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Pray for one another.—James 5:16

Prayer pulls the rope below, and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell, for they pray so languidly; others give but an occasional pluck at the rope; but he who wins with heaven is the one who grasps the rope boldly and pulls continuously, with all his might.—CHARLES H. SPURGEON.

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*At present in this country.

Grant them every needed blessing,
Round them build a wall of fire,
In their hands thy good work prosper,
Many souls bestow for hire.
Light celestial!
Be their glory and their joy.



Patently these Chinese refugees wait their apportionment of food

Freely Give



Receiving bean-milk at the gate of Shanghai University

The good, like clouds, receive only to give away.

—Hindu Proverb

To save one man's life is better than to build a seven-story pagoda.

—Chinese Proverb



Goodwill industry outside Shanghai University campus

Ye ought to help the weak.

—Acts 20:35

Not to aid one in distress is to kill in your heart.

—African Proverb



At the Social Center they receive warm clothing

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THE COVER PICTURE

Mrs. W. J. Cox, who from 1925 to 1933, served as the able president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, is now the treasurer of that great organization. Since 1934 Mrs. Cox has had charge of all the finances of the Union, a task whose manifold responsibilities include the handling of all Margaret Fund gifts. In carrying on this feature of the work Mrs. Cox has kept in personal and helpful contact with the large group of Margaret Fund students.

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Ridgecrest

FOREIGN MISSION WEEK

By GEORGE W. SADLER

Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest has become increasingly successful as the years have come and gone. This success has manifested itself in the number of persons who have attended and their interest in and response to the world Christian mission. Under the influence of the atmosphere of this series, large sums of money have been dedicated and glorious young life has been laid on the altar of service.

Beginning on Saturday Evening, August 8, the Foreign Mission Board will sponsor a program that will be full of uplift and challenge. In addition to the missionaries from many parts of the world, we shall have the privilege of having on the program outstanding pastors and other denominational leaders.

Dr. Charles E. Maddry will bring the message on Sunday morning.

Miss Kathleen Mallory and Mrs. F. W. Armstrong

will be in charge of the program on Wednesday.

Dr. S. D. Foreman, Jr., will bring the daily vesper messages.

Dr. Fred T. Moffatt will speak at the morning watch hours.

Dr. J. B. McLaurin, outstanding Canadian leader, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board of that country, will deliver several addresses.

It is expected that there will be a called meeting of the Foreign Mission Board during the week. That means that we shall have an additional number of gifted leaders to inspire us. A detailed program will be published and distributed later. In the meantime, let Southern Baptists in large numbers plan to go to the hills from whose heights they may lift up their eyes and look upon a broken and bleeding world and respond to the call of needy men and our all-sufficient God.



Rhododendron Hall (the dining hall), Ridgecrest, North Carolina



Mrs. Walter E. Craighead*

Bibles for Russians

The long, slow pendulum of religious repression in Russia appears to be swinging back toward freedom. A great, spiritual revival seems to be in the Lord's program for this mighty Slavic nation.

In fact, a great awakening had begun during the first World War and has continued until the present moment. The tempo is increasing. The movement was started through the wide distribution of Bibles, Testaments, Scripture portions and song books among Russian war prisoners in Austria and Germany. The following instance is typical:

In one camp of 10,000 Russian prisoners there were eighteen "believers." They organized a prayer meeting, at first stealthily, on one corner of the barracks. So many came to pray that finally a delegation requested the German commandant to permit a prayer meeting. Be it said to his credit, a special barracks was set aside for these meetings. It was crowded with Russian men, eager for spiritual food. After six months there were 600 new converts, saved by reading and hearing the Scriptures in prison. The authorities permitted baptism in a near-by river, and so a Baptist church was organized in a prison camp, with a prisoner pastor chosen by his fellow prisoners! (From *Sentenced to Siberia*, by Blumit.)

Similar reports have come from other prison camps, but the stories did not end within those walls. They are continuing today in all parts of Russia and other European countries, especially the Balkan. We witnessed a thrilling chapter in Bessarabia, the Russian province acquired by Rumania after World War I. The war over, the prisoners returned to their homes, supplied with Bibles, Testaments, and song books. These men have been loyal missionaries to their own people.

Can you picture this dramatic scene in a little village in Bessarabia? A returned soldier is our hero. All the village must hear his account of the war and of his imprisonment. Many of them have never seen a train or boat. He is even wearing the Cross of St. George, the highest medal decorating Russian heroes.

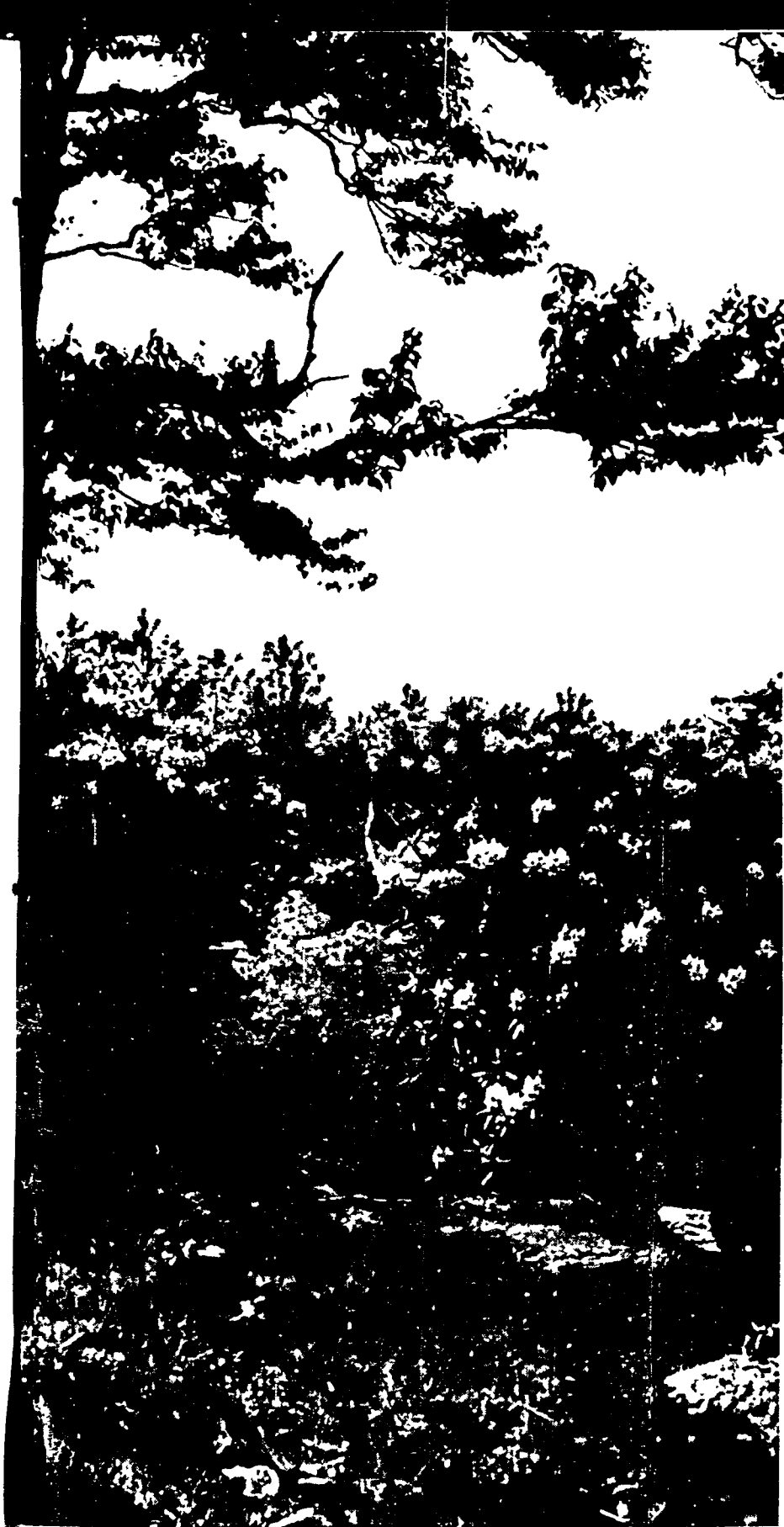
*Mrs. Craighead who has served as Southern Baptists' devoted missionary in Bessarabia was compelled, by war conditions, to escape with her husband and children to this country.

Everyone must see him and hear his story. His native hut is soon filled with neighbors and even strangers. The steaming *samovar* (tea-urn) is placed at one end of the long table in the center of the room. Piles of coarse brown bread and sheep's milk cheese on plates, brought in by neighbors' wives as a token of good will, cover the table. Seated around the table, or standing, are the curious guests. Warm greetings are exchanged, and the women weep for joy. After many glasses of hot tea and an amazing quantity of bread and cheese is consumed, the ex-soldier rises to speak to his guests, who are already wondering why no *vodka* (beer) has been brought out. He looks around upon the company, then reaches into his shirt pocket for his beloved New Testament. It is already somewhat worn by constant use. He holds it reverently; then, lifting it upward, he says, "This is the best thing I found in the prison camp—it is the Word of God!" All eyes open wide. After a brief silence, with head bowed in prayer, the host opens the Book and reads. Keen interest is shown, and he is asked to read more and more. They listen hungrily, until the dawn beckons them to their fields again. These little meetings continue in the peasants' homes night after night—or until the village priest gets word of them and sees that they are stopped. Even in the fields, daily prayers are offered. The priest's protests are too late. Joy has come to this dark little village. The gospel story and song have driven out drunken brawls.

Basil Malof, a noted Russian pastor, says "God provided Himself a band of witnesses so that multitudes could hear the gospel all over the great Russian Empire. God foreknew what Bolshevism with its wicked doctrines and denial of God would mean to the Russian people; and so, before the malady came, He already had provided the remedy."

Our whole Baptist work in Bessarabia, which God has blessed so graciously, was founded and conducted largely by converted war prisoners. From only a few Baptists in 1920, the numbers grew to 20,000 in 1940 (an average increase of 1,000 a year). Three hundred groups and churches were founded. Houses of worship were erected throughout the province. Eternity alone can reveal the full results of Bible distribution in prison camps during the last World War. In one province in Russia about eight hundred new evangelical churches were organized in one year.

Now again the call reaches us for Bibles and



Nature's Beauty at Ridgecrest

Testaments for Russian war prisoners. The situation is much the same as in the previous World War. Permission has been granted for distribution in some camps, although the location is not revealed. Through the branch of the American Bible Society located in Switzerland, Russian Bibles are being printed in Finland, where paper is available and printing reasonable, as well as transportation possible. The American Bible Society and other reliable sources report that among Russians, even Bolsheviks, there is the same great thirst for God's Word. There is tremendous need of money to increase the

output of Bibles, while the opportunity lasts. May our response not be "too little, nor too late!" Willing hands to publish and to distribute these are available. Shall we not be the arsenal, to supply them?

"Shall we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?"

We are confident that Southern Baptists will give generously and sacrificially to this glorious cause. It is our privilege to carry the gospel to Russia *now*. This appeal has been made with the approval of Dr. George W. Sadler, who rejoices in every effort for the evangelization of Europe.

Your gifts may be marked "Russian Testaments" and sent to your own state headquarters or, if desired, directly to the Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia. Our Board is co-operating with the American Bible Society in this enterprise.

IN PRAISE OF PEACE

In the Lincoln School in New York City the boys and girls were asked to write their own definitions of peace. The following are answers written by different children:

Peace means the beginning of a new world.
Peace means a whole world like one country.
Peace means all nations are friends.
Peace means joy to the world.
Peace is quiet and calm. It is rest.
Peace is silence after a storm.
Peace is love and friendship.
Peace is the world's dream of dreams.
In time of peace the strong respect the weak; the great respect the small; the many respect the few.
Peace brings comfort and happiness.
Peace brings bread to the hungry.
Peace brings prosperity to the nations.
Peace is like a mother to those who have suffered.
Peace after war is like sleep after a long journey.
Peace is like spring after winter. It brings sunshine into the world.
Peace is like sweet music after harsh sounds.
Peace is a dream that someone dreamed would come true.

A PRAYER

O Blessed Lord, in whose garment was variety but no rent or seam, have mercy on Thy church; and so unite all hearts and affections by the union of faith and charity, that we be not torn into factions and schisms, but being anointed with Thy Spirit from above, may keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.

—JEREMY TAYLOR (1613-1667)

Kingdom Facts and Factors

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AMBITIOUS JOURNALISTIC ADVENTURE

A few months ago, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, *The Protestant Voice* was launched as a general religious news weekly. It is in the form of the usual secular newspaper, with eight pages. It aims and hopes to be the "voice" of "more than 50,000 Protestants" in whose "interests" it speaks. It covers a wide range of news from all parts of the world, having the facilities of the United Press, Religious News Service, Worldover Press, N.E.A. Service, and Acme Art. It carries many features and must arouse much interest.

The "Editorial Board," which aims to include members of all principal denominations, has, as of March 27, twenty-one members including three Baptists, W. B. Riley, R. G. Lee, and M. F. Ham.

It should be possible to have a Christian weekly which could render such general service as is contemplated by this journal. It is too early yet to say whether this one will succeed. We may hope for the best. Thus far, its missionary news is little developed.

by Martin Bormann. The new leader has issued, over his signature, a somewhat elaborate statement setting forth "the National Socialist point of view" as "irreconcilable with the Christian." His statement is headed "Christianity Founded on Ignorance." The statement is dominated by crass materialism and an atheism as complete as that which has dominated official Russian Communism. "The natural Force which maintains these innumerable planets in the universe we call the Almighty or God. The opinion that this Universal Power can trouble himself about the fate of individual beings . . . or can be influenced by so-called prayers or other incredible things, rests on an essential dose of naiveté or on shameful deceit."

One paragraph emphasizes that "all churches are hostile to Nazism." Another insists that "the people must be wrested from the churches." He says that it must be the policy of his Party to divide and disrupt Protestantism.

This thus becomes the official attitude of the Party which now dominates the German people and nation. The spirit of this has been in application in the occupied territories and has caused serious difficulty for the Christian churches in some of the countries. In Norway all the bishops resigned their offices, although they continue to function for the Christians of the churches. With some modification a similar situation obtains in Holland. It may be necessary to explain for the American mind that the

THE NAZIS AND CHRISTIANITY

Hess, whose dramatic and mysterious flight from Germany to Scotland startled the world last summer, has been succeeded as leader of the Nazi Party



Coming from the Auditorium service, Ridgecrest, North Carolina

Lutheran Church in Norway and the Reformed Church in Holland are state churches. Their bishops can partly solve the problem of their conflict with an oppressive and dominating political control by resigning. In this way they, of course, lose the direct relations with the State and presumably the financial support of the State. It is much to their credit that they sacrifice the material advantages in the interests of spiritual convictions and ideals. That whole situation, however, illustrates the viciousness of the state church principle.

It is distressing to see the anti-Christian trends through much of Europe in the current crisis.

LOOKING TOWARD THE PEACE

Conferences of religious leaders in Great Britain and in the United States are earnestly seeking to prepare for the peace which is to follow the present war. This is all very well, and should be taken seriously by all Christians. American Christians need especially to acquaint themselves with the facts and the recommendations of an elaborate consideration by a conference held in Delaware, Ohio, in March.

Beyond question Christians ought to have a vastly greater influence with the next peacemaking than they had with that of 1918-1919.

The Christian leaders are not the only ones looking toward the terms of the future peace. There is an official political council on this subject to which is committed especially the working out of an economic order for the war and the post-war period. At the moment of this writing there is much agitation over the charges by "the Dies Committee" that this organization is dominated by Communists. There can be no question that America will have to face the problem of at least a modified communism if and when we shall have won this war. We must

be prepared to meet it, if possible, with a program for a Christian order.

What all the students of peace need to take account of is that the new order of the world is not to be made exclusively or even predominantly by the two great English-speaking countries. In any effective councils for the future, China and India must have a large voice. It is also likely that Russia will have to be recognized on a basis of major consideration. In the order to follow this war, Asia will again return to a position of autonomous self-direction and recognition by the newer Western World, comparable to the position she held prior to the era of Modern history. To be sure it will be a very different Asia from that of the world prior to the sixteenth century. Let nobody set up a schedule for a new order that fails to recognize the equality and the full rights of the Asiatic peoples. India, China, and Japan, particularly, must be "first-class peoples" in the next era of the world's history. I do not say "powers" because that term stands for a principle in world organization which must be definitely and finally eliminated before there can be any peace among the nations and happiness for mankind.

It ought to be obvious to all that the recognition of the principles of "the Kingdom of God" can alone supply the guidance for the new world order. It is for this that all Christians and all Christian churches should be preparing themselves in these pregnant days.

NOTE: The Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City, will supply at 10 cents a copy pamphlet reprints containing all reports of the Delaware Conference. A Handbook of discussion materials can be had for 15 cents from *The Christian Century*.

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Mrs. Hipps, who has served since 1926 as one of Southern Baptists' missionaries, doing educational and evangelistic work in Shanghai University, is now in this country on a furlough prolonged by the war

The Power of God in China

MRS. J. BURDER HIPPS

In the last few months, since war broke out between Japan and the United States, and the Allies have been suffering defeat after defeat at the hands of the Japanese, a new appreciation and respect for the Chinese has appeared, and people everywhere are asking, "How have the Chinese done it? How have they, whom we all thought so weak, withstood for nearly five years the ruthless Japanese onslaughts?" The answer, it seems to me, is that God has been working in China, working in the hearts of the people, giving them a spirit of courage, of endurance, and of self-forgetful sacrifice for others. He has been working not only through leaders, like General and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, but also through the hearts of humble people in everyday walks of life. Countless instances could be given, but there are three families whom I know very intimately who symbolize to me this spirit and power of God.

The Ling Family

The first is the Ling family, who were my next-door neighbors on the campus of the University of Shanghai. Dr. T. L. Ling, now dean of the College, was at that time head of the Education Department, and Mrs. Ling was a graduate of a Christian middle school. They had six children, ranging in age from Ling Hwang Mei (whose American name was Florence) a senior in college, to Catherine, eight years old. In between came the four boys. When the Lings lived on the campus they had a house just like mine—two-story, screened windows, tinted walls, comfortable furniture, and a stove to keep them warm in winter. They had a servant too, and in addition to the six children, Mrs. Ling's seventy-year-old mother, and Dr. Ling's sister lived with them. They were comfortable and happy in those days. There was plenty of food to eat. The children were all getting an education—starting in at the Primary School down near the gate, they could go right up through high school and college without having to leave home or the campus. Mrs. Ling and I would run back and forth to each other's homes on neighborly visits. She wanted to learn more English and I wanted to learn more Chinese; we talked about our children.

Then came the war. In two days, without any warning, the Japanese took possession of our campus. All who were there at the time had to flee with only the clothes they had on their backs, and they were not allowed to return to get anything at all. The Ling family, along with the others, went into the International Settlement. Shanghai was already crowded with refugees—300,000 that first winter. Rents had rocketed, living places of any kind were almost impossible to find. The Lings finally took a flat—two rooms on the second floor of a three-story apartment house. And "two rooms" did not mean two rooms and a bath and kitchen. As in the poorer type of Chinese apartment house, there was a common kitchen on the first floor, and each renter had a *kwoh*, or Chinese oven, in which to prepare the food for the family (and then carry it upstairs to the apartment). But this room was so dark and dirty that Mrs. Ling could not use it. Instead she bought a Standard Oil tin stove—a stove made out of a five-gallon Standard Oil tin, lined with mud, an opening cut in one side for ventilation, and one left at the top for a small grate on which to cook. The servant, of course, was gone, and Mrs. Ling began doing the cooking for her family of ten on this one-burner stove. Today she is still cooking on this stove—three meals a day, every day for nearly five years.

Then there was the problem of furniture. Friends who had been living in the Settlement and had not been looted loaned them a table, a few stools, a chest of drawers, a settee, and a few beds. There weren't enough beds to go around, and even if there had been, there would have been no place to put them. The grown-ups took the beds, and the children slept on the floor. As is well known, Chinese do not sleep on the floor. I do not think I have ever seen a Chinese sleeping on the floor, even in the poorest mud hut. It would be considered a disgrace to do such a thing. But there was no place else for the Ling boys and girls to sleep, so every night they laid out their mats on the floor and slept on them and every morning they rolled them up, put the table where the mats had been, ate breakfast, cleared off the dishes, and then used the table for study.

Dr. and Mrs. Ling and their six children and Mrs. Ling's mother and Dr. Ling's sister have been living this way for nearly five years now. But the spirit



Dr. C. C. Chen and Family

of the Ling family has never broken. When I went to see Mrs. Ling in her cramped rooms, she would greet me with the same gracious courtesy she used when I went to see her in her comfortable home on the campus. She always got a cup of hot water and some watermelon seeds, and insisted that I eat, although it was all I could do to swallow a mouthful, knowing how hard pressed the Lings were to make ends meet. Living expenses have gone up seven times during these war years. That means that whereas before the war the Lings could buy enough rice to last them a month for about \$12.00 Chinese money, now they have to pay \$90.00.

Yet, during all these years, I have never heard Mrs. Ling complain. Lines have come into her face that were not there before. She sighs sometimes and says, "Oh, when will it end?" But then she adds, quietly, "We must endure. God will bring an end some time. He will take care of us, and we must trust in Him."

The Ling family to me is a symbol of endurance. Truly it is God Himself who is sustaining them through these years of trial and hardship.

The Chen Family

The second family who shows the power of God to me is the Chen family. Dr. C. C. Chen, one of the first graduates of the University, has a Ph.D. degree from Yale and has been head of the Science Department for many years. Mrs. Chen is one of the most outstanding women in all of China. She has been China's delegate to two world conferences abroad and to numerous national conventions at home, while for the last several years she has been Dean of Women at the University. Dr. and Mrs. Chen have four children, of whom the eldest, Wei-Mei, is now studying to be a doctor. They too were

my near neighbors on the campus, and lived in a comfortable home like the rest of us. When the war came they too lost everything and had to refugee in the International Settlement. In addition to their own family, Mrs. Chen's old mother was living with them, and in a few months they took in Dr. Chen's cousin, his wife and little boy.

The Chens stand to me as the symbol of self-forgetful love of others. In spite of their own cares and worries during these years of suffering, they have trained their children not to pity themselves. They had told them of hardships worse than theirs, of children who have suffered more than they, until one day the youngest Chen, Hsiao-Chen, came home from school and said, "Mother, do not give me any vegetables on my rice this week. Just give me plain rice. And the money you would have spent buying vegetables for me, give to some of the little children who have no father or mother, the little orphans whose father and mother have been killed in this war."

Having lost so much themselves, out of their poverty the Chens still find ways to share with those even more unfortunate. "I was without shoes, and I murmured, until I met a man without feet." How insignificant appear the sacrifices we are being called upon to make when compared with such people.

The Ging Family

The last family who symbolizes the power of God to me is the Ging family. They are among those who have given up physical security to serve their people in occupied areas. As is well known, there is no such thing as personal safety for any Chinese living in Japanese-controlled territory. And so no Chinese live there—none except those who are too poor to pay rent and make a living elsewhere, except the traitors and puppets, and except those who have taken literally the words of Jesus, "He who saveth his life shall lose it."

The Gings had charge of the work in the Goodwill Center connected with the University, a Center located at Yangtsepoo in the heart of the factory area of Shanghai. They were rendering a magnificent service among the men and women who worked in the factories, among apprentices in the little shops along the street, and among the children of the workers. When the war came, the Japanese took over that area and all the Chinese fled. Factories and stores closed and, for two years, the district was like a cemetery. But finally the Japanese decided to open it again to the Chinese, and slowly they began to trickle back, and to try to start life again among the ruins of their homes and business. At last enough people had gone back, and enough factories opened so that the question came to the Gings: "Shall we

go back and open up our work again?" This meant facing not only the loss of security for themselves, but for their two little children, ages six and four. The Japanese do not welcome educated Chinese or leaders, and especially do they dislike and hate Christian leaders. But the Gings, like countless other Chinese pastors and teachers, listened to the voice of the Master, "He who loseth his life for my sake

and the gospel's shall save it," and they went back. When I left Shanghai they were there, as yet unmolested, kept daily by the power of God, ministering to the needy ones about them.

Truly, we who have lived in China during these war years have seen God manifested in unmistakable power, and we can never doubt His adequacy for whatever may come.

Far-Reaching Results

MRS. GEORGE MCWILLIAMS*

The never ending results of one Christian's influence make one wonder why we are so slow about our task. One Sunday afternoon Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan took us to the Hungarian Baptist Church in Sao Paulo. The enforcement of the Brazilian law that no public service could be conducted in any but the Portuguese language was making this meeting the last that these Hungarian Baptists could have in the tongue of their beloved mother country. It was a sad yet gala occasion. The Hungarian Consul and Ambassador were honor guests. Each was welcomed; each was presented with flowers; each responded. Then the sermon was preached in Hungarian.

The little girl who presented the flowers was dressed in the colorful costume of Hungary. Her mother was the president of the Woman's Missionary Society. We lingered after the service listening to the band, which is always such a part of

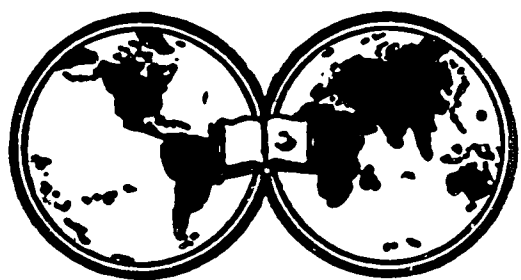
Hungarian church services. We soon learned that Marerida de Kolya, the president of the W.M.S. was one of the first five baptized by Mr. Baranya, one of the best leaders Baptists have in Hungary. When these Hungarian Baptists in Brazil found that we had recently been to Hungary and had been guests in the Baranya home, you can imagine what a welcome we had. Here in their new land this homesick convert of a great leader in faraway Hungary was doing valiant service for her Lord. What a circle! What a responsibility to keep an ever-widening front for the defense line of Christianity, if we are to hold it against the strong advance of the enemy in our chaotic, warring world.

Could we father, in visible form, the results of the work of these men and women of God who have represented Southern Baptists these past sixty years in this "Neighbor America" we would hasten to multiply their usefulness by sending to Latin America an army of "Soldiers of the Cross" who would quickly and permanently replace the propaganda of hatred and suspicion with the message of love and trust.

*Mrs. McWilliams of Liberty, Missouri, a member of the Foreign Mission Board has visited the several Latin-American Missions supported by Southern Baptists.



Miss Georgia Ogburn, of Santiago, Chile, stands back of her Sunday school class which was started a year ago with seven members and now has nineteen wide-awake young girls



World Trends

Items of Social and Missionary Interest

CHARLES E. MADDY

VIRGINIA BAPTISTS ARE MISSIONARY-MINDED

The Baptist churches of Virginia were loyal and generous supporters of the program and work of the Triennial Convention of American Baptists from its organization in 1814 to 1845, when the split came in Baptist fellowship in America over the question of slavery. From the organization of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845, down to the present day, the Baptist churches of Virginia have supported loyally and generously every missionary cause. The record for 1941 gathered from a recent exchange is most gratifying:

"Last year there were twenty-eight churches in the state of Virginia that gave more than \$5,000 each to missions. The churches that led were the First, Richmond, with \$29,777; the First, Lynchburg, with \$17,319; Barton Heights, Richmond, \$15,553; Tabernacle, Richmond, \$10,752; Calvary, Roanoke, \$10,457; West End, Petersburg, \$9,058; the First, Newport News, \$8,192; the Second, Richmond, \$7,807; Northside, Richmond, \$7,202; Orcutt Avenue, Newport News, \$7,199."

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COUNTING ALL THINGS BUT LOSS

The Foreign Mission Board never sent out to China two more promising and devoted missionaries than Baker James Cauthen and Eloise Glass



Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Cauthen and their children

Cauthen. Within two years after reaching China, Brother Cauthen was preaching acceptably in Chinese. Just before the war began, the Cauthens with their two little children escaped into Free China. They are in Kweilin and now, for four months, Brother Cauthen has been preaching daily in a great evangelistic campaign along with Brother Bausum and a number of native evangelists. We quote a paragraph from a letter from Missionary Cauthen to his parents in Texas. The letter is dated January 10, 1942.

"The war continues to help us eliminate our possessions. We do not know how the car, furniture, and piano are faring in North China. We left our rugs in Baguio, and of course we have no information about them. The bulk of our things including nearly all my books, the loud speaker, and many of Eloise's things are in Hongkong. I had a bank account in Shanghai, and of course it has 'gone with the wind.'

"But over against the inconveniences of the war there stands the glorious opportunity, so abundant here, of preaching the gospel. For five months we have continued day by day our evangelistic meetings. We are now preaching twice daily. The people still come eagerly to hear, and the responses are most glorious. Yesterday there were about fifteen in our noonday meeting who made profession of faith in the Lord. What do a few losses amount to when you have the privilege of being with your loved ones and preaching the message to those who have never heard?"

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THE REAL FACTS IN JAPAN

Disclosing the attitude of Japan, here are quotations from a remarkable article which appeared in *World Dominion* in July, 1938, entitled "Facing Real Facts in Japan": "Japan has a divine commission to pacify the world." "It will be necessary to pacify Asia through India." "The era of peace and righteousness can only be ushered in when the peoples of the world are united in giving their lives for the enhancement and glory of the Imperial Throne of Japan." "The Emperor is the saviour of the nations of the world." "Do you regard the Emperor as God? Yes, he is God."



On the Lake
at
Ridgecrest,
North Carolina

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Another
World Trend

EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE CONQUERS HIMSELF

One supremely righteous thing that has come out of the terrible war now raging, is the utter defeat of the Italians in Ethiopia and the restoration of Emperor Haile Selassie to his throne. He comes back praying for his enemies and refusing to hate the invaders of his native land. From *World Dominion* we quote:

"The Emperor Haile Selassie left Addis Ababa on May 5th, 1936, and returned to his throne there on May 5th, 1941. He asked for prayer at the 1936 Keswick Convention, and prayer has been completely answered.

"Viceroy Bonocorsi's policy for ruling Abyssinian natives was simple, according to *The Times*: 'He favored full military control, which would instil respect for Italy by using the force of arms.' The final sentences of his report read: 'A people such as we have found in Africa must be treated with bread and a whip. Any other method is fatal.'

"Haile Selassie's policy is a contrast. 'Today is a day of triumph and rejoicing. Let us rejoice, then, but in the Spirit of Christ. We must not return evil for evil. Let us not practice the atrocities that the enemy, even in recent days, has committed against us. Let us not cause shame to Ethiopia by acts worthy of our enemies. I will see that the Italians that remain are disarmed and receive a safe-conduct to the place from which they came.'"

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RUSSIAN BAPTISTS VERY MUCH ALIVE

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, has received a letter from the "All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians" of Moscow. A former president of the Council of Evangelical Christians was a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance and in 1928 attended the World Congress in Toronto. He writes:

"The historic agreement between the govern-

ments of the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain on common action in the war against Germany, which was concluded in the capital of our country on July 12th of this year, has inspired us, esteemed Mr. President, to approach you with this letter.

"Above all, we wish to express to you our great joy on the occasion of the drawing together of our brave nations in the face of the common enemy. This drawing together, which is so ardently welcomed by the nations of the whole civilized world, we, the Evangelical Christians of the Soviet Union, welcome as well. Particularly we Russian believers consider Great Britain as the citadel of living Christianity. We believe that the alliance, concluded by our governments, will also serve to further closer co-operation between the disciples of Christ in our two countries. In your person we wish to greet all God's children in Great Britain. Together with them we pray for help and strength from heaven for victory over the trials which have fallen upon our peoples and also for victory over the enemy of all humanity—Hitler and hitlerism.

"May Christ be near us in the days of great trials which have fallen upon our countries! May He bless our governments and our peoples!"

—(*Baptist Times*, January 29, 1942.)



Baptismal service in Mexico

CANADA ALSO HAS HER RELIGIOUS PROBLEMS

Facing a common danger and fighting together for the triumph of freedom and human right, Canada and the United States are constantly being drawn closer together in sympathetic understanding of the problems and difficulties now confronting each nation in this critical hour. We are greatly concerned at this time over the religious vagaries and the appalling spiritual indifference and inertia among all classes of our own people in America. However it seems that our neighbor across the border also has some religious problems:

"It is not generally realized that Canada is a nation of 70 nationalities, speaking 100 languages and dialects. There are 5,500,000 of British origin; 3,500,000 of French origin, and nearly 2,250,000 of other European nationalities. There are also 122,000 Indians; 46,000 Chinese; 20,000 Negroes; 23,000 Japanese, and 6,000 Eskimos; nearly all Canadian-born. Think what a religious problem this presents!"

SHALL WE MOVE THE UNIVERSITY OF SHANGHAI?

The Foreign Mission Boards of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions—joint supporters of the University of Shanghai—are giving serious consideration to the question of re-opening the University in Free China. A special meeting of the Board of Founders has been called to consider the matter. Several members of the faculty, together with a large number of the student body have escaped through the Japanese lines into Free China. The numbers fleeing from occupied China will increase rapidly if it is widely known that the work of the University will be carried on in an atmosphere of liberty and freedom from the senseless and brutal interference of the Japanese military authorities who have been most unreasonable in their attitude.

The unhindered life and freedom of the University of Shanghai is of such vast importance to China's future that the institution must be preserved at all hazards.



Some of Shanghai University's buildings after a visit from the Japanese

LEST WE FORGET

Let us remind ourselves often that our missionaries are thronged, daily, by the starving multitudes, many of whom are seriously ill and must have food and treatment—or else. Let us ask ourselves, "What are our missionaries to do without our dollars?" The people will die of starvation and cold; our missionaries at their posts will die of broken hearts; and we shall die spiritually. From these tripple deaths my soul recoils with abhorrence!

—JOHN W. LOWE.

"This is Brazil's Reading Age"

By ALBERTO MAZONI DE ANDRADE*

Dr. T. B. Stover is the director of our Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro, and for many years in this key position has had a very important part in shaping the denominational policy of Baptists in this country. His opinions on the present day conditions and opportunities of our Baptist work are worth all the more, because he is secretary-treasurer of the South Brazil Mission and is thus obliged to keep in close touch with all problems which may exist in the work. We quote him on our present day opportunities:

"There is no factor which plays so great a part in success and failure as the ability to strike at the supreme moment and carry through to the end. This is true in athletics; it is true in business; it is true in international policy; it is no less true in missions. We do not minimize the importance of the

revolution going on at present in Brazil. With all these advantages there comes also at this time a wave of enthusiasm for the Good Neighbor Policy.

"We do not wish to confound instead of clarify one's ideas of the present situation. All are aware that the Good Neighbor Policy launched by President Roosevelt has not been based on religious interests or dogmas. Its aims are principally civic, commercial, and idealistic. The gospel, however, furnishes the true basis for good neighborliness. Brazilian and American sentiment is open and reaching for such relations. We all desire them for our common good, for our mutual interests. That policy should be shaped, then, through the highest ideals of Christian liberty, of Christian responsibility, of Christian morals, and of Christian brotherhood. No faith is nearer to all these than our own.

*Dr. T. B. Stover
busily
engaged
in his
office*



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work of the Holy Spirit, for through the multiple influence and counter-influence which bring about that moment of all moments which we call opportunity, it is the hand of God which is in action. It is the work of the Holy Spirit which reveals to us the occasion and the possibility.

"There is no doubt but that this moment has arrived for Baptists in Brazil. There are many factors which have made their contribution to this hour. For more than sixty years the gospel has been preached by our missionaries; the Catholic church has not lived up to its opportunity; the ideals of religious liberty have gradually spread and taken root; there is a great educational and industrial

"This is logically and practically Brazil's most formative period of thought and ideals. It is the first time Brazil has ever gone through a real revolution. The realization of their independence in 1822 and the establishment of the republic of 1889 were dramatic episodes which marked distinct stages in her historic development, but the Revolution of 1930 was characterized by the action of profound social and civic forces which could no longer be stifled. They had to have expression or there would have been perpetual chaos and disorder. This revolution was not a dramatic episode to satisfy the caprice of a few "políticos," but a process which still marches on. As the mighty stream flows down to the sea, many times the banks which would control its rushing waters are overflowed; debris is accumulated and carried along with the flood, but this will all

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be lost in the end and the mighty waters will find their way to the sea, the waters which belong to the world, to the people and to the individual.

"There is no doubt but that America, politically, commercially, and culturally, is making at the present time a great contribution to Brazil, as Brazil, also, makes her contribution to America. The Brazilian press is sympathetic to American foreign policy. American literature is being read here as never before. Brazilian education is making vast strides, and Brazilians are thinking. This is Brazil's reading age. Agents of every kind of propaganda are seeing the significance of this age and are not sleeping away their opportunity.

"Baptists, also, must not neglect this great opportunity to make known the true principles for which they stand, and it is the printed page which comprises that opportunity.

"Our literature must be attractive, it must be well written, it must appeal to the heart as well as to the eye. It must have quantity as well as quality. If we run a second class institution, we shall be rated as

a second class people. The day has come when we must make our appeal to all classes of Brazilians. If Baptist thought is to play the part it should in forming the ideals of future Brazilians, we must not retreat before difficulties. We must get the vision and we must go forward with a definite program. Every institution and every individual must make his contribution to the sum total of an efficient and well organized plan. Our literature department is the keynote to the present situation."

Dr. Stover's analysis of the present Baptist opportunity in Brazil is based upon observation and experience. We could close our eyes to the progress and see only the disagreeable aspect of Brazilian development. There is much with which the Brazilians themselves do not agree. That is true in any country. But it is ours to watch trends and make the greatest possible contribution for the direction of these. We believe that at this time Baptist literature is one of our greatest means of accomplishing such a task.

A Nursery Group in Nigeria



Through the help of Southern Baptists these and many other little waifs are receiving loving care and Christian teaching in the Home for Motherless Babies, Oghomosho, Nigeria. Miss Ruth Kersey of Richmond, Virginia—a trained nurse and a consecrated missionary—is in charge of the Home



Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Matthew 25:40



*Mrs. F. W. Armstrong
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*The women that publish the tidings are a
great host.—Psalm 68:11*



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The Editor's Message

WE SALUTE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

In this issue of THE COMMISSION we present the names and pictures of the leaders of Woman's Missionary Union in the several States and South-wide organizations. To these noble leaders and their co-workers in the churches, should go much of the credit for the recovery and rehabilitation of the work of both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards during the past decade. We can never forget the fearful financial distress of these two Boards at the close of the year 1932. Woman's Missionary Union in 1933, stopped the disastrous retreat of Southern Baptists in their missionary work, and began the slow but sure march of recovery that has brought us back to the triumphant victories of 1942.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of December, 1941 surpassed, by far, any special cash offering ever made by any Baptist group in the South in a like period of time. The 1941 offering has reached the amazing figure of \$447,000.00.

We salute the leaders of WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE SOUTH and bless God for their zeal and liberality!

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A GROWING KINGDOM AGENCY

How could we get along now without Ridgecrest? We thank God for the far-reaching vision of the founders of the Ridgecrest Assembly. There were many noble souls, men and women, who in the early years of the twentieth century caught the vision.

Among the leaders who, after more than thirty years, stand out in vivid memory are B. W. Spillman, Hight C Moore, J. H. Tucker, J. D. Elliott, L. Johnson, M. L. Kesler, J. L. White, L. L. Hackney, J. H. Dew, and a host of others, some of whom are still among us; but many others now in the better land.

How the institution has grown and expanded under the benign patronage and guidance of the

Sunday School Board! One of the greatest blessings ever bestowed upon Ridgecrest, is the gentle, gracious, Christlike Perry Morgan, for nearly a decade now the business manager. Ridgecrest has become the inspiring Mecca for uncounted thousands of our Baptist people of the South, and this year promises to be the greatest season the Assembly has known in all its history.

Foreign Mission Week comes on the week of August 8-14. A splendid and inspiring program has been arranged, and we hope the friends of foreign missions, from Illinois to the Gulf and from Maryland to Arizona will make their plans to be present.

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THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND

Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: wherein I suffer trouble as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

—II Timothy 2:8,9.

It is generally believed that Second Timothy is the last letter written by Paul, the great missionary apostle, from his dungeon in Rome. It is addressed to Timothy, his young son in the ministry. The unspeakable Nero is on the throne of the Caesars. Persecution against the helpless followers of Christ is raging in Rome, and throughout the far reaches of the empire. It is now dangerous for Paul's friends to visit him. All are gone save Luke, the beloved physician. From the contents of the letter, it is clear that Paul has no hope of release. He is cold without his cloak and lonely without his books. He is looking death calmly in the face and is unafraid.

At my first defence no one took my part, but all forsook me; may it not be laid to their account. But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me; that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

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Two thousand years after Paul, that mighty missionary of the first century, wrote these immortal words from a Roman dungeon, pagan and heathen conquerors, in their arrogant egoism, are busy crowding filthy dungeons with humble and devoted missionaries of Jesus Christ. The devil, working through wicked and brutal men, can still put the missionaries in prison, but they *cannot* put the saving and conquering gospel of the living Christ behind prison bars.

I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

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THEY ARE IN PRISON

There were six missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board entrapped in Hongkong, the British Crown Colony in South China, when it fell before the onslaught of the Japanese the last of December, 1941. The Woman's Missionary Training School for our South China Mission had been moved to Hongkong, when Canton was overrun by the Japanese some three years ago. Miss Flora Dodson, the principal, had gone with the school and was in Hongkong when the city surrendered.

Rev. and Mrs. Cecil S. Ward were young missionaries who went out to China in 1940, and were assigned to Canton. This city, being in the hands of the Japanese, Mr. and Mrs. Ward stopped in Hongkong to study the language.

Miss Auris Pender of Sun Hing, the co-worker of Miss Margie Shumate, had just returned from furlough in America and was due to leave for her field behind the Japanese lines on December eighth. The war began on the seventh and she was unable to get away.

Dr. M. T. Rankin, our Board's secretary for the Orient, was making a last round of visits to several of our mission stations in South China before coming home to America to report on the status of our work in China. He had flown over the Japanese lines to Kweilin in Free China, for a conference with our missionaries in that area. While he was there our young missionary, Oz Quick, was stricken with a sudden attack of appendicitis. It was an emergency case, and Dr. Rankin took him by airplane over the Japanese lines to Hongkong for the necessary operation. Before Mr. Quick was well enough to be moved to Free China, the doomed city of Hongkong was in Japanese hands.

CONTACTS DIFFICULT

Throughout the dreary days of January we tried, in every conceivable way, to get in touch with these

beleaguered missionaries, but without success. Early in January we made contact by cable with Dr. R. E. Beddoe, our medical missionary at the Stout Memorial Hospital in Wuchow, in Free China. We instructed him by cable to spare no expense, but by Chinese runner or otherwise, to get in touch with those missionaries in Hongkong. On January 30, we received from Dr. Beddoe the following cable:

"Via RCA F Tsangwu (Wuchow Sending Station) Direct contact, Rankin and others well. Hayes and others (Canton) fed by Christians. Perfecting method send Hayes funds. Expect Galloway news soon. Robert Beddoe."

Then, on February 10, we received the following cable:

"Via RCA F—Tsangwu—Direct contact Rankin others still well treated. Rankin appeals South support enlarged program West (Free) China."

THRILLING APPEAL

We were deeply moved by the appeal of the message from our secretary for the Orient on behalf of Free China. There was not a word of appeal for himself or for his fellow-missionaries. His supreme desire was that his Baptist people back home might enlarge their efforts and redouble their energies in sending the good news of salvation to the unnumbered millions waiting in the darkness of sin in Free China.

DISTRESSING NEWS

The first we knew of the transfer of Dr. Rankin and his missionary companions to Stanley Prison was the following cable, that for days cast the deepest gloom over the mission rooms:

"Via RCA F—Tsangwu, March 3—Ugly reports dysentery, typhoid, slow starvation. Americans confined Stanley Prison, Hongkong. Contact here impossible. Try relief through Washington and French authorities."

Immediately we sent this cable to Hon. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C., with an earnest appeal that something be done at once for the relief of these devoted missionaries, as well as other Americans whose lives are in jeopardy in this unwholesome prison in the ravaged city of Hongkong. A prompt answer came from Acting Secretary Sumner Wells, saying that our telegram had been referred to the head of the International Red Cross and that our government would do all possible to get relief to these imperiled Americans in prison in Hongkong. We have a dim hope that our government will soon be in a position to secure the exchange of all Americans in Hongkong for a like number of Japanese nationals interned in this country. We can only wait and hope and pray.

We feel confident that the Baptist people in the churches of the South will hear and heed the Christ-like appeal of Dr. M. T. Rankin, coming from a prison cell in Hongkong: "Rankin appeals South support enlarged program West China." May God help us that we may not fail to answer this heart-moving appeal with our prayers and our money!

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THE COMMISSION IS FOUR YEARS OLD

On January 1, 1938, we issued the first number of our new missionary magazine, *THE COMMISSION*. We quote here our introductory word published in that first issue—just eighty-two years after the Board's first *COMMISSION* was born:

"We are sending forth a new foreign mission journal to be known as *THE COMMISSION*. We believe the name chosen for our new publication is highly appropriate and that it will find great favor with our people. For the first year, *THE COMMISSION* will be issued as a quarterly, but we hope the magazine will find such favor with the denomination that we will be able to enlarge it and issue it as a monthly.

"The name was chosen first because it comprehends in one expressive word the obligation resting upon Southern Baptists to give to all the world the Word of Life committed to them on the mount in Galilee. The name was chosen, too, for reasons of sentiment. On going through the archives of the Foreign Mission Board, it was found that the Board published a very high class mission journal from 1856 to 1861, known as *THE COMMISSION*. Dr. A. M. Poindexter was the editor and he gave the denomination a very worthy and meritorious mission magazine. The purpose and objective of that publication was stated as follows:

"To impart information, to enforce duty, to keep the subject of missions constantly before the minds of pastors and brethren, to induce self-devotion to missionary work, to excite and guide the spirit of prayer with reference to missions."

"Eighty-two years later, we send forth this new medium of publicity with the same earnest desire and purpose in our hearts."

We are happy to announce that during these

four years *THE COMMISSION* has in every way grown far beyond our fondest expectations. We now have a circulation of 40,000.

Our aim for *THE COMMISSION* for our centennial year of 1945: A self-supporting, greatly improved sixty-four page missionary magazine with sixty thousand paid-up subscribers. That is a worthy aim, for a high class missionary magazine, whose objective is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom to the ends of the world!

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CAREY'S WORK WILL CONTINUE

The British Baptist Missionary Society, organized by William Carey and his immortal associates in Kettering, in the English Midlands, will next year be celebrating 150 years of glorious achievement. The Society was organized in a time of fearful war and world upheaval. The American Republic was in its third year of Washington's first administration. The French Revolution was shocking the world with its horror and bloodshed. It was at that time of darkness and insane world revolution that William Carey and his little group of "nobodies" launched this, the first Baptist Foreign Missionary Society known in the world.

In next year's celebration by our British Baptist brethren, Southern Baptists will rejoice with modest but commendable pride because of the fact that within recent months we have been given the privilege of helping, in a substantial way, the heroic efforts of our British brethren to keep alive and carry on without a break, their great and world-wide program of missionary work.

At the Baltimore Convention in 1940, we voted to make our British brethren a love gift of \$200,000.00 to help them in their hour of supreme crisis. We are glad to announce that, in February of this year we paid the last installment of \$6,080.00, thus completing the payment of the full \$200,000.00 promised at Baltimore.

We are humbly grateful to God for the blessed privilege given to our people to help in perpetuating the glorious work of the sainted Carey and his associates.



Let Us Complete the World Emergency Relief Offering

Far better than any entreaty we could make for the completion of the World Emergency Offering in every Baptist church in the south, is Paul's appeal to the church in Corinth, in his second letter, chapter 8:1-15 (Goodspeed's translation): "I must tell you, brothers, how the favor of God has been shown in the churches of Macedonia, for in spite of a severe ordeal of trouble, their extraordinary gladness, combined with their extreme poverty, has overflowed in a wealth of generosity. For they have given to the utmost of their ability, as I can bear them witness, and beyond it, and begged me most earnestly, of their own accord, to let them share in the support of their fellow-Christians. They did far more than I hoped, for first in obedience to God's will, they gave themselves to the Lord, and to me. This has led me to urge Titus to complete the arrangements he had formerly begun among you for this gracious undertaking. Just as you excel in everything else—faith, expression, knowledge, perfect devotion, and the love we have awakened in you—you must excel in this generous undertaking too.

"I do not mean this as a command. I only want

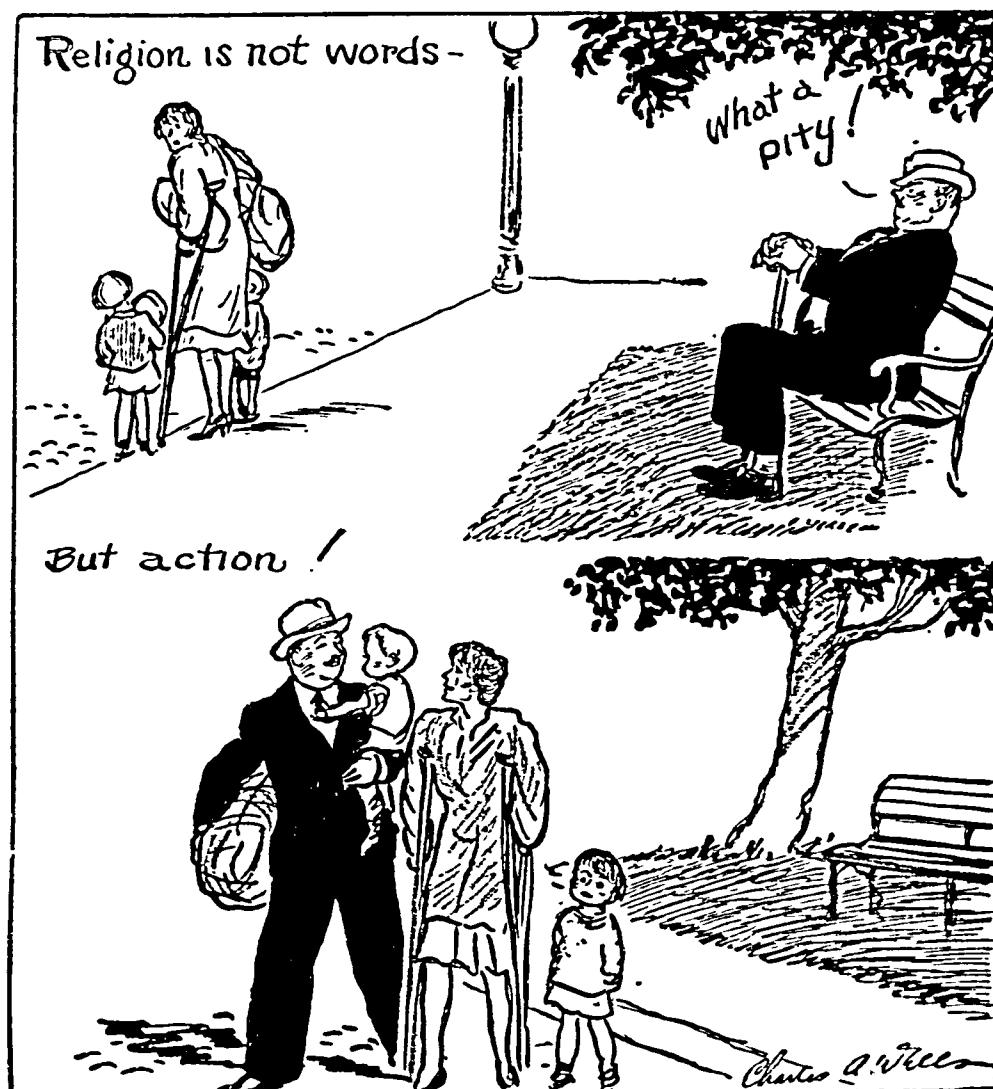
to test the genuineness of your love by the devotion of others. You know how gracious the Lord Jesus Christ was. Though he was rich, he became poor for your sake, in order that by his poverty you might become rich. But I will tell you what I think about it. For this is the best way to deal with you, for you were the first not only to do anything about this, but to want to do anything, and that was last year. Now finish doing it, so that your readiness to undertake it may be equaled by the way you finish it up, as well as your means permit. If a man is willing to give, the value of his gift is in its proportion to what he has, not to what he has not. I do not mean to be easy upon others and hard upon you, but to equalize the burden, and in the present situation to have your plenty make up for what they need, so that some day their plenty may make up for what you need, and so things may be made equal—as the Scripture says, 'The man who got much did not have too much, and the man who got little did not have too little.'"

—Edgar J. Goodspeed, *The New Testament, An American Translation* (1923). By permission of the University of Chicago Press.

Put Your Religion to Work

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Many people consider religion chiefly as an intellectual attitude which inclines them to feel sorry for the heartbreak and evil in the world. But feeling sorry is not enough. Feeling sorry will not heal a wound, mend a heart or stop a flood. That takes fast work, toil and sacrifice. Here we face the very reason that religion has lost so much of its effectiveness and importance. We join a church, strike a pose of passing sympathy to the less fortunate and call it our religion. And that is disastrously inadequate for both the world and the individual. Only religion can save the world, but it must be a religion that goes far beyond words—a faith that speaks in terms of power, sacrifice and leadership.



Post War Europe and the Jew

By JACOB GARTENHAUS



Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, a Christian Jew, is the Baptist Home Mission Board's able and earnest missionary among the Jewish people of the South

Today Europe is engulfed in a blackout. The clock of civilization has been turned back. War has wrought havoc and bloodshed, devastation and disease, hunger and heartache.

Greater still is the spiritual blackout which has enveloped that continent. At the present time and likely for the duration of the war, the four hundred million people of Europe from Portugal to Russia, will be cut off from the gospel message. An occasional ray of light may penetrate the darkness, but the masses will remain untouched.

What of Europe following the war? All that one can do is to express a conviction and a hope. If the democracies win, as we believe they will, a great responsibility will rest upon America. First, we shall have to help rebuild a continent. Millions of people will need to be fed and sheltered. That will fall largely upon the humanitarian organizations. But upon us, as followers of Christ, will rest the grave responsibility of ministering to the spiritual needs of these impoverished souls. The conviction has been growing upon me that following the war a revival will break loose which will sweep all of Europe—a revival such as the world has never known.

More particularly I am concerned about the part the Jew will play in this great spiritual movement of post-war Europe. The Jew has been the first victim of the dictators and the greatest sufferer. The ideals which have been held up to him by his leaders have all "gone with the wind." In Germany he saw the futility of attempting to establish a brotherhood through education. In Russia he watched the Communists' dream burst like a bubble.

Even in Italy where he sought to become assimilated with the populace, thinking that would save him from suffering and humiliation, he was sought out and held up for ridicule.

Albert Einstein voiced the disillusionment of his people when he said: "Having always been an ardent partisan of freedom, as soon as the revolution broke out in Germany, I turned to the universities, to find there defenders of freedom. I did not find them. The universities took refuge in silence.

"I then turned to the editors of powerful newspapers who but lately, in glowing articles, had claimed to be faithful champions of liberty. These men, as well as the universities, were reduced to silence in a few weeks.

"I then addressed myself to the authors, individually, to those who passed themselves off as the intellectual guides of Germany, and among whom many had frequently discussed the question of freedom, and its place in modern life. They, in their turn, were dumb."

The Jew will not again be easily led by his blind leaders who will try to offer him panaceas for his ills. He will remember that during the darkest hours of his history, it was only the Christian church and the nations influenced by its teachings that defended his rights as a human being. As Einstein says:

"Only the Christian church opposed the fight which Hitler was waging against liberty. Till then I had had no interest in the church; but now I feel a great admiration. I am truly attracted to the church which has had the persistent courage to fight for spiritual truth and moral freedom.

"I feel obliged to recognize that I now admire what I used to consider of little value."

The Jew will now look for the most lasting solution to his ever recurring problem, and this he will find in Him who alone can bring hope, peace and security to the human heart. In Him alone can there be universal brotherhood. No demagogue will be able to keep the Jew from the truth. He will then take up his age-old mission to proclaim salvation to the uttermost part of the world. When that hour comes may we not be found wanting.

Prejudice is being down on what you are not up on.

Some people think they are thinking when they are only rearranging their prejudices.

—Margaret T. Applegarth

A Sacrificing Pastor

By J. C. QUARLES*

The pastors of the Andean District in Argentina are an inspiration to the missionaries, and sometimes their self-sacrifice puts us to shame. Young Felipe Martinez, recuperating from incipient tuberculosis, was called to the San Juan pastorate with hardly a prospect of salary; but he was called of God to preach, so he accepted the invitation from the church, and went to work with the assurance of only four dollars per month from the Mission.

Beginning his ministry as leader of an all-but-disbanded church, he has made an excellent record. Today he is leading a live, wide-awake congregation and is receiving a real salary. But how he did have to sacrifice for several years!

This fine young man also served the small congregation in Caucete, some twenty miles distant, and with a once-a-month visit was able to strengthen the work, but the needs of the new believers and the prospects of the town called for a resident pastor. The missionary saw the great possibilities of Caucete, and tried for several years to get help from the Board to locate a pastor on the field.

A fine young man in Rosario, reared in a Christian home by Baptist parents—a young man with a steady job, self-made and with a missionary outlook—heard of the prospects at Caucete, and he had previously heard God's call to preach. He offered himself as a volunteer, saying that after a visit, should he feel that God wanted him in the San Juan town, he would go and serve the church for whatever salary the members could raise.

The missionary arranged for a visit. The oppor-

Pastor
Rodolfo
Sambrano
of Caucete,
Argentina



tunities of Caucete appealed to the consecrated young Rosarino and the people fell in love with him. A call was extended, and a canvass was made of the membership, with the result that Brother Rodolfo Sambrano accepted the pastorate with a salary of forty pesos per month—about nine dollars and fifty cents.

The leadership of this cultured, spiritual, young man has proven that our dreams for Caucete's spiritual prosperity were well founded. He has proven himself a competent, enterprising pastor. For nearly two years he has been serving the church and living on his pittance. But we often wonder how he will manage when his wardrobe begins to wear out.

How fine it would be if some Christian in the home land—preferably some young man or a group of young men—would "team up" with Sr. Sambrano, sending him a few dollars a month to supplement what the church is giving him! In faraway Caucete in the Province of San Juan that godly young man is investing a life. Now if some other consecrated young man in the home land wants to invest more dollars and cents for God's glory, what an opportunity.

*Rev. J. C. Quarles, now in this country on furlough, is one of Southern Baptists' consecrated and effective missionaries to Argentina.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three.
One died in Babylon, and one on Calvary.
One gained all for himself; and one Himself he gave.
One conquered every throne; the other every grave.
The one made himself God; the God made Himself less.
The one lived but to blast; the other but to bless.
When died the Greek, forever fell his throne of swords,
But Jesus died to live forever Lord of lords.



God Has a Man for Every Crisis

CHARLES E. MADDY

Dr. Robert E. Beddoe of Dallas, Texas, a consecrated Christian missionary, a talented musician, and a skillful physician and surgeon was appointed in 1909 as Southern Baptists' missionary in charge of the Baptist Hospital in Wuchow, South China, where he and Mrs. Beddoe are rendering invaluable service

Before total war came in the Orient, Secretary M. T. Rankin and Treasurer J. T. Williams, together with their missionary associates, foresaw what might transpire and had the courage and insight to make what preparation they could to meet it. They arranged that, in case of all-out war, when funds for the support of our missionaries and the native work in Free China could not be made available from the office of the Treasurer in Shanghai, Dr. R. E. Beddoe, our medical missionary in charge of Stout Memorial Hospital at Wuchow, Free China, should become treasurer for all of our work in Free China and in parts of Japanese occupied China, as far as it was possible for him to serve.

As soon as cable communications could be re-established with America, following the outbreak of

war on December 7, Dr. Beddoe got in touch with the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. Since January 1, we have sent him \$50,000.00 for the regular work and for general relief.

Dr. Beddoe is a man of courage and sublime faith. He is also a man of action and he has succeeded in getting in contact with our beleaguered missionaries in Hongkong, Canton, Shuichow, Pochow, Chengchow, and Kaifeng. We fully expect him to establish contact with many more of our missionaries in occupied China in the near future. We believe that God raised up Robert E. Beddoe "for such a time as this." We ask all of our people to pray for this devoted missionary who, at this critical hour for all our work in China, is carrying such a tremendous weight of responsibility.

THE ROBBER WHO HAD BEEN CAUGHT

One Sunday afternoon when we went to Fah Hwo we found that a robber had been caught earlier in the day and was tied just outside where we held our service. We did the best we could with the service that afternoon, but found it hard to keep the attention of either children or older people. After we finished the service, Mr. Woo and the two girls who were with us talked with him, telling him of Jesus and His love for even the chief of sinners. Then I prayed for him, that he might really believe in Jesus and be saved. On the way home one of the girls kept smiling to herself. Later she said, "I am so happy to have had the privilege of witnessing to that poor robber." Of course, we never saw him again; but the next day when we read in the newspaper that a robber had been executed, we wondered if it were that one, and if we had given him the only idea of Jesus he ever had. And, oh, how intensely we did hope that, like the thief on the cross, he had believed and was with Jesus in paradise!

—ROBERTA PEARLE JOHNSON

SEEKING THE LIVING GOD

Out in Honan Province near Chengchow, a woman had heard that there was a "Living God." In every way she tried to learn more about Him, but no one could tell her. During eight long years of illness she prayed that the "Living God, if such there be," would heal her. On one occasion her daughter was in Chengchow, and attended a revival service in the church. There for the first time she heard the Gospel preached.

Hurrying back to her home in the country village, she told her mother that the people in the church knew all about the Living God. The daughter urged her mother to go to the city and attend these meetings. Eagerly the mother prepared for the journey. She went to the church and there heard the gospel story, which she had, for so many years, longed to hear.

Soon she was praying not only that she might be healed in body, but that she might find, in this "Living God," a life everlasting.

In War-Torn China

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LOYAL AND TRUE

Mr. Lee was the keeper of the lands of the Shansi group at Pochow, and by this means made his living. In our preaching place in the North Suburb, Pochow, he heard the gospel and turned to the Lord. Since his occupation involved idol worship, he lost his place when he refused to worship. His wife and dependent mother-in-law were greatly displeased with his views, and the hardships it brought on them. But for some four years he stood firm even though constantly faced with bitter poverty, and with nagging at home and tauntings by former friends, who said if he would forsake Christ he could have his place back. When we received relief funds we decided to give him U. S. \$12.00 to set him up in business. The day we came away, he came to see me with tears streaming down his cheeks, to thank us for helping him to live as a Christian and support his wife.

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CHRISTMAS IN "BEAUTIFUL SOO"

It was indeed a tragic year in world history, yet never did the "Star of Bethlehem" shine brighter "in this dark world of sin." Because of the strife and turmoil about us, the "peace on earth and good will among men" was all the more real to those who had accepted the Christchild as God's gift of love.

Surely here in Soochow the Christmas message was never heralded more sweetly and it was never listened to more eagerly and more appreciatively. In song and story, in tableau, and in kindly deeds of mercy, the "good tidings of great joy" have gone forth. Large groups of Soochow people can no more forget the gladness of last Christmas than could the shepherds have forgotten the song of the angels as they heard it near Bethlehem nineteen centuries ago.—CHARLES G. MCDANIEL.

Miss Inabelle G. Coleman, formerly the associate editor of THE COMMISSION, is now carrying on missionary work in Shanghai, China. This picture was taken last summer in Shanghai



UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE

We were escorting some missionaries across the Yellow River. While we were waiting for night when the boats would come, we thought we would go out to one of the villages and buy a few eggs or something else to add to our depleted food supply. We got to the village just at their meal time, and as the airplanes came over; but all they had was a little bran and the leaves from the trees. No food could be bought, though they were very courteous. We were glad we knew where there was hope. We wrote a note to one of our missionaries, asking that he do what he could for them, and left the note with them. They went and received help from our China Relief Fund.—G. W. STROTHER.

Baptists After the War

By H. H. HARGROVE*

World developments during the last twelve months have strengthened the probability that post-war conditions will present an unprecedented challenge, and that Baptists should prepare to meet it. In brief these conditions are as follows: First, after the war tragic poverty and suffering will prevail. The present conflict is so far-reaching in its destructive force that not only homes, churches, and mission property are being obliterated but resources for rehabilitation are being wiped out. Second, after the war unparalleled opportunities for preaching the gospel to the whole world will be presented to Baptists. If the democracies win the war, as we believe they will, it seems almost a foregone conclusion that religious freedom will be a tenet of world-wide relationships and the doors of all nations will open to the preaching of the gospel. People, long oppressed, will be hungry to hear a gospel of freedom. Nations which have hindered or prohibited the preaching of the gospel in the past will swing their doors wide for the entrance of missionaries. A third condition which will prevail after the war will be a financial depression. Business men seem universally agreed that, after war industry has ceased, a slump is inevitable. The entrance of Russia, Japan, and the United States into the conflict has strengthened the probabilities that these three conditions will prevail when peace returns.

What does this mean to Southern Baptists? It means that we cannot escape the necessity of rehabilitating destroyed mission work and answering the calls of human need after the war. Furthermore if we are ready to take advantage of the mission opportunities which will be presented, we can then make more progress in ten years in the spread of the gospel than we have made in the last hundred years. The religious group which is ready in that day to project a mission program in the world can lay a foundation which will make them a world force in a generation. Baptists ought to be that people! Again, it means that we cannot meet the needs or take advantage of the opportunities, unless we gather funds to finance a program before the post-war depression clamps the lid of poverty on

the people. Unless funds are gathered during the war we shall meet the opportunities and responsibilities with empty hands.

What should Baptists do in the face of these facts? There seems only one answer. We should first resolve to accept the challenges and grasp the opportunities which will be ours. We dare not ignore them. Then we should set ourselves to the task of gathering now the funds necessary for a world-wide program in the days ahead. Call it what you will—"World Emergency Fund," "World Need Fund," "Human Redemption Fund"—this fund should be gotten together at once. In spite of difficulties it should be raised! In spite of discouragements this should be done!

Let us not think that such an effort would meet only difficulties. There are some advantages it would enjoy. First, is the fact that the people in general will have more money from now to the end of the war than they have had for a long time, and, perhaps more than they will ever have again. Second, the spirit of giving is being emphasized and practiced more than usual. Deductions for gifts on incomes subject to income tax stimulates this spirit. Third, many people who buy defense bonds to help the government could be led to donate them to this fund and thus help both causes.

The value of the Hundred Thousand Club effort to get our denomination out of debt is recognized in this connection. But this is not enough. If we are out of debt at war's end and have no money ready for a world program the only way we could grasp the opportunity before us would be to go in debt again. The Hundred Thousand Club was a movement of God and it has been a great blessing. Many of our people are now, and will be, making a hundred dollars where they had been making ten. With more money on hand and with the greatest challenge of all time facing us, we will respond in that proportion to a worthy appeal for world redemption. Let us conserve all of the Hundred Thousand Club effort to pay the debts incurred after the last war, but let us have another appeal to keep from having additional debts after this one. This might be either in conjunction with the Hundred Thousand Club movement or separate from it.

*Dr. Hargrove is pastor of Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

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*Pochow,
Interior
China*

ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK

MRS. G. W. STROTHER, *Pochow, China*

The work here in Pochow is going on splendidly. The North Suburb Church was organized last Sunday with about seventy members, Pastor Chang Kai Li acting as pastor. The building which seats about 1,000 was deeded and presented as their own property. At last Thursday's meeting of our women there were 112 present. God is working in this new section and many are being saved. The great joy to us is that from the beginning they are working and giving. I verily believe this last group to be organized will be the first to be wholly self-supporting. As yet this field cannot boast one such church; but there is much to encourage. This spring alone there have been upwards of 500 baptisms. . . .

As busy as I am with the home, school, and regular schedule of women's work, every day there are from one to four or five calls for medical help. Oh how we need a doctor and medical equipment! I'm not even a nurse, but they feel if I'll just cleanse their wounds and put on some foreign medicines and bandages they are all right. One day this week an old woman came in saying, "My husband was killed before my eyes and a piece of shrapnel went through my arm." And she showed me the place.

I looked, and true enough, she certainly needed attention.

A few days before, a rather old man came in hugging something in his arms. Inside his garment lay a two-months-old baby. Its mother and sister had been killed with shrapnel. We furnish the little fellow with an old woman to look after him, and our old faithful Jersey supplies him with milk.

Perhaps you know that on last Christmas Eve we saved an infant girl from freezing by the roadside, unless a hungry dog had found her first. From a bundle of rags, filth, and lice she has been transformed into a fat, affectionate, loving Dora. We hope God saved these little lives for His service.

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A LIVING EPISTLE

From Yangchow, China, Mrs. D. F. Stamps writes of the influence of one Christian in her own home.

"Yesterday at prayer meeting one woman who had been baptized said that since her baptism she had been trying to lead her husband to Christ. She said, 'He has not accepted Christ yet, but last week he put all his idols away, and now we have no idols in our home.' Step by step the Kingdom of God moves on, in China. This is a glorious time in which to be living."

"INASMUCH"

An aged grandmother and her orphan grandchild sat alone making paper money which they hoped to sell to worshipers and be able to buy themselves food. A pair of shoes and a new garment made the little tot dance with joy. Hugging them up to her she stood the picture of childish delight.



*He Draws as
he Speaks*

Dr. J. Winston Pearce of the First Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, writes: "The ministry of Charles A. Wells to the community was deep and abiding. It penetrated into the far reaches of our civic and student life. Long will I remember the reception he received at the evening chapel session at Duke University."

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Including salaries, printing, stationery, postage, rent, and other miscellaneous expenses.....	\$ 42,196.12	4.27%
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Representing interest paid banks on outstanding notes which comprise the debt of the Foreign Mission Board.....	6,920.93	0.70%
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Representing the amount recalled from its contributions to the Foreign Mission Board through the Co-operative Program	24,000.00	2.43%
4. PROMOTION EXPENSE (HOME CULTIVATION)—		
Including salaries and expenses of field secretaries, deputation work of missionaries on furlough, space in the denominational papers, expenses of Missionary Day in the Sunday schools, and other miscellaneous expenses.....	19,111.76	1.94%
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Representing net cost of publication of this magazine.....	8,746.85	0.89%
6. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES—		
Representing sundry special expenses incurred which do not properly belong under any of the above classifications	5,912.95	0.59%
7. FOREIGN FIELDS—		
Including salaries of missionaries, cost of language study for new missionaries, furlough travel, support of native work, maintenance of schools and hospitals, operating of publishing houses, and other miscellaneous expenses.....	880,617.31	89.18%
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$987,505.92	100.00%

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of all our talent\$,
 Stewardship of earnest prayer,
 Stewardship of time and service—
 These are needed everywhere;
 But throughout each steward's conduct
 Run another type of gift,
 'Tis the stewardship of money
 Which can help some load\$ to lift.
 Times of poverty and hunger
 Call from many war-wrecked land\$
 For the stewardship of dollar\$—
 This is what today demand\$.

—N. F. W.

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Boys 8-18 have six summer weeks together in an ideal camp site not far from Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, enjoy lake swimming, tennis, horseback riding, crafts, other sports. Safe location. Spiritual guidance. For further information, write DARRELL C. RICHARDSON, Director, or PERRY MORGAN, Business Manager, Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, Ridgecrest, North Carolina

*Because we may be unable to do great things for Thee,
 help us to do all things greatly. Through Christ, Amen.*

For the Girls and Boys

MAKING YOUR OWN MITE BOX

*Three cents buys enough rice, they say
To feed a Chinese child one day.
And so, the coins we save and give
Will help some girls and boys to live.*

On a sheet of heavy construction paper—any color you choose—draw the above pattern, cutting out the section marked "slot." On the squares marked *B*, *D*, *F*, and *H* you might paste pictures of children of China and Europe—the lands where so many are hungry. Lay the sheet under something heavy until thoroughly dry.

Cut along solid lines. Fold along dotted lines. Paste together (or fasten with brass fasteners) sections *A*, *B*, and *C*, (section *B* being outside); also fasten together sections *G*, *H*, and *I*, (section *H* being outside). Fold in the three sections *x*, fastening each with paste or mucilage.

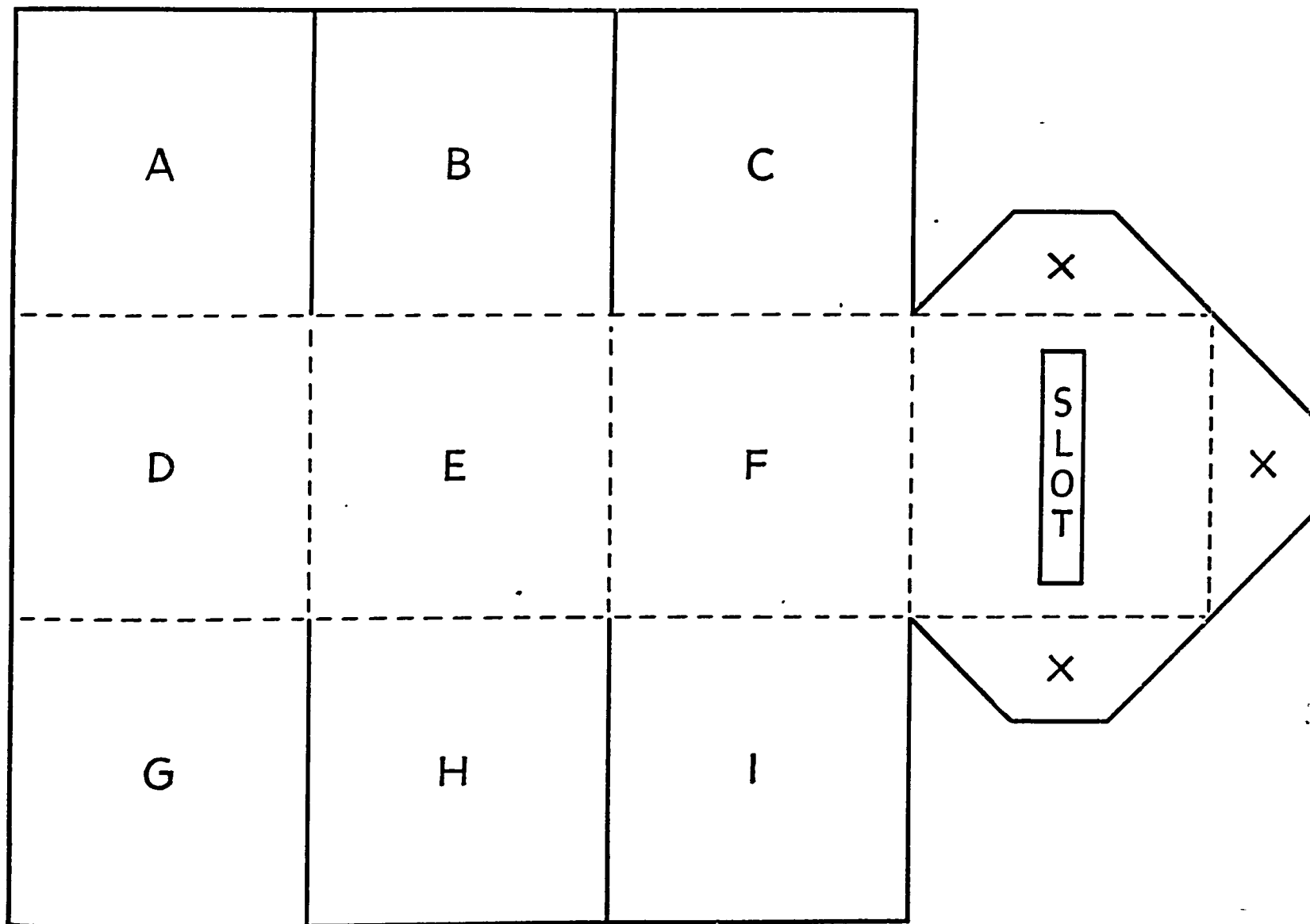
You may want to make your bank twice this size.

And now comes the real task. Prove your love for Jesus by doing without some treats, and giving the money instead to feed some of the needy children whom He loves.

A HERO OF PEACE

If you had gone to France many years ago, and had said to the school children there, "Who is the greatest man your country has given to the world?" almost every child would have answered, "Napoleon Bonaparte," and they would have told you of the terrible battles he had fought and the great victories he had won.

But if you were to visit a schoolroom in France now, and should say to the French school children, "Tell me the name of your greatest hero," scarcely a child would mention Napoleon, whose battles brought sorrow and suffering and death; but almost every child would say with pride, "Our greatest hero is Louis Pasteur, who spent his life unselfishly trying to bring health and joy to the children of the world." Not only in France but in all parts of the world the name of Louis Pasteur is loved and honored. And whenever we see on the cardboard caps of milk bottles the words "Pasteurized Milk," let us be thankful for Louis Pasteur, that great hero of peace who found out how to destroy the disease germs that used to hide in milk.



Studying Missions

MARY M. HUNTER
Manager Department of Literature
and Exhibits

SUMMER OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR MISSION STUDY

"As summer approaches our minds run back to the delightful mission study of last summer and we feel that we must again take up the work," so writes a successful leader of mission study.

We are greatly encouraged over the outlook for study this summer. The classes, in all sections, are beginning with great promise. There are many members of the Woman's Missionary Societies and the Auxiliaries who can pursue the work of mission study more easily during the vacation days than during any other season of the year.

This good word comes from a successful teacher: "We are greatly encouraged over the prospect for mission study this summer. Because so many of the women in the missionary society and their families are not taking a regular vacation at this time, it is believed that we shall break all records for summer mission study this year." May we urge the societies to act promptly and not allow the opportunity for summer classes to go by. Don't put off the matter. Organize your classes immediately. From the Foreign Mission Board's new mission study folder, select the books for the summer classes. If you do not have a copy of the folder, write for it at once.

WORDS OF COMMENDATION

Already words of commendation are coming from Southern Baptists who are pleased with the new text books on South America. We predict that the series will have responsive use and that great inspiration will come to those who study the books.

The list of the graded series on South America appeared in the May issue of *THE COMMISSION*.

THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD'S FREE HELPS FOR THE GRADED SERIES ON SOUTH AMERICA

The usual helps to leaders have been prepared for the Young People's book, *Baptists Building in Brazil*, and for the Intermediate book, *Wings Against the Blue*.

The Adult book, *Pioneering for Christ West of the Andes*, will be ready by midsummer, and leader's helps to accompany it will also be available.

Helps to leaders are included in the Junior book, *Friends Down Under*, and in the Primary book, *Neighbors We'd Like to Know*.

The supplementary material for every class is: *The Victory that Overcometh*—the 1942 Report of the Foreign Mission Board.

Catechism on the Work of the Foreign Mission Board.

Poster picturing the work in South America.

FROM THE BAPTIST BOOK STORES

VISUAL AIDS

Latin America wall map—23 x 30 inches—in four colors—25 cents.

Picture map of South America—30 x 50 inches—to be colored—50 cents.

Large outline map—28 x 32 inches—25 cents.

Small outline map—11 x 4 inches—25 cents a dozen.

BOOKS

Children's Games from Latin America by Rose Wright—10 cents.

Fun and Festival from the Other America by Rose Wright—25 cents. For Adults and Young People.

Makers of South America by Margarete Daniels—50 cents (paper). For Intermediates and Young People.

Trailing the Conquistadores by Samuel Guy Inman—50 cents (cloth), 25 cents (paper). For Adults and Young People.

That Other America by John A. MacKay—25 cents. For Adults and Young People.

The Album of Southern Baptist Foreign Missionaries—\$1.00. For all grades.

This supplemental material does not exhaust the list. If you do not find here what you want, write to the Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia, for suggestions about other books and helps.

Write to the Pan-American Union, Pan-American Building, Washington, D. C., for leaflet literature on Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Colombia.

NEW EDITION OF THE MISSIONARY MAP OF THE WORLD

A new edition of the missionary map of the world, 36 x 48 inches, was published the first of April. The territories of the leading religions of the world are indicated in different colors, thus showing at a glance the prevalence of the religions of the world. The main stations of our Southern Baptists' Missions are printed in red and marked with red dots so that they can be distinguished at a distance.

Every church and its missionary organizations should have such a map. It is invaluable to missionary speakers and leaders.

The price is \$1.00 in cloth; 50 cents in paper.

NEWS FLASHES

GENE NEWTON

Survey of South America

On April 10, 1942, Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America, left Miami, Florida for Barranquilla, Colombia. He will spend six months surveying Southern Baptists' mission work in South America.

W. O. Lewis in England

Dr. W. O. Lewis, Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has arrived in England for the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Baptist Missionary Society.

Missionaries Enroute from Nigeria

Miss Mary Elizabeth Truly and Miss Vivian Nowell left Nigeria the latter part of March for America. We trust that they will be safe at home when this comes from the press.

Operation

Rev. Eugene L. Hill underwent an emergency mastoid operation on March 24th. He is getting along nicely and expects to be back to normal very soon.

Graduation

Miss Charlotte Patterson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. Scott Patterson, missionaries to Nigeria, was graduated from the School of Nursing of the Georgia Baptist Hospital on April 21, 1942.

Waiting in Lisbon

On March 24th a cablegram received from Rev. and Mrs. Roy F. Starmer in Lisbon, Portugal, stated that they were awaiting the diplomatic ship which is scheduled to bring Americans from Lisbon to the United States.

News from Occupied China

Within the past month news has come from a number of our missionaries in occupied China.

Rev. Herbert Pierce of Wilburton, Oklahoma has had a message from the International Red Cross to the effect that his mother and sister in Yangchow are well.

A letter from Miss Grace Stribling in Chengchow brought news that Miss Bertha Smith and Rev. and Mrs. Frank Connely were safe and well in Tsining, but not allowed out of their yard.

A man who escaped from Hongkong reported that up to March 19th Dr. Rankin and his party were in good health.

Miss Clifford Barratt and Miss Attie Bostick have

been moved from internment in Kweiteh to Pochow, Anhwei, where they are confined within their compound.

Rev. H. H. McMillan was able to reach Soochow before the outbreak of war. He arrived in Shanghai from the United States the latter part of November.

Missionaries in Hwanghsien have been confined to the compound, but can get together freely.

The stewardship revival in Hwanghsien resulted in 480 signing as tithers. Many of the churches are getting under the burden of their support in a new way. The Seminary was to graduate seven students.

Rev.
and
Mrs.
Rufus Grey
and
little
Billy Grey
in
Baguio,
Philippine
Islands



The University of Shanghai has been closed. Americans are confined to the Shanghai area, but reports indicate that they are all busy.

From Kweilin, Free China, has come news that our missionaries in Canton are in the hospital, except Dr. and Mrs. Hayes who are in Shameen.

Pooi Ching, Pooi To, and Pooi In schools are being moved from Hongkong to Kweilin.

Mrs. Wilson Fielder had a letter from Miss Katie Murray in Chengchow saying that Mr. Fielder was in Shanghai, living with Dr. J. T. Williams.

Mrs. Alexander Touring Mission Fields

Many reports have come from missionaries in South America telling of the delightful visits of Mrs. L. W. Alexander of Waco, Texas to their stations. Her visits have been a blessing to the people with whom she came in contact.

Mail to and from China

Letters can be sent between Free and Occupied China. Letters cannot be exchanged between occupied China and the United States. Air mail letters may be sent to and from Free China and the United States. Letters from Free China have taken from one to two months to reach Richmond.

Entry Into Brazil

Permission has been received for two couples to enter Brazil and these missionaries are awaiting transportation. It is hoped that the way may open soon for others to go.

River Plate Convention

Miss Vada Waldron reports a good meeting of the River Plate Convention in Argentina, with an

unusually good attendance. Before the meeting of the Convention there was an encampment of pastors and missionaries held in a beautiful place in the country. These days were filled with fellowship, inspirational talks and sermons.

Opportunities in Free China

B. J. Cauthen in Kweilin says, "Those of us who are working in Kweilin today have a deep conviction that the Lord is working in this city and is opening the way for larger witness and service in Free China." At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the South China Mission, plans were laid for a four months' simultaneous evangelistic campaign for all the fields in Free China. The Mission asks for the prayers of Southern Baptists in this great forward movement.

Among Recent Books

N. F. W.

In This Generation—Ruth Wilder Braisted. Friendship Press. Price, cloth \$1.25; paper 75¢.

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The Crucifiers—Then and Now—Talmage C. Johnson. Broadman Press. Price, \$1.00.

In the ten character studies centering around the later incidents in the earthly life of our Lord, the author—a professor who became a preacher—has aptly linked some of the New Testament's characters with some of old nature's characteristics. While the chapter titles which suggest the parallels, are themselves expressive—as, for example: "Judas and Greed," "Annas and Bigotry," "Pilate and Selfishness"—the treatment of each topic is still more forceful as it bears its message to the human heart. The reader discovers an ingenious blending of psychology and theology, and mingling of fact and tact, a combining of kindly reproof and gracious encouragement.

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