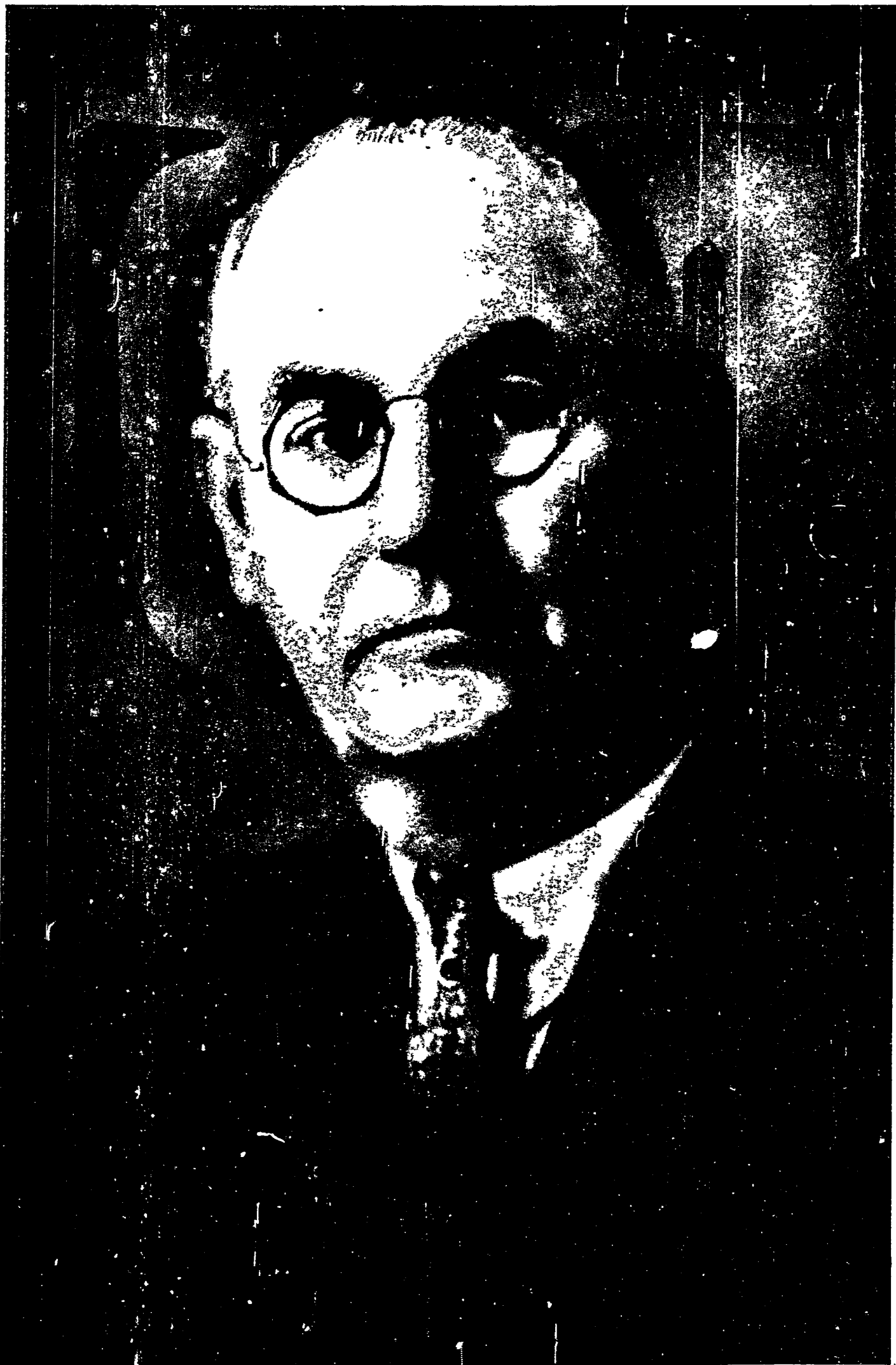


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We Are Praying

For you, dear friends, we are praying,
For your work in that far-away land;
The simple prayer that God will lead you,
By His almighty Hand.
That you will look to Him,
In your every hour of need;
That you will listen quietly,
His every word to heed,
No matter what your problem,
We believe God hears our prayer,
And that each wonderful solution
Will His infinite concern declare.

We know you are tired at times,
That there is many a struggle to face;
But we are praying that you may know
More of His matchless grace.
That you may share it with others,
In a way that they may see,
The Christ who dwells in your hearts,
That their Saviour He may come to be.
Thus the message will be spread,
To many who are anxious to hear,
To many who so long have been,
Bound in the chains of doubt and fear.

—Emma Mildred Watts

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It is not scholarship alone, but scholarship impregnated with religion that tells on the great mass of society. We have no great faith in the efficacy of . . . schools . . . so long as they stand dissevered from the lessons of Christian piety.

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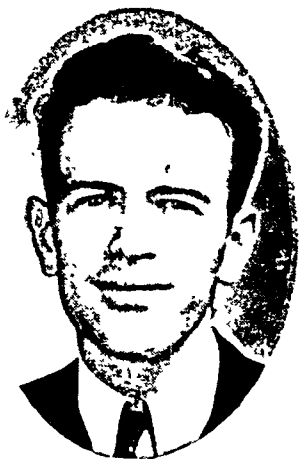
THE COVER—We present the picture of Dr. Charles Alfred Jones who, from 1924 until his death, June 4, 1942, served as the able and consecrated secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Jones, the oldest secretary in point of service, attended the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio, in May, and was stricken shortly after his return to his home in Columbia, South Carolina.

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Over the Lands of the Southern Cross

H. B. RAMSOUR, JR.*

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Long hours before the break of day, on the morning of February 3, a Braniff monoplane roared out of Dallas, Texas, headed for Brownsville, where it was to make connection with one of the Pan-American clippers which serve Central and South America. It was carrying a group of eager, adventuresome passengers, among whom was Mrs. L. W. Alexander of Waco, Texas, (better known as "Mother Catherine" to her missionary "children" who are scattered around the world). This friend of missions was beginning the first lap of a 20,000-mile missionary journey that was to take her to the chief cities of nearly every republic of Latin America.

There are many significant things in relation to this journey, some of which will be of interest to every Southern Baptist who is eager to see the Kingdom of our Lord "spread from shore to shore." One is that this trip, which was doubtless the first of its kind in many respects, was longer than all of the combined missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul, and was made within a period of three months. Every mile of it, with the exception of a few little side journeys or connecting trips, was made by plane. It is noteworthy to observe that this trip was not made by some man, charged with the responsibilities of some great concern or organization, but by a woman who so loves the cause of missions and all of its interests, that in spite of wars and rumors of wars she set out alone as an evangel of peace and good will to the nations beneath the Southern Cross. Years before, she had seen nearly all of these coun-

*Mr. H. B. Ramsour, Jr., is one of Southern Baptists' able and earnest missionaries in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Appointed in April 1939 as a missionary to Japan, the war prevented his realizing that cherished plan, but he and Mrs. Ramsour have entered whole-heartedly the open door in Argentina, where they have served since September 1941.

tries as a tourist; but this time there was only one thing she wanted to see. Wherever she went, she said, "I want to see your churches and your institutions, your pastors and your people, so that I may know them and understand their needs and possibilities for Christ." And so it was, that in nearly every city from Guatemala to Santiago, and from Buenos Aires to Havana, she sought out Baptist churches to observe the work, and to make friends with all whom she met.

In Balboa, she spent a part of two days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bell, and saw something of the work of the Home Mission Board in the Panama. From there, she went via Bogota, Colombia, to Quito, Ecuador, where by the help of Missionary Clark of the Christian Missionary Alliance,



Mrs. L. W. Alexander of Waco, Texas

she saw something of the pioneer work of that organization. From the Panama, she had to fly more than 2,000 miles down the vast coast of South America, before she came to another Southern Baptist station.

In the far northern part of Chile, in Antofagasta, she found Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hart carrying on alone in that needy section of the republic. In the southern part of the republic, in the cities of Santiago and Temuco, Baptists have two larger groups of missionaries and some promising institutions; but even so, the need of Chile is far beyond the reach of our present Southern Baptist forces. It was in Santiago that Mrs. Alexander was delighted to see (for the first time) one of her "daughters," Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, who was her constant companion for two weeks, as she went from place to place speaking in the churches, visiting in the homes of both missionaries and nationals, and studying the work of South and Central Chile.

From Chile, she flew to Mendoza, Argentina, crossing the snow-covered Andes at high noon. Through the clouds below could be seen the "Christ of the Andes," towering on one of the highest peaks, standing with outstretched arms, as an emblem of abiding love and peace to the nations of the world, that are so torn by the evils and hatreds of war. In Mendoza, Cordoba, Rosario, and Buenos Aires, special meetings, speaking engagements, visits in the homes of the pastors and missionaries so filled her days, that within two weeks, she was able to see what, under normal conditions it would require months to see.

In Buenos Aires (where she has two "sons," D. F. Askew and H. B. Ramsour, Jr.) she was officially received and entertained by the executive committee of the Argentine Mission, and was also the honor guest of the nationals on several important occasions. She was the guest speaker at an officially called meeting of the Convention of the W.M.U., over which presided Mrs. Santiago Canclini, one of Argentina's pre-eminent Christian women. At another time she was honored by a meeting of all the churches of the Buenos Aires association. At this service, the President of the Argentine Convention, Dr. Carlos de la Torre, delivered one of the ad-

resses of welcome. It was masterful in every respect, but particularly fitting in the choice of his scripture reading. He chose the words of Paul to the church at Rome, as he commended unto them Phoebe, his sister in Christ: "I commend unto you Phoebe, our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: that ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a help of many, and of myself also" (Romans 16:1, 2).

From Buenos Aires, Mrs. Alexander followed the airways of the east coast, touching nearly every important center of our work from Argentina to Florida. Wherever she went—whether it were to Montevideo, the capital of the influential republic of Uruguay; to nearby Minas, where a strong and earnest group of Christians have a beautiful new house of worship, largely due to her generosity; in Salto, where she has another "son," S. L. Goldfinch, and his family, who are the only Baptist missionaries in interior Uruguay; to Porto Alegre, in far South Brazil; to Rio de Janeiro, the most beautiful of South American cities, and focal point of Baptist work in the greatest nation of South America; to Pernambuco, the capital of one of the greatest states of North Brazil, in which state Baptists have some of their greatest institutions, and more than one hundred churches; to Havana, the center of Home Mission activity in Cuba; wherever she went, her reception was always the same. Gifts and honors from every source; from that of twenty-five cents by a very poor woman, to the honors of the convention of a republic, came to this humble servant of Jesus, who has given to the Master herself and that which she has. From every hand, the nationals say, "Never has any visitor from the United States been more cordially received by our people." When they seek to describe her, they use three words: "*humilde*" and "*sencilla*," which mean much the same as our English words, "humble" and "unadorned, or simple, or candid"; and a third word, "*simpatica*," which is their all inclusive word for one who is friendly, genial, lovely, and understandingly sympathetic.

She has made a wonderful contribution to South American missions. Everyone is glad she came.

A PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, in whom standeth our strength for this world and our hope for that which is to come, be to us, now, one by one, the Comforter that Jesus promised. In temptation empower us, in anxiety calm us, in weakness fortify us, in doubt guide us, in grief steady us, and at last be Thou to us the opener of the door into the world invisible and eternal. Amen.

—Yorkminster Calendar

Kingdom Facts and Factors

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THESE AMAZING BRITISH CHRISTIANS

Reports from the annual meetings of the Free Church bodies of Great Britain last spring show that, with all the disruption and strain of the war, they have not slackened in their missionary support. Not only so, but some of them reported actual advances. This was true of the Baptists. No doubt the enthusiasm of the sesquicentennial of the organization of the Baptist Missionary Society was a special stimulus. Since the destruction of their building in London by German bombs the Society has had its offices in the very building in Kettering in which Carey and his thirteen associates met and organized, October 2, 1792. It was in May of that year that Carey preached his "Expect—Attempt" sermon that led directly to the organization.

The Baptists hold their annual meeting in May. To recognize the grace of God through these one hundred and fifty years they had undertaken for home evangelization and advancement, a special fund of \$300,000.00, and were able to celebrate its completion. Not content with that, they also recorded a new advance in the receipts of the Society for foreign work.

How did they do it? We can find the answer in Paul's buoyant praise of the Macedonian Christians whose abounding joy in Christ and their deep poverty combined to produce an overflowing strain of liberality.

FOUR MILLION RUSSIAN BAPTISTS

There has come out of Russia an appeal for American Christians to pray for the success of Russia in resistance to the German aggression. According to *Time* magazine and other secular sources, this appeal comes from 4,000,000 Russian Baptists. Now, no one had ever estimated the number of Baptists in Russia at more than 2,000,000. Under the repression and persecution of the Atheistic Soviet government it was feared that this number had been greatly reduced in these dozen years since it has been possible to get any reliable information.

One can't quite know what to make of this propaganda story now coming out of the long imposed silence. This much it certainly can mean: first, that in its desperate struggle the Russian government is making a great gesture of restoring freedom of religion; second, that they are turning to Baptists as the most hopeful body to use in making an impres-

sion on American thought. It probably means that Baptists have heroically continued their witness through the days of darkness and are the one evangelical body that is known in Russia today as having strength enough to make a hopeful impression. The government could not send out such an appeal through the Orthodox Church for reasons obvious enough to all who have watched Russian affairs during the last twenty-five years.

We shall not be misled by the figures as to the number of Baptists. Nor must we think of any great, integrated and free Baptist organization. Before the denial of freedom the Baptists were in two "Unions," and these none too fraternal in their relations.

They have many vagaries and notions that are different from those of Southern Baptists, no doubt. Yet when all qualifications are taken into account this prayer appeal is highly encouraging. It gives ground for hope of a radical change in the Soviet attitude toward religion. The Baptist principles and history are such as to make them supremely the Christians who can safely be given freedom in Russia, or any other country. Once the Soviets take the trouble to understand them they will see that Baptists carry no danger to any, but potential aid for all worthy objectives of the leaders of the Russian revolution.

It is entirely possible that we have here the beginning of a great, new, Christian opportunity.

Before the first World War blacked out so many spiritual hopes, some Russian and other Baptist leaders were dreaming of a religious awakening and forward movement more extensive and no less significant than the Reformation in Germany in the sixteenth century. Beginning in Germany that movement engulfed most of Europe and radically modified the course of Christianity. Russia may yet be the geographical and spiritual source of a new flood of spiritual experience and freedom for humanity. If Russia shall give us a reformation of European Christianity, and China a tremendous exhibition of Christianity recreating the non-Christian world, and if America will realize its heritage of free Christianity there will truly be a new order in the earth.

At all events this adds up to a call to American Baptists to be ready for whatever opening the God of history and the Saviour of peoples may make for us in the wake and welter of this gigantic tragedy of transition.

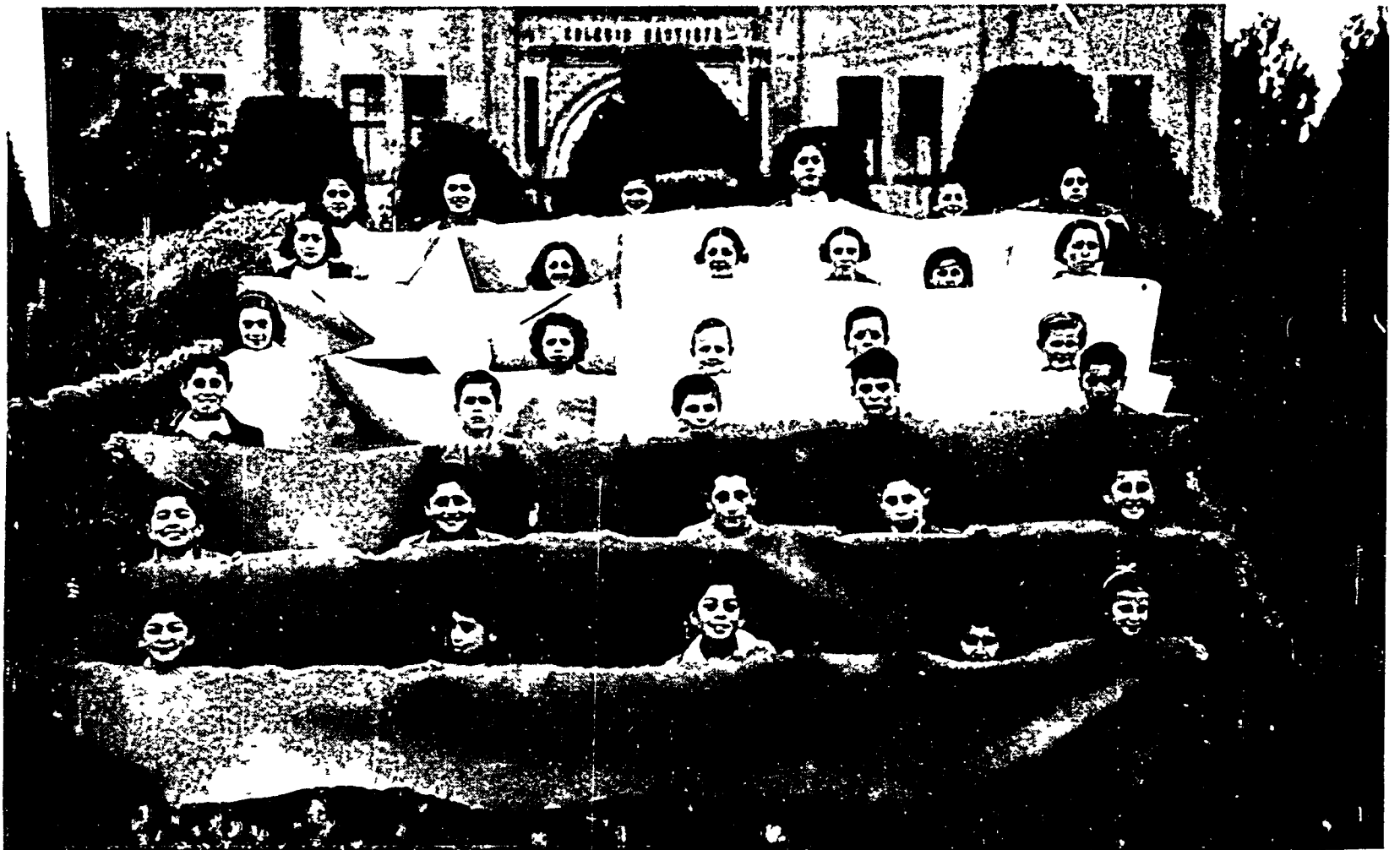
WILL JAPAN HAVE A NEW RELIGION?

It has been definitely announced that the Japanese government is projecting a unitary national religion. Already, so it is announced, a commission has been appointed to confer and plan for bringing together into a united organization, all recognized religion—Shinto, Buddhism, and Christianity (in all its forms). It is proposed thus to effect one common Japanese religion.

The Japanese thus propose to follow through to its logical end what they understand to be the prin-

ciple at work in the various Union Movements within organized Christianity.

Something similar, but not so intelligent and orderly, is at work in Germany. These movements may well be studied carefully by those Protestants who are so eagerly working for "the reunion of Christendom." They may well also study the logic and the tendencies of the growing "Inter-faith Conference" movement among Jews, Protestants and Catholics—a movement which, from several angles, needs clear-thinking scrutiny.



The Anne Laseter Class in Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile, are forming the Chilean flag

CHRISTIAN INTERNATIONALISM

All who speak truth to me commissioned are,
All who love God are in my church embraced.
Not that I have no sense of preference,
None deeper, but I rather love to draw,
Even here on earth, on toward that perfect law,
And Heaven's fine etiquette, where Who and
Whence
May not be asked, but at the Wedding Feast
North may sit down with South and West with
East.

—Robert Browning

Southern Baptist State Secretaries



ALABAMA
F. M. BARNES,
Secretary-Treasurer



ARKANSAS
B. L. BRIDGES,
Executive Secretary

Our state mission work in Alabama falls under five departments:

Evangelism. It is the purpose of this department to promote evangelism throughout the entire state with a revival at least once a year in every Baptist church, and with meetings in school houses and brush arbors in every unchurched section.

Sunday School Work. It is the effort of this department to furnish well trained officers and teachers for every Sunday school, with a vacation Bible school some time during the summer.

Training Union and Baptist Student Union Work, which strives to have a well organized Training Union in all of the churches of the state, and a B.S.U. on the campus of every college which Baptist young people attend.

Enlistment. In this department we supplement the salary of a goodly number of pastors in college-town churches, in rundown, rural churches, and in industrial churches where every kind of *ism* is trying to overthrow the Baptist faith and program. We have missionaries for all or part time in quite a few associations; many are seminary students serving during the summer. One of the largest phases of our state mission work is that around the military camps and war work projects.

Ministers' Retirement. Our State Mission Board pays two per cent to the Relief and Annuity Board on the pastors' salary. This calls annually for a sum of approximately twelve thousand dollars.

State missions is a term often loosely used. Frequently we bind varied religious activities in a package and erroneously call it state missions. State missions is carrying on, within the bound of a state, the principles of the Great Commission. It is soul-winning, baptizing, and training in Christian living.

Evangelism is first in importance. The fifteenth chapter of Luke makes clear that evangelism stands at the head of the list of Christian activities.

To be sure the work of the evangelist does not stop with soul-winning. Every evangelistic effort should be crystallized by baptizing the converts into the fellowship of a church.

The motive for doing state mission work should be the same as that which prompted Christ to give Himself for a lost world—the passion for lost souls.

A great state mission enterprise enlarges and strengthens the work of Baptists. If we build a strong denomination in the state, this becomes a solid home-base to furnish men and supplies for larger and distant fields.

In almost every state there are thousands whom the churches have not reached. New communities are growing up; population centers are shifting. Our state mission program should see that such centers are evangelized and churches established; and that the many foreigners coming to our shores shall hear our gospel. These, through their intercourse with friends in their native countries, may thus become foreign missionaries while here within our borders.

H. A. ZIMMERMAN



*State Secretary of
Baptist work
in Arizona*



**DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA**

RUFUS W. WEAVER,
Executive Secretary

A popular quip describes Washington as a "mad house, operated by its inmates," and it has a measure of truth. Thirty-five years ago, the Federal Government had in this city 27,101 employees; today there are over 237,000, and thousands more are being added every month. Suddenly Washington has become the most strategic mission field on this planet.

The fact is recognized by the cults. A study, made three years ago, showed that there were 216

groups, scattered throughout this city that were promoting some new interpretation of religion. Negro Mohammedans last week picketed the jail, because one of their number had been arrested for not registering in the selective draft.

The figures for the 1936 religious census show an increase in the total membership of all religious bodies of 32,403 during the preceding decade. Excluding the gains of Roman Catholics, the Jews, the Greek Catholics, the Negro Baptists and the independent Negro churches, over half of the remaining increase had been made by the white Baptists.

Northern and Southern Baptists are coming to the help of our Convention. A new secretary of Christian education has been employed. Arrangements are nearing completion for the Home Mission Board to have a superintendent of missions in Washington. New mission stations are being opened. Our pastors are taking a keener interest in city mission work.

Over one hundred years ago Luther Rice, nearing the end of his fruitful life, made an appeal for "a concert of prayer for rulers, capitals, and seminaries of learning." That appeal Washington Baptists renew, stressing prayer for our nation's capital.

FLORIDA

C. H. BOLTON,
*Executive
Secretary-Treasurer*



GEORGIA

JAMES W. MERRITT,
*Executive
Secretary-Treasurer*



The chief problem and one of the greatest opportunities in our state mission program is the rural church. Quarter- and half-time churches need to be developed into fields. We have a scarcity of efficient pastors for the country churches. Organization for effective work and an adequate financial program are lacking in most of these churches. We need trained, consecrated pastors who are willing to live in the country and who can be satisfied with a modest income, but whose every undertaking for the Kingdom will yield large dividends.

No better people in the world are to be found than those in our rural sections, nor does any other section offer any greater opportunity for the investing of a life where it will count for most.

In the mobilization of spiritual resources to help meet the tragic needs of a disturbed world we must continue to magnify state missions and, where needed, intensify this important phase of work.

The varied and vital ministry which state missions performs is increasingly needed in this crucial hour of the world's history, when spiritual forces must provide the strength and power needed to save and redeem mankind and civilization.

As we face the responsibility and privilege of adequately supporting state missions at this time, we need to remember that this important phase of work not only makes its own valuable contribution to the cause of the Kingdom, but also undergirds all missionary, benevolent, and educational activities.

If all the money we raise for the seven causes of co-operative missions (instead of 50% of it) were used in our state, for state missions alone, it would not be enough to do what ought to be done.

There are more than 750,000 foreigners of thirty different nationalities in our state, and among these we have only four state missionaries.

There are hundreds of places where Baptist churches should be started, but our one evangelist and the pastors who are paid to hold meetings in destitute places can reach only a few.

To enlist the unenlisted Baptists of our state; to get all of our churches on the Bible plan of financing their local expenses and the mission causes; and to promote our Sunday school and Training Union work, our W.M.U., our Brotherhood, and our student work, require the best we have and are.

There are yet unlimited possibilities to be reached in each of the above great and worthy causes.

In Louisiana we have three or four great problems in state missions.

The newest and one of the greatest problems confronting us now is the presence of about 150,000 soldiers in four great army camps. These come from every corner of the nation and a majority of them, I am reliably informed, are not professed Christians.

The ever-present French Catholic population problem in southern Louisiana has been difficult to meet. But, in the one generation that I have known the work, three struggling Baptist churches in that section have increased to four strong associations.

The great Mississippi Delta in the eastern part of our state has recently been developed for large-scale farming purposes. This has brought a great and unorganized population among us.

The development and evangelization of 500 rural churches and communities is one of our greatest and most fruitful fields.

ILLINOIS

E. W. REEDER,
General Secretary



LOUISIANA

W. H. KNIGHT,
Secretary-Treasurer



The state mission task is to carry out the Great Commission within our own state. Kentucky is a field for evangelism without a parallel among southern states. Out of a population of two and three-quarter millions of people, more than one and one-quarter millions above the age of ten are without any public confession of Christ. These unsaved people are found in every section of the state.

Our state mission opportunity begins at the door of our churches and extends to the farthest confine of the state.

To win the lost to Christ and to baptize them does not complete the command in the Great Commission. Our Lord said, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you." Those who are saved must be instructed, indoctrinated, built up in the faith, developed and trained for service. This calls for a definite program by our churches and every department of our state mission forces—ministry through the pulpit, Sunday school, Training

Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Student Union, and all our institutions.

State missions is the basis of all our missionary endeavor. The success of our home and foreign mission programs depends, in large measure, upon the success of our state mission program. Loyalty here means loyalty all the way through.

KENTUCKY

J. W. BLACK,
General Secretary





MARYLAND
JOSEPH T. WATTS,
Executive Secretary

Maryland is one of the most needy mission fields of the South. With a population of 1,700,000 souls not more than 750,000 are identified with religious organizations. In Baltimore with 1,040,000 a year ago, there are more than 200,000 persons of foreign birth or whose parents were foreign born. Catholicism is strong. Among many Evangelicals evangelism is not positive. Baptists (white) numbering 25,000 are bearing noble witness to the gospel experiences. One fourth of our churches require board help. We are gaining every year. Baptist influence is much greater than our numbers would suggest.

Defense work has brought in many thousands from all parts of the country. We are undertaking to enlist Baptist newcomers.



MISSISSIPPI
D. A. McCALL,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The greatest challenge before Mississippi Baptists is, "Winning to Christ the more than 700,000 lost persons living within the borders of the state."

Through the evangelistic department we are working at this task; through giving aid in pastoral support and the building of churches in city, town and rural areas; through teaching and training in the Sunday school and Training Union; through G.A., R.A., and Y.W.A. camps; through vacation Bible schools and conferences; through B.S.U. and Brotherhood; through distribution of Christian literature and still other methods.

We work with the races—white, colored, and Indian.

We need more money to employ more trained workers.

We need more full-time churches in name and in fact.

We need consecration on the part of all.



MISSOURI
DR. T. W. MEDEARIS,
General Superintendent of Missions

Thomas Whittier Medearis, D.D. took up the work as General Superintendent of Missions in Missouri, July 1, 1942.

His coming is welcomed by the people from the eighty-three associations and 1,740 churches, and the outlook is bright for forward progress in Missouri.

Dr. Medearis believes in the program of Baptists and will give of his great energies to the promotion of its every interest. He believes that the Co-operative Program offers the best means for financing the work of the Kingdom and, at the same time, serves as the best agency for placing the needs and opportunities of the Cause upon the hearts of all Baptists.



NEW MEXICO
HARRY P. STAGG,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

New Mexico is larger than Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, plus Delaware. The climate

and natural resources are unsurpassed. New Mexico is one of the most rapidly developing sections of our nation.

The oldest church building in America is here, and yet we are just at the threshold of presenting New Testament Christianity. New Mexico is a virgin field—a foreign mission field in our very midst.

Indian tribes, centuries old, continue their heathen dances. Spanish families from the earliest American settlers have not changed their *Fiesta*. Whites from every state and Negroes mingle here with languages, colors, and religions from the ends of the earth. All need God *now*. They need to build their spiritual faith upon "the Rock of Ages," as their material faith builds this mighty western empire.



NORTH CAROLINA

M. A. HUGGINS,
General Secretary
and Treasurer

North Carolina Baptists are face to face with a state mission opportunity not paralleled within the past twenty-five years. I refer to the opportunities created by the congregated population in areas around the camps, located largely in the eastern part of the state. One cannot travel far in the territory between Wilmington and Elizabeth City without encountering a camp or base of some sort. People from many sections of North Carolina, and other states, have congregated in these areas. In South Wilmington alone there are 5,000 people, and in that area there is no church building, or no organized church of any denomination. On a lot recently purchased, a tent has been erected. Out of this beginning we believe a strong Baptist church will develop in the near future. This is only one of the many opportunities which Baptists face now.

Along with all this there are, of course, the continued challenge of needy places, and the urgent opportunities in strategic areas.

Not in a generation have Baptists faced greater opportunities.

OKLAHOMA

ANDREW POTTER,
Executive Secretary



Oklahoma is a young state with a cosmopolitan population. Some are Indians who call the state their home. The 1940 census showed a population of 2,226,434. More than sixty per cent of those of accountable age are without Christ.

Without Christ in a state with more than 240,000 Baptists! Without Christ in a state which God has blessed with abundant material resources! Without Christ in the cities, in the towns, on the rolling farms, and in the mountains! That is indeed a missionary challenge.

The war has brought added responsibilities. Around the army camps have come thousands from all sections of our nation. Many of these are without Christ. Mammoth defense plants in northeastern and central Oklahoma have issued their calls for thousands of workmen to work until victory is won. But the *ultimate* victory is in Him, and many of these workmen are without Christ.

This is the challenge of state missions in Oklahoma. A call for Baptists to witness! A call for Baptists to give sacrificially that others might witness to every section of "the Sooner State," and might send His message around the globe.

Here is the busy
secretary of big state

of

TEXAS

W. W. MELTON,
General Secretary



On the front cover of this issue of THE COMMISSION is the picture of Dr. Charles A. Jones who for many years served as the able and consecrated secretary of Baptist work in South Carolina. On June 4, 1942 Dr. Jones was called to his eternal reward. Since his home-going the work is being carried on by W. S. Brooke who graciously sent the following summary of Baptist activities in South Carolina.—THE EDITOR.

Our Needs

1. Greater evangelistic effort. There are 450,000 white and many colored, over twelve years of age, unsaved.
2. More new churches organized in needy communities.
3. More aid to weak churches.
4. Greater efforts to enlist the unenlisted. Fifty per cent of members do nothing.
5. More work among the soldiers in training.
6. More resident pastors for the rural churches.
7. Indoctrination of the people, to safeguard against false teaching.

8. Greater effort to teach and train young people.
9. To organize fields among the rural churches.
10. To keep in constant touch with the young people in schools and colleges.

The Problem

To secure sufficient funds and workers for this program. It can be done if the people will practice stewardship, put on Every Member Canvass, use "God's Acre" and Project Plans, organize the district associations, have a spirit of co-operation, and look to the Lord for final victory.

W. S. BROOKE, *Acting General Secretary-Treasurer*



TENNESSEE

JOHN D. FREEMAN,
Executive Secretary

The sudden transformation of Tennessee by the Tennessee Valley Authority from a typical agricultural community into a rapidly developing industrial empire has caused grave problems for all forces of righteousness. The numerous changes in the social order have placed upon state missions a tremendous task, and Baptists, being the largest religious body in the state, are especially concerned.

First, there is a great group of uninformed and undeveloped church members needing direction. These are ready victims of all kinds of religious demagogues. More than 600 churches are served by pastors who have had no more than fourth or fifth grade education. State missions must develop them!

Secondly, there is the new industrialism. Whole

areas have been turned into factory centers with rapidly growing populations. State missions is heavily burdened supplementing the work of local churches in such sections, and planting *de novo* our work in churchless communities. With the number of power dams and the gigantic amount of electric power that will be available, Tennessee will rapidly become the Ruhr of America. State missions is the hope of our state for a strong Baptist program in the days ahead.

Thirdly, there is the problem of shifting population. Numerous villages are springing up in few of which is there a Baptist church. State missions must either help them have churches or see them turn to heresies or have no religion at all.

Finally, there is the problem of pleasure. Within two years we shall have within our state some 6,000 miles of shore line around the artificial lakes formed above the power dams. Every known form of modern, commercialized amusement is being established, and already the impact upon the moral life is being sorely felt. State missions is the only hope for establishing religious work in the many amusement areas, and the towns springing up around these lakes.

It is impossible, with our present income, to provide enough workers for every new field. We must utilize to the best possible advantage the funds we have, and strive to increase them by developing the churches and by establishing new ones.

State mission work in Virginia is vital to the life-line of Christianity. Our needs are enormous. The challenge is unsurpassed and unparalleled. We have many communities that have grown up overnight without churches or Sunday schools to guide the people in the spiritual paths. We have, in our armed forces, thousands upon thousands of our finest young men whom we cannot afford to overlook. We have many of our older churches that are compelled to have help or curtail their services or discontinue their work altogether. We must not fail these good people now.

We, as Virginia Baptists, have never had a greater challenge. All doors are wide open. If we do not take advantage of this day and launch out for Christ in all of these mission fields, every phase of our mis-

VIRGINIA
FRANK T. CRUMP,
Executive Secretary



sionary work—foreign, home, relief, educational and benevolent, will suffer.

Good News from a Far Country

We of the South China Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention, who have the great privilege and joy to continue His work in the unoccupied territory of China, send our warmest Christian greetings to our beloved fellow-laborers in the home land.

We desire, first of all, to express our sincere appreciation and great thankfulness for the unparalleled opportunities now ours in Free China to carry on the work committed to us by the Lord and Southern Baptists. Your unfailing prayers of faith and gifts of love that make it possible for us to continue His work and yours, have been a constant stay and inspiration to us amidst the turmoil of war and chaos all around us. Never have His promises and presence been more real and vital to us than they are now as we labor on for Him.

Through the various channels available to us we are able to make direct and indirect contacts with our fellow-comrades now in the occupied sections. These contacts indicate that our missionaries and Chinese co-laborers in the occupied areas have been protected by His grace and love. Though in certain places their trials and hardships have been great, yet their lives have been spared. For this we are most thankful to Him who gives and protects our lives. We earnestly urge that prayer without ceasing be made for these prisoners of the Lord Jesus Christ that their lives be spared and their essential needs be met, and that all these sufferings and hardships may prepare our people here and in the home land, as nothing else could, for the great onward movement of giving the gospel of God's grace to the untouched millions of the Orient. Pray with great faith and persistency that our God, in His own way,

will give freedom to these now in captivity. We know that what the forces of darkness have meant for our evil and suffering can be, by His infinite wisdom and grace, made to work out for the furtherance of the gospel and God's eternal glory and prepare us in a special way for the larger days of usefulness awaiting us.

We want to emphasize that they who are scattered abroad have gone into the interior fields witnessing for their Lord. Christians from the occupied territory are coming to us in large numbers and spreading far and wide into the expanding fields where we have never labored. These messengers of light and love not only strengthen our existing forces in the unoccupied sections, but are preparing a larger and ever increasing area for us to enter with the gospel.

In the migrating millions on the western trek may be found large numbers of our own Christians, formerly members of our well developed churches and schools near the coast cities of China. They are paving the way in a marvelous manner for Southern Baptists to advance into these unevangelized sections.

We are reminded afresh that our God is not so dependent upon numbers as upon faithfulness and loyalty to Jesus Christ in message and life; not so dependent upon material equipment as upon spiritual power and wisdom to utilize for Him the opportunities that are now ours.

To take advantage of these growing opportunities we laid definite and comprehensive plans for a simultaneous evangelistic campaign from April to July, covering all our existing fields and wherever possible extending into the neglected adjacent areas. This campaign not only included all our fields in

the unoccupied territory, but extended our labors into the occupied sections wherever possible. We sought the guidance and enduement of the Holy Spirit to enlist, combine, and unify all our Christian forces. To do this we organized fifteen gospel teams of three to five special workers who visited all our churches and outstations, schools and hospitals, strengthening the existing forces, uniting all these to go forward witnessing for Him that many hitherto unreached might hear unto the saving of their souls.

Immediately following this evangelistic campaign we conducted short term Bible schools and conferences so that our Christians and new converts might be adequately indoctrinated and fitted to stand in the evil day and tell others of God's saving power.

All possible preliminary steps have been made by us to go forward in this Onward Movement. We

rejoice with every thought of your pledged promise to back us with your prayers and gifts in this significant Movement. We assure our Board and our fellow-workers in the home land that we hold our lives not dear unto ourselves, but we are ever ready to back their gifts of love and prayers by our own lives, gladly given for this holy task.

Our faith looks beyond the gloom of the present lowering clouds of war and suffering, and sees the new and glorious day dawning. For this day all the past has prepared us, and the way we meet it will determine our destinies for the future in China.

Your fellow-laborers in the Lord,

J. R. Saunders, *chairman of the executive committee.*

B. J. Cauthen, *secretary South China Mission.*



KWEILIN, KWANGSI

Preaching Bands (3) to cover the field during May, June, July and August, 1942. The three group leaders are in front. Miss Tung (extreme left) and Miss Lu (back, wearing glasses) are from Shantung and are volunteers for frontier work. The four girls in the center of the picture are from our orphan school and go with one of the bands as a sort of choir—they are a wonderful addition.

—Robert L. Bausum

At the left end of the back row is Mr. Bausum and at the right end is Dr. B. J. Cauthen.

A VERSE FULL OF GREATNESS

“God”—the greatest lover
 “so loved”—the greatest degree
 “the world”—the greatest company
 “that he gave”—the greatest act
 “his only begotten Son”—the greatest gift
 “that whosoever”—the greatest opportunity

“believeth”—the greatest simplicity
 “in him”—the greatest attraction
 “should not perish”—the greatest promise
 “but”—the greatest difference
 “have”—the greatest certainty
 “everlasting life”—the greatest possession.

Standing by in Honolulu

War is a horrible monster that throws our daily activities out of balance, makes little tots carry their gas masks to school and to play, and even upsets the Sabbath. Once during a service, we had to rush out-of-doors and get into the trenches dug in the church yard. There we continued to sing hymns and teach the Sunday school lesson until the "all clear" signal was given.

On December seventh, when the war broke, Mr. Koon had already started to the radio station to give the Sunday morning broadcast. Just before he was to go on the air, orders came to announce to the public that the Islands were being attacked, then the "mike" was handed to Mr. Koon and he was told to go ahead with his program. Well, he did. I heard him. He seemed so calm. I looked out of the window to see what was going on and then returned to the radio to listen again to Victor and finally decided that it was a sham battle. Then friends rushed in and insisted that it was war.

Our house was in an ideal location for us to get a grandstand view of the air and naval activities. I shall never forget those sights. I was interested in everything and so were the children. No one was afraid. It all seemed so unreal. Almost two hours passed and then Victor managed to get back home. We were glad to have our whole family together. The radio stations went entirely off the air. Time dragged. Then more excitement; then another lull. Fires broke out in the city here and there. This one was stopped; that one got out of control. Dusk came on; lights were forbidden. We crowded around the radio which had come on again, and there in the thick darkness we listened to reports from all over the world and everyone was talking about Pearl Harbor. Something really important had happened. Sleep was fitful that night and we awoke the next morning to a changed and sterner world.

Use of phones was forbidden for a while, but we gradually found out that our immediate friends were all safe. The reports of the number of casualties increased as the hours passed. Everyone did "the next thing," and planned how to pack suitcases lightly and wisely. However, the mass evacuation to the hills has not taken place up to the present time. We

*Mrs. Koon who, with her husband, served as a missionary in Harbin, Manchuria, from 1925 to 1940, when the war forced them to leave, is now carrying on missionary work in Honolulu, T. H.

Mrs. Victor Koon*



have had nightly blackouts since then, and we have learned to seal our windows so that lights may be used inside the house. We also learned that the rush on food stores was only a temporary scare and that we would have enough of the necessary foods. Everyone seemed to co-operate so happily with the government. This was different from the attitude we had seen in Manchuria.

School was closed for two months and the teachers worked hard at fingerprinting all civilians. We were vaccinated and inoculated and gas masks were issued to us. When the schools reopened, the children were taught only the most important subjects; drills connected with war precautions were daily routine; and now schools are closing on time and with the required work done.

On Loi Day which is May 1, there were \$800,000.00 worth of Defense Bonds bought here in Honolulu.

Our church work is still progressing. We had 146 in Sunday school last Sunday and the average for the month is practically that high, but we are in desperate need of more room.

We now have fifteen missionaries in Hawaii. Rev. and Mrs. Belote are in Wahiawa and their new church building was dedicated March 15. Miss Alice Huey, Miss Clarabel Isdell and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman are working in our Baptist center on School Street. Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Stuart and Miss Helen McCullough are doing a fine piece of work with service men at our Fellowship Center in the heart of the City. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Dozier and Mrs. C. K. Dozier are working mostly with Japanese-speaking people and at Olivet Church. Miss Hannah Plowden is head of the Bible School and others of our missionaries make up the faculty there.

Our work at Olivet was strengthened by Miss Sue Saito who arrived from Texas in September. She graduated at Baylor University and at the Seminary. She was born here in the Islands and her six years of study on the Mainland have well fitted her for his big job. Every one loves her.



Sixty Years in One Pastorate

*Dr. E. R. Carter,
Pastor of Atlanta's Oldest Negro Baptist Church, Since 1882*

*By LOUIE D. NEWTON**

Sixty years is a long time, considered from man's viewpoint. It is longer than most men live. But in Atlanta we have a man who has been pastor of one church three score years. That man is Dr. Edward Randolph Carter; and that church is Friendship Baptist Church, the oldest Negro Baptist Church in Atlanta.

This historic event was celebrated by the white and colored races in Atlanta's downtown municipal auditorium, Sunday afternoon, April 19, 1942. There was a special service at the church that morning and again that evening, but the community-wide celebration was held at the municipal auditorium in the afternoon, thus affording opportunity for the largest possible number of people to come together on this eventful occasion.

The sermon was delivered by Dr. George W. Truett. Several years ago, when Dr. Truett was on a visit to Atlanta, I took him by Dr. Carter's home,

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and Dr. Carter asked him then if he would come and preach his sixtieth anniversary sermon. Dr. Truett said he would be glad to do so, if circumstances would permit.

Greetings from far and near were brought by distinguished leaders on the occasion of this anniversary. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. G. L. Prince, president of the National Baptist Convention of America, with which Dr. Carter is officially related; and equally prominent leaders, both religious and civic, sent or personally extended greetings. The Governor of Georgia, the Mayor of Atlanta, and other such leaders had part on the program. Officers of the Friendship Church had charge of all of the details of the program.

Dr. Carter is one of the most picturesque personalities I have had the privilege of knowing. He was eighty-four years old, March 15, 1942, but he is still able to stand in his pulpit every Sunday morning and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Born in Athens, Georgia, the son of Thomas and

Sybil Carter, he was named for General Edward Randolph Harden, attorney for the Cherokee Indians. As a boy Dr. Carter worked in a shoemaker's shop, learning that trade.

He was converted under the preaching of Dr. Patrick H. Mell, Chancellor of the University of Georgia, located at Athens. The text of the sermon was, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. . . ." He was baptized by the Rev. Floyd Hill, pastor of Landrum Chapel, in Athens.

Feeling that he was called of the Holy Spirit to preach, the young man sought to enter the Theological Seminary, then located at Augusta. While he was corresponding with the president of the Seminary, the institution was removed to Atlanta, and finally became a part of Morehouse College. He started out from Athens to Atlanta, walking; but when the engineer on the train from Athens to Union Point recognized him walking along the track, he stopped the train, and let him get up in the cab, and took him on to Union Point. When the train from Augusta to Atlanta reached Union Point, the engineer asked the engineer on that train to allow young Carter to ride to Atlanta.

His mother was already in Atlanta, working as cook in the home of Dr. Henry Holcomb Tucker, Editor of *The Christian Index*, and she introduced her son to Dr. Tucker and other prominent, white, Baptist leaders of Atlanta. He took the full four-year course in what is now Morehouse College. While studying at the college, Dr. Carter preached frequently in nearby Friendship Church, which is the mother Negro Baptist church of Atlanta, the charter members having been granted letters from the First Baptist Church of Atlanta at the close of the war in 1865.

In 1882 he was called to the pastorate of Friendship Church, where he has served continuously for sixty years. He has received a number of calls to prominent churches throughout the nation, but the Lord made it clear that He wanted him to continue as Friendship's pastor.

It is estimated, most conservatively, that Dr. Carter has averaged baptizing a minimum of one hundred persons per year. At one time, back in the eighties, he baptized five hundred and fifty persons at one time.

Friendship Church, under the ministry of Dr. Carter, has been a bright and shining light for the Lord. From that mother church have gone forth many churches, many preachers, a number of missionaries and teachers. It has enjoyed the fellowship of many of the members of the faculty of Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Atlanta University. The late Dr. John Hope, distinguished Negro educator, president of Morehouse, and later

president of Atlanta University, was a deacon in Friendship Church.

Early in his ministry, Dr. Carter established Carter Home, next door to the church, for the care of aged people. This institutional wing of Friendship Church has been a great blessing to the community.

Dr. Carter has been an active leader in the life of Atlanta for all these years. He had scarcely arrived in Atlanta when Henry W. Grady, the brilliant editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, himself a native of Athens, sent for young Carter. Grady helped him during his student days, and when Dr. Carter became pastor of Friendship Church, Grady found him a powerful colleague in every fight for righteousness. They fought together in the campaigns for prohibition, speaking from the same platform.

Dr. Carter has been an international figure in Baptist affairs. He was one of the organizers of the Baptist World Alliance in London, in 1905. He attended the initial congress in London, the second congress in Philadelphia, in 1911, the third congress in Stockholm, in 1923, and the sixth in Atlanta, in 1939.

He has also served on numerous boards of the National Baptist Convention of America and the Georgia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention. He has served as secretary of the board of trustees of Morehouse College for many years.

In 1928 he was invited to preach the anniversary sermon at Manchester Baptist College, Manchester, England, and was the guest of the president of the college during his stay in Manchester. He has made fifteen trips abroad, including several to Palestine.

For many years he served as a member of the Uniform Sunday School Lesson Committee, and also as a member of the International Council of Religious Education. He has been on the editorial council of the National Baptist Convention of America for many years, and also has served as chairman of their Board of Orthodoxy.

Dr. Carter married Miss Obedia Cecile Brown, of Athens, on October 8, 1876. Five children were born to them.

It is impossible to appraise adequately the ministry of this illustrious Negro leader, this faithful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, this saint of God. His life has touched the whole earth in lasting blessing. I think of Dr. Carter every time I read the First Psalm, for truly, he is like a tree—a tree whose branches are ever green, whose fruit faileth not.

I count it one of the richest experiences of my life to have known Dr. E. R. Carter. I give thanks unto God upon every remembrance of him. Only as man yields himself wholly to the Lord, even as Dr. Carter has done, can he live effectively. His life has been, and will continue to be an inspiration to his race, and my race, and all the peoples of earth.



*Orvil W. Reid**

As over ninety-five per cent of the population of Mexico have their religion, and almost all of them claim to be Christians, many people in the United States do not see the need of spending money and lives to bring the gospel to them. If I could take you with me for just one week's trip into the interior you would return with your hearts bleeding to send the Light to these poor souls.

I am translating a few things I have copied from walls of Catholic churches. From these you can see the spiritual darkness in which the people live.

"The Holy Mass is the principle act of our religion. The Holy Mass is the same sacrifice of Christ. On Calvary He offered Himself. Here He is sacrificed that you may offer Him."

"If you want miracles come to San Antonio."

"Infinite thanks to San Antonio for having given me my health. . . . Thanks O Divine S. Ant."

"If you want miracles, come to The Virgin of Sorrows." (There are at least thirty virgins to whom they pray.)

Before an image of St. Jude, or Judas, was this professional announcement: "St. Judas, the lawyer for difficult cases." Then there were over one hundred testimonies on the wall such as this: "I give thanks to St. Judas for having given me relief from

*Mr. Orvil W. Reid, appointed in 1938, is at present Southern Baptists' missionary in Mexico. He lives in Guadalupe, and is working among the Mexicans.

Idolatry

an internal disease which I had suffered for two years. Come to Joseph. He is the Dispenser of the gifts of God, the Administrator of the heavenly treasures, the Angel of the families. Let us always go to him."

In one church there was a large cross and I saw many people weeping and kissing the dirty wooden cross as they poured out their hearts in prayer. On the wall were many testimonies giving thanks to the "Divine Cross" for answering their prayers, as if it had been a person. One testimony said: "I give thanks to the Holy Cross of Missions for having cured my child of leprosy." An announcement signed by the Bishop, promised to grant five years' indulgence to any of the faithful who counted their beads in front of the cross, and added that the indulgences could be applied to the dead.

There is no doubt but that many are sincere. In Topic I talked with a man who had every sign of vice written on his face. Yet he was very religious. He said that a man came to the city once saying that there was no God. One day he saw him sitting on a park bench and put a knife against his throat and asked him, "Now do you believe in God? If you ever say again that there is no God I'll cut your throat." He was so religious that he was willing to take a life, yet his religion has nothing to do with his lying, drinking, and other sins. In the state of Mexico an entire congregation of Methodists were run out of a building and their building burned—all to "serve God." In Topic where the pastor and I recently visited over seven hundred homes, leaving some little booklets I had written to arouse interest in Bible study, the people all received the Word gladly. Since then the pastor wrote me that the priests have begun a wave of persecution and have threatened to excommunicate anyone receiving any more literature.

*Three
Latin-American
"Believers"
(or Protestants)
active in
Christian evangelism*



*Left to right:
Cirilo Arellanes
Bulmaro Arando
Josué Espinoza*

Beggars

One of the first of the distressing and haunting sights that met my eyes in the Orient was the beggars. The beggar is an institution peculiarly common among eastern peoples. Begging is a widely practiced form of livelihood and an organized profession, closely connected with a vagrant principle in Buddhism. All Buddhist priests are supposed to beg, at least during the period of their inauguration into the priesthood. On the streets of Kobe, Japan, I first saw an oriental beggar. He was lying on a busy street in a market section of the city, screaming and yelling for help from those walking in the crowded way. His body was one mass of running sores. By his side was a bucket in which passers-by were supposed to throw their scraps of food.

It was on the streets of Peking, however, that I got my first full view of this vagrant begging class of people. The sight haunted me. As they crowded around like a pack of wolves, or reached up their bony hands from among the feet of the passing crowd, the sight simply overwhelmed me with a sense of pity and sorrow. All about my feet were heaps of aching bones and quivering flesh in which the breath of life was still lingering.

My first reaction was to empty my purse of all that I had, and even to share the clothes on my back.

"Those poor creatures," said I, "can never live through the cold; they will starve or freeze, or die from the pains of their sores." But as I began to hand out money the beggars leaped at me as though they were going to eat my flesh, and pressed about me so hard that I could not make my way down the

*Buford L. Nichols**



street. I saw, also, that if I continued such a policy I would not only be trampled by the beggars but I would soon be reduced to the state of a beggar myself, and be compelled to join their ranks.

My next reaction was that, since I could not feed all the beggars I would harden myself against any plea that they might make.

"There is not much I can do about helping the unfortunate creatures," I reasoned, "so I will make a contribution to organized charity and pass up these beggars on the streets." But this philosophy did not work. A sense of guilt came into my Christian consciousness and I recognized the danger of growing hard and unresponsive in the midst of human need.

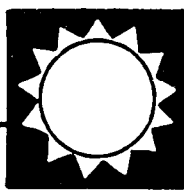
I was compelled to adopt a position midway between the two extremes. Unable to bear the full burden of the suffering and starving beggars, I could render some assistance by handing out copper coins to the most needy and buy bowls of rice for the starving and, at the same time, make a contribution through charity organizations. Realizing that some of the beggars might beg money to buy opium, and that others accumulate a fortune through begging, I nevertheless could cherish the feeling in my heart that I was doing something to meet a great need, and helping many an honest and earnest beggar.

*Rev. Buford L. Nichols, Kaifeng, China, is now on furlough in this country and has, during the past semester, been teaching in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Chinese nurses and Christian leaders



receive with joy the White Cross gifts of Southern Baptists



THE INDOMITABLE CHINESE



*Madame Chiang Kai-shek
"You can lick a spoon, but you can't lick China."*



Left to right: Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Madame H. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Madame Sun Yat-sen



Children's Refuge, Shaohing Baptist Church, China

Pastor Chang, in white gown, is assisting in the feeding of the five hundred homeless waifs in this haven of refuge which is called "The Hundred Hungry Children." Dire need compelled it to outgrow its name.



*Chinese
refugee
family
having
lunch*



*Cellar Printing Plant of Ta Kung Pao (famous
Chinese newspaper) in Chungking Air Raid Shelter.
On July 14 the regular offices were razed by Japa-
nese bombs but the paper appeared as usual.*



*Hospital
attendants
carrying
patient
into
Air Raid
Shelter*

The Editor's Message

OUR STATE SECRETARIES

BURDEN BEARERS FOR EVERY DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE

Our Baptist state secretaries occupy a very unique and vital position among us. The secretaries and superintendents of our southwide boards and agencies, have had committed to them the supervision and direction of special phases and objectives of our denominational program in the home land or in the lands afar.

The state secretary is somewhat in the position of a fond and wise father who must lead in providing the means for the wholesome growth and sane development of all the children of an ever-growing and expanding denominational family.

The state secretary is the pack-horse and burden-bearer for every denominational enterprise and undertaking. Out of our experience of twelve years as a state secretary, we do not hesitate to say that that position in our denominational set-up is one of the hardest, most exacting, and most potential in kingdom work and strategy.

We would pay glad and sincere tribute to the zeal and self-sacrifice of the noblest group of men among us—our Baptist state secretaries.

To them and their vital and fundamental work, we gladly dedicate this issue of *The Commission*.

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WHERE ARE THE MEN?

For a decade there has been a serious decline in the number of outstanding and well qualified men, offering themselves for missionary service abroad. Within recent months this decline has become acute and alarming. At the April meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, we were instructed to search out and bring forward five couples for appointment to China, with the understanding that they would be sent to the newly established Chinese language school at Berkeley, California. The terrible war now raging will be over one of these days, and we shall then have such an opportunity for missionary service in China as we have never experienced since our

work was begun in that land ninety-seven years ago. Thus far, not one man has offered for this work.

At first we thought perhaps it was the war that was claiming our best young men. But, on second consideration, we realized that the average age of appointment is about twenty-eight years, and the men acceptable by the Board for appointment must have their college and seminary degrees. It should be remembered also that very few of our seminary graduates are answering the call of our army and navy for service as chaplains.

SEMINARIES CROWDED

Our seminaries are crowded as never before, and the graduating classes are larger than in many years. There are plenty of men, with their degrees, seeking good pastorates in the home land.

On the other hand, more single women, attractive and well qualified, are offering themselves for service on the mission fields than we have known in a decade. Some of the finest work that is being done on all of our mission fields today is being done by single women. During recent years we have appointed far more women than men, and now the crying need is for men—*strong* men—called of God and utterly devoted to His cause.

We may now leave the older mission fields to the native churches and pastors; we must break some new ground and press out into new and uncivilized areas. For this hard and difficult pioneer work we shall need, in the years just ahead, the strongest and best the churches of the South can give us.

LATIN AMERICA WAITS

In Latin America, every door swings wide for the entrance of the gospel. From Mexico to the Straits of Magellan, the call and challenge are imperative, and Southern Baptists must implement our "good neighbor policy" with the spiritual reality and the saving grace of the gospel of Christ. We must move at once to open work in Peru, Ecuador, and Venezuela. Thus we shall have South America completely encircled with Baptist missionaries and Baptist mission stations.

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DAWNING OF A NEW DAY

Within a few short months, for the first time in many years, the Foreign Mission Board will be out of debt. The long nightmare of bondage (bonds) will be over, and our Board will be free!

Too, please God, this devastating and cruel war will be over one day, and the nations, broken, poverty stricken, disillusioned, will turn in penitence and faith to Jesus Christ as the one and only hope for a sin-cursed world. Every door in the world will then swing wide for the entrance of Christ's gospel of peace and love and brotherhood.

It has been ninety-two years since Missionary Bowen entered Nigeria, and the blood-guilt of three lost generations of black people will come up to meet Southern Baptists at God's judgment bar. We should, by all means, send scores of our finest young people to Nigeria as soon as the day of peace comes.

Our work in Europe and the Near East must be completely reorganized and reinforced. Out of the ruin and shambles of Europe, including Russia, will come the cry of lost millions; and we must be ready to answer that call.

In the Orient, there will be waiting for us such an opportunity for preaching the gospel as Baptists have not known since Pentecost.

If we are to do a worthy part in helping to rebuild the new Japan, Korea, and China, we must have hundreds and hundreds of new missionaries for this, the greatest day and challenge for Christian missions the world has seen in two thousand years!

Where shall we find all of these men and women whom we shall need? The answer is, in the Saviour's instructions, given in Matthew 9:37-38:

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest.

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NONE SHOULD BE LEFT OUT

The goal set by the Convention's World Emergency Relief Committee was \$300,000.00. As we go to press in August, the amount received from the churches is \$389,395.00. This does not include the \$15,000.00 plus, received by Dr. Louie D. Newton before March 1, for the purchase of Bibles for Russian prisoners in German prison camps.

In addition to these sums, since the Baltimore Convention Southern Baptists have given \$200,000.00 for the relief of the British Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Since the beginning of the Japanese war on China, our churches have contributed an additional \$140,200.00 plus, for Chinese Relief. Thus it will be seen that the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, in a little more than four years,

have given the princely sum of \$744,595.00 for relief work abroad. This is a magnificent sum and is a convincing proof of the generosity of our people toward the alleviation of the suffering and misery of the millions in Europe and Asia, many of whom are dying of slow starvation.

While a majority of our churches have responded with a generosity that is most gratifying, there are hundreds of the churches that have, as yet, given nothing. Our appeal is to these churches, that they take up the matter immediately and make an offering for this worthy cause of helping to feed the starving millions in Europe and China. Not a single Baptist church within the bounds of the Convention should be left out of this Christlike undertaking.

Send to the Foreign Mission Board for Relief literature, and plan for an offering from every church that loves Christ and has a heart of compassion for His "little ones."

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

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WE ARE GREATLY PLEASED

The election of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller of Atlanta, to the presidency of the Louisville Seminary, and of Dr. E. D. Head to the presidency of the Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, brings a feeling of deep joy and perfect satisfaction to all who are in any way connected with the Foreign Mission Board and its work. Both of these brethren have wholly committed themselves to Christ and His great kingdom program.

We shall look to them and the institutions over which they preside, to furnish us with a large majority of our missionary candidates for the years ahead.

May heavenly wisdom and divine insight be given to both of these co-workers in the fellowship of Christ Jesus.

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BEGINNING AT THE RIGHT PLACE

In the giving of the Great Commission, divine wisdom laid down for those early disciples a logical and workable plan. They were to begin "at Jerusalem," the home city, where the great gospel program of redemption for the whole world had its source. Out from that historic and strategic center these early gospel preachers were to go to earth's remotest bounds with the good news of salvation for all peoples.

This command and method still remain today as God's program and method for the churches. It was the plan followed by our Baptist fathers in winning the South to Christ and to the Baptist interpretation

of the Scriptures. In the early colonial days, our Baptist people were intensely evangelical and went everywhere preaching salvation by grace.

Converts were won and churches were established along the Atlantic Seaboard from Maine to Georgia. As the state conventions were organized, state mission boards were established and a systematic program of state missions was launched in every one of the original thirteen states. As the population spread westward and southward, the pastors and evangelists were in the vanguard of the multitudes pressing over the mountains and across the rivers, seeking new homes and new economic and religious freedom.

As a result of this zeal and fidelity on the part of those early Baptist preachers and churches, the South is today predominantly Baptist in faith and practice. The conquering host of more than 5,000,000 white Baptists and 2,500,000 Negro Baptists within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention bears eloquent testimony to the fact that our people have been faithful to the method and program of a risen and conquering Christ, when He issued His orders "beginning from Jerusalem."

State missions is the divinely appointed foundation upon which the conquering world-program of redemption is to be built.

And he said unto them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send forth the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high.—Luke 24:46-49.

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GRINDING UP THE SEED CORN

We grew up within ten miles of the place where General Joseph E. Johnston surrendered to General W. T. Sherman on April 18, 1865. General Lee had surrendered at Appomattox on the ninth of April, and with the surrender of Johnston the bloody and devastating War Between the States was over. A decade of reconstruction at the point of federal bayonets was worse than the war itself.

In our neighborhood Wheeler's cavalry, retreating before the victorious armies of Sherman, had stripped the people of all the food they could find. Then, when the bummers and stragglers from Sherman's army had passed on, truly the condition of the

old men, the women, and the children was deplorable indeed.

When the young and able-bodied men who had escaped the slaughter of battle, came home in April and May, 1863, hunger, ruin and desolation greeted them on every hand. We were directly in the line of march of two hungry armies—Johnston retreating and Sherman pressing on to a long-delayed victory.

Food was not to be had, and slow starvation pressed upon a defeated and despairing people. There was but one hope. A new crop must be cultivated. Many times we heard our grandfather tell of the struggle he had to save enough seed corn from hungry and starving children, to plant a crop. If a harvest was to be raised, the seed corn must be ground up for bread with which to satisfy the immediate hunger of the long undernourished and famished women and children.

State missions is the seed corn in our Baptist economy and program of kingdom building. It is poor mission strategy to neglect state missions and thus grind up the very seed corn of our whole worldwide program of missionary endeavor.

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OUR LOSS IS HIS ETERNAL GAIN

The telegram bearing the distressing news of the passing of our long-time friend and fellow-worker, Dr. Charles A. Jones, executive secretary of our Baptist work in South Carolina, brought great sorrow and anguish of spirit to all of us in the foreign mission rooms in Richmond. He was truly a noble servant of Christ and a great friend and supporter of every phase of our Baptist program of life and work. He was wise in counsel, sane in judgment, and wholly devoted to the cause of Christ at home and abroad.

Months ago we had planned to make the September issue of *The Commission* a state mission number, carrying the pictures of all the state secretaries, with the picture of Dr. Jones gracing the front page. Our loss is his eternal gain. We sorrow over his passing, but rejoice that he has been translated to be with the adorable Saviour whom he loved and served so devotedly.

Father, I desire that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

—John 17:24.

A Debtless Denomination by 1943

The Courageous Defender

Missions has always been and will ever be a powerful force to maintain the spiritual level of our churches on a high plane and to prevent the entrance and development of discouragement and materialism in their midst. Jesus Christ gave the vital commandment to his disciples—"Go ye therefore." This was the principal motive of the mission of Christ among men and it is, today, the ideal that challenges the Baptist churches. In this age we cannot conceive of the idea of a church program without missionary visions. Christianity, in its very being, reveals altruism and love for sinners who are without faith and hope of salvation.

"O Crisol," official publication of the Baptist Young People of Rio de Janeiro, desires to present in this number a "Courageous Defender" who has often sacrificed himself that the Great Commission of our Master might be obeyed. Dr. L. M. Bratcher, since 1926, has given all his time to the glorious work of home missions in Brazil. A North American by birth but a Brazilian in heart, he has spent himself, body and soul, in the sacred plan of winning "OUR COUNTRY FOR CHRIST." Our souls thrill with enthusiasm when we hear the inspiring and authoritative reports of his journeys made across our hinterland. Dr. Bratcher is a man who does not consider personal sacrifice, for on several occasions during journeys into our dangerous, yet fascinating, hinterland, his life has been in peril; nevertheless, his faith and courage conquer every obstacle in order to lift high the name of Christ, that He may be enthroned in the hearts of all Brazilians.

History is full of men who have sacrificed themselves to uphold their ideal. At times they pass completely without recognition of the contemporary generation, not having the slightest reference made to them. We would not have it thus with this servant of the Master. Someone has said, "The intellect without the heart cannot truly judge." As we speak of this "Courageous Defender" and true ambassador of Christ, L. M. Bratcher, we do it with our hearts thrilling with enthusiasm because God has provided a man who gives himself wholly and tirelessly to the redemptive and divine work of missions. The task of an ambassador of Christ cannot be measured by any mathematical calculation. Nevertheless, if someone should dare to do this, he would see in the work of Dr. Bratcher the glorious monument which only God could reveal.

Our desire is that God will keep the life of this, His servant, and make him a true channel of blessing

*Dr. Lewis Malen Bratcher,
teacher, evangelist and
executive, Rio de Janeiro,
Brazil*



to arouse in the minds of the Baptist youth of our beloved country an ever-increasing zeal for the work of missions. His example has aroused the conscience of some of our young people who are "already bringing in abundant sheaves" in the interior where the fields are already "white unto harvest." Our prayer is that this group of servants who have submitted themselves to the will of the Master shall increase day by day, that we may be able to sing jubilantly a song of victory to Christ, our King. We pray that God will raise up courageous and self-sacrificing young people who shall give themselves entirely to the sublime mission of making Christ known.

"O Crisol" salutes Dr. L. M. Bratcher and wishes him even greater success!

A LILY

During a recent visit to Shanghai we arrived from Nanking at the place where the old North Station stood. But now there was no station and nothing but ruins all about. Here and there, there was a little hut, however, which had somehow missed the heavy bombs or maybe had been constructed since that terrible siege of nearly two years ago. We looked from the train window down into a little dingy courtyard about a dozen feet square. Everything around was black and grimy with soot; but in the midst of it all we saw a beautiful white calla-lily protruding from a little moist soil in a tiny flower pot. Never can we think of anything purer than a lily in its whiteness, but this one seemed more so, in contrast to its drab surroundings. It was raining, which made it more uncomfortable for us, but for the lily it was a means of adding life and keeping it in its original purity. Then we thought of the suffering people round about and breathed a prayer that China might emerge from all of it with a new cleansing, a purity of soul approaching that of the lone lily. Christ is working out His purpose in China.—A. R. Gallimore.

Ambassadors for Christ



John A. Parker—I was born October 25, 1914, near Lucedale, Mississippi. There on a farm with Father, Mother, four brothers, and four sisters I lived until I graduated from Rocky Creek High School in March, 1932, at the age of seventeen. From my earliest memories the preacher was my hero. The only life which seemed nobler was that of a mission-

ary on the foreign field.

On the day of my graduation from high school I was called to New Orleans to work on a ship. For two years I worked, traveled, and saved money, looking forward to the day when I could go to college. During this time I was privileged to visit Mexico, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Colombia of South America, Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina.

In the fall of 1934 I entered the University of Mississippi as a pre-medical student. The summer following my freshman year was one of the greatest periods of my life. Again I went to South America. At the beginning of the trip Christ as Saviour became real to me. On this trip I visited missionaries in Argentina and Brazil where the seed, which later bloomed forth into a call to the life of a missionary, was planted deeply in me. This prayer was powerful in leading me to foreign soil: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Back at the University of Mississippi at the beginning of my sophomore year I surrendered to the call to preach, and changed my course from a pre-medical to a liberal arts course. In June, 1938, I graduated from this school with a B.A. degree.

From the fall of 1938, to the spring of 1941, I attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, graduating with a Th.M. degree. There in the classroom and on missionary days came renewed challenges to the foreign field.

Since my graduation I have been a pastor in the mountains of southwest Virginia in connection with the Virginia State Board of Missions and Education.

Another great day in my life was April 22, 1942, when the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention appointed me as missionary to Chile.

Mr. Parker went by airplane to Chile, leaving June 3, 1942, for Antofagasta.

Helen Meredith—My life began in Hartwell, a little town in northeast Georgia, on May 12, 1910. I was the youngest of six children. My parents, because of their sterling worth, were able to impart high ideals of education, character, and Christianity.

My earliest memories are connected with the church, and it came to have an essential part in my life. My Christian experience developed gradually, and it was at the age of ten that I became a member of the church at Hartwell.

After my public school education, I entered Shorter College, Rome, Georgia, where I spent four happy years.

The four years after my graduation from college were spent teaching in a consolidated school in Hart County. The following year I taught science and mathematics in Grayson, Georgia, and then, for two years, I was in the science department at La Fayette, Georgia. Teaching a First Aid course and leading a Girl Scout troop added interest in La Fayette.

The last year before entering the Training School found me a member of the faculty of Brenan Academy, Gainesville, Georgia, where on the same spacious grounds I had been a counselor in its summer camp for eight summers. Attending and graduating from the Woman's Missionary Union Training School has been a meaningful experience.

In April, 1942, I was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to go as a missionary to Barranquilla, Colombia.

Miss Meredith left Miami June 24, for her new field of service.



Ruby Hayden—I came into the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hayden July 13, 1913. At that time, our home was in a small rural community called Bethel, near Pickton, Texas.

One early ambition was to be old enough to go to school, and this I realized at the age of five. I completed my grammar work at Pickton and finished my high

school course at the nearby town of Winnsboro.

In 1930, I entered Texas Technological College at Lubbock, Texas, enrolling in the school of home economics. After three years of study I taught for three years.

The school year of 1936-37 found me at "Tech." again. This time I completed the requirements for the B.S. degree in vocational home economics.

The way opened for me to do county home demonstration work in Clay County, Texas, and three happy years were spent there.

Two events are very vivid in my mind. One is that of my conversion when I was ten years old, and the other of the time when Rev. Harry Schweinsberg came to the church in Henrietta to show his

slides of the work being done in Bolivia, South America. After seeing these and talking with him I felt that it was the Lord's will that I give my life to foreign missions.

Two years were spent at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary preparing for such work. It was on May 8, 1942, that I received my M.R.E. degree, and April 22, 1942, that I received my appointment from the Foreign Mission Board to work in Chile.

The Lord has been gracious and I am grateful to Him for His leadership.

Miss Hayden left the United States en route to Santiago, Chile, June 3, 1942.

Four Imperative Goals

JOHN W. LOWE

With the co-operation of Southern Baptists, we hope to reach, during this convention year, the following worthy goals:

1. *A Financially Debtless Denomination.* The debt of the Foreign Mission Board has been reduced to \$104,000.00. Our greater support of the Hundred Thousand Club is imperative, and will hasten the payment of this debt.

2. *Sixty Thousand Subscribers to THE COMMISSION.* We now have nearly 40,000 but should have 200,000. Recently several great churches have included THE COMMISSION in the church budget, sending a copy to every home. To all our churches we urgently recommend this plan.

3. *A Church School of Missions* in, or available for, every church in our 900 district associations. The recent Convention urged that this be done as soon as possible.

Regarding the results of these Church Schools of Missions, Secretary L. W. Reeder of Illinois, says, "Church Schools of Missions which were held in all our forty district associations last year promoted a spiritual and financial revival in all the churches. Volunteers for our mission fields and a 75% increase in contributions to the Co-operative Program are among the gratifying results of these schools. We plan to conduct such schools again in November."

We have profound conviction that the Schools of Missions movement will enable our churches to meet more worthily the demands of the Kingdom of God at this solemn hour.

4. *Increase Our Offerings to World Relief.* The total gifts of our churches to Emergency World Relief went beyond our goal of \$300,000.00. The ever

increasing multitudes of refugee parents, children, teachers, students, pastors, and others of whom many are sick and wounded—all starving victims of ruthless invaders in many lands—constitute an imperative call to the Baptist churches of the South to have a worthy part in feeding the millions in Europe and China who are dying of starvation at this hour, and win the plaudit of Jesus: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . , ye have done it unto me."

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

Since our missionaries in China have relief for only one starving child out of every ten little sufferers, and are compelled to turn away the other nine to die, it is time to multiply our gifts to relief.

When our fellow-workers in China awake every morning to find from one to twenty dead bodies at the front gate, assuredly it is wake-up time for all slumbering Baptists. Let us so live and give that our missionaries may work among the living.

One dollar will save the life of one person for one month. Winter months are approaching. May we again remind our people that *Want and Winter and War Won't Wait?*

From the recently established World Relief fund, Dr. Maddry has cabled to Europe and to China contributions which are today saving hosts of sufferers from actual starvation. Reply cables have been received from Mrs. Nils Bengtson in Spain and Dr. R. E. Beddoe and John Galloway in China. The funds have been sent to various missionaries who have distributed them to the starving thousands around them. Surely every true Southern Baptist is eager to share in such a glorious ministry.



Mrs. A. B. Christie*

Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shall find it after many days.—Ecclesiastes 11:1.

As we go about our daily duties how heartening it is to recognize the fulfillment of God's promises.

Some weeks ago, in the midst of our busy life of holding training schools and visiting churches, we came face to face with the results of some "bread cast upon the waters," and our hearts were thrilled and thankful.

A few years ago, at an associational meeting, we were impressed with a talk given by a colored layman. He belongs to an itinerant public health squad, whose task is to make war on mosquitoes, faulty hygiene and any other condition that tends to impair health. The nature of their work gives them entrance and a hearty welcome into the homes of all. This brother, a sincere Christian, feeling that he should not only safeguard the physical man but should also do something for the spiritual well-being, carried Gospels, New Testaments, and tracts to give out when he felt the time and place made it opportune. His efforts had been crowned with success; many had become interested in the gospel and had begged him to send some one to tell them the story of Christ.

This colored man ended his impromptu talk, so full of zeal and yearning for lost souls, by saying, "Let us give them Christ while they are ready to receive Him." He then asked that some one be sent and that literature be freely distributed. Interest ran high, several laymen offered to give their entire vacation (fifteen days out of a year) to that work; and several of them did go—a caravan of them whose only aim was to evangelize their countrymen.

When the talk was finished I had an interview with myself, and it was as distinct as if two persons were talking. "I should like to be among those who go," said my first self.

"But it doesn't mean you," said my second self, "for you are a missionary giving all your time to such work."

*Mrs. Christie, for thirty-five years, has worked effectively as an evangelist and Christian leader among the women of the vast state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Promises Fulfilled

"Nevertheless," said my first self, "my heart says to go or to send literature."

My second self still argued, "It is really the work of these native brethren; you already have too much to think about."

Not convinced, my first self said, "At least, I can send literature to be distributed," and it rushed me over to this brother and said, "Will you carry four hundred Gospels along with you on your next trip as my contribution to the work about which you have just told us?"

Full of emotion and satisfaction he said, "Yes, Sister, I need literature, much of it."

Some eight years passed and we again met "Brother-Mosquito-killer." In the meantime our State Board had begun to evangelize that very section from which calls had been coming for so long. On this occasion our state worker was present and told of his work, the hearty welcome, the open doors and hearts, the constant petition on the part of the people for a visit that they might learn more about Christ. I hastened to speak to the brother and said, "Brother Galdino, what were the names of some of the places where you distributed my Gospels?" He smiled in a happy, satisfied way and replied, "Sister, I gave them in Mangaratiba, Pirai, Sao Marcos, Rezende, and all through that section." My heart skipped a beat and great joy flooded my soul as he repeated the names of Mangaratiba and Rezende, for those are the towns, in our state mission field, in which, this last year, we have organized churches.

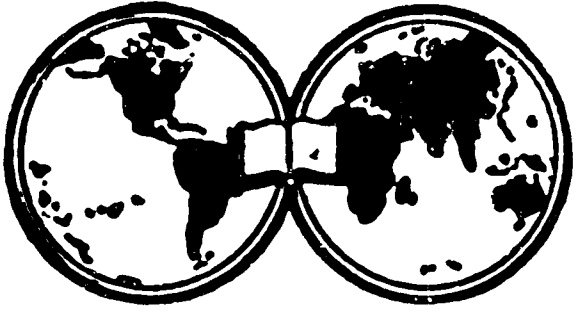
There is peculiar joy in the feeling that one has had even a small part in preparing the soil for the rapid growth of the gospel of Jesus in human hearts.

EACH IN HIS OWN TONGUE

The recording of the languages shows that:

The number of languages in which the whole Bible has been published is...	184
The number of languages in which the whole New Testament has been published is	227
The number of languages in which a portion, or book of the Bible has been published is	551
The number of languages in which a selection has been published is.....	89

The total number of languages in which the Scriptures have been published is 1,051



World Trends

Items of Social and Missionary Interest

CHARLES E. MADDY

We are omitting our usual pages of World Trends this month in order to give the readers of THE COMMISSION some excerpts from the report of the Foreign Mission Board submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Antonio, in May. We believe the facts concerning our world-wide foreign mission program will be of deep and vital interest to all of our people.

Ninety-Seventh Annual Report Foreign Mission Board

CHARLES E. MADDY, Executive Secretary

The Victory That Overcometh

For whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith.—I John 5:4.

We bring you herewith the ninety-seventh annual report of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The United States Government was only fifty-six years old when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. The irrepressible conflict over slavery was already threatening the very life of the Union, and the dread specter of the War Between the States overshadowed the whole life of the nation. It was in this dark and uncertain hour that the Foreign Mission Board was born. For these ninety-seven years, the Baptist churches of the South, through the agency of this Board, have been trying with some measure of fidelity, to make Christ and His saving gospel known to some of the heathen and pagan peoples of portions of Asia, Europe, Africa, South America, and Mexico.

With profound gratitude to Almighty God for His marvelous blessings bestowed upon us during these ninety-and-seven epoch-making years, we submit the report for the calendar year of 1941.

CURRENT INCOME CONTINUES TO INCREASE

The total income of the Board for the year 1940 was \$1,392,391.69. The total income for all purposes for 1941 was \$1,428,639.69. This is an increase of \$35,708.00.

DEBT RAPIDLY DECREASING

On January 1, 1942, the Board owed to banks notes amounting to \$163,500.00. From January 1,

1942, to April 1, 1942, we paid \$19,000.00. We now owe two banks in Richmond a total of \$144,500.00.

In addition to the above reduction of our indebtedness in banks, we have paid since September 1, 1941, out of our current income, a total of \$40,000.00 toward the establishment of the Elizabeth Louisa Brown Memorial Endowment Fund given some years ago by her daughter, Mrs. Varina D. Brown of Anderson, South Carolina. When this fund of \$60,000.00 was given, it was stipulated that when all of the indebtedness of the Board in the banks was paid, within a reasonable time, thereafter, this Memorial Endowment Fund was to be set up. We are now happy to report that by September 1, 1942, this Memorial Endowment Fund will all be repaid and thus we will anticipate by several months, the final completion of this transaction. The total amount paid on the debts of the Board from January 1, 1941, to April 1, 1942, was \$80,000.00.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Up to April 1, 1942, the 1941 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering had reached the amazing figure of \$437,439.13.* This is an increase of \$77,524.42 over the amount given last year during the corresponding period. Texas led all the states with a total of \$102,424.98. For this magnificent gift of the women of the South, the Foreign Mission Board is profoundly grateful. It has made possible the continuation and enlargement of many phases of the work the Board was unable, out of the current income, to finance.

*The amount of the Lottie Moon Offering up to May first, 1942, was \$449,162.48.

CHANGES IN OFFICE FORCE

Since the last Convention the Board has elected Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., pastor of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church of New Orleans, as secretary for Latin America. Dr. Gill accepted the work and came with the Board on January 1, 1942. After three months in the Mission Rooms, familiarizing himself with the home end of the work, he left April 10 for a six months' tour of our missions and mission stations throughout South America. He will return in time for the meeting of the Board in October. We are making plans for greatly enlarging and expanding the work in Latin lands, and the visit of Secretary Gill will be timely and far-reaching.

GRATIFYING SUCCESS OF THE HAWAIIAN MISSION

We now have the following fifteen missionaries, formerly in China and Japan, working in our Hawaiian Mission:

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Belote; Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman; Mrs. C. K. Dozier; Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Dozier; Miss Alice Huey; Miss Clarabel Isdell; Rev. and Mrs. Victor Koon; Miss Helen McCullough; Miss Hannah Plowden; Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Stuart.

We hope to send others as soon as transportation to the Islands can be secured. A Bible Institute for the training of religious workers has been established and, with funds given by Woman's Missionary

*Dr. and Mrs.
Everett Gill, Jr.,
and their
children,
Everett Gill, III,
Elizabeth Perry,
and Jane Rachel*



Archibald M. MacMillan, Managing Editor of THE COMMISSION, has been granted leave of absence for fifteen months in order that he may complete the work at the Louisville Seminary for his degree. In the absence of Mr. MacMillan, Miss Lucy Smith, missionary to China at home on furlough, has taken over the work of the circulation of THE COMMISSION and is serving in a splendid way.



*Miss
Lucy E.
Smith*

*Mr.
Archibald
M.
MacMillan*



Union, a splendid piece of property has been purchased in a most desirable neighborhood. This will serve as a home for the Bible Institute for some years to come.

A new church building has been erected at Wahiawa and the work is growing rapidly in that city of some ten thousand people. In Honolulu, the Olivet Church is rapidly becoming the center of our downtown work in this beautiful city of a quarter of a million people. Other churches are being organized in the outlying districts and before many years, Southern Baptists are going to be securely anchored in this crossroads of the Pacific. We plan to reinforce the Hawaiian mission as rapidly as funds and workers are available.

MISSIONARIES IN PRISON AND INTERNMENT IN CHINA* AND MANILA

The sudden and treacherous war thrust upon America, on December 7, by the Japanese military

The Commission

war lords, caught about 105 missionaries of our Board in China, Japan, and Manila. We have some fourteen missionaries in Free China and there are ten in Manila. Over eighty are in occupied China. According to meager information received, many of these missionaries are interned in their homes and compounds, while some have a measure of freedom to go about their work. We are grieved to report that Dr. M. T. Rankin, our Secretary for the Orient and the following missionaries are confined in Stanley Prison, Hong Kong: Miss Flora Dodson, Miss Auris Pender, Mr. Oz Quick, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil S. Ward. They were caught in this British Crown Colony when the city fell. We have exhausted every human resource for the relief and deliverance of these beloved missionaries. We call upon all of our people to pray without ceasing for all of our beleaguered missionaries. Only God can deliver them; the way to the throne of the universe is open and lines of communication can never be cut.

MISSIONARIES INTERNED IN MANILA

Some eighteen months ago, acting upon the advice of our State Department, our newly appointed

*Since the writing of this report, our missionaries in Hong Kong and Japan have been repatriated.

missionaries then studying in the College of Chinese Studies in Peking were transferred along with the school, to Baguio, Philippine Islands. When the Philippines fell to the Japanese, the following young missionaries were interned: Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Culpepper, Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Gray, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Dyer, Miss Cleo Morrison, and Miss Fern Harrington.

Just the week before Manila fell, Missionaries Earl Parker of Pingtu, Shantung, and Sallie James of Yangchow, reached Manila on their way home for furlough. We, therefore, have ten beleaguered missionaries in the Philippine Islands. We entreat our people to pray unceasingly.

THE COMMISSION

THE COMMISSION, our foreign mission magazine, is four years old. From the very beginning it has had phenomenal growth. The subscription list is now nearing the 40,000 mark. If we can build up THE COMMISSION to an objective of 60,000 paid-up subscribers, the magazine will pay for itself.

We have issued two special editions of THE COMMISSION this year. The first carried the name, picture, and address of each of the 129 missionaries caught in enemy lands when all-out war came to America. This special number went out as an appeal

IN MANILA



H. H. Culpepper



Mrs. H. H. Culpepper



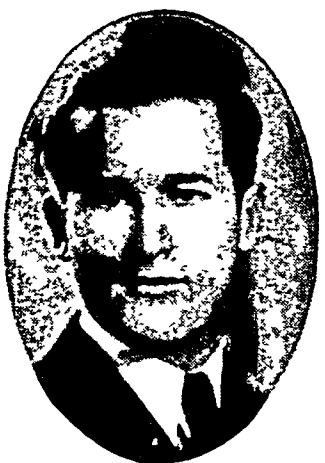
Miss Sallie James



R. A. Dyer



Mrs. R. A. Dyer



R. F. Gray



Mrs. R. F. Gray



Miss Fern Harrington



Miss Cleo Morrison



Earl Parker

for prayer for these interned and imprisoned missionaries.

The second special issue of THE COMMISSION was in the interest of our World Emergency Relief Offering. We sent out 90,000 copies of this issue and the calls for this special number continue to come in. The possibilities for THE COMMISSION as a great kingdom asset for foreign missions are unlimited. There is no reason why we should not have a subscription list of 100,000 by the time of our Centennial in 1945. We call upon all of our friends to help us make this dream a reality.

OUR NEW MISSION IN COLOMBIA

Since the last Convention, the Foreign Mission Board has opened work in Colombia, at the top of the map of South America. At the October meeting of the Board, Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Schweinsberg were appointed as our first missionaries to this progressive republic facing two oceans. Rev. J. L. Hart of Chile, at the request of the Board, met Mr. and Mrs. Schweinsberg at Barranquilla and helped them get located. Brothers Hart and Schweinsberg made an extensive survey of Colombia and sent to the Board a most comprehensive and enlightening report of the religious opportunity and challenge for permanent mission work offered Southern Baptists in this growing republic. The Board is planning to reinforce this new work with several additional missionaries this year.

OLD CHINA RELIEF FUND CLOSED OUT

Four and a half years ago, when Japan first swept over the eastern seaboard provinces of China, our missionaries in China began to plead for funds for relief. The missionaries at home on furlough kept the matter before the churches, and we did what we could through THE COMMISSION and the Baptist press of the South. The funds were sent to our missionaries in China for distribution. Through this relief fund the lives of unnumbered thousands of starving Chinese have been saved. A total of \$140,090.78 has been given to this work during the four years and more, since we launched the appeal.

On January 1, 1942, this China Relief Fund was merged with the World Emergency Relief Fund, and the Convention committee has asked the churches for an offering of \$300,000.00 for World Relief. Up to August 1, we had received a total of \$389,395.00.

BRITISH FOREIGN MISSION OFFERING COMPLETED

We are glad to announce that the undertaking launched at the Baltimore Convention to raise a love gift of \$200,000.00 for the British Foreign Missionary Society has been completed. On February 5, 1942, we sent to the treasurer of the British Missionary Society the draft of the Foreign Mission Board for \$6,085.80 thus completing the gift of \$200,000.00. We are humbly grateful that Southern Baptists, in this substantial way, had the privilege of helping perpetuate and enlarge the work of William Carey.



Chinese "Warphans" (war orphans) making their own bamboo stools



"Warphans" (war orphans) at Dinner

A Message of Gratitude

Dear Dr. Maddry,

I have too long delayed this letter, and trust you will forgive my tardiness. It is a letter of grateful recognition of the love-gifts which your churches have sent to the British churches in this time of severe stress.

I write on behalf of the Shantung Conference of British Missionaries who have asked me to express their sincere gratitude to all who have made this help possible.

We who work in "occupied" China have a double reason for being grateful, because your gifts have not only brought relief and inspiration to our hard-pressed brethren in Britain, but they have also been a boon to our Chinese fellow-believers who are suffering helplessly from the pressure brought about by the China-Japanese "Incident."

When the war broke out with such violence, we had very sorrowfully to warn our Chinese church leaders that grants from Great Britain might all have to cease, through inability to transfer funds from England.

Then suddenly like a heavenly messenger came the news that the Baptist churches in the U. S. A. were responding to our need and sending magnificent gifts for the support of the work overseas. Instead of cutting down the support of teachers and evangelists we have actually been able to raise salaries to meet the terrible increase in the cost of living.

It is just as though we were back in apostolic times. Corinth and the churches of Macedonia rose up to assist the mother-church in Jerusalem; and you have poured out your love and your riches, not

only to relieve the burdens of British Baptists—the mother-church—but also to help the offspring of the "Old Concern" (Lao-Hui) as the Christians of Shantung call the missionary societies.

"Now, concerning the fellowship of the ministering to the Saints," the Chinese churches of Shantung desire to join with us in this message of thanks. We all pray that these gifts may not impoverish you but that rather they may bring a reflex blessing, and that our Lord, for whom they are really given, "may make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound in every good work" to the glory of His name.

Yours very gratefully,

H. Y. PAYNE,

(Shantung Conference Secretary)

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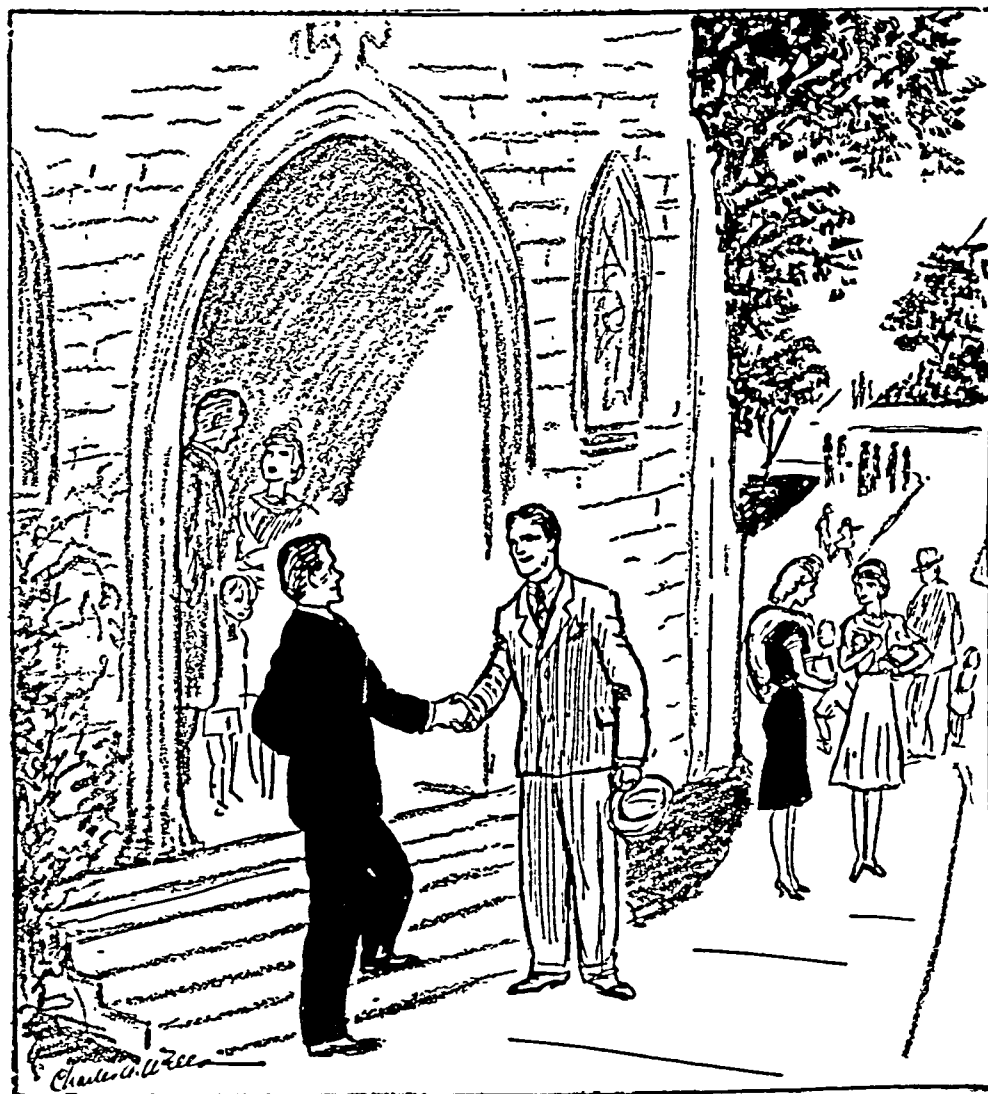
WHAT ONE DOLLAR CAN DO

We missionaries are frequently asked, "What will one dollar do in China?" A recent letter from Miss Elizabeth Hale to Miss Douglas Oliver of Richmond, Virginia, answers that question in part:

Two U. S. dollars sent to Miss Hale exchanged into \$36.00 Chinese currency. Miss Hale used part of this to purchase cod liver oil for needy patients. Two children who had been ill and needed a tonic; one child had been ill with a carbuncle, the other child had weak lungs; one high school student, weak from malnutrition, needed nourishment. The clerk of the Memorial Church was very weak and needed cod liver oil. Our young preacher, Tsong Hou chi, seemed undernourished, and was growing weaker daily. These people received the needed tonic.

On These Autoless Sundays, Rediscover Your Neighbor and Your Church

By CHARLES A. WELLS



With the curtailment of motoring, intelligent Americans may rediscover many things of beauty and richness about life that have been overlooked during the past years of gasoline and speed. Neighborliness will be revived. The center of neighborly friendship has always been the church. Leave your garage locked and take your family to church this Sunday. You'll find the best folks in the community there, the most responsible ones who bear the load of community enterprises, who are the mainstay of the things that make your neighborhood a good place in which to raise a family. Instead of driving two hundred miles, walk to church with your family, meet your friends and neighbors. The warmth of heart you will carry through the day will make you realize that you have also met God.

Forget not the assembling of yourselves together.

IN MAMMON'S LAND

E. P. BUXTON

In Mammon's land the skies are gray,
And cheerless through the weary hours;
No dancing sunbeams find their way
Into its deep and shaded bowers.

In Mammon's land the souls of men
Grow hard like yellow gold;
The rasping voice, the heartless look,
Full many young transform to old.

In Mammon's land the minor chord
Of human hopes and human fears—
No major note of joy is heard,
But overtones sent up through tears.

In Mammon's land no flowers grow,
But only dank and noxious weeds—
God pity those whose lives are spent
Amid its darkness and its needs!

WHERE THEY SIT

Every day, as we look out toward the church where formerly a thousand members gathered on a Sunday morning, we see a picture which tugs at our hearts. From seven hundred to a thousand refugees—there they sit row after row on fair days under the tropical trees. When it rains, which is often from March to July, they must take shelter in the church building. They are not very clean. How could they be? But, they are desperately hungry. So we never greet them with the usual question "Have you eaten your rice yet?" for we know they have not. That is why they have come and the reason for their patient waiting. From all over the city of Canton they come, and from the villages all about, many of them walking several miles for their bowl of rice. But they are only typical of the thousands of refugees throughout the world who are deprived of their daily food on account of war. If we could sit where they sit, we could better understand.

Meeting A Need

MARY NANCE DANIEL*

With the present world conditions as they are there are many spiritual needs to be met immediately. We want to give our best strength and energy to them. The leaders of the allied nations also realize that there are many needs to be met at once. They are giving great strength and energy to them, but they are also looking to the future and making plans for a permanent peace.

We, too, must look to the future and make plans for sending to the mission fields new missionaries with the best possible equipment. There has always been a need for our missionaries to be trained in practical medicine and sanitation. The need will be even more pronounced after the war.

It is my firm conviction that every missionary should have at least a year's training in practical medicine. This in no way substitutes for the in-

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creasing number of nurses and doctors whom we should send, but it is a basic need for any person who goes abroad to win the hearts of people—whether he be in educational work, evangelistic work, or in some other specially designated field. Through talking with missionaries we have found that one is rarely on the field six weeks before having to minister in unexpected ways to the physical needs of those to whom he seeks to minister spiritually.

One of the most far-reaching services that could be extended by any of the Southern Baptist hospitals is that of planning such a course which would be available to those whom we send to foreign and home fields. If we are to be ready to meet this need when the war is over, we must soon make such a course available, so that missionaries who are here "for the duration" can avail themselves of it. To wait until the war is over will be fatal.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL IN ARGENTINA

At the W. M. U. Training School in Rosario, Argentina, there are enrolled this year more than forty students, with others yet to come. The young men attending night classes are very enthusiastic.

Among the ten girls from outside the city there are nine churches represented, and five states and four races. We have just finished some necessary repairs and improvements on the building. The place is lovely and the girls are happy. Thanks to sisters in North America who gave the building and furnished it, they now have the rooms complete. We need another piano, for the time each one can practice is not sufficient when only one piano is available for all of the students.

This institution is supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The young women of the Training School and the young men of the Night School have asked that deepest appreciation be expressed to their sisters of the northern continent for all the opportunities and joys that their gifts have brought.

Please express the gratitude of all of us to Baptist women who have been so sacrificial and so generous. We thank our dear Father for every one. Your work and gifts have inspired our women here to even greater love and sacrifice.

—LOU ELLEN HAWKINS.



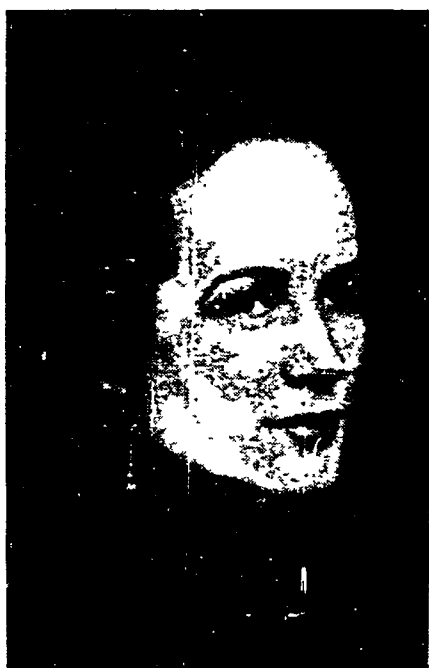
AT WORK IN NIGERIA

The work in the hospital is progressing. We have had almost 3,000 patients this year; hope to reach that mark by December 31. We are putting in plumbing fixtures now and will have running water in all parts of the hospital.

Since Dr. Walker has come we have had more time to do evangelistic work. Mr. Knight has been preaching, Dr. Northrip leading the singing, and I have been playing the organ in revival meetings in Ogbomosho. We are planning a two weeks' meeting in January up around Offa, between Ilorin and Oshogbo. Then we have hopes of going to northern Nigeria soon. We can do medical work along with the preaching and teaching.

—Mrs. R. U. Northrip

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



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Dear Girls and Boys:

Beginning with this issue of *THE COMMISSION* you have a new and very helpful friend, Gloria Young, who knows and loves girls and boys, and who knows also many fascinating stories. For thirteen years she has been the editor of the Children's Page in the *Baptist Standard* of Texas, and she has written many stories and books for girls and boys.

On this page appears a picture of this new friend, and in each issue hereafter she will have a page which she has prepared especially for you. She will talk to you through *THE COMMISSION*, and you may talk to her by mail. Send your letters to Gloria Young, 2516 South Adams Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Sincerely yours,

NAN F. WEEKS.

I'M HAPPY TO MEET YOU!

Through this page in *THE COMMISSION*, I shall meet many new friends this month, and to say I shall be glad to know them is putting it mildly indeed.

This page is for young readers, though of course, we'll let the older ones read it too. Beginning next month, there will be a series of stories published which will be based upon actual experiences of our foreign missionaries. These stories will carry you to all our foreign mission fields and introduce you to the boys and girls of those countries. If you do not keep a file of *THE COMMISSION*, I suggest that you clip these stories and make a scrapbook, called "My Foreign Mission Journal," so at the close of the series, you will have a picture of our great mission work. Clip illustrations, or photographs, or poems, to go along with the mission stories. Classes, G.A.s, R.A.s, and other groups, as well as individuals, will find this interesting and instructive work.

HELP FOR THE CHINESE WAR-PHANS

Several months ago a group of Baptist boys and girls in Texas who are known as Jolly Comrades, decided that they wanted to help the little Chinese children who have been orphaned because of the war. Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Generalissimo, and a brave, brilliant, Christian woman, coined the word "War-phan" because it was so expressive of a "war-orphan," so these Baptist boys and girls decided they would start a "War-phan Fund." Into this fund went gifts which were "over and above" all their regular church gifts. This fund was started in January. Interest in it grew; friends

from other states who read of it sent their dimes or dollars to swell the total; each month a check was sent to the Foreign Mission Board through the Texas Baptist headquarters office. To date \$4,680.00 has been sent for the Chinese children through the War-phan Fund! And, mind you, this is "over and above" all other gifts, including generous offerings for Chinese Relief.

It was discovered through facts from Dr. Madry's office that just one dollar would keep a little Chinese boy or girl alive a whole month, so individuals and groups began "adopting" these refugee children, sending \$1.00 each month for their food and care. One mother wrote that her husband was an officer in the Orient, serving with General Stilwell, and that she and their three children wished to "adopt" a Chinese war-phan. She stated, "We set a place at our table each meal for our little Chinese friend, and the children are taking pleasure in saving their money to save the little fellow's life."

Believing that you would be interested in reading some of the letters from those giving to the Chinese War-phans, I'm printing them below.

ONE AMERICAN DOLLAR EQUALS TEN IN CHINESE EXCHANGE

As you read these letters, boys and girls, ask yourself if you've done all you can for those little children whom our missionaries are trying so desperately to keep from starving.

Dear Worker for Christ:

I have read with interest about the Chinese War-phan Fund that the Jolly Comrades are sponsoring.

I'm enclosing \$5.00 for the Fund. My husband is a major chaplain in General Douglas MacArthur's forces. Pray for my husband and our family.

Mrs. William Dawson,
California

Dear Miss Young:

We are three New York boys who want to help the Texas Baptist boys and girls with their Warphan Fund. Here is \$1.00 from our spending money.

Ralph, Dick and Joe Paul Lusk,
Rexford, N. Y.

Dear Friend:

We are a little girl and boy six and four years old. Our daddy read to us about the starving little children in China, and we are gladly sending 25 cents to help feed them. We made this 25 cents washing and drying dishes for our mother.

Norman Ruth and
Ross Carroll Wright,
Texico, New Mexico

Dear Friends:

We are two little brothers, and we are sending a dollar to help the Chinese War-phans. We have quit spending our pennies for chewing gum so we can help buy milk for the Chinese babies. We want to be Jolly Comrades now and when we grow big.

Neilan and Kenneth Smith,
Plainview, Texas

SOME THOUGHTS ON KINDNESS

It is never too early to learn how to be kind.

Being good to others is the best way to be kind to yourself.

Kindness, is that art, which when practiced, mirrors in the face an inner beauty of the soul.

Kindness is the oil which makes the machinery of the world run smoothly.

(From "Short Secrets of Success")

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

Now it came to pass that on the Sabbath day the prophet poured out his soul in an appeal to extend the borders of the Kingdom beyond Judea and Samaria, and behold, one of the elders of the house spake unto the prophet after this fashion: "Sir, I liked not thy word today. It was not from the Lord. I believe not in missions."

And the prophet's soul was exceedingly troubled. How strange are the ways of men! This elder is a leading man in a great company that selleth oil. Behold his company is missionary for it sendeth its evangelists 'from Dan to Beersheba,' and from the mountains even unto the great sea. Likewise other business men are missionary. Go ye unto the uttermost parts of the world where the gospel of the Son of Man hath not yet been preached, and there you find these other missionaries preaching the gospel of Chewing Gum, Sewing Machines, Movies, Standard Oil, American Tobacco and Ford Motors.

The prophet enjoyed not his food that day. This elder has hardened his heart. He practiced missions six days, but opposed missions on the Sabbath. He would send oil to the uttermost parts of the earth, but not the gospel. The Church is the only business concern whose officials do not practice foreign missions with vigor. Perhaps we should have a revised vesion of The Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach big business, but not the gospel of love—sell them munitions but teach them not to observe good will. Baptize them in tobacco smoke, but not in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

—Charles F. Banning



Studying Missions

MARY M. HUNTER
Manager Department of Literature
and Exhibits

SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS GIVEN NEW EMPHASIS

That the San Antonio Convention recognized the School of Missions as the most practical and effective means for bringing the missionary task and achievement to the attention of the whole church is shown by the adoption of the following resolution offered by Dr. John W. Lowe:

"The Church School of Missions movement has resulted in some glorious achievements:

1. The facts of missions have been set forth.
2. Much needed information has been given to our people.
3. The cause of world-wide missions has been promoted.
4. Our gifts to the Co-operative Program have greatly increased.
5. Offerings to World Emergency Relief have multiplied many fold.
6. Volunteers for our mission fields have been secured.
7. The spiritual life of our members has been deepened.

Regarding missions today, Dr. Lattourett says truly:

'Missions must be continued;
Retrenchment must cease;
Reinforcements must be sent;
Adequate funds must be secured.'

Some states have undertaken to hold Schools of Missions in every Association in the state, and the schools already held have achieved most gratifying results. Many missionaries on enforced furlough are available at this time for this kind of work.

We, therefore, urgently recommend that Schools of Missions be conducted in every Association in every state as early as possible.

The Southwide and state organizations, together with our denominational press, are urgently requested to co-operate in this great movement."

The Foreign Mission Board, in sympathetic accord with the plans of Woman's Missionary Union for mission study, and with the Church School of Missions in its effort to use every means for disseminating missionary information, suggests that any of its series of mission study books will take care of every grade in the Church School of Missions.

September is a very important month for mission study. The summer vacations are over and the various organizations of the churches are outlining their work for the fall and winter. During this month full consideration should be given to the question of dates for Schools of Missions and all mission study classes to be held in the fall and early winter season. As already announced we recommend for this season the books in the South America series. From what has been said by the reviewers of the books and from our correspondence we have large hope for the success of the series. Certainly we believe that Southern Baptists will want to study the missions in which the Foreign Mission Board is now able to carry on with the greatest success. The work in the South American missions has triumphed gloriously. It will be a joy to us to become familiar with its story. Plan the classes in the South America series now. Begin the work early in September.

Write at once to the Foreign Mission Board for a copy of "The Victory that Overcometh," (the 1942 Report of the Foreign Mission Board) and for the supplementary material. A folder listing the study books will be sent upon request.

The book *If Two Agree* by Dr. W. O. Carver, written at the request of the Woman's Missionary Union for study in preparation for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 30-December 4, will be published October 1. Time your class in this book for completion before the Week of Prayer begins. All books are available from the Baptist Book Store serving your state.



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NEWS FLASHES

GENE NEWTON

Births

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Harrison of Recife, Brazil, announce the arrival of Alice Anne, June 2, 1942.

A daughter, Martha Elsie, was born to Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McConnell of Santiago, June 2, 1942.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn of Santiago, Chile, in the recent loss of her father.

American Red Cross

Miss Thelma Williams and Miss Elizabeth Gray, both trained nurses, volunteered for work with the American Red Cross, and have temporarily severed their connection with the Foreign Mission Board. Miss Gray is located at Luke Field, Arizona, where she has the opportunity of serving Chinese cadets. Miss Williams is in Hawaii.

Illness

Mrs. Eugene L. Hill underwent an operation early in July. Mr. Hill reports that the operation was successful.

Harry Enete, the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Enete, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is seriously ill in the Mayo Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota.

Departures

June 3, 1942, Rev. John A. Parker departed from Miami, Florida, to take up his work in Antofagasta, Chile.

Miss Ruby Hayden left Miami June 8, 1942, for Santiago, Chile, where she is associated with Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn in the new Training School.

June 24, 1942, Miss Helen Meredith arrived in Barranquilla, Colombia. Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Neely and Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Dailey were scheduled to leave with Miss Meredith on June 19, but the last four reservations were requisitioned.

Arrival

Rev. and Mrs. Roy F. Starnier of Budapest, Hungary, who spent several months in Lisbon awaiting transportation to America, arrived in New York June 2, 1942, aboard the S. S. *Drottingholm*, the exchange ship which is bringing Americans from Europe and taking Axis passengers to that continent.

Exchange Ship from Far East

The names of thirty-nine Southern Baptist missionaries from China and Japan are on the list of Americans to be returned to the United States on the Swedish ship *Gripsholm* which is due to arrive

the latter part of August from Portuguese East Africa where the exchange of Americans and Japanese is to take place. The Foreign Mission Board has found the following missionaries listed for repatriation on the *Gripsholm*:

Rev. J. A. Abernathy, Miss Clifford Barratt, Dr. N. A. Bryan, Rev. C. L. Culpepper, Miss Mary C. Demarest, Miss Flora Dodson, Miss Ruth Ford, Miss Martha Linda Franks, Rev. A. R. Gallimore, Rev. W. M. Garrott, Miss Lydia E. Greene, Miss Blanche Groves, Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes, Rev. J. E. Jackson, Miss Irene Jeffers, Rev. I. V. Larson, Rev. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel, Dr. John H. Miller, Rev. L. B. Olive, Miss Auris Pender, Dr. Ethel Pierce, Mrs. L. W. Pierce, Dr. M. T. Rankin, Rev. Oz Quick, Mrs. W. E. Sallee, Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Stamps, Miss Reba Stewart, Miss Edna Teal, Miss Pearl Todd, Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Ward, Miss Josephine Ward, Rev. Frank T. Woodward, Miss Grace Wells.

Building in Brazil

Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby of Bello Horizonte, Brazil, writes of the enthusiasm among members of the Floresta church over their new building. "Even the children are working daily to save for this fund, selling old newspapers, gathering up scrap iron, bottles, and the like. They beg to sweep yards or help in the garden in order to earn money to contribute monthly. A man with a large family, who came to our school to study, starting in the third grade, has contributed every month, although his family sometimes lacks the necessities of life."

Our New Mission

From Rev. H. W. Schweinsberg of Barranquilla, Colombia, comes a report of well attended preaching services. Eleven candidates were in the special preparatory classes for baptism in July. The people are learning to give of their means and Mr. Schweinsberg is expecting that soon the members themselves will pay rent on the church hall.

Going Interior

A letter from Mr. H. H. Snuggs of the University of Shanghai, China, dated March 14, says that there are not as many students as formerly, since many of them have taken the advice of local authorities and have left Shanghai for the interior. Half-fare on boats and trains was offered to encourage people to go interior. He stated that it would be easier to get food after more of the people left and prices would then be lower.

Among Recent Books

FIVE-MINUTE ESSAYS OF QUALITY

(A review by C. Sylvester Green, president of Coker College)

A philosopher has a great privilege to help others interpret life, the understanding of which he has approached with scholarship and common sense. A psychologist can tell man why he behaves as he does, and what he can do to correct any fallacies in his conduct. The theologian knows the Scriptures and the truths they teach that make man's way plain. The true teacher, when he is a combination philosopher-psychologist-theologian, has one of life's greatest opportunities. He need not be a preacher in the formal sense. His ordination is not the factor that would give his message truth. It is his knowledge of life, and best of all, his capacity to interpret that knowledge.

But this is a review of a new book. Yet it is a book in which just such a "combination" scholar does a grand service. *INVITATION TO WORSHIP* by A. C. Reid (Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1942, 157 pp. \$1.50) is a satisfying volume. It contains fifty five-minute sermonettes that are vibrant and revealing. Chapel-goers at Harvard University heard many of them several summers ago. Dean Sperry of Harvard has written the introduction.

Some of us who try to preach demand a much longer time for our sermons. Twenty minutes we think is a bare minimum. But here, in five minutes, Professor Reid (he teaches philosophy at Wake Forest College) says more than many would say in twelve times five.

Scriptural, practical, philosophical, and eminently Christian, these messages will stimulate uncounted lines of thinking in the mind already trained in discerning interpretation. And yet to the average reader—like most of us—these little messages will give also hope, and light in this heavy day in which the world gasps for clear breathing. The shadows of greed and destruction seem less gruesome for through them pierces a ray, all too faint at best, that promises another day when truth triumphant will reign. Christians believe that day will come, and Philosopher Reid believes it, and preaches it.

This little volume is especially recommended for devotional reading, for leaders of devotional periods, for teachers of classes particularly of young people, and for preachers who want style and vigor for their thinking and their preaching.

A Star at Midnight—Wallace Bassett, D.D. Broadman Press. Price \$1.00.

This volume of twenty-three sermons by the pastor of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church, of Dallas, Texas, takes its title from the sixteenth sermon in the collection,—a sermon which carries in it the encouragement we so much need in these troubled days.

The series of thirteen sermons on the eleventh chapter of Hebrews I found as helpful and stimulating as any I have ever read or heard on that much-preached-on chapter.

From the whole volume, the sermon that impressed me most was one which Dr. Bassett calls "When the Song Began." In it he deals with the results that follow a personal surrender to one's best self, to others, and to God.

The whole volume will well repay thoughtful reading, and it is to be hoped that its use will not be limited to young preachers.

—MRS. W. MAXFIELD GARROTT

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On This Foundation—W. Stanley Roycroft. Friendship Press. Price—cloth \$1.00, paper 60 cents.

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				<i>Churches Listed in State</i>	<i>Churches in Plan</i>	<i>% Enlisted</i>
Alabama.....	937	396	42.2	2306	652	28.2
Arkansas.....	421	340	80.7	929	419	45.1
Arizona.....	15	6	40.	15	6	40.
D. C.....	37	19	51.3	31	17	54.8
Florida.....	536	357	66.6	797	377	47.3
Georgia.....	845	642	76.	2557	1100	43.
Illinois.....	357	191	53.5	574	251	43.7
Kentucky.....	1086	400	36.8	2057	498	24.2
Louisiana.....	495	281	56.7	890	314	35.2
Maryland.....	70	68	97.	96	77	80.2
Mississippi.....	550	267	48.5	1550	443	28.5
Missouri.....	905	546	60.3	1688	668	39.5
North Carolina...	841	368	43.7	2574	571	22.1
New Mexico.....	74	72	97.2	161	76	47.2
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