within the past few years.

On February 1, Rev. Ira Patishall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fordyce, Arkansas, accepted the associate pastorate of Baptist Temple.

The church has an encouraging number of tithers and the income has averaged \$1,072.48 per week.

A fully graded W.M.U. is maintained, and the Training Union is fully departmentalized.

The congregation at Baptist Temple invites messengers and visitors of the Southern Baptist Convention to visit the Sunday school and morning worship on May 17.

RIVERSIDE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

The Riverside Park Baptist Church was born in the hearts of Christian people. Mother J. J. Aaron, a charter member, wanted a Sunday school of the Baptist variety for her own children. She started this school in her own home, gathering the children around a little organ that was given to her by a preacher of another denomination. In the summer of 1907, Dock Pegues, who was then the city missionary for Baptists in San Antonio, held a revival in the neighborhood. This revival meeting grew out of the little Sunday school. In September, 1907, the Riverside Park Baptist Church was constituted.

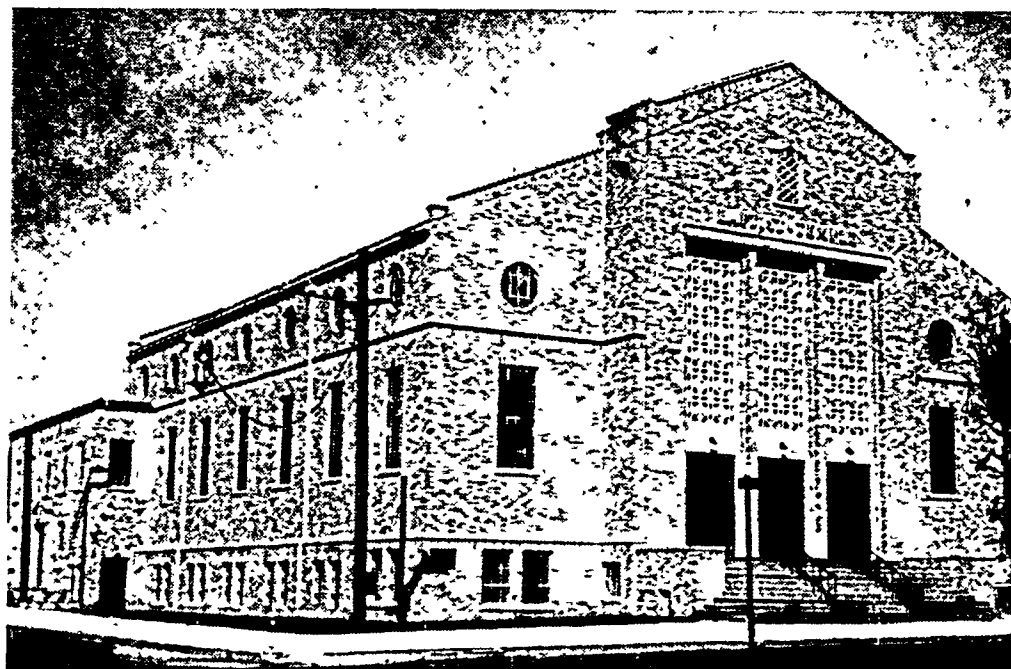
During this same summer, Dock Pegues held a meeting in another part of San Antonio which resulted in the organization of a second Baptist church, called the Pegues Memorial Baptist Church, now known as Baptist Temple.

The church has grown until it now has about 750 members. Led by the present pastor, Rev. C. S. Cadwallader, the church has erected a wooden addition to the educational building which houses an Adult Department. Since the arrival of the new pastor the first of August, there have been nearly 125 members added to the church, more than thirty of these by baptism.

The Riverside Church is located in a rapidly-growing section on the south side of San Antonio, not far from Brooks Field. Its membership is composed largely of business and professional people establishing their own homes.

The visitors to the Southern Baptist Convention are cordially invited to attend the services of the Riverside Park Baptist Church on Sunday, May 17, 1942.

*Baptist
Temple,
San Antonio,
Texas*



*Rev.
Clyde
Hickerson,
Pastor*



Christian Teachers and Leaders in Iwo, Nigeria

Love Gifts

By MARY M. McCORMICK

Love gifts from lepers in advanced stage of the disease (by some called hopeless) Iwo, Nigeria, West Africa, are a proof of their gratitude to God and their Christlike spirit of unselfishness.

It is not possible to tell in each case how the money was earned. It is even difficult to imagine them living at all in their mutilated condition. Some have no hands, some no feet, others have faces distorted by paralyzed nerves. There is one with only a thumb and a few fingers, and unable to walk because the feet are entirely gone, who ekes out an existence by farming. Hanging a short-handled native hoe over his shoulder, he crawls on his knees to his plot of ground and with these nubs of hands manages somehow to break the ground, plant the seed, and in the same manner gathers the harvest.

We cannot know in what way each has deprived himself in order to contribute to this love gift. But I do know that on the day this gift was brought there was in the clinic one woman who complained of that tingling, prickly feeling of the feet which precedes ulceration and destruction of toes and other bones. She was urged to provide for herself sandals to protect her feet from bruises. She had not the ten cents required.

Another reported having high fever and severe pains all over his body which so often indicates severe reactions from the injections. A week's treatment costing six cents was recommended. He did not have the money.

Yet they have joined in bringing this Love Gift.

A NOBLE RESOLVE

Making a fine record throughout his college course at Iwo, Nigeria, Yadoba graduated at the head of his class. His high grades in school led to his having several offers of teaching positions in high schools with good salaries. But to every offer he replied, "The people of my village do not know about Jesus. I must go back to my home and tell my neighbors and relatives about the true God of love. I must let them know about Jesus."

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THE JONES HOUSE

We have been busy here at the Jones House as we have just had our first really important patient. He was little James Littleton. Both he and his mother did very well and I cared for him the best I could. Ever since we have been in the Jones House scarcely a week has passed without someone being here, but with Mrs. Littleton I fully realized how necessary it was for the house to be complete.

There are many materials that are difficult to get here in the country now, but Howard feels that, with what Miss Eva Sanders already had on hand in pipes, plumbing fixtures, and so forth, things such as paint, and glass can be had and the house completed. He and Mr. Littleton are planning to do some more work on the plumbing during Christmas holidays, and the remainder of the work can be done with native help under his direction. The house has already served a great need and when it is completed it will be a truly fitting memorial to Miss Frances Carter Jones who so gladly gave her life to Africa.

—Mrs. Howard D. McCamey

What of Our Baptist Schools in Brazil?

By WILLIAM H. BERRY*

Just what part Baptist schools in Brazil are playing at the present time in our denominational development is a question for meditation. It is plain that they have lost none of their popularity, for last year (1941) they matriculated more than 6,000 students, which was the largest enrollment in Brazilian Baptist history.

For some years the tendency in Brazilian education has been government centered. All schools above the primary grades must be officially recognized and subjected to government standardization, that is, if their graduates are to receive recognition for the work done. Aspirants to the higher courses must enter the technical schools and universities through the regular channels. They must have their credentials from a government recognized school. Of course that is all as it should be. Brazil is making a great effort to put her educational system on a more efficient and practical basis. She has made more progress during the last ten years than most of her South American neighbors.

These changes, however, have brought certain hardships for our Baptist educational work. There

tions. Some have suggested that such concentration of our forces and such specializing in the training of Baptists would be more effective and more economical. In the second place, Baptist schools might be closed and their property passed over to our theological seminaries. In this way we would be able to do much more in training the ministerial students who would be preparing themselves were it not for their financial difficulties.

Neither of these alternatives, however, has been acceptable to Brazilian Baptists. They have chosen not to isolate their schools by failing to "officialize" them. Our schools are being standardized by the government. Baptist as well as non-Baptist students are unwilling to spend their time studying in schools whose diplomas have no official value. Even if our own students were willing to make this sacrifice, our Baptist constituency is not strong enough to support our colleges financially. They would be a constant drain on the Foreign Mission Board at a time when they have become almost independent.

The second alternative, that of disbanding our schools and turning their assets to other forms of de-



*Training School
girls
Recife, Brazil
in preparation
for
Christian work*

is one established curriculum for all preparatory courses throughout the country. It is so rigid and full that there is little possibility for our Baptist colleges to sandwich in extra-curricular courses—Bible, History of Religion, and other courses which were the glory of these schools in former years.

Such conditions have been disheartening to the denomination. How to meet these problems has been and still is the question of the hour. One of three policies might be adopted. First, we might ignore the government exactions and make our schools more denominational than ever. That would mean that we looked only to the training of our Baptist leadership through our educational institu-

nominal development, is even less desirable than the first. There are few who would agree to such a violent policy as this. It would be equivalent to resigning without a struggle.

There is a third alternative, however, which is the only one that seems logical. That is to carry on in the faith that better days are coming. Choosing this latter policy, our schools have long since been granted government recognition. Materially, they are in better condition, perhaps, than they have ever been. Spiritually, they are still a force in the denomination and throughout the country. They must do the best they can, even if many of the surrounding conditions are unfavorable. That may not be enough to satisfy our wants, or even our most urgent needs, but it is probable that their present crisis will not be permanent.

*Missionary W. H. Berry is superintendent of Baptist city mission work in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

It is trite to say that we are living through troublesome times, but this fact explains many annoying inconveniences. Without doubt the trend of the times during the past decade has been much more evident in Brazil than in the United States. The Brazilian government has made gigantic efforts to checkmate radical forces which have been striving to tear her to pieces. Brazil has succeeded. Baptists should gladly submit to the partial curtailing of their liberties for the suppression of forces who would completely destroy them. There is religious liberty in Brazil. Government authorities do give us protection against those who would persecute us. Baptists must recognize present day conditions and be as tolerant as possible, so long as our fundamental principles are not infringed upon. Baptist schools must keep their chins set with an eye for better days. Advantages abandoned now might not be recovered in another half century. No one can foresee just how great may be their opportunity after the passage of the present world catastrophe.

What then are these schools doing at present to further the denominational program of Brazil? We sum it up briefly: First, they are holding firm, although beset with problems, at a time when evan-

gelical Christianity needs to mobilize every existing force for world reconstruction after the war. In the second place they are furnishing Baptist boys and girls a school environment which, although it may not be perfect from every standpoint, is very different and far better than may be found in State or Catholic schools. In the third place our schools have been and always will be one of the greatest factors in breaking down prejudices and opening up the way for preaching the gospel. They are among the best from the standpoint of scholarship. They have a reputation for their discipline and moral teaching. The graduates they send out, even when not Christians, are at least liberal and are the permanent friends of evangelical freedom. Their influence breaks down fanatical barriers and clears away the obstacles which impede evangelical progress. No one can foresee with precision just what the future may hold for the gospel in Brazil, but it is certain that the opportunities will continue to be great. When the final summing up of all the organizations and institutions which have had a part in the growth and development of Baptist work in Brazil has been made, our schools and colleges will hold a very important place among other contributing factors.

An All Important Question

By CHARLES A. WELLS

When destruction and ruthlessness have shaken life apart, when the innocent and helpless have suffered with the guilty, there is a deep unuttered question that moves through the consciousness of man. If he cannot find an answer, life becomes almost unbearable. Man has become so cruel to man that we all feel the desperate need of some friendly Spirit back behind the scenes, somewhere in the universe. There must be a God who cares. The faith in this belief is reinforced by what happens to our minds and hearts when we accept this hope as real. Life becomes tolerable again and pulls together, suffering has meaning and is not all in vain. No man, having tasted the fruit of such a faith, can cast it away for long.





*The
Carlisle
Family,
Monte-
video,
Uruguay*

GOING FORWARD

After a year of service in Montevideo, Uruguay, Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle write: "During this year we have seen great progress in the work in this field. There has been one new church organized. One new church building has been completed and another is nearing completion. A new field of service has been opened by Rev. and Mrs. Goldfinch in Saito. There has been much growth in all parts of the work and many new preaching points have been started. The gospel has been preached by use of loud speakers in the streets and has gone out over the radio to all parts of the country. There has been a big increase in both of these types of preaching. Just now we are beginning a campaign of evangelistic work in which many will hear the story of life and find the joy and peace of the Lord."

High Standards

Standards Must Be Maintained—Out of the experience of almost a century, the Foreign Mission Board has evolved and set up certain required standards for guidance in the selection and appointment of candidates for missionary service overseas. These standards are vitally necessary and must be maintained. Just to enumerate some of the requirements for appointment to missionary service abroad is to make them appear necessary and obvious to every one:

- A minimum and maximum age limit
- Physical and mental fitness
- Unhesitating and wholehearted acceptance of Christ as divine Saviour and Lord
- Belief in and acceptance of the Bible as the inspired word of God
- Convincing evidences of a complete personal surrender to Christ
- Satisfying proof of a divine call to missionary service
- Co-operative spirit and ability always to see and appreciate the viewpoint of others

Thorough and adequate preparation in college and seminary for the highest and holiest calling on earth.

Surely if God has called a young person into this high and holy fellowship of service, He has first of all called him to make full and ample preparation. Do not ask the board, therefore, to lower its standard of requirements.

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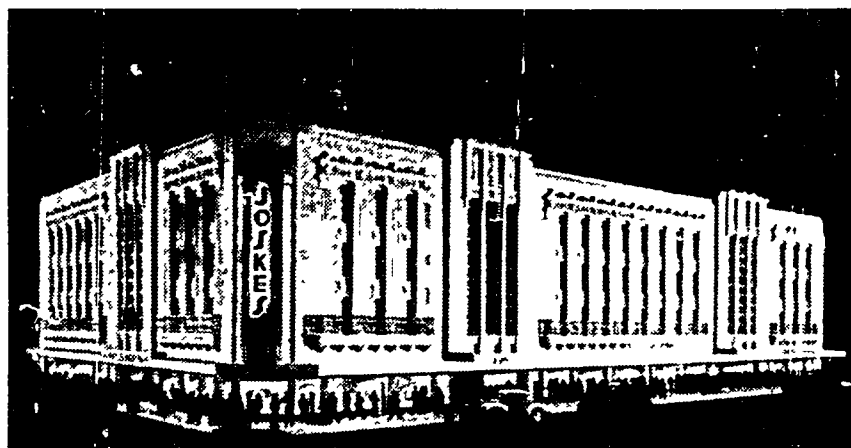
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Good News from a Far Country

By MARTHA STROTHER, Pochow, Anhwei, China



We have much for which we give thanks. God is continually good, and much progress has been made this past year. Five hundred and thirty-five were baptized. Several new houses of worship were built and others enlarged. The church membership has grown to 1,520. Both of our schools have been a great blessing, with students ranging from primer to high school and numbering 225. These children are all either church members themselves or children of church members. So you see it is strictly a church school. The children have all returned to their homes to celebrate the Chinese New Year festivities. I certainly miss their happy, helpful singing.

For years we have wanted a bookstore. This year the Lord made it possible. We have a fine room belonging to the new north suburb church property, on a very busy street in the business section. In this store are not only many fine books for sale, but posters of interest, tracts, daily papers and other reading materials where all who care to do so may read in quiet, or hear again the plan of salvation from the Christian man in charge. Pray for this new phase of our work.

Yesterday three preaching bands, consisting of about thirty-three men, went out to witness and preach. They go into new territory, bearing the message of the church of Christ Jesus, and we expect to claim all that section for Him. Pray for these three groups of men as they go from village to village, day after day, until all at least once in their lifetime have had a chance to hear the message of salvation through Jesus. Oh, that all who hear might believe and follow the Master! Of course we delight to praise Him for every one who comes out from heathenism; yet we realize that only a very small proportion follow on to know Him.

For our big fall meeting, Dr. A. S. Gillespie came to us with fine messages. We were all greatly blessed and many were saved, as the clear message of salvation was given over and over again.

When it came time to have the Lord's Supper it was truly a great joy to see the house so full and running over with church members, that we had to seat them in rows in the church-yard just outside the door. Here they partook of the Lord's Supper.

Twice a year we have Bible classes for all our co-workers, and outstanding Christians over the field. This time over a hundred came. As each individual registered he or she paid a fee of two dollars which practically fed them for two weeks. Fuel was furnished by the missionaries, and as all foodstuffs had soared in prices we donated enough to care for the deficit, in order that they might continue study for a few added days. I am looking forward to getting out more into the homes of the women. Practically all of my time and efforts for the past year have been given to the new church in the north suburb. At our weekly women's meeting we have a very fine group of fifty or more, and many of these are going forward and bringing others to the Lord.

Mr. Strother being the only foreign man is "leader in general" and we all look to him to help us in all the various phases of the work. His New Year resolution was *not* to spend his time looking after the material things but to "preaching Jesus only." Truly his burdens are great and his responsibilities many. Since we are so few, we are each one carrying all we possibly can; but our Father gives added strength and new mercies every day.

Pray for us who are your co-workers, and who are privileged to be in this land because of the faithfulness of many of His good saints, just such as you.



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The missionary pictured on page 190 is Miss Margie Shumate

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Ours is a stricken, needy world.

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Very limited is the news we receive regarding the sufferings of our Christian brothers and sisters in Europe; but garbed in unfamiliar terms an occasional bit of information slips past even the wariest of censors. Here are a few items which arouse our sympathy and bid us "pray without ceasing" for our noble Christian brothers and sisters in their tragic plight.

IN SPAIN

A recent letter, passed by the authorities in Spain, related that a certain Protestant was "spending a time with Paul and Silas," while another had been "called upon to take over the place of Stephen—a task which he fulfilled valiantly." The censor, unfamiliar with the New Testament, did not know that he was permitting the passing of the information that a certain Protestant was in prison while another had been put to death.

IN ITALY

One family received from Italy a letter from which they removed the postage stamp. Written under it was a statement regarding the awfulness of conditions in that war-impoorished Rome-dominated land.

Another letter, telling how comfortable (?) they were in Italy, said: "I can imagine myself in Villa Devoto." Since the censors did not know that "Villa Devoto" is the name of a suburb of an Argentine city in which is located a penitentiary, the letter was permitted to pass.

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If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and continue to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity.

—Daniel Webster.

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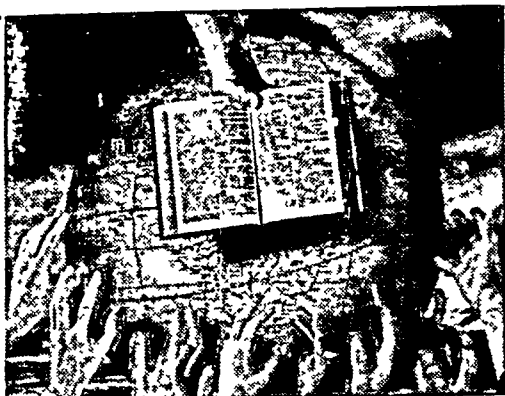
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According to custom, the Foreign Mission Board will have an exhibit at the Southern Baptist Convention. We try to make our display one of the most attractive features of the Convention, in the hope that the hundreds of delegates and visitors who see it will become more interested in foreign missions.

The missionaries who attend the meeting will act as hosts and hostesses in the exhibit. To many Southern Baptists one of the most gratifying convention experiences is the firsthand knowledge that they get of the different phases of the work as the missionaries explain the charts, maps, graphs, pictures, and curios on display in the exhibit. All delegates are invited to view the interesting display. We are looking forward to having many visitors. Come to see us and we will do our utmost to do you good.

THE NEW STUDY BOOKS

The 1942 series of graded foreign mission study books are timely and important. Every book in the series is replete with statements concerning the need of the people and the triumphs of the gospel in our South American mission fields. All of the books give interesting accounts of faithful service by Southern Baptists' missionaries in South America.

BOOKS IN SERIES ON SOUTH AMERICA

ADULTS

Pioneering with Christ West of the Andes by Agnes Graham.

Miss Agnes Graham of Chile has prepared the manuscript for the adult book on Southern Baptists' work in Chile. The book will be published in mid-summer.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS

Baptists Building in Brazil by A. Ben Oliver.

Out of his seven years of experience as a missionary in Brazil, the author presents in *Baptists Building in Brazil* a mighty challenge to the young people to have a worthy part in building the Kingdom in Brazil.

INTERMEDIATES

Wings Against the Blue by Rosalce Mills Appleby.

Presented in narrative form this book describes vividly a high school graduate's year of travel in the Southern continent. Teen-age boys and girls will thrill with the story that acquaints them with many of the missionaries and their work in all of our South American fields.

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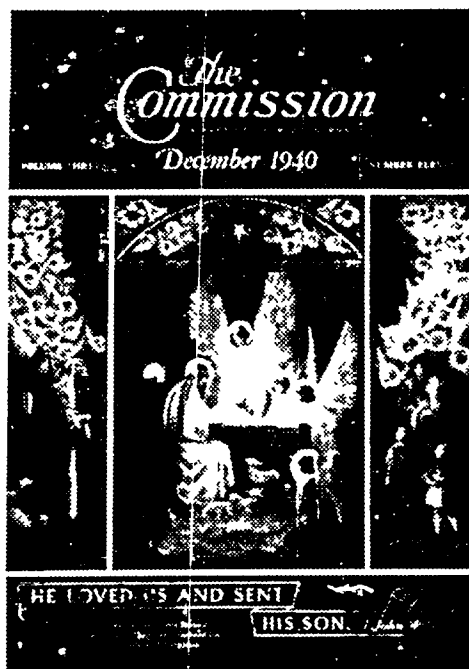
Friends Down Under by Willie Jean Stewart.

Juniors will delight in following the group of boys in the sailing vessel which takes them to many South American ports. On their fascinating cruise they learn about our interesting neighbors "down under" the equator in South America who need more missionaries to tell them about God's Kingdom.

PRIMARY

Neighbors We'd Like to Know—A compilation.

Prepared for Sunbeam groups, this little book contains five stories of children who live in South America—boys and girls who, in so many ways, are like their North American neighbors and who are dear to the heart of the Friend of little children.



The Bagbys of Brazil

It is our good pleasure to announce that Helen Bagby Harrison's book, *The Bagbys of Brazil*, will be published the middle of May. This book is not listed in our series of textbooks, but it is suggested that every member of adult and young people's classes on South American fields should read it as supplemental material. There will doubtless be some adult classes that will prefer to use this as a textbook.

A descriptive announcement of the series will be ready by the last of May and can be had by writing to the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond or to the Baptist Book Store serving your state.

THE COMMISSION

Plans have been made for a *Commission* display in the Foreign Mission Board's Exhibit. Miss Lucy Smith and missionaries will be on hand to take renewals and new subscriptions.

Because kind friends are diligent in sending long lists of subscribers, our mailing list has constantly grown until today the magazine coming each month in many Southern Baptists' homes is a great joy; but we must enlarge our circle of readers. It is important that all friends of foreign missions should read *The Commission*. Dr. Maddry stirs our hearts through his editorial columns; many Southern leaders at home speak through its pages; but *The Com-*

mission is mainly a medium through which news comes to Southern Baptists from the workers at the front. Many of its messages come right from the heart of the missionaries and in many cases from the midst of their daily work.

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Among Recent Books

Petal Dust from My Garden—Joyce Freeman Woodbury. Broadman Press. Price, \$1.00.

A collection of thirty-eight story-sermonettes, dealing with the varied phases of everyday life—its temptations, its triumphs, its problems, and its homely kindnesses. Many of these messages are written in quaint allegory form with word pictures that are simple and vivid. It is a book of helpful messages for young and old.

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Far West in China—Stanton Lautenschlager. Friendship Press. Price, paper, 25 cents.

With a background of twenty years in China, a deep love and admiration for the Chinese people, and a desire to show the outside world that China is ready and waiting for the gospel of Jesus Christ, Mr. Lautenschlager has written a most readable and interesting account of his journeyings through China's great West.

The first chapter will prove an eye-opener to many who have thought of the Communists only as *Reds*. Yenan, the capital of Chinese communism

with its well organized schools and hospitals, presents a challenge to every missionary minded Christian. The second chapter deals with co-operation and the third chapter with the great exodus of students into Free China.

All who are interested in China's future will do well to read carefully this little book.

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The Jews Today—Conrad Hoffmann, Jr. Friendship Press. Price, paper, 25 cents.

The author, having spent many years in working with and for the Jews, writes convincingly of their problems and their future.

After tracing the persecution of the Semites from Old Testament times up through the present, Dr. Hoffmann places the responsibility of their future upon Christian forces in America. "The five million Jews in America constitute the largest single group of Jews in the world. . . . Therefore what the church of America does in regard to the Jews in America will probably be decisive, humanly speaking, in determining the future of world Jewry."

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

By MYRTLE PARRISH CAMPBELL



Little five-year-old Anne, only child of consecrated parents, had been saving her pennies and nickels in her bank for a long time. Money was not very plentiful in her home so she often denied herself many childish desires to save her money. At last the bank was full and Anne felt very happy, but she couldn't decide how to invest those precious savings.

About this time the special edition of *THE COMMISSION* reached their pastor and a great burden was placed upon his heart as he read the urgent appeal for prayer for our 129 missionaries yonder in the war zones and also about the suffering of the Chinese people whose homes had been bombed by the Japanese. When he read the poem about what a penny can do in China, he realized that many pennies spent needlessly and selfishly in our country

could be saving lives there. He felt led to take that copy of *THE COMMISSION* to the prayer service on Wednesday evening, and he asked God that his people might feel led to pray more and to give more for these great needs. Nothing was said that night about taking an offering as he knew that an opportunity would come later.

Near the back of the church sat little Anne between her parents. No one dreamed that this tiny girl was listening intently to every word. Her heart was touched. At once her thoughts flew to her precious bank. Here was the very best place for her money! She turned to her father and whispered: "Daddy, I want to give my money to help those poor little children. They need it worse than I do."

Nothing more was said that night about Anne's desire, but the next morning Anne had not forgotten. Those little Chinese children needed her money; she must send it to them. All day she talked about it. She was determined to do her part. Then, all alone with her bank in her hand she went to the minister's; but no one was at home.

Many a girl, less unselfish than Anne, might have thought, "Well, I tried to send my money to China but, since I could not find my pastor, I'll just spend it now for things for myself—a doll or new shoes, or some candy." But unselfish little Anne would not give up. In spite of the cold weather, she went back again the following morning and found the pastor's wife. Her eager face was beaming with joy as she held out her little bank saying, "Send this to those poor little Chinese children!" Her radiant face proved that truly, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Since giving her savings, Anne's interest in China is even greater. Now then, she is very fond of popcorn and often, when uptown, she will express a desire for a bag of it; but instantly her mind goes to "those poor little children" as she calls them, and she saves the nickel for them.

If all Southern Baptist girls and boys and grown people too could only catch the spirit of this noble, little girl, surely the streets of China would not be so full of starving people.

In giving them food we can also give them "The Bread of Life," for the missionaries tell the story of Jesus to all who come for food.

Surely Jesus is saying to us: "Give ye them to eat."

NEWS FLASHES

GENE NEWTON

ARRIVALS

Miss Martha Thomas Ellis, directress of the Woman's Missionary Training School in Buenos Aires, Argentina, arrived in New York February 28, 1942. Her home is in Union Springs, Alabama.

SYMPATHY

On February 1, 1942 Mrs. J. S. Reaves, mother of Mrs. D. F. Askew of Buenos Aires, Argentina, passed away at her home in Anniston, Alabama after an illness of several months.

Mrs. T. O. Hearn, former missionary to North China, died in Birmingham, Alabama on February 19, 1942. Dr. and Mrs. Hearn served in China from 1907 to 1921 when they resigned because of Mrs. Hearn's ill health.

On March 14, 1942 Mrs. Winnie Strother, sister of Miss Lena V. Lair of Iwo, Nigeria passed away.

ARRIVAL IN CHILE

A letter from Miss Lois Hart reports a good trip on a Chilean boat from New York to Tocopilla, Chile. Several submarines were cited on the journey, but the ship was unmolested. At Tocopilla Miss Hart was sent ashore in a little rowboat. Her father met her and they rode a truck to Antofagasta where Miss Hart is to establish a Good Will Center.

TRANSFER

Rev. and Mrs. Z. Paul Freeman have moved from La Rioja, Argentina to Tucuman.

Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Stover are located in Maccio, Alagoas, Brazil.

JIMMY WINS

When Rev. and Mrs. James D. Belote of Wahiawa, Hawaii were making plans to send their three-year-old son to America with a friend who offered to take him on the clipper, Mr. Belote said to little Jimmy, "You would like it, Jimmy. Don't you remember how big the clipper is? It's a great big plane, don't you remember?" Jimmy replied, "But, Daddy, don't you remember when it gets up in the sky how little it gets, and it gets littler and littler?" Jimmy stayed in Hawaii.

ARGENTINE EDUCATION

Louise Freeman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Z. Paul Freeman has completed the course at the Normal School for Teachers in Argentina, and Louise Hawkins, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Hawkins finished her work at National College.

NEW PASTORATE

Rev. J. A. Herring, missionary to Kweilin, China has accepted a pastorate in Cullowhee, North Carolina until he and Mrs. Herring can return to China.

AIR RAIDS IN KWEILIN

An air mail letter from Rev. R. L. Bausum of Kweilin, Free China, dated January 21, came by way of South Africa and was received in Richmond within seven weeks. Mr. Bausum says, "Here in Kweilin we continue to have our share of air raids and the warning alarms which come from raids and scouting planes near us. But we have a fixed rule. We take the women and children in the car, go to a very satisfactory cave, and wait until we hear the hum of motors; then we go in and remain hidden until the danger is past. We suffer no physical danger nor anxiety."



Lanny and Louis Goldfinch, sons of Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, Salto, Uruguay

DRUMS IN NIGERIA

Miss Margaret Marchman of Shaki, Nigeria says that drums really speak to the natives. Upon hearing the sound of drums, the native knows immediately the nature of the celebration. Miss Marchman writes: "One Sunday as we were returning from church a group of natives following drummers came toward us. The sound was rather sad and different from any I had heard. The people were not dancing as usual, but were making much noise and running fast. Just behind the drummers ran two men carrying together a long load upon their heads. When they came nearer I could identify the load as the body of a dead person. This corpse was wrapped in dark cloth and lying on a bamboo stretcher. It seemed pitiful to think that such heathen people know not the Comforter, and die without Christ."

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THE CREED AND THE DEED

President Neff has stated on several occasions that "teachers in Baylor University are not embarrassed to point out the working of spiritual law in the physical world, to interpret history in the light of divine Providence, to see God through a test tube or a telescope, to turn a class period into a prayer meeting, to openly magnify the Master Teacher in their way of living. The old and sacred institution of family prayer now practically relegated to the limbo of lost arts has its prototype in the daily chapel period at Baylor University where prayer is wont to be made and songs of praise to be sung. Here students are taught to translate the Christian ideals into the actualities of life."

Several of the students, having returned to their native countries, are doing mission work now; others are still studying in this country in preparation for mission work. Howson Lee is now Dr. Howson Lee of Shanghai University; Munir Musa, son of the former Baptist pastor of Nazareth, is Dr. Musa of the Mijdal Hospital in Gaza; Akura Chiba is in the Crozier Seminary in West Chester, Pennsylvania; Homer Eng is doing mission work among the Chinese in Norfolk, Virginia, where he influenced Mae Ng to come to Baylor. Sue Saito is Educational Director of the Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu of which Victor Koon (1922) is pastor.

THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Foreign students in Baylor now are members of the International Club to which belong also the Margaret Fund students. The purpose of the club is the creation, among the group from the far corners of the earth, of a bond of Christian fellowship. The Margaret Fund students are all assigned to various associations by the Woman's Missionary Union and, as many of them are gifted speakers and talented musicians, they perform a great service by appearing before church groups.

A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Other personalities, "so great a cloud of witnesses" for missions, in the churches of Waco have encompassed Baylor about during the years, notably in the First Baptist Church which "has probably sent to the foreign mission field more missionaries than any other church in the South."

The potentialities for missionary production were never so marked at Baylor as now. Six new Baylor missionaries went to foreign mission fields in the summer of 1941: Katherine Cozzens to Brazil, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Webb to Mexico, Dr. John Miller to China, Dr. Paul Geren to Burma (Northern Board), Sue Saito to Hawaii.

The number of young ministers in Baylor this year is large in spite of demands of the defense program; and the membership of the Volunteer Band is the largest in its history, forty-five with about an equal number of associate members who plan to do some special work in the home land. Dr. J. B. Tidwell, Head of the Bible Department at Baylor and Dr. B. O. Herring, sponsor of the Band, whose hearts and souls are on fire with zeal for this work, receive almost daily requests from far and near for information about the opportunities at Baylor for training for missionary or other special service.

PRACTICAL TRAINING

The Volunteer Band carries on a definite missionary program. The members are reinforced through their association with each other, through exchange of experiences and prayers in weekly meetings. They serve mission stations among the Mexicans and Negroes and underprivileged whites in Waco and the nearby communities. Waco churches maintain such missions in which Baylor students and faculty members work. Many students do service in the Mexican mission in the city supported by the Home Mission Board under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Porter. They also hold services in the jails, on the streets, at the poor farm, and in other needy places. They prepare and give in various communities a missionary play each year. By offerings taken where programs are presented and by individual gifts, a missionary is supported on the foreign field. A young preacher and his wife who are volunteers for Africa, came all the way from North Carolina to Baylor because of the opportunity for practical missionary experience in the program of the Volunteer Band.

In the crucial years immediately ahead, Southern Baptists must be alert to the needs of Baylor University if this great source of missionary supply both for the home and the foreign field is to be maintained and increased to meet the extended need for leaders in the days to come. Baptists must guard the treasure "which has been committed to us against that day." Evangelical Christianity is America's first line of defense—that element which is the primary ingredient in the nation's morale, vastly more important than mere numbers of men or munitions. Unless the strongholds of religion are strengthened and reinforced, the battle will be lost before it has well begun. It has been said that education has lost her one-time team mate—religion. Not so at Baylor.

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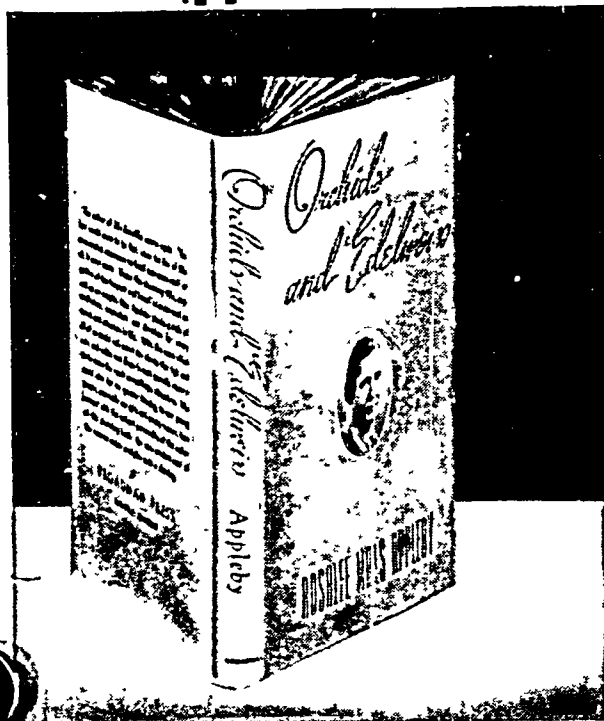
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