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Our Missionaries' Birthdays

Pray On

Prayer gets things done.
The things that are impossible with men
Are possible with God. He will draw nigh
To those for whom you pray in life's dark hours;
Hope's stars shine brightest in a moonless sky.
Prayer gets things done.

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America Gives Thanks

*It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;
To show forth thy loving kindness in the morning,
and thy faithfulness every night.*

—Psalm 92:1, 2

It was in December 1622—three hundred and twenty years ago—that the first Thanksgiving day was celebrated on American soil.

In the little colony in Plymouth, Massachusetts, fifty-five pilgrim forefathers and ninety friendly Indians bowed their heads in fervent gratitude to the Giver of all good, and joined in earnest petition for the continuance of divine blessings.

Today more than 120,000,000 persons in every city and town and hamlet of this great democracy unitedly set aside an annual date for special thanksgiving to God.

Among the hosts of Americans are three hundred thousand Indians—the actual “First Families.” Sixty-five million came to these shores from Great Britain; fifteen million from Germany; thirteen million originally from Africa; ten million from Ireland; nine million from Slavic countries of Europe; five million from Italy; five million Jews from all parts of the world; four million immigrants from Scandinavia; two million from France; one million each from Greece, Finland and Lithuania; and more than a third of a million from the Orient. All these and others unite in the country’s thanksgiving to God.

This typically American holiday, now commonly associated with family reunions, turkey feasts, church services, and football games, is becoming increasingly a day of sharing. In all sections of the country it includes the scattering of cheer among the less favored. While the Master’s “Inasmuch” turns America’s thoughts to the inmates of charitable institutions—to the homeless, the jobless, the friendless—the brave fellows in our country’s service, far from their homes and loved ones, risking their all in defense of liberty and justice and righteousness—are not forgotten.

Thus does America answer the psalmist’s question: “What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?”

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THE COVER

This issue of THE COMMISSION, featuring Southern Baptist work in Africa, pictures one of the Nigerian boys among whom our missionaries preach and teach.

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How Did It Happen?

M. T. RANKIN*

How did it happen that forty of us, missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, have been taken out of the maelstrom of war in the Orient and are again in America with our families and friends? It seems almost like a dream. But it is a reality. When the war exploded over and around us, and a wall of separation settled down so solidly about us, many of us accepted at once the thought that there would be no way out for us until the war was ended. We had chosen to remain in the Orient despite the warning of the State Department that we might be caught in the outbreak of hostilities. At a time when our nation is engaged in a world-wide struggle in which thousands of lives may be lost in a single

naval or military engagement, we did not dare to hope that our Government would be able to effect the complicated arrangements which were necessary for our repatriation. Yet, here we are at home, with prospects that those still in China may come soon.

As we look back now over our experiences since those bewildering days in 1940 when the State Department issued the first advice that Americans leave the Orient, we wonder how some other things happened. We have seldom, if ever, known such confusion as we had in the weeks following the receipt of that advice from the State Department. At times we were compelled to make immediate decisions under circumstances so bewildering



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for missionary work in the Orient. It is apparent now that our Missions and our Foreign Mission Board made the one decision that was for the best interest of our work.

How has it happened that during the weeks and months in which large numbers of our missionaries have been in the hands of our enemies and some have been under indescribably harrowing shelling and bombing, not one of them has been seriously injured or severely mistreated? It might easily have been that some of us would be called on to make the supreme surrender of our physical lives for Christ and His Kingdom, and it is surprising that all of us did not suffer greater hardships than we

ing that after we had made the decisions we felt impelled to breathe a prayer saying, "Lord, there is our guess; make it right." How did it happen that the main decisions of our Missions, made under such circumstances, have turned out to be far more than guesses? For instance: the decision to maintain our work in the occupied areas by retaining a skeleton staff on the field. Had we ignored the advice of the State Department by keeping our entire staff on the field, we would be in an indefensible position today in having so many of our missionaries to be repatriated. On the other hand, had we withdrawn our entire force from the field at that time, we would have sacrificed forever our opportunity

did. As servants of Christ we have no cause to expect that God should shield us from such experiences, but we know, of a certainty, that there are instances in which He does see fit to do just that.

How has it happened that the forced withdrawal of our missionaries from most of the mission work since the outbreak of war in December and the sailing for America of forty missionaries have been far more a victory than a defeat? It has already been said that if we had withdrawn our entire staff in 1941, we would have lost our opportunity in the Orient. But when the missionaries were interned in December and when they were sent away from the Orient in June, the native Christians gave innumerable manifestations of devotion to God's Kingdom and of appreciation and love of our missionaries which, in the future, will be remembered as one of the most beautiful and inspiring stories of our missionary history. What might so easily have been a sad defeat has been turned into a glorious victory.

How did it happen that we were brought across eighteen thousand miles of water where dangers lay concealed beneath almost every wave and beyond almost every mile of the horizon? The protruding tips of the mast of a sunken ship in the Java Sea and the floating hulk of a wrecked ship which we passed five days out of New York were silent and depressing reminders of those dangers. For almost sixty days and nights we sailed on, grateful that we could not see what most likely often lay beneath us. And finally we landed in New York, safe and well.

Even now we can scarcely believe that all these things are true. But they are; and we know now

how they happened. We have been overwhelmed by the realization of how Southern Baptists have literally woven a great safety-net of prayer which was spread about us throughout those months of confusion and danger. Letters which reached us in Lorenzo Marquis made us feel that a bridge of prayer had been extended across the seas to us. Since we arrived in America we have learned that tens of thousands of Southern Baptists have been praying in thousands of churches and in many thousands of homes that God would guard us and give us wisdom to do His will. We have seen the special issue of *THE COMMISSION* which was sent out in January to sound a call for prayer. In hundreds of greetings, by letters and in person, we have heard the refrain, "We have been praying for you." We are able to know the truth of such statements as, "Southern Baptists have prayed you out of the hands of the enemy and across the oceans."

And that is how it happened. Of a truth we know that God does answer prayer and that the "effectual, fervent prayers" of Southern Baptists have availed much. We feel that in a sense we have been purchased by these prayers and we are grateful in a measure which cannot be expressed.

Southern Baptists still have thirty-seven missionaries in Japanese controlled areas of China, ten in the Philippine Islands, and twenty in Free China. In addition to these missionaries, there are thousands of Chinese and Japanese Christians, all of whom need our prayers. Just as great things can happen in the future for those people as have taken place in the past. Let us continue to offer our effectual, fervent prayers for these also.



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GANDHI, INDIA, AND THE EMPIRE

In all the "United Nations" just now there is anxious interest over the situation in India. Gandhi's great opportunity seems to him and to many of his sympathizers in all parts of the world to have come. He seems determined to force the issue of independence while Great Britain is in her supreme crisis.

Much can be said about the situation from many angles. For one thing, our human wisdom is so limited by our human self-interest that all of us, including our statesmen, are tragically deficient in foresight. Great Britain could have prevented the rising of this issue in her hour of dire need by doing, a few years ago, what she is eager to promise to do when the war is won. A hundred and seventy-five years ago she could have saved her American colonies and averted the American revolution by true statesmanship. Pitt, Wilberforce, and the group led by them would have solved the problem if imperialistic pride and ambition had not stood in the way.

There is at least good debating ground for the thesis that if Great Britain and the United States could have been wise and courageous and human enough to have begun, not more than ten years ago, actually to do for the nations and for humanity what they now announce they will do so soon as the war has been won, the war need never have been fought, with all its geometrical waste of human and material resources, and with its inconceivable damage to personal, spiritual values.

But now the war is on. There is not enough sanity and humanity in men, not enough religion of the holy and loving God in men, to halt it and solve by righteousness, justice, mercy, and love, the problems involved.

India is one of the most important factors in the struggle. Gandhi and his counsellors cannot see that India can be for this period no more than a pawn between the contending forces in the great game of internationalism and imperialism.

He proposes to take advantage of the hard-pressed British, thinking thereby to win the fight for Swaraj, which he has been gradually winning for a generation. Any one who knows India in the light of its long and its recent history, and who knows the history of empires, could tell Gandhi that the campaign, pressed at this time, can issue only in anarchy, and that this anarchy can be resolved only through

another period of oppressive imperialism. India is now within sight of autonomous solution of its internal divisions and of deliverance from its external oppressions. The gains can be thrown away and the goal pushed far into the future by the "hold-up" statesmanship of Gandhi.

In all this, Christianity has a tremendous concern. Many American papers are exploiting the fact that Gandhi's favorite picture, prominently displayed, in his room, is a picture of Jesus. Let us not be deceived by that. Gandhi is not a Christian, has announced that he will never be. He is opposed to Christian missions and to any Indian leaving his Hindu connection and becoming a Christian. Can anyone think of Jesus as resorting to a political stratagem in a dire crisis to gain an advantage for his political policies?

Indians have suffered great wrongs at the hands of British industrialists and imperialists. Yet India's measure of modern enlightenment and her hope of a new order of life, with freedom and progress, have been gained under the policies of the British Empire. Christian missions, directly and indirectly, have made most extensive contributions to India's ideals and hopes.

PROHIBITION FOR THE DURATION

There is a movement, already very extensive and growing, to bring about the entire prohibition of the manufacture, sale, and use of beverage alcohol in all forms during the period of the war. The combination of politics and liquor traffic interests makes such a campaign difficult. The nation calls upon its youth to give themselves over to its war organization; calls upon all our citizens to make all sorts of sacrifices to build up a winning system. We have every right to ask and to demand that our Government shall not waste our resources in the manufacture and distribution of liquors that debilitate our workers and our fighters. We are under most solemn obligation not to debauch and destroy the ideals, the manhood, and the character of our people, while we make sacrifices for winning the war. We are undermining the spiritual morale by sensuous and sensual indulgence. We cannot hope to win the war with drunken fighters and with a debauched citizenry. We cannot prepare for the peace unless we learn sobriety and self control.

Thus far the heads of the departments that control our fighting forces and of our civilian administrations are committed against protecting our camps and our munition centers from the ravages of drink and the greed of its purveyors. Every vice

and iniquity that rage in time of war are promoted and augmented by continuing the liquor traffic.

We must demand prohibition for the duration. Every patriot and every Christian ought to urge this by every proper means through every channel.



Mrs. Cora Harvey, missionary to Abeokuta, Nigeria, Africa, fifty-eight years ago, and now confined to her home in Liberty, Missouri, is visited by Mabola Ayorinde, daughter of Naomi, a native baby girl whom Mrs. Harvey named while she and the Rev. W. W. Harvey were in Nigeria. Left to right, front row: Mrs. Cora Harvey, J. T. Ryorinde, husband of Mabola, Mabola Ayorinde. Standing, left to right: Dr. H. I. Hester, Mrs. George McWilliams, Dr. Allen S. Cutts and Mrs. F. M. Derwacter

GRATEFUL GUESTS

Experiences as a missionary fifty-eight years ago in Abeokuta, Nigeria, Africa, were brought vividly to the mind of Mrs. Cora C. Harvey recently when the daughter of a baby girl she had named while there, came to visit Mrs. Harvey.

When the Rev. and Mrs. Wiley Wesley Harvey served as missionaries in Africa (he died in 1895), they found among their most eager listeners and believers a native couple who, under the teaching and guidance of the Harveys, embraced the Christian faith. Later this couple brought their two small daughters for Mrs. Harvey to name, asking that they be given Biblical names. So Ruth and Naomi were chosen as names for the little girls.

It was Mabola, one of the daughters of Naomi,

who came to see Mrs. Harvey and personally thank her for the influence the aged missionary had had on her own life. With Mabola was her husband, J. Tanimola Ayorinde.

In 1938 Mabola was chosen to represent the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Nigeria at the golden jubilee of the Southern Baptist Convention held in Richmond, Virginia. Her husband accompanied her. Since that time both have attended colleges in this country; Mabola attending National Trade and Professional School, Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C., and Ayorinde recently received his master's degree from Oberlin College, Ohio. Both are preparing themselves further for work among their own people in Nigeria.

A Grand Funeral for a Local Chief

J. B. ADAIR*

Ten years ago the native king of Lagos died after a long reign. Last week I attended his final funeral service, which was, of course, the most elaborate of the several ceremonies conducted in his honor.

For many months the families of the royal house and the families of the chiefs and the many friends and the members of the different societies had planned for the event dedicated to the memory of the deceased king.

One of the elderly natives took me to the scene of the ceremony. Because of his knowledge of the place and the people, I was able to go into some of the places and see some of the things that I would have otherwise not been permitted to see.

At half past nine on the day of the celebration we left the Mission House and walked toward the palace of the king. We had not gone far before we met a large group of masqueraders marching up the street followed by hundreds of women and children. The masqueraders were all men and were dressed in long, white robes which covered them from head to foot. Over their faces were heavy, white veils. Each different family or society was wearing a different color or distinguishing design of head-dress. Each masquerader carried a long spear-like stick, elaborately carved from a palm branch. As they marched they sang native songs in memory of the deceased king and in praise of the present king and the local chiefs.

They marched to the rhythm of the native drums and tambourines. Some of the large, heavy drums, made of hollowed logs, were borne on the shoulders of two men while the drummer walked behind. With the heavy thud of these large drums came the rhythm of the smaller drums and the native tambourines. The drumming, amid the songs and chants of the marching masqueraders, gave the weird suggestion of primitive superstitions.

After watching hundreds of the passing groups we decided to enter the compound of the present king. We reached the place with much difficulty because of the large crowd in the front of the king's compound. We pushed our way slowly to the gate, where with the aid of the native police we were taken through the crowded court to the door of the king's house.

There we were received by the king's attendants,

who led us into a square open court which gave one the impression of an antique shop. On one side was a coffin shrouded with beautiful cloth. At each end of the coffin were pictures of the deceased king and other members of the royal house, including the present king. A number of antiques—clock, dishes, and other ornamental objects—added to the scene. Seated on the opposite side of the court were the wives of the deceased king and those of the present king. They were beating weird-sounding drums and other musical (?) instruments.

After we had looked at the antiques of the royal house, we were led before the coffin to make our offering. In front of the coffin was a beautiful dish in which all of the visitors were expected to place some money. Reaching in my pocket I was seriously embarrassed to find that my purse had been slipped from my pocket while I was pushing through the crowd. I found one coin in one of my pockets which helped to relieve my embarrassment, until the attendant said that I should toss to the women drummers a penny each. It was then that I had to whisper to him that my purse had been taken from my pocket.

Since the real parade was to take place in the evening, we went home for lunch. At four o'clock our native friend was back to take us to the evening masquerade which included all of the different groups marching before the special place prepared for the governor of the colony and the other government officials. We managed to get a seat close by where we could see them perform their dances and fetish fetes. From half past four until six o'clock the masqueraders marched and danced to the music of the native drums and tambourines. They were followed by hundreds of women and children who were dancing and singing to the swing of the music. And, for two hours this mass of people marched up the street.

As I looked down the crowded streets at the thousands of faces, I asked myself the question, "How many of this mass of people are Christians?" And then I said, "There can be just a few because only about one-tenth of this city of more than a hundred thousand people are Christians." I have neither seen or felt anything in Africa that has challenged me more than to see the thousands of this country and to realize that so few of them know the Saviour. It would be glorious to hear this marching mass singing praises to the eternal King who died and rose again that we might have life.

*Rev. J. B. Adair who went to Africa in 1941 has been carrying on educational and evangelistic work in the Baptist Academy in Lagos, Nigeria.

OUR REPATRIATES

FORTY MISSIONARIES

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*I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and
delivered me from all my fears.*

—Psalm 34:4



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Mrs. C. G. McDaniel



Dr. John H. Miller



Rev. L. B. Olive



Miss Auris Pender

*More things are wrought by prayer than
this world dreams of;
Wherefore let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day;
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of
prayer
Both for themselves and those who call
them friend?
For so the whole round world is, every way,
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.*

—Alfred Tennyson.



Rev. Oz Quick



Mrs. L. W. Pierce



Dr. Ethel Pierce



Dr. M. T. Rankin



Mrs. W. E. Sallee



Miss Bertha Smith



Rev. D. F. Stamps



Mrs. D. F. Stamps



Miss Reba Stewart



Miss Edna Teal



Miss Pearl Todd

*The Lord hath done great
things for us whereof we are
glad.*
—Psalm 126:3.



Miss Josephine Ward



Miss Grace Wells



Rev. Cecil S. Ward



Mrs. Cecil S. Ward



Rev. F. T. Woodward

Because You Prayed

When victory comes out of seeming defeat,
And the dark lowering clouds shine with rainbows
replete,
'Tis then that I know—and th' assurance is sweet—
That you are praying for me.

—Phoebe Emery, *Missionary in India*

The Crowning of the Virgin of Rosario

MINNIE D. McILROY*

The crowning of the Virgin of Rosario, patroness of the city that bears her name, was a great event of a few months ago. This Virgin is very old, for when Rosario Village (the first name of the city of Rosario) was founded, it was dedicated to that Virgin.

The doll itself is small, scarcely fifty centimetres (twenty inches) high, but very richly dressed. Although the Virgin is said to possess miraculous powers, her influence has not saved the city from fires and accidents and evil-doers, for Rosario is known as the center for bands of robbers.

However, one day the Catholic citizens decided to crown their lady. The crown weighed some six kilos of gold (more than thirteen pounds), and cost between five and six thousand dollars. In it were set many beautiful jewels donated by rich Catholic families who considered it a great honor to provide jewels for the crown of the Virgin. A member of the North District Baptist Church of Rosario is a jeweler and he had the privilege of working on the crown. They claim it is valued at 80,000 pesos—something less than \$20,000.00.

The number of persons attending the coronation was estimated all the way from 20,000 to 100,000. The Baptist pastor who made the report to me said the spirit motivating the attendance was that of curiosity rather than of devotion.

When the ceremony began, those on the outer edge of the crowd pushed and shoved until they reached the five peso seats (rough boards made into benches), even standing on the seats to get a better view. Seats closer to the front sold at ten pesos, and reports were that front seats were sold at fabulous prices. Then the litany began and many descended from the vantage point, even smoking while they



The Virgin of Rosario

waited for the prayers to end.

When the coronation ceremony began, they again mounted the board seats and began to make remarks about the business of selling the seats, and about the valuable jewels given for the crown. One man made a slighting remark about the size of the Virgin; others excused both the sale of seats and other money-making schemes on the ground that expenses were great. It was reported that the two *madrinas* (patronesses) of the coronation had paid 20,000 pesos each for the great privilege.

At the end of the ceremony, young women sold small ribbon badges to all who would give the desired coin. Those who refused to buy received a very fierce look and heard the remark: "See what little respect they

have for the Virgin!"

Thus countless thousands spend their money, time, and devotion on a small wooden doll, which is supposed to grant them many blessings. Yet all the while God's Word is a sealed book to them, and they are ignorant of God's plan of salvation. Pray that your offerings of time and money may be the means of opening that closed Book, so that the people of Argentina may know and love Jesus.

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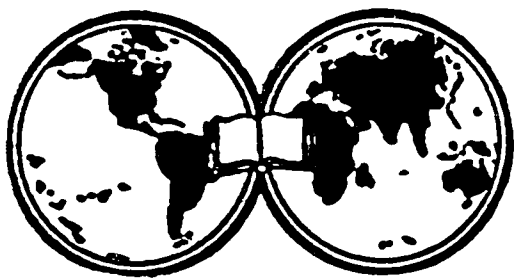
A WELCOME GUEST

I think that you should know how graciously Dr. Everett Gill was received by both missionaries and nationals of Argentina. His splendid personality, his wit, his poise, his intelligence, and last but not least, his consecration—all won for him a definite place in the hearts of the people. Truly, the Lord led the Board in selecting him for this important post.

—Beatrice Glass.*

*Miss McIlroy is an able missionary devoting her life to service in Argentina.

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World Trends

Items of Social and Missionary Interest

CHARLES E. MADDY

BAPTISTS MUCH ALIVE IN RUSSIA

Evidence is forthcoming from many sources that the Baptists of Russia are very much alive and are growing rapidly. From the *Soviet War News*, June 18, 1942, we quote the following letter:

"The Baptists and Evangelical Christians in the U.S.S.R. recently addressed an appeal to their co-religionists throughout the world, in which they said:

'In the name of four million Russian brothers and sisters, we approach you in this communication with a great and important proposal. At this time our hearts are occupied with the fate of all the peoples who have been hurled by the evil will of Hitler into the horrors of war. Our dear native lands which we love ardently—Russia, Britain, the Far East—are enveloped by the flames of the great struggle for existence in history.



A Russian Baptist family

'The dark enemy forces are creeping more and more inexorably toward the American continent. The peaceful dwellings of our transoceanic brother Christians are under threat of invasion by the Fascist robber hordes.

'We are helping our motherland with all available means, and we shall give her yet stronger aid so that the hour of victory for civilization over the barbaric powers of Fascism shall approach.

'We Baptists and Evangelical Christians in the U.S.S.R. are spending June 14 this year as a day of prayer for the speedy coming of that time. We

suggest to Baptists and Evangelical Christians throughout the world that we should unite in prayer for the speedy approach of the hour of triumph of the great principles of freedom and Christianity over the man-hating black powers of Fascism.'"

The above letter was signed by eight representatives of the Baptists and seven representatives of the Evangelical Christians in Russia.

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BIBLES FOR PRISONERS OF WAR AND REFUGEES

Friends are inquiring about the possibilities of sending Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture portions to prisoners of war and refugees in Europe.

Since January first, 1942, the Foreign Mission Board has given more than \$20,000.00 through the American Bible Society for this work of Bible distribution in central and southeastern Europe. These gifts came through our WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF OFFERING. The American Bible Society reports the following:

The limitations imposed in April upon foreign mailings have been lifted in the case of mailings to Geneva. This has resulted in the shipment from July 1 to date of the following Scriptures for prisoners of war:

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| <i>English</i> | 700 Bibles 916 Testaments 2,000 Portions |
| <i>Ancient Greek</i> | 800 Gospels |
| <i>Modern Greek</i> | 503 Testaments 2,500 Gospels |
| <i>Polish</i> | 25 Bibles 400 Testaments |
| <i>Russian</i> | 3,100 Testaments 123,000 Gospels |

As this report is prepared, 120,000 additional Russian Gospels and 3,000 Russian Testaments are being packed for shipment.

Sent through the Ecumenical Commission for Chaplaincy Aid to War Prisoners in Geneva to war

The Commission

prisoners and refugees in Germany, Italy, and France, and other channels to prisoners in India, South Africa, Egypt, the West Indies, Canada, and the United States:

| | <i>Bibles</i> | <i>Testaments</i> | <i>Portions</i> |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| July 1, 1940— | 9,772 | 52,340 | 145,913 |
| June 30, 1942 | 282 | 4,051 | 68,350 |
| | <hr/> 10,054 | <hr/> 56,397 | <hr/> 214,263 |

Total cost to date: \$34,419.92

Languages:

Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, English, Ethiopian, Finnish, French, Galla, German, Ancient Greek, Modern Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Welsh, Yiddish.

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THE GERMAN PEOPLE AND HITLER

Roscoe Drummond in the Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON—In a statement reflecting a significant trend of official thinking, Raymond H. Geist, Chief of the Division of Commercial Affairs of the Department of State, declared today that the American Government must hold the German people—not Hitler alone—responsible for Nazism and its crimes.

Mr. Geist delivered the stiffest declaration to come from a government official appraising the causes of the war and the problems of the peace and submitted that no structure of security can be expected to stand by itself in the future until the mental fabric of Germany has itself changed.

The occasion chosen for this utterance—an utterance of far-reaching implications—was the meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Washington at which Mr. Geist, in a carefully prepared address, gave important clues to the direction of American policy.

He declared that the German people's acceptance of Hitler and Hitlerism was a greater offense and a greater menace than the aggressions of the Nazi military machine.

"No indictment can rest heavier on a people than on the Germans of this generation who have failed to hold their place in the forward march of civilization," he said. "This apostasy—this total desertion of a great nation from faith, principles, and heritage is a graver event in the annals of the world than the threat of armies and engines of war.

"The causes of this defection are not to be found in the sequence of historical occurrences in Europe preceding the rise of Hitler's National-Socialist regime. No conceivable combination of hostile foreign powers could have driven the Ger-

mans to such frenzy as to wreck their national integrity, self-respect and destroy their humanity."

Mr. Geist cited five main causes for what he described as the "mental structure of the German people":

1. The lack of spiritual content in all of German education.

2. The long supremacy of the state over private religion and private conscience which has kept the Christian church from exercising its full civilizing influence.

3. The preoccupation of the nation with the "chemistry of matter" and scientific labors.

4. A "lust for power" which caused the nation to "ally itself with the Prince of Darkness."

5. A deep, unrooted and "tormenting fear" which is inherent and historic, not superimposed.

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FRUIT OF CATHOLICISM

A Portuguese Journal describes the figures for illiteracy in Portugal as "terrifying." That is to say that sixty-seven per cent of one of the leading Roman Catholic countries of Europe cannot read. In spite of this the Jesuits are influencing the Government to place difficulties in the way of Evangelical schools.—World Dominion.



Deacons and Deaconesses, Pilgrim Baptist Church, Issele, Nigeria

AFRICA

A call was heard from a distant shore,
From those of another race;
Who longed to know of God's great love,
Who asked the meaning of saving grace.
It seemed so few had ever cared,
If those souls had no hope.
Why did it even matter,
If they were left to grope
In the darkness of awful sin,
With not one ray of light within?

—Emma M. Watts.

Jesus, Our Restorer

LELIA MEMORY McMILLAN*

Years ago I read in Dr. S. J. Porter's book, *Lamps of Gold*, this statement: "Our religion is a religion that goes back and picks up." As I think about Jesus in China, and especially in Soochow, there is no more fitting term to express this thought than "Jesus, Our Restorer."

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Britton, our beloved pioneer missionaries in Soochow, seeing possibilities in their Bible woman's little son, Ling Yoong Zien, a slight and fragile little fellow, gave him the advantage of a Christian education from the first grade on through Shanghai College and Seminary.

When he graduated he was invited by his home church in Soochow to become its pastor, and with his lovely bride, Miss Wu, whom he met and with whom he worked in the Grace Baptist Sunday School, Shanghai, during his seminary days, he accepted this call and came to Soochow. The high hopes of both pastor and people met with disappointment, for there was not between them the understanding which is essential to a successful pastorate.

After six years, discouraged in his first pastoral work, he accepted a position with the Shanghai Y.M.C.A., and later with the American Consulate there. It was during this period of his life that God transplanted two of his beautiful children, taking them to their heavenly home.

Although Mr. Ling yielded to discouragement in his first pastorate, and turned aside from his calling, yet there still dwelt within his heart the living Christ whom he, as a little boy, had come to trust.

*Mrs. H. H. McMillan who has devoted twenty-nine years to mission work in China, is now in America on a furlough prolonged by the war.



Rev. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan and their four children, Campbell, John, Archibald and Mary Fay (Mrs. T. Williamson)

Now, with deep grief and repentance Mr. Ling renewed his purpose to serve Christ with his whole heart and soul and mind and strength. This earnest resolve led him to the pastorate of the Sallee Memorial Church in Shanghai. With the heart of a true shepherd he cared for that flock and, at the same time, served as principal of the Eliza Yates and Ming Jang Academies, our two Baptist schools there. His victory over all that would have been disappointing in him as a Christian minister reminds us anew of Jesus, our Restorer, who does not leave us to ourselves but who, through His constraining love, restores us to fullest fellowship with Himself and to the joy and privilege of service with Him.

After four years, tuberculosis claimed Pastor Ling as its victim. One day while the members of his family lingered lovingly by his bedside he raised his hand slightly, and in a faint tone, pronounced the benediction, his farewell to them. Then he went to be with his lord who had given him triumph in life and in death.

MRS. F. Y. O. LING

Several years after this, when I went up to thank the speaker at a special meeting of our Woman's Missionary Society in Soochow for the blessing her message had been to me, she said, "Pray for me that I may be a shining light for Him." It was Mrs. Ling, the devoted and gifted widow of this young pastor, who, soon after his death, had consecrated her all to help bring in God's Kingdom in China, through W. M. U. work. What glory for Christ, and what "light for darkness" for multitudes in China have resulted from Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling's Spirit-filled life and ministry!

Many will recall her sojourn in America five years ago, when she visited churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, speaking at annual and state meetings of the W. M. U. and bringing ever closer to our hearts the cause of Christ in China. In our denomination she is first in His Royal Service in the W. M. U. work of her home land.

NG DONG

Ng Dong was a student when we went to Soochow. He had a fine mind, was very musical, and was a leader in athletics; but he lacked dependability.

When Mr. Gordon Herring, in response to God's call, took up missionary work in China, he was stationed in Yates Academy, Soochow, where Ng Dong was then a student.

Among Mr. Herring's worth-while achievements was the discovering and developing of musical talent among the students, and organizing them into a choir and orchestra to serve the church and the school. Through this undertaking he found Ng Dong to be a musical genius.

After a year and a half, death claimed the consecrated young missionary, Gordon Herring, but his influence lived on in the heart of this Chinese student, and the following year Ng Dong publicly confessed Christ as his Saviour.

Upon his graduation the young musician was offered a position as a teacher in his alma mater. He accepted, but the year's work had scarcely begun when his undesirable trait, his lack of dependability again revealed itself, in tardiness and in repeated absences from his classes. For that reason he was not invited to serve a second year, and he went into business.

Several years later, when Yates Academy was in urgent need of an instructor in subjects which Ng Dong was ideally prepared to teach, Dr. C. G. McDaniel, the founder of the Boys' School in Soochow, asked Mr. Ng to take charge of the music department in Yates Academy and the church, and thus to carry on the work Mr. Herring had begun years before. That was a real challenge. He accepted and began his work with great enthusiasm which made us all feel grateful to God.

Again the old lack of stability revealed itself, and one day, while the entire choir sat waiting for their director, Pastor Dzang came and reported that the president of the Academy had just received Mr. Ng's resignation.

Without delay one of the missionaries, Bible in hand, went to see him and asked the reason for this resignation. Mr. Ng replied, "The lack of response on the part of my classes is like a stab in my heart, and I have decided I am not the one for the work.

I have been offered a government job in Nanking—a work I am well prepared to do."

"Mr. Ng," said the missionary, "there are in God's word verses that have often proved a guide-post to me in times of crisis. Two of these I hope you will seriously consider before making your final decision. One is, 'Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God and his righteousness.' God who has so wonderfully endowed you with musical gifts will receive great glory through your life and talents invested in these students as their teacher and leader. The other verse is, 'They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.' God is waiting to fulfill this promise in you."

That very week evangelistic services were being held in Soochow, and the first person to respond



Campbell McMillan, Ng Dong and John McMillan

to an invitation to rededicate his life to God was Ng Dong. From that day to this there has never been a moment's wavering, never a lack of dependability, never a desire to turn aside from whole-hearted service to God. His own words, spoken recently are: "When people see me standing up here from Sunday to Sunday playing my violin in church, I hope in their hearts they are saying, 'Well, there is a follower of the Lord Jesus.'"

How truly do we see the work of the divine Restorer in his life, overcoming that which was a handicap to his usefulness, and making of him a man of God "thoroughly furnished unto all good works."



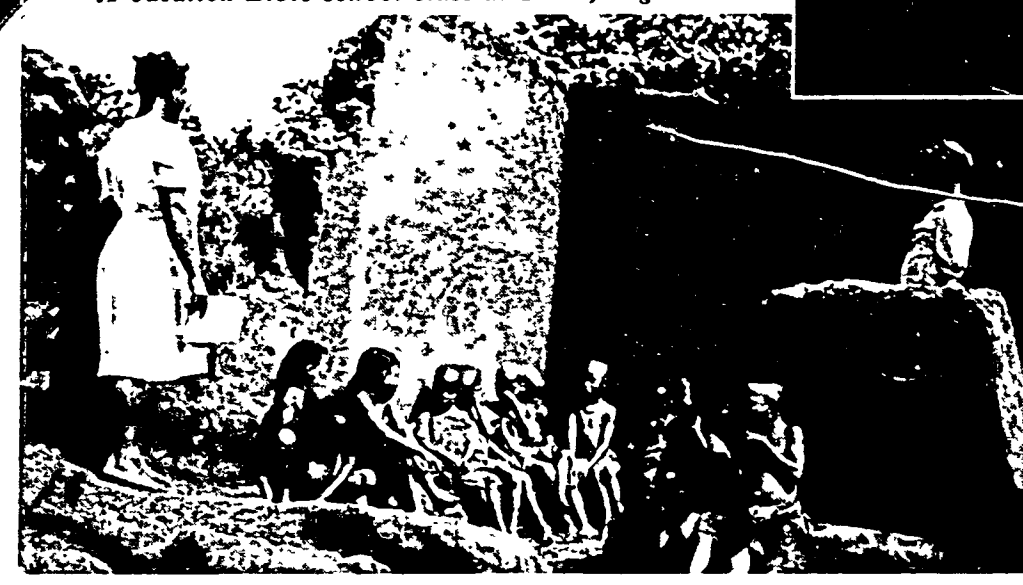
Light on the DARK CONTINENT



Nigerian woman carrying filled water-jar



Southern Baptists' missionary "family" in Nigeria



A vacation Bible school class at Shaki, Nigeria



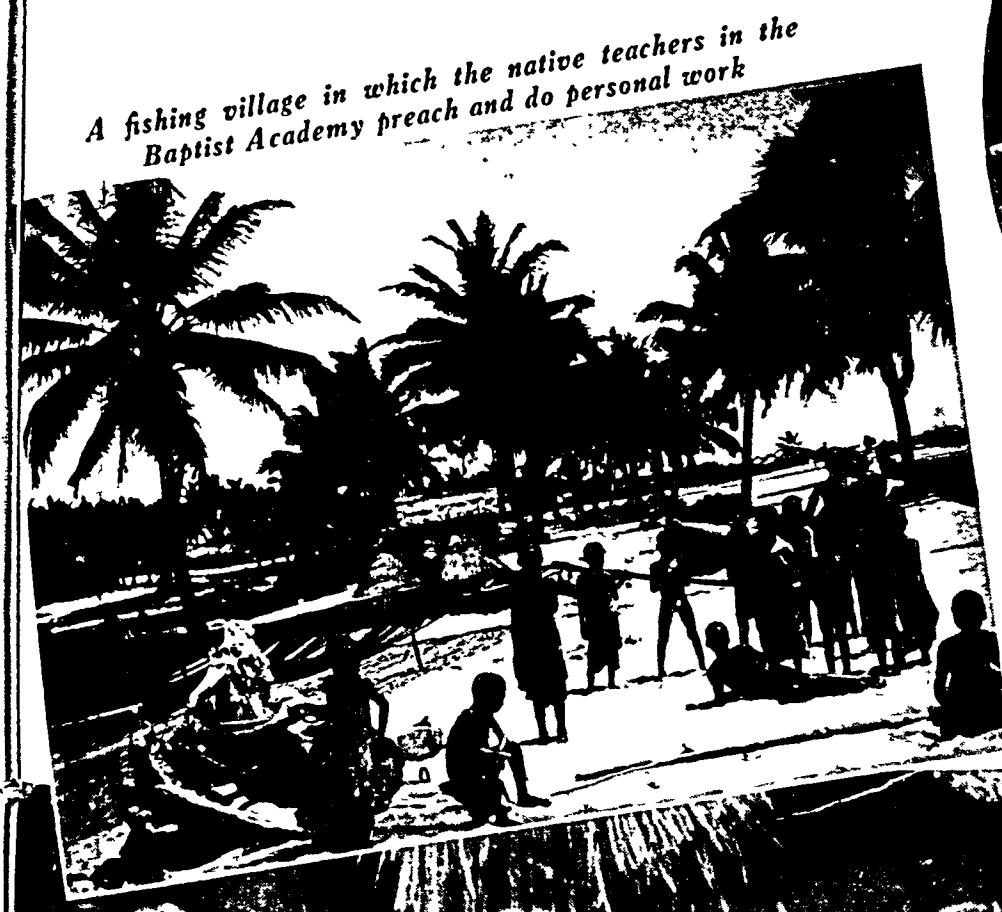
An African girl with her baby sister



Dr. George Green on the way to an association meeting



Women of Koko W.M.S., Nigeria, en route to meet the missionaries



A fishing village in which the native teachers in the Baptist Academy preach and do personal work



An outdoor Sunday school class in Nigeria



An open air preaching service in a Nigerian village

The Editor's Message

AFRICA, STILL IN DARKNESS, WAITS

Never, within the life of this generation, were the opportunities for preaching the gospel of Christ to pagan Africa greater than they are today. Everywhere the missionary goes, heathen kings and chiefs and the great multitudes are begging for the gospel of redemption and for the missionary doctor to heal their bodies.

Because of the war, all European Protestant mission boards have been compelled to limit their work severely or to discontinue it altogether until peace shall return.

Southern Baptists have today, in Nigeria and all of the adjoining political divisions, an opportunity and a challenge such as we have never had in the ninety-two years since Missionary Bowen began our work in the Dark Continent. A great and substantial foundation for missionary advance has been laid in the nine decades since our Board began its work in West Africa. The day for wise and extensive building upon that foundation has surely come. We are now thinking and planning in ever enlarging and expanding terms for the development of our evangelistic and educational and medical work in our *West African Mission* when this war is over.

When the day of blessed and healing peace comes we shall have need for scores of well trained and God-called men and women for our expanding work in Nigeria and lands adjacent.

In the meantime, because of the difficulty we are having in securing for our missionaries, after their furlough year in the home land, return passage on ship or plane, the terrible war has greatly hindered the ongoing of our work in Africa. The missionaries now on the field are greatly overloaded in an effort to keep pace with the ever enlarging opportunities.

We are constantly working on this problem and have some reason to hope that conditions in this respect will shortly improve.

While we wait, let us be much in prayer that, as the dying Livingstone prayed, "the open sore of Africa may be healed."

A TRIUMPHANT HOME-COMING

Tuesday August 25, 1942, will long be remembered among Southern Baptists as a day of triumphant release and deliverance for forty missionaries from the Orient—one from Japan and thirty-nine from Japanese occupied China.

REPATRIATES

For several months, through the medium of the neutral government of Switzerland, there had been under way, between the United States and Japan, negotiations for the repatriation of approximately 1,450 American and Canadian nationals in exchange for a like number of Japanese subjects marooned in the United States and among neighboring allied nations. For the purpose of effecting this exchange of nationals the United States had chartered the *S. S. Gripsholm*, a passenger ship of neutral Sweden.

The transfer of passengers took place at Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa. The diplomats, business men, and missionaries of America had been gathered from various cities and localities in Japan, China, and other areas in the South Pacific. After months of internment within mission homes and compounds, concentration camps and prisons, our Southern Baptist missionaries have come out from Japan, from Manchuria, on the border of Siberian Russia, and from our Missions in North, Central, Interior, and South China.

Dr. M. T. Rankin, our secretary for the Orient, together with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil S. Ward, Misses Auris Pender and Flora Dodson, and Mr. Oz Quick, came out of unspeakable suffering and slow starvation in Stanley Prison in Hong Kong. A lovely baby boy was born to Rev. and Mrs. Cecil S. Ward on the Japanese ship between Hong Kong and Mozambique, East Africa.

THE ITINERARY

Altogether these American missionaries and other nationals travelled more than 18,000 miles in fifty-eight days, touching the continents of Asia, Africa, South America and North America. They sailed

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on the China Sea, the North Pacific, the Indian Ocean, the South Pacific. Then, rounding the Cape of Good Hope, they traversed the South and North Atlantic before coming up the majestic Hudson River, past the Statue of Liberty into the haven of Jersey City, across the Bay from New York.

The *S. S. Gripsholm* came to her pier in Jersey City about 8:30 A.M. on Tuesday, August 25. It was an inspiring and never-to-be-forgotten sight, when this stately Swedish ship bearing her precious cargo of American citizens, came to rest at last in the quiet waters of the New York-Jersey City harbor.

GLAD REUNIONS

Friends and loved ones from many sections of the United States and Canada were at the pier to greet their loved ones—many of whom had escaped slow death in cruel and inhuman Japanese concentration camps and filthy, vermin infested prisons. The mothers, wives, children, and other loved ones of many of our returning missionaries were on hand to welcome them when they were finally released from the necessarily careful and tedious questionings and investigations of F.B.I. agents and Customs officials of the United States Government. It was Friday afternoon the twenty-eighth before the last member of our group of forty Southern Baptist missionaries was finally released.

Weeks before this eventful day the Foreign Mission Board had made reservations at the Prince George Hotel in New York for the returning missionaries and their loved ones who were going to meet them. This hotel was also headquarters for the Southern Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board which likewise had forty missionaries returning on the *Gripsholm*. Here too were the groups representing the Northern Baptists, the Congregational Board of Boston, and other smaller denominations.

"HAVING NOTHING, YET POSSESSING ALL THINGS"

Secretary Maddry and Miss Gene Newton were on hand with funds to provide for the immediate needs and travelling expenses home, for all of our missionaries. It had been from six to eight months since many of our dear ones had received any salary and many of them were penniless and about destitute. Much shopping had to be done in New York City before some of them were ready to travel to their homes.

In many instances the Chinese Christians had fed and clothed these servants of Christ during the long and dreary months of their waiting for relief and succor from home. Many had been robbed of all their earthly possessions—money, watches, cars,

motorcycles, jewelry, cameras, furniture, musical instruments, and clothing. Several reached America wearing virtually all they possessed.

OF GOOD CHEER

We are glad to say that there was not one note of pessimism or discouragement sounded by a single one of these returning missionaries. The word of one and all was to the effect that the gospel of Christ was ever and increasingly triumphant throughout the Orient.

All of them believe that we are just at the dawning of the most triumphant day for Christian missions the world has seen in two thousand years.

WE THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE

We came back from New York, feeling profoundly that the glorious home-coming of these forty devoted ambassadors of Christ was the greatest day of triumph for foreign missions that Southern Baptists have known in the ninety-seven years since the Board was organized, in 1845.

All of these representatives will be ready to return to their work in the Orient just as soon as the day of a just and righteous peace comes, as come it surely will.

There is widespread joy and thanksgiving among Southern Baptists that God has answered our prayers and preserved and delivered these ambassadors of Christ and brought them to a haven of rest and safety in the home land. Surely the days of New Testament miracles are not past and the promise of Jesus has been fulfilled a thousand times in the experiences of these forty missionaries, when He said: "Go ye. . . and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

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THEY ARE ALL BUSY

We now have in this country on regular or enforced furlough from the war-torn lands of Europe, the Near East, and the Orient one hundred and thirty-eight of our missionaries. It should be remembered that more than half of our four hundred and fifty active missionaries were located in the Orient when Japan began her unprovoked and undeclared war on China five years ago.

Many of these devoted servants of Christ have, for many weary months, been under the constant strain of war, together with all of the suffering and horror that modern, all-out conflict brings to people helpless and unprepared to defend themselves.

Many of these missionaries are in great demand for service in the churches and are already busy

spreading the good news of the triumphs of the gospel in the pagan and heathen lands. Others must rest and renew their depleted physical and nervous powers before they assume any program of continuous and exacting deputation work among the churches. A limited number must seek special medical or surgical treatment in some one of our efficient Baptist hospitals before they are ready to undertake service among the churches.

We are preparing to publish shortly a complete list of all of our missionaries now at home on regular or enforced furlough, so that the churches and pastors may know who are available for schools of missions or other special features of the work of promoting the cause of missions in the churches. Already we have placed many of these missionaries in specific work in the home land while they are waiting for the blessed day of peace to a war-weary and exhausted world. Some are temporarily serving as pastors of churches and others are engaged in special work with State and Associational boards and Woman's Missionary Union committees.

These missionaries are anxious and ready to serve the cause of missions in the churches, and we suggest that those desiring the help of these able workers from many lands, write direct to the Foreign Mission Board for information. In the meantime, these ambassadors of Christ are busy and are finding a royal welcome everywhere.

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TEN WAITING FOR DELIVERANCE

Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.—1 Samuel 12:23.

Somewhere in the Philippine Islands, there are ten missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board waiting, longing, and praying to be delivered from the hands of the Japanese conquerors of this American outpost in the South Pacific. Eight of these missionaries are recent appointees and were engaged in learning the Chinese language in the *College of Chinese Studies* in Peking when the Japanese invaders forced the school to close its doors. The faculty and student body then took refuge in Baguio, Philippine Islands. Our young people continued their study of Chinese in this new location, safe—as we all believed two years ago—under the protecting folds of the American flag.

Then, on that day of infamous treachery, December 7, 1941, these eight young missionary students were caught, and when Manila fell they were interned along with all other American citizens in the Philippines. Just a few days before the Islands surrendered, Missionaries Earl Parker and Sallie

James of China, reached Manila on their way home for their furlough year. They too were caught in the fall in Manila and so we have *ten* Foreign Mission Board missionaries in internment in the Philippines. We have been unable to receive any direct word from them since the Islands surrendered. We have, however, indirect information that they are granted a measure of freedom. Perhaps, under restraints and difficulties they are going on with their studies of the Chinese language, against the day when the war is over and they can take up their work of giving the gospel to that *new* China that will surely emerge when peace comes.

As yet we are unable to send any funds to these dear ones or to communicate with them in any way. The State Department of the United States Government has been unable to make direct contacts with American citizens in the Islands.

The plight of these ten missionaries of our Board has become an ever increasing burden of anxiety to all of those who have to do with the administration of the foreign mission affairs. We earnestly entreat all of our people in the churches to join with us in unceasing prayer to the Lord who called and sent out these witnesses of Christ. We ask Southern Baptists to unite in earnest petition to God that He will protect, sustain, and deliver them as it seems good in His sight.

Now I beseech you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; that I may be delivered from them that are disobedient in Judea, and that my ministration which I have for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints; that I may come unto you in joy through the will of God, and together with you find rest.—Romans 15:30-32.

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PRAYER STILL OPENS IRON DOORS

The release and repatriation of the forty Southern Baptist foreign missionaries who arrived in New York on August 25, were due directly to the intervention of Almighty God in answer to the earnest and continued prayers of our people in the churches throughout the South. No power on earth could have caused the Japanese conquerors in China suddenly to relent and change their whole attitude of brutal indifference and inhuman conduct toward our missionaries in internment and prisons. It was a manifestation of divine power released and made effective through the intercessory and importunate prayer of multitudes of our people.

It is very significant that this change in the attitude of the Japanese conquerors came almost

immediately after we issued the special PRAYER NUMBER of THE COMMISSION the latter part of January, calling our people to earnest and continued prayer for the safety and deliverance of these workers.

These repatriates, on reaching the home land, bear testimony to the firm conviction, that God heard and answered the prayers of missionaries and native Christians out there and of our people in the churches here. His dear ones were delivered! Shall we ever doubt again that our God does hear and answer the sincere and earnest prayers of His people?

In these troublous and uncertain times, we are

realizing anew that the *age* and *reality* of New Testament miracles are not past. Almost every missionary recently home from China, could bear personal testimony to the modern reproduction of Peter's prison experience and deliverance as told in Acts 12, verses five and eleven:

Peter therefore was kept in the prison: but prayer was made earnestly of the church unto God for him.

And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a truth, that the Lord hath sent forth his angel and delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

Loyal Baptist of Rumania

Roy Starmer, Jr.



Rev. Roy F. Starmer



Mrs. Roy F. Starmer

Upper left: Baptist Seminary students, Bucharest, Rumania, 1941—Rev. Roy F. Starmer in center of front row
Upper right: James Memorial Training School girls, Bucharest, Rumania—Mrs. Roy F. Starmer in center of front row
Lower picture: the students of the two schools

"Strange News"

CHARLES E. MADDY

The Foreign Mission Board at a called meeting at Ridgecrest on August 12, appointed nine new missionaries and assigned them for work in the Near East, Mexico, and China. Those who are unable to reach their fields of labor immediately are to enter various institutions of higher learning for further preparation for the glorious work in which Christ has called them, in lands now torn by cruel war.

The Florence, South Carolina *Morning News*, in its leading editorial of August 15, discusses this item of news in such an understanding and appreciative way that we here present to readers of THE COMMISSION the comprehensive and revealing viewpoint of one of the influential dailies of the South.

The editorial "Strange News" says, in part:

"There came over the wires the other night an Associated Press dispatch which appeared strangely out of place among the press releases of today.

"It told of nine new missionaries being sent out by the Southern Baptist Convention.

"It is news for armies of fighting men to be sent to the Near East and China. That has become the expected and greatly-hoped-for move. When the news releases tell of the movements of great convoys across the Atlantic and Pacific wastes, we applaud loudly and headline largely about it.

"When we send men to China equipped with tanks and guns and planes for the killing of Japanese in the largest volume possible, that pleases us.

"When we hear from the Near East that American bombers are blasting the enemy, we go into spontaneous ecstasies. . . .

"When it comes to spending money to equip a military machine, we think nothing of speaking in terms of billions, and when it's a matter of sacrificing at home to keep the boys' trigger fingers working on the front lines, there's nothing we wouldn't do.

"America has accepted the task of fighting for her freedom. She asks no favors, brooks no interference, is frightened by no threats.

"It's a ghastly business. It means mass murder, and all the inhumanities of war. It means hate and fury. It means moral degeneracy and spiritual bankruptcy.

"There isn't any love lost in it. It's hate, cruelty, murder, savagery, and all that war breeds. It's darkness, deprivation, death, and destruction.

"Not that America wants it. But that America has been forced into it after having made every effort to avoid it. It's that America has accepted it only because she understands there is no alternative.

"Is it not thought provoking that in the midst of a world like this, with nations regimenting their

manpower for destructive purposes, and bankrupting themselves for the sake of building up great armies—is there not something inspiring about a religious faith that sends nine men and women as missionaries to teach the world a better way?

"Nine persons going to teach the way of love when the ratio is nine million to one against them.

"Nine persons to sow seeds of loving kindness when armies by the millions are sowing hate.

"It challenges examination of the faith which inspires their mission. For it takes more than ordinary conviction to attempt to stem the onrushing tide of hate with means apparently so feeble.

"What is this faith which sends them to the far corners of the earth when there appears every reason for them to doubt that they stand even the remotest chances of success?

"What is this faith which leads them on in spite of the overwhelming odds that are against them?

"It is a faith born out of the personal possession of Him who is love.

"It is a faith which, though persecuted from its very inception, has survived every tempest with accumulating glory.

"It is a faith which caught hold of the heart of one, Saul of Tarsus, and inspired him to preach almost single-handedly in the midst of a world beset with as great difficulties as we know.

"It is a faith which the Jews thought they had destroyed when they crucified Christ, only to discover that that first Easter was inexorable.

"It is a faith which was dropped as a mustard seed in a little remote corner of an obscure province almost twenty centuries ago, but which in spite of fire and flood and fury, has grown until its branches extend from 'Greenland's icy mountains, to India's coral strand.' . . .

"It is a faith which Nero thought he had destroyed when he had Paul executed, but which arose from the sand of the Appian Way to survive Nero.

"It stood by the saints of old when they met with the fury of men. It has lighted a path for the footsteps of men through mounting carnage.

"And even now, though there is nothing upon the horizon to suggest that nine new missionaries may expect any degree of success, there are still millions who continue to hear echoing across the centuries from a Galilean mountain side the words of One who spoke with authority: *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

"And in the accumulated experiences of the human race, they find their faith authenticated."

Building the Frances Jones Memorial Nursing Home

EVA SANDERS*

Dr. George Green called Ladipo and showed him a knoll covered with grass about six feet tall. The next day there arrived a crew of men armed with cutlasses (hoops from barrels flattened out, one end folded over and wrapped with rag and the rest of it sharpened on a rock), hoes (wide, flat blades fitted into eighteen-inch or two-foot, crooked handles), and long, narrow axes (in eighteen-inch knobbed handles). Ladipo bossed as the men bent low removing the grass.

A few days later another crew of men came armed with mallets, set squares, sharp pointed sticks, tape-lines and string. Dr. Green carried in his hands the plans I had drawn. He dictated as Ladipo and Olure-milekun placed stobs, joining them with string. Thus was the Frances Jones Memorial Nursing Home laid out.

The next day a square trench rapidly developed within the strings. Men, bearing on their heads calabashes filled with heavy stone, marched in ever-returning files. As this was placed before him, a very old, Mohammedan man, using a mallet chipped it into gravel as his four-year-old son played about his feet. As I came to see how the work was progressing, the child screamed in terror at the sight of the "peeled" woman. While the father comforted the lad, I hastily turned to the foundation diggers and asked if they would like to memorize a verse from God's Book, and all stopped work long enough to learn, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Then came eight men, each carrying on his head a bag of cement. Many women came bearing baskets of sand from the river while others had five-gallon cans of water on their heads. Using the short handled hoes, concrete was mixed on boards and the foundation was poured into the rough wooden frames edging the trenches.

While the foundation set, men chipped stone; and Ladipo and others started a huge hole in the earth nearby. Calabash by calabash of red clay was moved to certain points about the foundation. The window and door frames were put in their places, the next course of mud went on. Thus step by step

*Miss Sanders is one of Southern Baptists' missionary nurses in Ogbomosho, Nigeria, West Africa.



Miss Frances Carter Jones, the beloved missionary nurse from Kentucky who, after less than a year of service in Ogbomosho, Nigeria, was stricken with yellow fever. From September 1936 to June 1937 this consecrated young missionary gave her best to Christ's work in Africa

grew the Frances Jones Memorial Nursing Home, and the building with its rooms for white patients and quarters for missionary nurses was under roof.

Next came the ship from New York to Lagos, followed by a lorry from Lagos to Ogbomosho bringing plumbing fixtures and supplies, hinges, latches, screen wire, a cook stove, hot water tank, and so forth. Finishing touches started with the installation of these, the plastering of the mud walls with cement, laying the concrete floors, and putting the name on the front gable.

Behind the house a hole 12x12x16 feet was dug, frames were laid, concrete was poured and the water cistern was made. The pump sends the water caught from the roof up to the tank and by gravity it flows to the kitchen and two bath rooms.

After the doors and windows were hung the ceiling boards, the beautiful *iroko* arch between the dining room and living room and the built-in cupboards were treated with a mixture of linseed oil, vinegar, and turpentine. The walls were white-washed. Curtains were hung, furniture moved in, and a cozier little home you never did see! Flowers and grass in front, a vegetable garden to the side and an orchard behind make a home fit for a king.

All this was made possible by gifts from Virginia women in memory of Virginia's daughter Frances Carter Jones who gave her life in Nigeria in 1937. Not only was the physical building erected that healing might be ministered to sick missionaries, but both in the building process and in the finished product witness to Christ and His love was made possible, for the erection of spiritual buildings and healing for sin-sick souls.

An African's Letter

Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Maddry
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Christian Missionaries:



Abin Obasuyi (left) and a colleague

I received with thanks your letter of 20-1-42. I was delighted to hear from you and Mrs. Maddry. I am so glad that you have a place for a *young man* of my age in your file. I note the slip also enclosed in your letter towards my Christian invest-

ment. I have sent this to Pastor Griffin of the Baptist Academy with my monthly contribution towards a debtless denomination in the Mission Baptist Training Union Work.

When this devastating war is over, I hope that you will find a place for me towards my development in more Christian ideal. You have known my *aims* and *objectives* when you came to the Baptist College during your itinerary tour to this country.

I am like a lost sheep in the Master's vineyard, and I need your own guardian. You can help me in prayers, you can help me in so many ways.

At present, life to me is a mirage and by the Grace of God I shall make myself what I want to be. It means trainings, pluck up and Christian activity.

I do realize that you sympathize with me. It means patience.

"What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul; or what can a man do in exchange for his own soul? How can I account for my stewardship in the sight of God and man?"

Thanking you for the interest you have for me and my earnest desire to co-operate with the Mission and Evangelistic work in this country when the war is over.

My greetings to Mr. Ayorinde of the Richmond State University (Virginia Union University) and other Christian missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board.

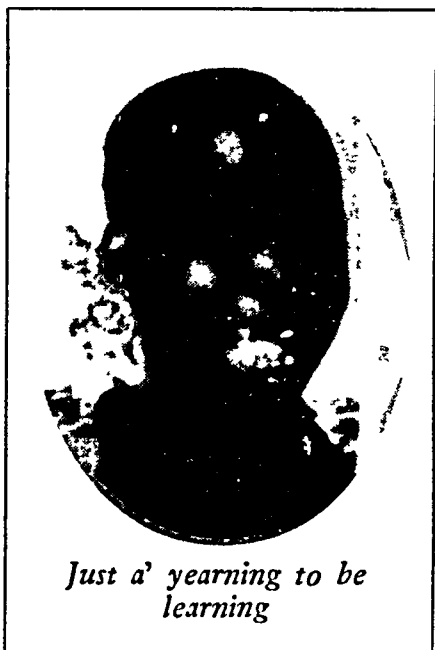
Best of wishes, I remain, Sir,
Yours in His service,

Abin Obasuyi

The above letter is printed just as it was received by Dr. Maddry.



Native carriers take Dr. Green's baggage as he goes on a missionary journey to remote and needy fields



Eager Listeners

MARGARET MARCHMAN*



One afternoon while in Ogbomosho I went to the little village of Ikoyi to attend a revival service. Upon arriving at the market place we saw a post with many rags on it. I was told that the rags were the king's old clothes, and that the people worship them. Upon inquiring I learned that there were only three people in the town who were Christians, and that few people ever go to church. The seminary students who were there holding the services reported that the attendance had been very good. We were soon to see, for after a little while people began to come. As I sat waiting for the service to begin I noticed a bit of commotion as a long bench was cleared of children, and a chair was placed near it. In walked the heathen king with all his chiefs

*Miss Marchman, who went to Africa in 1941, is assistant principal in the Housewives School.

to take the special seats. During the sermon another bench was cleared, and the king's wives entered to take their places. It made me so happy to see how that king and his chiefs listened intently to the message. I think I've never seen more interest manifested than when the meaning of Christianity was simply explained to that church full of heathen people. It takes so long for them to really understand. An invitation was given for those who wished to put away idols and take Christ into their hearts, to stand. For a moment no one stood, then the king said "*Dide!*" (Stand up). They all began to stand. It was explained to the people that such a step was serious and that they should go home and think about it. In spite of their lack of understanding we went away happy over the interest that had been kindled for Christianity in that heathen village.

Nigerian Baptist Convention Expresses Sympathy

The following resolutions were unanimously passed at the last (twenty-ninth) session of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. The general superintendent, the Rev. Dr. George Green, was requested to "kindly forward these resolutions to the secretary of the Foreign Mission Board."

The document was prepared and presented by the Nigerian Baptists themselves without the aid or counsel of any of the missionaries.

BE IT RESOLVED

1. That we, the Nigerian Baptist Convention, representing the entire Baptist constituency of Nigeria, in session at the Ago Owu Baptist Church, Abeokuta, extend to the American Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board our Christian greetings and deeply sympathize with it for the great material loss it has been called upon to sustain as a result of the war in the Far East and elsewhere, and more es-

pecially for the consequent interruptions to its evangelistic work in many lands.

2. That we deeply appreciate the zeal with which the Foreign Mission Board is carrying out its missionary programme for Nigeria through its rapidly increasing force of missionaries, the present unprecedented crisis in world history notwithstanding.
3. That we sincerely pray that our Christian brothers and sisters in America, Europe, Asia, and elsewhere may, throughout these trying times, be steadfast, unmovable in the Faith, believing that this dark and gloomy hour is merely a prelude to the dawn of a new and more glorious day when the Prince of Peace shall reign supreme in human hearts, and all men, irrespective of tribe or colour, shall enjoy the best blessings of Christian Brotherhood.



National and racial prejudices are forgotten in this group of Baptists in Cernauti, Rumania. Here Russians, Germans, Jews, Ukranians, Poles and Americans are "all one in Christ Jesus"

A New Era Is upon Us

This is not the time to do less. It is the time to do more. Doing more in the war effort is the only thing that will win the war. Doing more, infinitely more, now and in the years ahead, in the name of Christ and the Church, is the only thing that will best insure the peace and welfare of mankind. God is not aloof from all that is happening in today's world. His plough-share is going deep, and His

harrow is sparing none. Ground now being broken will be ready for the seeds of the Gospel as never before. It has been so following other wars. It will be even more so following this war. A new era is upon us—a day of judgment, and if we will have it so, a great day of reconciliation.

DR. JESSE R. WILSON,
Home Secretary, A.B.F.M.S.



Christian Missions Meet the Challenge

CHARLES A. WELLS

For generations some people have asked why missionaries should be sent abroad. Are not the religions of other peoples good enough for them? Also many non-Christians have asked why Christianity is better than other creeds. The selfless, heroic missionaries of war-blasted Asia have answered those questions for all time. Although they have suffered terribly, they have not failed the hour. They had preached the gospel of love. Now, as never before, they are demonstrating it. The begging priests of Buddha, the silken robed philosophers of Confucius and all the others had joined the scramble for safety, leaving the common people to the fates of war. But in almost every instance the missionary has stayed, to heal, to feed, to teach and to comfort. As the war clouds gradually drift away, there have opened amazing vistas for a greater Christian fellowship. The threats of the military cannot curb its growth nor stifle its power. It will mean much more for the security of tomorrow's world and will cost so much less than military fortifications.

My Conversion

ALABI YEROKUN

It sounded strange to me some time ago when I was asked by a Baptist missionary in Nigeria, whom God has used as the instrument for my conversion to Christianity, to write an article about my conversion. It gives me great pleasure to expose my mind about it which can serve as a good example for many others.

It happened not long ago. So marvelously did God do His work that when I think of the time of my conversion I feel happier for being in Christ Jesus. I was an unworthy member of the Methodist church but when educational circumstances warranted my transfer to another place, I became a Mohammedan, the religion of my parents, even, all my family including my foster father. I am well versed in the Koran, am able to interpret and explain the Mohammedan doctrines and the Koran.

One fine evening in October of last year, at an appointed time I went to the Baptist Mission to discuss with one of the missionaries about the Word of God. To my great astonishment she treated me like that of the parable of the woman with the ten pieces of silver (Luke 15:8-10). Her last words in particular energized me and impressed my ultimate conversion. She said, "Ask for God's help and grace in your prayers to lead you aright." We prayed together and I went home. That night I could not sleep at once as usual; but remembering

*Alabi
Yerokun,
a converted
Mohammedan
of
Oyo,
Nigeria*



her words I began to think over them so that when I slept I had a visional imagination and a burning anxiety about them. I weighed both the Christian and Mohammedan religions on the same balance and I found the latter wanting. Indeed, the scales fell from my eyes and I knew that Jesus alone can save a sinner like me as he had saved others. I started praying reverently for His grace, and I found myself a new creature in Christ.

I have been rejected by my family and many of my friends, but it is better for me to lose my family and friends than my soul. I am glad for being a Christian.



*Playground at the Virginia Home for Motherless Babies,
Ogbomosho, Nigeria*



*Rev. and Mrs.
Lavell Seats
in front
of the
Baptist
mission house
in Lagos,
Nigeria*

A NEW HOUSE OF WORSHIP

Third Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, which has increased its membership sixty-five per cent since Dr. C. Oscar Johnson became the pastor in 1931, dedicated its new \$500,000 educational building with a week of special services beginning October 18. There are ninety-three rooms and offices in the edifice, air conditioned, providing many of the latest helps in training for Christianity. The church, too, has been air cooled, and, during the summer, that has brought a big rise in attendance at services. Members now number more than 5,000.

—W. L. Plowman



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PREPARE NOW FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

When we reflect that from its inception Woman's Missionary Union has emphasized the privilege and power of prayer and gifts in behalf of foreign missions, it indeed seems truly fitting that the Union, in this year of sorrow and tragedy, should have requested Dr. W. O. Carver to write under the title, *If Two Agree*, a book on prayer for study by Woman's Missionary Societies and Young Woman's Auxiliaries in preparation for their participation in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

We rejoice in the eagerness with which *If Two Agree* is being received. Information from various states indicates that definite plans have been made for the study of the book before the observance of the Week of Prayer. It is interesting to note that many of the groups will hold all-day study classes. Others will complete the study in classes held three different days. Some classes are, with shorter periods, planning a week for the study of the book. We urge every member of Woman's Missionary Societies and Young Woman's Auxiliaries to join a class studying *If Two Agree*.

In reply to questions about supplemental material for the classes, we suggest that *The Victory that Overcometh* (1942 Report of the Foreign Mission Board) and the Missionary Map of the World will be serviceable. Copies of THE COMMISSION, picture posters of the work on the fields, and the *Album of Southern Baptist Foreign Missionaries* will be of help in visualizing Southern Baptist activities around the world. The Report, samples of THE COMMISSION, and the picture posters of the work on the fields are free from the Foreign Mission Board for the asking. *If Two Agree*, the Map of the World, and the *Album of Southern Baptist Foreign Missionaries* are obtainable from the Baptist Book Store serving your state. Price of the *Album* and the Map, \$1.00 each—*If Two Agree*, 25 cents.

Now is the time to begin not only to study Dr. Carver's wonderful book on prayer, but also to save and to sacrifice so that our Offering will be altogether acceptable not only to ourselves but also to the Christ who gave His all.

ADULT BOOK READY FOR STUDY

In a position to write authoritatively about the development of our work in Chile, Nora Agnes Graham has a challenging message for Southern Baptists in her book, *Pioneering with Christ in Chile*, published in September.

We hope the women and young people in large numbers will study this book. We commend it to them because we know that it will bring to them renewed devotion in the supreme task of sending the conquering gospel to Chile and to all the world.

Suggestions to leaders in helpful and attractive booklets have been prepared for

Pioneering with Christ in Chile
Baptists Building in Brazil
Wings Against the Blue

When you send your request for free supplemental material, let us know which booklet you need, and it will be included in the packet.

Suggestions to leaders for *Friends Down Under* and for *Neighbors We'd Like to Know* are included in the books.

Picture Map of South America—a decorative map, which may be colored, together with an insert sheet containing twenty pictures to be colored, cut, and pasted on the map. There are also informational notes and suggestions of activities which make the map a valuable aid to classes studying Southern Baptist Missions in South America.

The map with its insert sheet will be particularly interesting and helpful to teachers of groups studying *Wings Against the Blue* and *Friends Down Under*.

Other groups will find the map encouraging and stimulating.

Order from the Baptist Book Store serving your state—price 50 cents.

A GREAT BIOGRAPHY

William Carey's great-grandson, S. Pearce Carey, devoted ten years to producing the most remarkable story of his ancestor and his work and influence, published in 1923; and then ten more years in

gathering additional material and in further reflection for the revised and enlarged eighth edition published in 1934. It is one of the most fascinating and most valuable of all biographies.—W. O. CARVER.

NEWS FLASHES

GENE NEWTON

Arrivals

Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Blair and Martin, Jr., of Buenos Aires, Argentina and Miss Louise Freeman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Z. Paul Freeman of Tucuman, Argentina, arrived in Miami, Florida on August 21, 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Blair are making their home at 609 Dutton Street, Waco, Texas. Louise Freeman is a student at Union University, Tennessee.

Early in September Rev. Blonnye Foreman of Corrente, Brazil and Edward Crouch, son of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Crouch of Corrente arrived in Miami. Mr. Foreman's address is 708½ Meriwether, Clovis, New Mexico. Edward Crouch is enrolled at San Marcos Baptist Academy, Texas, where his sister, Margaret, is studying.

Dr. H. Glenn Walker of Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, has gone into the service of our country. Mrs. Walker and the two children returned to the United States by Clipper, arriving in Miami September 9. The illness of Mrs. Walker and the older child forced them to go immediately to the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans for medical attention.

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Cread C. Marriott and her family in the death of Mr. Marriott on August 22, 1942.

Cread C. Marriott was born in Boonville, Missouri, May 27, 1880. He was a graduate of William Jewell College. While attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary he was pastor of the Beechland Baptist Church near Louisville. In 1905 Mr. Marriott married Miss Cora Burns, also of Missouri. On June 16, 1910, Mr. and Mrs. Marriott were appointed to service in China where they did evangelistic work in Yangchow and then Chinkiang, until they were forced to retire in 1940 because of their health. Mr. Marriott gave thirty years of fruitful service in China.

A Year of Study

A good many of our missionaries on furlough are spending this year in advanced study along various lines. Miss Martha Thomas Ellis of Argentina is at the University of Mexico. The following are at the College of Chinese Studies in Berkeley, California: Rev. and Mrs. Buford L. Nichols, Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Ricketson, Miss Wilma Weeks and Miss Lorene Tilford. Rev. and Mrs. John Allen Moore,

Rev. and Mrs. Roy F. Starmer, and Rev. and Mrs. Eugene L. Hill are at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Miss Elizabeth Truly is at Southwestern Seminary. Miss Kate Ellen Gruver is at Harvard University.



Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ward and James Theron Ward

The Youngest Repatriate

The youngest passenger on the *Gripsholm* was James Theron Ward, son of Rev. and Mrs. Cecil S. Ward of Hong Kong, born July 15, 1942, aboard the *Asama Maru* on the Indian Ocean en route from Hong Kong to Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa. According to the Log of the Ship he was born at Latitude 17 degrees 56 minutes South and Longitude 80 degrees 38 minutes East. The attending physician was M. Iwasaki, a Japanese. Dr. M. Theron Rankin quotes the parents of his namesake on the day of his arrival. Said Mrs. Ward to her husband, "Cecil, look what I've got!" Said Mr. Ward to Dr. Rankin as they met outside the mother's room, "Man, I've got a boy in there!"

The Gripsholm

The Swedish exchange ship *Gripsholm* is becoming a very familiar name among those interested in Southern Baptist missionaries in the Orient. On August 25, 1942, it arrived in New York bringing home forty of our missionaries from China and Japan. As this goes to press plans are being made for a second exchange and it is our hope that by Thanksgiving time the *Gripsholm* will have arrived again bringing the second group of repatriates.

Departure

After many months of waiting and the cancellation of their passage on several occasions, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree departed from Brownsville, Texas, by Pan American Airways, for Panama en route to Rio de Janeiro. They have waited long and patiently and we rejoice with them and their fellow workers in their return to Brazil.

AN URGENT NEED

Herewith we present a list of books (new or used) needed by the Nigerian Baptist Seminary in Ogbomosho. If our readers who are able to provide one or more of these volumes will send them to the Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, Dr. J. C. Pool, principal of the Seminary, now in this country on furlough, will see that they are forwarded to Africa.

NOTE: The figures in parentheses indicate the number of copies desired.

- Greek English Lexicon*—Thayer—(3)
- Greek Grammar in Light of Historical Research*—Robertson—(3)
- Unabridged dictionary—(1)
- Smaller dictionaries—(3)
- Britannica or International St. Encyclopaedia
- Bible Dictionary*—Hastings—(3)
- Monuments of the Old Testament*—Price—(6)
- Syllabus of the Old Testament*—Sampey—(6)
- Heart of the Old Testament*—Sampey—(6)



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In Other Fields of Service

Some of the missionaries who cannot return to their fields are spending this waiting time in other fields of service. Rev. and Mrs. George Carver are on the faculty of the Peddie School in Hightstown, New Jersey. Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Congdon are teaching at Glen Eden Community Center in Kentucky. Miss Jennie Alderman is teaching Bible at Weaverville, North Carolina. Miss Ruby Daniel is on the faculty of the Baptist Bible Institute. Rev. and Mrs. H. P. McCormick have been loaned to the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, and Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Strother to the Union Baptist Seminary in New Orleans. Rev. and Mrs. Roswell E. Owens are in the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Clanton, Alabama. Miss Floy Hawkins is teaching near her home at Phoenix, Arizona.

The Cambridge Bible—(Greek Edition for New Testament. Hebrew for Old Testament)—One volume

Word Pictures—Robertson (set)

International Critical Commentary (set). All books of the Bible. (We need both English and Greek and Hebrew versions)

Greek Lexicon—Lidell and Scott—(4)

Small Greek Lexicon—(6)

Syllabus of New Testament—Robertson—(6)

Harmony of the Gospels—Robertson—(6)

Early Environment of Christianity—Angus—(3)

Josephus—(4)

Commentary on Acts—Carver—(3)

Studies in Mark's Gospel—Robertson—(6)

Grammar of Greek New Testament—Robertson and Davis—(6)

Beginner's Grammar of Greek New Testament—Davis—(6)

Commentary on Matthew—Broadus—(4)

Beginner's Grammar of Hebrew Old Testament—Yates—(6)

Fonolexicon (Hebrew)—(6)

Hebrew Lexicon—Brown Driver and Briggs—(3)

Hebrew Old Testament—(6)

The Christian Religion in Its Doctrinal Expression—Mullins—(6)

Christian Doctrines—Conner—(3)

Biblical Backgrounds—Adams—(4)

Geography of the Holy Land—Smith—(3)

Luke the Historian in the Light of Research—Robertson—(6)

Missions in the Plan of the Ages—Carver—(6)

The Course of Christian Missions—Carver—(6)

English Grammar—(6)

Problem of the Old Testament—Orr—(3)

CHILDREN'S PAGE

ONE BOY'S INTEREST

JOHN W. LOWE

Recently during a School of Missions at the Twelfth Street Church in Gadsden, Alabama, an offering for relief was received. Preceding the offering I had told the audience that our missionaries have rice for only one child in ten. Calling ten children to the platform I selected the leanest as the one for whom I had but one bowl of rice daily. I requested the other nine to sit down since I had no rice for them. I asked the little boy whether he would be willing to share his bowl of rice with the others. "Yes," he replied; but all could see that one bowl was too little to divide. He and I shook hands and promised each other we would do our best to get rice for the nine who were left to starve.

Later on a friend from Gadsden reported to me that this nine-year-old boy went out from the meeting so impressed with the needs of the other nine that he went about among the neighbors in his block and collected \$4.00 for relief. This sum he joyfully turned over to his teacher the following Sunday morning. The Juniors were deeply impressed by this lad's love and efforts to save the children of China, and they brought in an additional \$30.00—a total of \$34.00 being sent to the Foreign Mission Board through the efforts of a boy who had a heart for China's starving boys and girls, and did what he could to save them.

LET US GIVE THANKS

Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good—
Psalm 106:1.

There is an old story which tells of a hungry man who, after much complaining about his hard luck, was led to a large dining hall where 1,095 plates were laid and generous meals provided for that number. Looking at the array of food, the man asked if he might be seated before one of the plates and satisfy his hunger.

"Not unless you are truly thankful to the great Giver," said the one who had led him to the dining hall. Then he added, "What you see before you are the 365 breakfasts, the 365 dinners, and the 365 suppers that you yourself ate last year with never a word or thought of thanks to the One who gave them to you. As long as you had plenty for all your needs you forgot that 'every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father'; but today when you are in need, you complain against the God whom you had ignored. If you are now ready to remember Him and His goodness, come with me to the feast which He has provided."

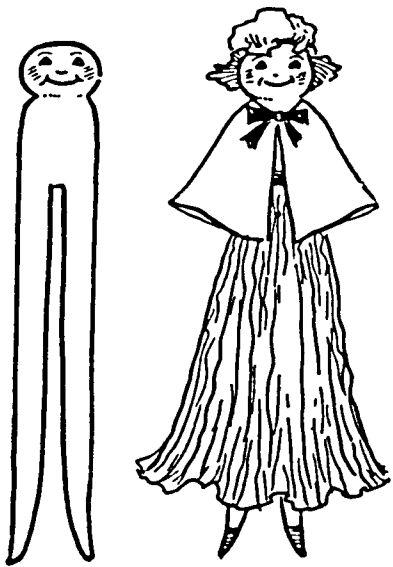
As the man went to the table he bowed his head in humility and sincere thanks to the great Giver. He asked to be forgiven for his lack of gratitude and in his heart he resolved that he would never again neglect to praise the God from whom all blessings come.

A PRAYER

Dear Father, there's the other child tonight,
Who's praying to a god that's made of wood;
He asks it to take care of him till light,
And love him—but it won't do any good.

He is so far I cannot make him hear;
I'd call to him and tell him, if I could,
That you'll take care of him, that you are near,
And love him—for his god is made of wood.

I know he'd ask you if he only knew;
I know he'd love to know you if he could.
Dear God, take care of him and love him too—
The other child whose god is made of wood.



We can save money for Chinese relief by making, with crepe paper and clothespins, our own Christmas tree ornaments and party favors



A group of Daily Vacation Bible School boys in Shaki, Nigeria

Among Recent Books

N. F. W.

The Pastor's Helpmate—Douglass Scarborough McDaniel. Broadman Press. Price \$1.00.

From one who was, in the fullest sense, a "helpmate" to her distinguished husband—Dr. George W. McDaniel—and one who is well versed in the gracious art of helpfulness to people of all classes and kinds there has come this delightful volume.

Grown in the fields of firsthand experience; ground in the mill of sane and logical thought; sifted through the sieve of practicability; stirred with an untarnished spoon of pedagogy; lightened with the leaven of spontaneous humor; seasoned with a variety of apt illustrations; and baked in a warm and loving heart, this delectable treat is wholesome nourishment to those who are or are-to-be wives of pastors.

Recognizing the fact that a minister's wife may make or mar her husband's career, augmenting or limiting his usefulness, the author presents the do's and do not's of genuine helpfulness, the secrets of success in the high and holy calling of the pastor's helpmate.

Written for the women who stand behind the "big guns" of the church, the book abounds in wise counsel and genuine inspiration. It is an ideal answer to the timely question, "What shall I give my pastor's wife at Christmas?"

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Rim of the Caribbean—Carol McAfee Morgan. Friendship Press. Price: cloth \$1.00, paper 60 cents.

Mrs. Morgan, long a resident of the West Indies, has travelled extensively among the islands and in Central America. In this delightful book the reader tours, in fancy, the fascinating lands, looking with eyes of friendliness and goodwill upon the lovable people who need the Christian message.

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The Art of Building Worship Services—Thomas Bruce McDormand. Broadman Press. Price \$1.50.

This reverent and worthy treatment of the important question of leading in worship services will be of inestimable value to program builders. Its discussions of the several features which may contribute to worship experiences—scripture passages, prayer, hymns, stories, pictures and others—include specific material, admirably suited to the programs. For leaders of young people's groups the book is a veritable gold mine of suggestions.

Christian Witnessing—Frank H. Leavell. Broadman Press. Price 65 cents.

The eighth and last book of the "My Covenant Series" touches the high point of Christian service—that of witnessing for Christ. Upon the thesis "Every Christian is inescapably a witness" the author builds forceful and moving appeals to every follower of Christ to witness for Him worthily, earnestly, unfailingly.

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Missionary Education in Your Church—Nevin C. Harner and David D. Baker, Friendship Press. Price: cloth \$1.00, paper 75 cents.

In a forceful and challenging way the two missionary-minded authors discuss such pertinent questions as: "Is Christian education Christian without Missions?" Advancing from the theoretical to the practical the book presents workable plans for making missions real and vital to adults and to the younger age groups. An excellent book for any leader in church activities.

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Music and the Scriptures—I. E. Reynolds, Broadman Press. Price 60 cents.

The director of the School of Music of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here presents an informing and inspiring study of the place and purpose of music as related to religion. While every chapter abounds in constructive material, Chapter 6, "Music Program Material" is peculiarly rich in practical suggestions for leaders of worship services.

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Children's Games from Latin America—Compiled by Nina Millen. Friendship Press. Price 10 cents.

Very welcome is this little book which has come from the press at the time when Southern Baptists are presenting courses of study on Latin America. For relaxation periods, for social hours or for special parties among Sunbeams, G. A.'s or R. A.'s some of these fifty-two games will prove both entertaining and instructive.

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The Steward Family—Josephine Riley Medlin. Broadman Press. Price 30 cents.

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JULY 1, 1942

| | <i>Active Pastors in State (Estimated)</i> | <i>Certificate Issued to 7-10-42</i> | <i>% Enlisted</i> | <i>CHURCHES</i> | | |
|-------------------|--|--|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | <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 |
| Oklahoma..... | 643 | 476 | 74. | 1072 | 448 | 41.7 |
| South Carolina... | 507 | 420 | 82.8 | 1209 | 676 | 56. |
| Tennessee..... | 1132 | 491 | 43.3 | 2124 | 686 | 32.2 |
| Texas..... | 1800 | 1287 | 71.5 | 3204 | 1491 | 46.5 |
| Virginia..... | 474 | 320 | 67.5 | 1164 | 564 | 48.4 |
| Totals..... | 11,725 | 6,888 | 58.7% | 24,998 | 9,334 | 37% |

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