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THE COVER

This smiling little Chinese boy belongs to one of the upper-class families of that war-wrecked land.

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Christmas

Thus we come to another Christmas. It is a sad one in all the world. We can remember, as never before, the world of the first Christmas, when the Christ must be born in a stable because of the demands of an imperial order and the preoccupation of even common men; and then carried away to Egypt for safety because of the cruel and inhuman fears of a petty, strutting dictator. We can thank God and take courage. We can hear the angels sing again and follow with the wise men to the star of the Messiah.—W. O. Carver

A Russian Legend

The Russian peasants tell today
A legend old and dear to them;
How, when the wise men went their way
To find the Babe in Bethlehem,

They paused to let their camels rest
Beside a peasant's lowly door;
And, all intent upon their quest,
They talked their sacred errand o'er.

"Come with us," said the eager three;
"Come seek with us the heavenly Child;
What greater honor can there be
For mortals sinful and defiled?

"And bid each child a gift of love
Bring forth to offer at His shrine,
Bundles of myrrh and whitest dove,
And ointment for His head divine.

"Who knows what blessings may befall
If they but touch His garment's hem?
And only once, for them and all,
Will Christ be born in Bethlehem."

"Alas, I have so much to do,"
The mother answered with a sigh;
"I cannot journey now with you,
But I will follow by and by."

The wise men sighed and rode away,
Leaving the children all aglow,
And pleading through that busy day,
"When may we go? When may we go?"

And while their cheeks flushed rosy red,
They shouted in a chorus sweet,
"And may we touch the Christ-child's head?
And may we kiss His blessed feet?"

And when the frocks were sewed with lace,
And tied with ribbons smart and trim,
When each tear-stained and tired face
Was bathed and tied its hood within;

When the small room was cleanly swept,
And chairs set trimly in a row,
Betokening a house well kept,
The weary mother turned to go.

The sky was purpling in the west;
The silent night was hurrying on;
The three wise men had onward pressed,
The star from out the east had gone.

What could the foolish mother do?
She turned her footsteps home again,
And never, all her sad life through,
Did she behold the three wise men.

Alas! through weak delaying, she
Her sweetest privilege had missed,
Nor did her children ever see
The holy Babe they might have kissed.

—Adapted

Workmen Who Need Not Be Ashamed

CHARLES and ALICE HAYES*

There is a very precious verse in God's Word, saying, "All things work together for good to them that love God." This has been vividly brought home to us since our enforced two-months' stay in Shanghai, having been sent there from Canton by the Japanese for repatriation.

It was a great joy and privilege to us to see how our missionaries there were using their opportunities, and also to witness the unfaltering courage and loyalty of our Baptist Christians. In spite of difficulties occasioned by the political situation, work in the churches and schools was being conducted as usual. We visited many of these, and found that our Christians, old and young, were carrying on with faith, courage, and devotion.

It was truly an inspiration to observe the magnificent work being done at the North Gate Church, where hundreds of young people are being trained for future service. This work is strengthened and supported by Miss Pearle Johnson, who is ably assisted by Misses Lily Hundley and Floryne Miller. Miss Johnson walks long distances—day or night—to lend her helpful presence to the prayer meetings and other services. Her work simply cannot be measured.

The Cantonese and Eliza Yates schools, under the wise counsel of Miss Hannah Sallee and Miss Lily Hundley, are carrying on in much the same manner. The newly established theological seminary was just about to complete the school year when we arrived, and it was our privilege to attend their first commencement. Dr. A. S. Gillespie, Dr. F. P. Lide, Mr. Wilson Fielder, and Miss Jane Lide were rendering a very fine service there.

Down town the True Light Building was humming with activities. There our faithful stand-bys—Dr. J. T. Williams, Mr. W. B. Johnson, Dr. W. H.

*Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes—two of Southern Baptists' medical missionaries—have given forty years of invaluable service to Christ in China, ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of the people of Canton.

Tipton, and the unconquerable Miss Mary Alexander were not only holding forth, but were even making plans for the future.

These and others daily "went about doing good," and seeing whom they might help. Such are Dr. H. H. McMillan, Mr. J. H. Ware and others—the beloved Miss Rose Marlowe and Miss Mary Lucile Saunders. We often said, "Whatever would we do without Dr. McMillan?" Rain or shine, he was on hand on his bicycle, to be ready to manage baggage, interpret, and to help in every possible way—this, besides preaching wherever there was an opportunity. Another loyal worker is dauntless Miss Elizabeth Hale who has, in truth, made herself one with the Chinese people, living among them and witnessing for Christ by word and deed, as she carries on her work—the only missionary in a remote section of Shanghai.

Last, but not least, we were impressed by the wonderful work the Shanghai University is carrying on under terrific difficulties. Here we have Miss Juanita Byrd, Miss Inabelle Coleman, Mr. Harold Snuggs, and Dr. C. H. Westbrook. The Lord is wonderfully blessing that work.

We saw more of Miss Coleman's work than that of the others, as we lived in the same house with her. Truly, God sent her to China as a soul winner. At any hour, we saw her in her study, on the lawn, or any place she might be, earnestly engaged with her students, helping them to solve their problems, and pointing them to the One who could help them.

The work in China is far from finished. The committees, sent by the Chinese Baptist churches to say "good bye" to those of us who were to be repatriated, expressed the unanimous desire of the churches for the speedy return of our missionaries. This is the time for us to pray much, think much, and plan much, for we surely believe that never before have such opportunities been offered for the spread of the gospel. How we ourselves long to go back.



Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes

A Baptist Seminary Commencement In China

MRS. CHARLES G. McDANIEL*

(NOTE. But for the disruption in the mails—a result of war conditions—this account of the third commencement of our China Baptist Theological Seminary would have reached THE COMMISSION many weeks ago.)

Who hath despised the day of small things?
—Zechariah 4:10

Our readers will recall that, at a meeting held at Kaifeng, Honan, in April, 1939, when Dr. Rankin met with Chinese and missionary delegates from our four missions, it was decided that the establishment of an all-China seminary should not be longer delayed, and that the place should be Kaifeng because of its central location and its well developed campus. Thus the Seminary, born in prayer and projected by faith, was launched at Kaifeng on September 18, 1939.

In the fall of 1941, following the first two years of work, it was thought best that the Seminary be moved to Shanghai temporarily, to give the students with families a greater feeling of security for their loved ones during the troublous times. With the coming of peace it is the plan to return to Kaifeng, if the Lord so leads.

Thus on May 16, 1942, the commencement, closing the third year's work, was held in Shanghai at the home of Dr. J. T. Williams. This home was selected because it provided a larger and better prepared room than did the crowded house occupied by the Seminary during its year's sojourn in that city.

The resident missionaries in Shanghai who were free to do so, the evacuees who had recently come here from other places, and our Shanghai pastors were the visitors.

Dr. A. S. Gillespie, acting president, presided, and each Chinese pastor and several missionaries had a part on the program. Among these were Dr. R. T.

*Mrs. McDaniel who, since 1902, has served as a missionary in China, returned to America with the repatriates in August of this year.

Bryan and Dr. Frank Lide. Mrs. C. K. Djang, known to many of THE COMMISSION readers, presided at the piano.

The missionary sermon was preached by Dr. H. H. McMillan, who took as his text Zechariah 4:10, "For who hath despised the day of small things?" In his characteristic manner, and with his characteristic optimism, Dr. McMillan gave many forcible, well prepared thoughts on Zechariah's appropriate question; and what might have savored of an apology became a ringing note of triumph.

The address of Rev. Y. C. Ching on "The Seminary—Its History and Work" made as deep an impress upon his hearers as did Dr. McMillan's sermon. None who heard these discourses can fail to take with them, through life, something of their message and power.

The crowning event of the hour was the awarding of the first diploma by Dr. Gillespie to Mr. Paul Jen. The hearts of Dr. Gillespie and Paul Jen, and of the entire faculty were filled with deep gratitude and thankfulness. Those were moments of deep feeling and promise for the future.

We who were privileged to be present at this epochal commencement felt proud of the results during these troubled opening years, proud of the faculty, and proud of the

students. We shall follow with interest the career of this first graduate, and shall pray that the remaining nine men and women will persevere until they too are prepared to stand in some of the gaps that must be filled if the Lord's work is to go on in this great, needy country.

Throughout the year God has richly blessed both faculty and students with good health and a capacity for endurance and hard work. Neither the increasingly distressing political situation nor the small number of students has lowered the efficiency of the work done. The Lord has watched over and watered this youngest branch of our work in China, and now the time of fruit bearing has come.



Dr. A. S. Gillespie presenting diploma to Mr. Paul Jen, China Baptist Theological Seminary's first graduate, May 16, 1942



After a vacation of six weeks the Seminary reopened early in July. This was to redeem the time against political uncertainties. Already several promising new students have applied for registration. The entrance requirements are high, and only those who can meet them are admitted. Our four missions in China are represented in the student body.

The Seminary faculty for the fourth year is given below. Furloughs have made some changes necessary: Arthur S. Gillespie (acting president), Frank P. Lide, Dr. R. T. Bryan, Miss Jane Lide (acting dean of woman), C. K. Djang, W. B. Johnson, Wilson Fielder, H. H. McMillan, and J. H. Ware, all of whom are loyal, earnest workers.

HIS PEACE

There was no room in Bethlehem's hotel,
Scarce room among the cattle,
Where He, the Prince of Peace, might come and
dwell,
To quell the world's fierce battle.

No royal garments—robes just swaddling clothes;
No throne, only a manger;
No golden crown, no subjects' loyal oaths
To greet the little Stranger!

But angels sang, and shepherds heard the song,
And went, and gathered 'round Him,
And wise men saw His star, and came along,
And saints and martyrs found Him.

And now He comes—comes knocking at the doors—
Our hearts' doors—high and lowly!
Come rest in Him, while earth's great battle roars,
Who'll make the nations holy!

—JOHN LAKE



AN OPPORTUNITY

Missionary Harley Smith writes from Porto Alegre, Brazil:

"We have already organized three churches from a noble group of Believers and may organize another before the end of the year. Each one of these new churches has a Sunday school with an attendance of approximately fifty every Sunday. Our membership in the Central Church does not seem to suffer as a result of these new organizations, for within two or three months thereafter, new members come into the church to take their places.

"We appeal to you to pass the word on to the women of the South for financial help in our getting out from under the terrible and ever-increasing load of church rent. Our rent is increased every year for the church is located in a very coveted place and rents are extremely high now in Porto Alegre. We could solve the problem with seven thousand dollars. For that amount and on very easy terms, a very fine property has been offered us, a little nearer the center and not too far away from the school. With a little remodeling, the buildings thereon would serve us all right for a few years. Is it not possible to make some arrangement to help a work that is evangelizing city and state?"

Kingdom Facts and Factors

W. O. CARVER
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AFTER A YEAR OF WAR

The United States have now been formally at war for a year. With a sort of inevitability we had been moving toward it for the two preceding years, while powerful forces had, for over a year before that, been seeking to lead us into conflict. Then the Pearl Harbor assault swept away all counter considerations, and no other course seemed left.

With complete abandon the vast resources of our material wealth and the resources of our scientific advancement have been devoted to military preparation, with results amazing even to American pride. It is the more amazing since there has been distressing confusion and lack of integration in the organization of this gigantic undertaking.

Two things about all this are depressing to those who think seriously concerning the purely material aspect of it all: the emphasis on money, until it has almost seemed that Americans generally and the administration particularly have come to think that all problems are solved when enormous appropriations have been made; and along with that is the accumulation of debt staggering to the imagination. Very few are so sordid as to be overconcerned about taxes and expenditures in the face of the overwhelming crisis; but there is reason to deplore the wild extravagance, the useless waste, the reckless and the deliberate ignoring of consequences.

SOCIAL ISSUES

The war preparations have brought into high relief some of our most serious social problems and are lifting them into major, pressing issues. Among these are the racial injustices and inequalities; the economic system so lacking in equitable processes and thus far too largely attacked chiefly by pressure groups, each seeking to guard its group interests and selfishness, but now seem to be soluble only on a more human basis; educational needs demanding re-thinking and comprehensive framework for new adjustments.

There is hope in the fact that now, far more than at any preceding time, it is coming to be recognized that we must meet all these issues on the ethical plane and seek their solution on principles of our common humanity.

THE RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS

Here also, in religion and in religious organization, the war is making acute some problems that had

already become burdens upon conscience and rational capacity. We are probably concerning ourselves too much with organization—the mechanics of religion—and too little with religion itself—our relation to God and His plans, and our relation to one another as the children of God. Our institutions of religion do need reconsideration and reconstruction; but we need more religion, and more genuine, more earnest, more intelligent, more sacrificial religion to be organized and constructed. We need repentance; we need faith; we need forgiveness; we need guidance; we need control from above. All of which is to say we need the Holy Spirit, with all His "quickenings" to possess us and to use us in the work of the Redeemer and Lord of life.

NATIONALISM AND CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

Nationalism is working to the detriment of Christianity and of Christian missions at both ends of the line. At the home base the spirit of nationalism with its apparent, temporary needs interferes with the proper attitude of many Christians toward the world reach of our missionary work, and hinders large numbers of people from seeing or accepting many of the facts concerning the missionary work and the situation in countries whose people are aligned against our own nation in the war, and even in countries, like China, that are with us.

Then, of course "enemy nations," out of the supposed demands for security during the war, hinder missionary work; and friendly nations must place their national needs before the interests of missions.

In all this it is difficult to make people believe the fact that, taken all in all, missions are accomplishing more in these war times than ever before. Considering all fields together, this is true even of results which can be measured and tabulated—converts, baptisms, financial support. But of far greater importance is the fact that in missions, as in no other way, is Christianity exemplifying before the world the true universal nature of its gospel, the universality of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer and the Hope of humanity. In all the world today Christianity is lifting up the light of hope for the children of men. After this holocaust is over the one hope—the sure hope—of the world, is the God of Christianity

whose Christ will not be limited to any land, or race, or political ideology; will not forsake any people; in whose name a world fellowship of love and of trust, of hope and of help is maintained "in all our strife."

THE CHURCHES ARE NOT AT WAR

In the midst of the growing and all but unanimous support of our nation in this struggle on the part of Christian citizens along with citizens who are not Christian, it is very notable that, as never before, all efforts have failed to regiment the churches, as

such, as instruments or agencies of war. They stand for the fundamental issues, the eternal values. For them war, however inevitable and necessary it may seem, because of human depravity, ignorance, and positive sin—of all of which it is the most appalling evidence—is after all incidental and temporary in the ongoing of God's plan of the ages. The churches are, therefore, standing for the Kingdom which cannot be moved, for the reign of God which will save us from our sins, individual and organic, personal and social, national and international. That is great gain. Let us continue to be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

A Worthy Testimonial

From the text of Mr. Wendell Willkie's speech, regarding his tour of the war-torn lands, we quote the following words of merited commendation of Christ's ambassadors of good will:

OUR SMALL WORLD

"I say to you: There are no distant points in the world any longer. The myriad millions of human beings of the Far East are as close to us as Los Angeles is to New York by the fastest railroad trains. I cannot escape the conviction that in the future what concerns them must concern us, almost as much as the problems of the people of California concern the people of New York.

"Our thinking and planning in the future must be global.

"Now this world we live in has become small not only on the map but also in the minds of men. All around the world, there are some ideas which millions and millions of men hold in common, almost as much as if they lived in the same town. One of these ideas, and one which I can report without hesitation, has tremendous significance for us in America; it is the mixture of respect and hope with which the world looks to this country.

FRIENDSHIP DEEP

"Whether I was talking to a resident of Belem or Natal in Brazil, or one toting his burden on his head in Nigeria, or a prime minister or a king in Egypt, or a veiled woman in ancient Baghdad, or a shah or a weaver of carpets in legendary Persia, now known as Iran, or a follower of Attaturk in those streets of Ankara, which look so like the streets of our Middle-Western cities, or to a strong-limbed, resolute factory worker in Russia, or to

Stalin himself, or the enchanting wife of the great generalissimo of China, or a Chinese soldier at the front, or a fur-capped hunter on the edge of the trackless forests of Siberia—whether I was talking to any of these people, or to any others, I found that they all have one common bond, and that is their deep friendship for the United States.

"They, each and every one, turn to the United States with a friendliness which is often akin to genuine affection. I bring back to you this clear and significant fact: That there exists in the world today a gigantic reservoir of good will toward you, the American people.

"Many things have created this enormous reservoir. At the top of the list go the hospitals, schools and colleges which Americans—many of them missionaries—have founded in the far corners of the world. Many of the new leaders of old countries—men who are today running Iraq, or Turkey or China—have studied under American teachers whose only interest has been to spread knowledge. Now, in our time of crisis, we owe a great debt to these men and women who have made friends for us.

"Good-will has also been stored up for us, like credit in a bank account, by those Americans who have pioneered in the opening of new roads, new airways, new shipping lines. They have caused the world to think of us as people who move goods, and ideas, and move them fast. They like us for this, and they respect us."

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Daily Vacation Bible School boys in Nazareth

As Christmas bells ring out upon a world where hate and strife and war reign supreme, this year in thousands of homes throughout the world the lovely glow of Christmas lights will fail to shine. They will be "blacked out." Even those unparalleled lights that God has placed in His heavens for the joy and comfort of man will fail to penetrate the darkly curtained windows and doors, will be unobserved by thousands who have gone within and drawn the shades which shut from their view the glory the heavens declare. What a tragedy it is that in this world of ours, so marvelous in its creation, so splendid in its design, man should be forced by man, through fear of destruction, to obliterate from view the beauty and splendor about him. Yet this is not the greatest catastrophe of the present day. As we look about us, drinking in the comfort which comes from the great Light, lit so long ago in Bethlehem, we realize that there is a denser darkness—the blackout of faith and hope in the hearts of men. Nowhere is this more evident than in the lives of those who dwell in the land of the first Christmas dawn.

In the peaceful silence of the late afternoon we stood watching the Palestinian day departing in a flaming burst of colorful grandeur. Slowly the colors deepened, blended, until they came to rest in quiet grays. Already the harvest-like moon had climbed into the sky and had begun to turn the night into a brilliant silver world. In the peace and loveliness of the whole scene, God was very near.

From the distance a hoarse voice called: "A light shows!" A door slammed, a window creaked as it was hastily shuttered. Reluctantly our gaze wandered to the city below. Gaunt and spectral in the vivid whiteness of the Palestinian moonlight, the houses and buildings stood out in bold relief against the mountain side. Not a flicker of light was to be seen on the streets or within the buildings. Windows and doors, heavily shuttered and thickly draped,

*Miss Gruver, Southern Baptists' loyal and devoted missionary to Haifa, Palestine, since 1938, was one of the last of our workers to leave that country when war made imperative the withdrawal of Americans.

Blackout In Palestine

KATE ELLEN GRUVER*

shut from the view of those within every vestige of the exquisite beauty of the lights God has created. Palestine was in complete blackout!

Even so do the present-day people of Palestine shut from the eyes of their souls the Light of lights. Behind the black drapes of erroneous interpretations of the Law of Moses and of the teachings of the Talmud in orthodox Judaism, they dwell in darkened spiritual houses as void of hope and promise as are their brothers who are blinded with total unbelief. Yet even when they realize that in the spiritual world outside shines a Glory that excels all others, they dare not draw back the curtains that shroud them, for outside wait the wardens of their order, ready to shout a warning and to levy a fine of severest persecution and racial ostracism.

In a mission school in Jaffa we worked one week with the senior class—fifteen or sixteen intermediate-age Mohammedan girls—reading, studying, thinking of the great truths of God's Word. Deeply we had delved into the beauty and the revealing light of those truths. In a spirit of rare intimacy we



The home of Lydia, near Jaffa



A Christian Family of Syria

had felt the gentle drawing of the Master's hands as He sought to work within those young souls. Those girls, radiant in their youth, lovely in appearance, dressed attractively, their dark eyes glowing and their shining brown hair soft and curling about their shoulders, went about their tasks deeply moved.

The last day came, and as we bade them farewell we saw them donning the long black robes every Mohammedan girl over twelve must wear whenever she goes out in public—the long coat with its enveloping bertha, the long false sleeves, the heavy black head veils. Changed in an instant from laughing, lovable girls into dark, sinister-looking figures, they were going back into homes and surroundings dominated by sin and evil. Those black shrouded figures seemed so terribly symbolic of the blackout of hope and light within the Mohammedan religion

—a religion whose evil and degrading teachings obliterate all faith in and desire for a purer, happier way of spiritual and temporal living, and which leads its manhood into vile and sinful lives, its womanhood into a bondage of servitude to man's lowest desires.

This year, as Christmas bells ring out, let us remember that tragic little land across the sea caught in the unrelenting grasps of a chaos greater than, yet augmented by, a warring world. Let us remember the dearth of messengers to its peoples who, sustained by an undeniable call from the Master, are willing to battle on untiringly against every obstacle known to missionary effort that the Christmas Light may some day shine permanently in the hearts of the people of that land. Let us think of it with a mind divorced from all sentimentality, remembering that it is a land of today—a land where only a bare third of its population can be called Christian, and they only nominally; a land where the gospel of Light is desperately and urgently needed.

As we remember these things and give ourselves with deeper consecration to our responsibility of prayer, let us listen again to the bells as they ring their message anew, from the heart of God, into our hearts:

*"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men!"*

*All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord:
And they shall glorify thy name.*

Psalm 86:9



Scene from a pageant presented in Wuchow, China, on the World Day of Prayer



Southern Baptist Missionaries in Shanghai, before the sailing of the repatriates

DEAR DR. MADDY:

We "466's" (the missionaries residing at 466 Rue Lafayette, Shanghai) have written you a five-in-one letter assuring you of our gladness in being able to remain in China yet a while longer, but I cannot refrain from adding another page giving even more details evidencing the fact that God's work is not stalled in China but is moving forward in ways definite and encouraging. Of course many changes are taking place, but God does not need set formulas or even the same old methods, plans, and institutions, in order to move in the hearts of men and transform lives.

I do hope that our people at home are not discouraged or relaxing in the supposition that all is finished out here. Far from it! Great pages of kingdom history are being written and those pages glow with the faithfulness of God's people. They re-echo Isaiah 42:4. The people are suffering greatly, yet out of these throes is merging a more earnest, responsible, faithful unit of the great world family of God.

The manner in which the churches are assuming the financial burden so suddenly dropped upon them is merely one example of their faithful stewardship. Please pray for them during these days when they sorely need profound wisdom and divine guidance.

All of our Shanghai churches are experiencing rich harvests and are rendering good service in manifold ways. Let me list a few of the activities and blessings that we are witnessing this summer in my own church. Tomorrow morning at nine o'clock we shall meet eighteen of our fine college students at the Seminary for a dedication service before walking over to Fah Hwo for the preaching and baptismal service. Last month we had more than a dozen candidates for baptism. We have another large group of inquirers who will be ready by next month. Most of these are saved, we know, but slowly, slowly we move with these students, making sure that they are truly "born again."

In our University daily vacation Bible school we

Standing By in China

have more than 200 children. Thirty of our Christian students are directing and working in this school. At the Good Will Center we have another daily vacation Bible school and our college students are in charge there also. For two hours every Wednesday and Friday morning, a large group of students study the Gospel of Mark here on our porch. Twice each week another group comes to study Psychology and the Bible. The average number of conferences daily with students coming seeking to know the Truth exceeds four, and it is more than wonderful how God is working in their hearts. More than twenty have been saved through these personal presentations of the gospel given since commencement.

I have promised to teach in the second summer school and this will give me another new group. Daily my heart is full of gladness and gratitude for the opportunities that are mine and for God's special attention to us. He is indeed kind to us and we are constantly conscious of His goodness. (Since the Hall in which we used to meet bears a "sun" seal, we meet for Sunday school and church over at the China Inland Mission. The students like it over there.)

From the friends leaving for America you will hear more news than I can write. We rejoice that they can return home. Most of them really want to go. But since we can continue with our regular activities we rejoice that we can stay. If we were cut off from our places of service, as they are, we would want to go. But how I do hope that the war will end before I have to go away.

Isabelle Groves Coleman

—Shanghai, China

June 27, 1942

Miss Coleman, formerly editorial secretary for the Foreign Mission Board, is now doing educational work in China.



A NEW CO-LABORER

The Foreign Mission Board welcomes to its headquarters staff Miss Marjorie E. Moore, a native of Spartanburg, South Carolina, who comes as managing editor of **THE COMMISSION**.

Miss Moore, a graduate of Converse College, received her M.R.E. degree at the Woman's Missionary Union Training School of Louisville, Kentucky, and took post graduate work in Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, in Evanston, Illinois.

For the past seven years Miss Moore has been associated with the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in the Department of Student Work where she has served as assistant editor of *The Baptist Student*.

Equipped with this excellent background of training and experience Miss Moore, who some years ago dedicated her life to Christian service, takes up her new duties with the Foreign Mission Board. Beginning with the February 1943 issue of **THE COMMISSION** the new managing editor will be in charge of the make-up of the periodical.

To this new fellow-worker we extend a hearty welcome and for her we bespeak the wholehearted co-operation of all friends of foreign missions and of **THE COMMISSION**.



HOLDING THE ROPES

Carey was solemnly set aside for the work at his own church at Leicester—Thomas giving an account of the things he had seen illustrating India's need of the Gospel, and Fuller giving the charge to the missionary-elect. Later that day the five leaders, Fuller, Sutcliff, Ryland, Pearce and Carey met together, and Carey drew the others into covenant that, as he went forth in the Society's name and their Master's, they should never cease till death, to stand by him. Of this meeting Fuller later expressed himself in the following words: 'Our undertaking to India really appeared at its beginning somewhat like a few men deliberating about the importance of penetrating a deep mine, which had never before been exploded. We had no one to guide us; and whilst we were thus deliberating, Carey, as it were, said: "Well I will go down if you will hold the rope." But before he descended, he, as it seemed to me, took an oath from each of us at the mouth of the pit, to this effect, that whilst we lived we should never let go the rope.' With fine Christian loyalty the oath of that memorable day was strictly kept."—*The Life of William Carey* by A. Dakin, B.D., D. Theol.

JESUS, THE DESIRE OF ALL NATIONS

"In this world, bewildered and groping for its way, Jesus Christ has drawn to Himself the attention and admiration of mankind as never before."

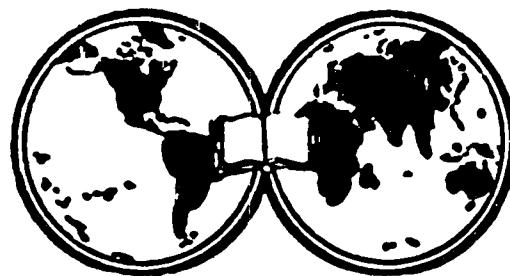
An American student voices the yearning of the great company of youth of the western world: "Many of us are not satisfied—everywhere we turn we see things that are not Christian. We have been looking at Christ . . . we see that he has something to give us. We see that we need Him and we want Him."

A Japanese college student: "I am looking for God; can you show Him to me?"

A Buddhist in China: "All my life I have been seeking light for my mind and peace for my heart; I have tried Taoism, Confucianism, Buddhism in vain."

A Latin-American skeptic: "You have a song in your heart; that is why we come to hear."

Gandhi of India: "I have not yet found Him . . . It is an unbroken torture to me that I am still so far from Him."



World Trends

Items of Social and Missionary Interest

CHARLES E. MADDRY

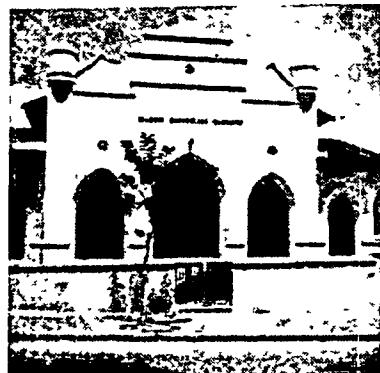
HUNGRY FOR THE GOSPEL

Some eighteen months ago the Foreign Mission Board sent out Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Schweinsberg to open our first mission station in the Republic of Colombia, located at the top of the map of South America. They had been Baptist missionaries with an independent group in Bolivia for a number of years, and came to the United States to get their degrees from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. They knew the language and could begin activities at once.

Rev. and
Mrs. H. W.
Schweinsberg
and their
two
children,
Marcia
and
Connie



Work was undertaken in Barranquilla where a small group of baptized believers was found waiting for a leader. A church was organized and it has grown in a most gratifying way. A splendid lot was secured in a central and strategic location in the downtown area of the important and growing city



Front view of the newly
erected First Baptist Church
of Barranquilla, Colombia,
South America

*Side view of the new Baptist
Church in Barranquilla
where the work is progressing
in a most gratifying way*



of Barranquilla. The women of Texas gave the funds for the erection of a beautiful and commodious chapel. The building is completed, and the young church is growing rapidly.

Another work has sprung up in the growing suburb of Rebolo and a lot has been secured for our second church in this great city. A friend in the South has given us \$3,500.00 for the erection of this second chapel within a year.

Work is being opened in other cities and everywhere there is manifest a keen and growing hunger for the vital message of the gospel as preached by the Baptists. The harvest is ripe for the reaping in Colombia, and we *must* send more laborers at once.

DO WE DESERVE VICTORY?

"There's a poster in Trafalgar Square (London) which shows the Prime Minister pointing his finger to two portentous words: 'Deserve Victory.' And some divine finger such as wrote the doom of Belshazzar at his wicked feast ought to point to all Britain and America the same words: DESERVE VICTORY! For, if victory ever comes without being deserved, victory itself would be a calamity, and the way to deserve it will not be found in prayers to have God on our side; but rather through confession, penitence, and consecration to righteousness and justice. Let America get on God's side and we will then deserve victory." —L. L. Gwaltney

CIGARETTE PRODUCTION

According to the Tobacco Merchants' Association of New York, the year 1941 saw the manufacture of cigarettes jump to the huge total of 206,410,884,644, an increase of 14.25 per cent over the 1940 output.

"Richmond cigarette factories turned out 71,638,976,000 cigarettes, or 35 per cent of the country's total output last year, according to the research department of the local Chamber of Commerce. The 1940 production of local factories was 58,890,808,000 cigarettes.

"The output of chewing and smoking tobacco fell 1.84 per cent below the 1940 total and is reported as 298,725,739 pounds, as compared to 304,320,506 pounds in 1940."

The sum total spent by the men, women, and children of America for tobacco in some form, staggers the imagination. Suppose the mission boards of America could have one tenth of the enormous sum spent annually for tobacco products for the cause of missions! We are just supposing!

And he said unto them all, "If any man will come after me, let him *deny* (say no) himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me."—Luke 9:23.



Tubercular convalescents in the hospital at Kunshan, China

ABYSSINIA

The agreement of the Emperor of Abyssinia with the British Government, signed on January 31, 1942, involved the grant of £1,500,000 during the present year, and £1,000,000 next year, with reducing grants if necessary. The Emperor has arranged for the continuance of the Military Mission, and for some British judges to assist him. Slavery has been prohibited in the country. The "Friends" are sending out a medical unit to reorganize medical service under the Emperor.

—Exchange

SWOLLEN EGOTISM

All of our missionaries who came home on the *Gripsholm* from prison or internment in Japanese occupied China, bear testimony to the attitude of self-conscious superiority manifested by the Japanese officers and common soldiers who have overrun China. This attitude now—after their many and surprisingly easy victories, shows itself in a blustering and childish attempt to appear big and fearsome to their American captives and missionary prisoners.

On the morning of December 8 (the evening of

December 7 with us) while Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes of Canton were at breakfast, a noncommissioned officer and a squad of heavily armed soldiers rushed into the dining room with fixed bayonets, and ordered them to be ready to start for internment camp in ten minutes. Their conduct was swaggering, boastful, and beyond the pale of common decency. The following paper, written in pidgin English on coarse paper, was thrust into the hands of Dr. Hayes, our medical missionary who has given forty-one years of marvelous and devoted service to the sick and suffering of China:

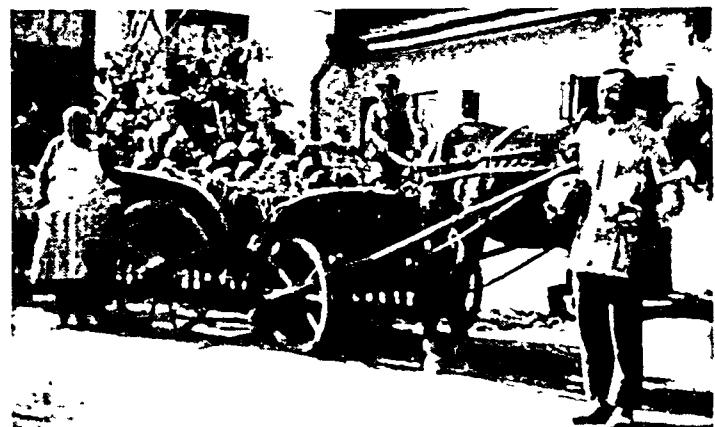
Verbal Note

"As Japan and your country are, this time, being involved in the State of War, His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Military Forces has decided to put all your Properties, both private and public, under their control.

"Later, upon the arrival of the Japanese Military Investigation Party led by the officer, definite settlement will be made between the Master (Manager) of this house (office) and that officer in charge of the Party, so that, all the occupants including employees should remain in their own usual places."

ATROCITIES IN YUGOSLAVIA

The Government of Yugoslavia recently published details and proofs of the extent of Hungarian atrocities. These equal anything that has happened in Europe in recent days. To put it briefly, it is computed that the Hungarians have killed about 100,000 Serbs—men, women and children, in many cases with great indignities and atrocities which, when read, seem quite unaccountable, except by assuming that some wave of demoniacal criminality has suddenly possessed them. Four concentration camps have been set up, where the conditions, if they are anything like what is described, do not bear thinking about. The seeds of hatred that are being sown by these appalling things are not likely to be eradicated in many generations.



A peaceful scene in war-torn Europe

A DISTURBING QUERY

"A vitally disturbing question," says Dr. G. A. Wieland, home mission secretary of the Episcopal Church of America, "is the fact that the national crime bill in the United States of America is fifteen billions a year—120 dollars for every man, woman and child. This is due to the worship of materialism (63 per cent adults outside churches, and 30,000,000 children with no spiritual background); and the spread of drink (five billion dollars a year). We sometimes wonder if the growth of materialism in so-called Christian lands is sufficiently realized."

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COULD WE HAVE DONE AS WELL IN JAPANESE?

The following official order was served upon our missionaries who were interned by the Japanese military authorities in occupied China:

Notice

1. British and American nationality are not permitted to go out, but who happens in necessity to do so should apply for permission to the military office.
2. Chinese are limited, should be offered the permission from the military office.
3. Officers will be sent to inspect the above guard conditions and others by often. To confirm the situation you should be willing to meet the officers.
4. The estimated cost of living expenses per week, should be notified to the officers at 10 a.m. every Friday.

Commissioner Headquarter

JAPANESE MENTALITY

"A peculiarity of Japanese mentality," says Sir John Pratt, in *Japan and the Modern World*, "is a certain naivete in Japanese thinking. The Japanese find it difficult to understand how any action of theirs can give offense to others. During the period of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance they had the warmest regard for Great Britain, and they expected these feelings to be reciprocated, in spite of the fact that they were doing their best to sabotage British interests in China. For the Japanese, imbued as they are with totalitarian ideas, it is sufficient justification for any act that it is in the interests of Japan, and when others, whose interest may be adversely affected, take a different view, they seem to be genuinely surprised. They seem genuinely surprised that the Chinese do not joyfully accept Japanese leadership and willingly surrender the future of the country into alien hands."



Dr. H. D. McCamey at Ife, Nigeria, West Africa



Rev. Lavell Seats baptizing a leper in Ogbomosho, Nigeria

A Third-Generation Kingdom Builder

MINNIE D. MCILROY*

"... Unto the third . . . generation . . . of them that love me and keep my commandments."

Way back in the year 1880, a young bride went with her husband to begin missionary work in Brazil. But this article is not about Anne Luther Bagby, that faraway pioneer bride, nor has it to do with her daughter, the charming Ermine Bagby Sowell who, a pioneer in her own right, became the bride of Sidney McFarland Sowell, our first Southern Baptist missionary in Argentina. It concerns still another bride, Anne Sowell Margrett, who is showing that sterling missionary spirit in a present undertaking of Kingdom building.

Her missionary work really began several years ago, and doubtless she thought of herself as neither a missionary nor as a pioneer; but she was both. She was not thinking of school work at all (excepting to satisfy an old-time longing to do kindergarten work) when Providence and necessity turned the thinking of our committee (for establishing the long-planned-for Institute and Training School in Rosario, Argentina) to our Anne Sowell

*Miss McIlroy has devoted more than nineteen years to missionary work in Argentina. Her contacts have been extensive and her influence is widely felt.



small. How we prayed that the Lord would direct our Anne to accept the position that was so truly hers—at least our hearts told us that, even though our heads thought she might think she could not manage on the small salary. Her acceptance and the very successful year are a part of Argentina's missionary history, as are the facts that she went to the United States for further preparation, and that doors of opportunity continued to open for her. But I am getting ahead of my story of what is back of this young life dedicated to the Lord.

During a furlough period of her parents, when Anne Sowell was nine years old, a conversation with her grandmother, Anne Luther Bagby, led the little girl to a realization of her need of Jesus Christ and her acceptance of Him as her Saviour. Her baptism in Once Church, Buenos Aires, the following September (1921), and the teaching of a class of tiny tots in Ciudadela (mission station of Once Church) represented her first Christian service. She was also active in Training Union work and served as organist for Once Church, even when her parents were serving other churches.

HER EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

As is the case with most "missionary" children, Anne Sowell attended British and American schools in Buenos Aires, finishing the eighth grade at Cran- don Institute, Montevideo. Four years later she sailed alone for the United States, and entered Virginia Intermont Junior College in Bristol, Virginia, where she won high honors in athletics, in the varsity team in basketball and the winter tennis championship. She was a member of the *Phi Theta Kappa* sorority, and won the English scholarship for the best grade in junior class (freshman college class) and honorable mention for science medal. In her last year at the college Anne was the proud possessor of the Intermont sweater for the best all-round girl. Meanwhile this young woman was also active in the college Y.W.A. and the Student Volunteer Band.



Dr. S. M. Sowell, veteran missionary to Argentina, and his daughter, Mrs. Anne Sowell Margrett, of Rosario, Argentina

Margrett. Everything pointed to a refusal. Her beloved husband had passed away only three months before; she had a five-months-old baby daughter to support, and the salary was very, very

BACK IN SOUTH AMERICA

On her return to Buenos Aires, she taught in the English schools and was again active in church work.

In November, 1933, Anne Sowell was married to a young Englishman, a highly esteemed employee of the Western Railroad. After two short years of happiness and dreams of making her Christian home count for Jesus and His gospel, death claimed her husband and she was left alone with a tiny baby to care for, train, and educate.

Our committee found her and, with her usual enthusiasm and determination to win, she entered into her new duties. That first hard year, directing the Rosario Institute and Training School, prepared her for future struggles and victories.

Receiving a scholarship for Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, she spent two years there and received the degree of Bachelor of Religious Education. She was awarded the Martha Dow scholarship in Mary Hardin-Baylor (where her great-grandfather Luther had served as the first president) and in 1940 she received her Bachelor of Arts degree, graduating with the highest average grade for four years of college work (and that in spite of caring for her little daughter during the entire time).

A MISSIONARY OF THE BOARD

In March of 1940, our noble Texas women made

possible her return to Argentina and she immediately resumed the direction of the Rosario school. After serving a year as an "independent" missionary, she received her regular appointment as missionary under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We rejoice in her increasing popularity among both missionaries and the native people. Blessed of Him whom she delights to serve in the land of her birth, she is giving her best to this important kingdom service. While she was in the hospital for a serious operation, her "girls" carried on their regular duties and studies in a most faithful way, because they loved her so much.

She not only has a charming personality and the ability to "think straight" as well as the valuable gift of co-operation, but she is a most acceptable speaker. For several months, she averaged a speaking engagement a week in the Sante Fe Association.

How we thank the Lord for this splendid third-generation missionary privileged to serve Him in this great land! How we rejoice in the fact that she knows the language as no mere professor could teach it to her, that she knows the people and that they have accepted her as their very own, thus enabling her to multiply her value to the work.

"Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he send forth" more sons and daughters of missionaries, who will follow in their parents' footsteps of serving God in some beloved "adopted" country.



Our Refuge and Strength

JOHN A. ABERNATHY*

Even the horrors of war, imprisonment, separation from wife and friends have brought many good things to those who have eyes to see and hearts to understand. Great spiritual good has come to me and to our Chinese friends and churches. It is my hope and prayer that the present war will bring

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purgung and spiritual revival to churches and Christians around the world. If so, the suffering will not have been in vain.

On December 8, just after breakfast, about twenty Japanese soldiers heavily armed with guns, swords, sub-machine guns, and hand grenades came to our house to inform me that war had been declared between the United States and Japan and that our American Consul in Tsinan could no longer protect

me; from that time on they would have charge of me. They were nervous and I believe the least mistake on my part would have resulted in my death. The situation was serious but I have never been calmer nor more conscious of His presence in all my life than then. I was held a prisoner in our house for three months with little liberty and was later moved about one mile away to Cheeloo University Campus where I was interned with about one hundred other American and British missionaries. Even though we were all prisoners, it was good to be with these friends. Many of our number were, without provocation, cruelly treated at times, but aside from threats I was never harmed. It is true nearly all our earthly possessions such as car, radio, and furniture and many other things we had enjoyed through the years were taken by the Japanese soldiers. But it was not the first time during our twenty-two years in China we had lost things, and we had learned to "Take the spoiling of your goods joyfully." "Things" are not of most importance in life.

The Japanese made no provision for our support while interned in Tsinan. It was impossible for us to get our salaries from Shanghai and we might have starved had not the Chinese Christians, often at the risk of their lives, slipped money, and sometimes food, to us. With special permission a limited number of our Chinese leaders could call on us. These short visits and fellowship in prayer will always be bright spots in my memory. Often a preacher, deacon, and sometimes just a poor Christian woman would come. When they saw I was not suffering physical harm they often wept for joy. When their visit was over and they started away many would linger a moment while they took money from their shoes or ripped it out of their garments where it had been sewed to keep the Japanese from finding and taking it away from them. This money they had brought for me. Over and over I told them I could not possibly take it from them; they were so poor and had such hard times making ends meet. They said, "We have received much grace through the years from you and the saints in America; now we have an opportunity to help just a little for His sake." It was worth everything to see the joy it gave them to be able to do this for me and for Christ's sake.

All our Chinese churches are going forward and have become self-supporting. The Lord had been preparing them for this forward movement through the past ten years of revival and special teaching on stewardship. Tithing was specially stressed. I do not believe they could have stood the test without this preparation. In spite of war, near famine, high taxes, and other distress, large numbers are being saved and being baptized into the churches. The

doors for preaching are wide and, while our missionaries are not free to work in occupied China, we should pray for these faithful Chinese workers.

When the present war is over I believe we shall have the greatest opportunity in the history of missions in the Far East for preaching the gospel of salvation to the millions who are yet unsaved. There is nothing to discourage us in the cause of foreign missions today. Our Southern Baptist missions in Free China and the new fields just opened in the far southwest of China are being abundantly blessed. The crying need is for more missionaries and native workers to enter the wide-open doors.

Forty-six Americans left Tsinan by special train for Shanghai on June 13. We thought we would board the repatriation ship two days later, but for other reasons we were kept in a concentration camp on the border of the city for two weeks. During this time we were fed by the Japanese. I suppose we got enough, but I was still hungry after each meal had been eaten. It was a day never to be forgotten when (June 29) we were taken from the camp and put aboard the S.S. *Conte Verde*, repatriation ship for Lorento Marques (East Africa) where we were exchanged man for man for about sixteen hundred Japanese nationals from the United States who had been brought by the S.S. *Gripsholm*, from New York. It was thrilling to get on neutral soil and be free from the Japanese. Lorento Marques is a modern city in every respect. We enjoyed attending a native service on Sunday and making trips out into the country where we saw something of native life and of the wild life in that part of Africa.

We had plenty of good American food on the *Gripsholm* and made up, in some measure, for the lean days through which we had passed. Two delightful days were spent in Rio de Janeiro. Our Baptist missionaries met the ship and took us to their homes, showed us the College, Seminary, Publishing House and many other things of interest in connection with our work there.

Two weeks after leaving Rio we were in New York; almost two months from the time we sailed from Shanghai. It was a long, dangerous journey and only our heavenly Father kept us safe from submarines, mines, and other dangers of the sea.

The Statue of Liberty never looked better to me as we steamed slowly by in the gray dawn of August 25. It looked like the whole sixteen hundred passengers were on that side of the ship as we passed and we tried to sing "America" but there were too many tears in our eyes and lumps in our throats to sing it as we felt.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself has said,
'This is my own, my native land'?"

The
graduates
of the
North
Brazil
Training
School,
Pernam-
buco,
1942



Principals:
Miss
Mildred
Cox
(right)
Miss
Maye
Bell
Taylor
(left)

Good Neighbors, We

J. J. COWSERT*

We hear much today of the "Good Neighbor Policy" of our country. In Brazil these words are on many lips daily, some uttered with great difficulty but with a friendly tone.

Southern Baptists have been thinking, talking, and practicing it for sixty-one years. They sent the first two permanent messengers of "Good Will" in 1881, one of whom is still carrying on today. More than two hundred others have followed, most of whom either spent their lives in service or are still working at the "Good Neighbor Policy." Not one has ever brought reproach, not one has left a stain on the name of the mother country, not one has caused the slightest blush on the face of Uncle Sam. They have not sought to operate in the political or economical spheres. They have endeavored to bring to the people the knowledge of Him who unites all races and kinds in one. They have touched the rich and poor, the high and low, the great and small without respect of face, race, or color. They have been faithful representatives not only of Southern Baptists but of American democracy. These representatives of Southern Baptists have found a warm welcome in warm hearts of thousands of Brazilian citizens.

Southern Baptists' "Good Neighbor Policy"

*Rev. Mr. Cowser of Rio de Janeiro, is serving as Southern Baptists' ambassador of good will, devoting his time, for the past twenty-two years, to evangelistic work in Brazil.

operating through the schools they have established and sustained, have impressed this policy of brotherly love not only on the minds and hearts of their thousands of students, through the years, but also upon the homes from which they came. In nearly 800 churches and 2,000 mission stations the message of "Good Will" is proclaimed weekly to thousands of anxious hearers. More than 60,000 Brazilian Baptists are active with us in promoting better relations. Southern Baptists have not confined their messengers of brotherly love to swivel chairs in the port cities, but they have gone from city to town, to village, to hamlet and countryside with visible results ever increasing. There are active Baptist churches in all the twenty states, the federal capital and the one territory. There were more than 6,000 baptisms in 1942. The missionaries have traveled over dusty roads and across swollen streams, often they have slept in the open, but always they have held high the banner of the "Good Neighbor."

Southern Baptists have built and are helping to build church houses that point the people Godward. They have erected a publishing house that sends out daily to hungry souls the message of "Good Will." Nearly 40,000 books, 485,629 tracts, 249,155 quarterlies, and 228,600 denominational papers went out in 1942. Thanks to the secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and the good women

(Continued on page 421)

Freely Have Received,



Miss Lottie Moon, Southern Baptists'
self-sacrificing missionary to China
1873-1912



Baptist
Girls'
School,
Abeokuta,
Nigeria,
West Africa



Baptist Bible School, Honolulu,
Hawaii



Shih Yü Bible Institute, Kaifeng



Stout Memorial Hospital, Wusih, China

Your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering help to support the enterprises pictured on this page. For complete list of causes aided, see page 4.

Freely Give.

—Matthew 10:8.

God loveth a cheerful giver
Though the gift be ever so small;
But, what must he think of His children,
When they never give at all?"



Baptist
Seminary
students,
Santiago,
Chile



Baptist Academy, Lagos, Nigeria



Mexican Baptist Seminary, El Paso,
Texas, where native Christians are
trained for evangelistic work among
their own people



Baptist College, Pernambuco, Brazil

The Editor's Message

THEY SUPPLIED THAT WHICH WAS LACKING

Since January 1, 1933, the Foreign Mission Board has lived within its income and paid \$1,500,000.00 on debt service, principal, and interest. That means, that the Board has been compelled to limit severely the budget for each of its Missions in the sixteen lands included in our widely extended missionary program. After servicing our crushing debts, we have, to the very best of our wisdom and ability, used the limited funds given us by the churches, to do the absolutely essential things on the mission fields—those undertakings which would mean most for the coming of God's Kingdom in pagan and heathen lands. The precious mission money entrusted to us has been used for the support of those missionaries already on the fields and for the sending of new recruits as rapidly as possible. In this decade under review the missionary personnel has been increased by one third. At the same time we have greatly augmented the support of native workers such as pastors, evangelists, Bible women, teachers in Christian schools, colleges, theological seminaries, workers in publishing houses and other phases of evangelism. In short, for the fundamental and essential things in our aggressive missionary program as outlined above, the Foreign Mission Board has spent, to the best advantage possible, the limited funds given by the churches.

STRONG HOME-BASE NEEDED

However, we all know that a successful and victorious army in the field requires from the home base, far more in the way of equipment and support than just the sending out of new and untrained recruits. So it is in a successful missionary program on the foreign fields. The veteran missionaries as well as the new recruits must have far more in the way of equipment and support than merely their salaries and traveling expenses to the fields of labor. Funds must be provided from some source for the building of missionary homes, the constructing and equipping of schools, colleges, seminaries and mis-

sionary training schools. There must be funds for language study, the repair and upkeep of buildings, the erection of chapels, and the rent for preaching halls. The missionary must be provided also with means for necessary travel in the work of preaching and supervision. In the beginning of a Mission the whole program of training and providing a native ministry must be carried on and paid for by the Foreign Mission Board. Everything we do as a denomination in the home land, through all of our boards and agencies, such as state missions, home missions, Christian education, hospitals, orphanages, and all other enterprises of a successful and growing program for the churches of Christ, must be carried on and supported on the mission fields by the Foreign Mission Board, until such time as worthy and dependable self-supporting churches can be grown and developed in these lands held so long in pagan and heathen darkness.

TIMELY AID

We have said all of this to emphasize the fact that for a decade now, Woman's Missionary Union, through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, has furnished at least one third of all the funds necessary for the promotion of this great program of missionary endeavor abroad. Their gifts have provided the necessary tools, and equipment for the program of work carried on by the missionaries in all lands. The Board, out of its limited funds, has been unable through this stressful decade, to erect or repair a single missionary home, college, school or seminary building. All of these essential and indispensable assets for successful and worthy missionary endeavor abroad, have been made possible through the generous and unfailing gifts of Woman's Missionary Union in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering year by year. For this timely and unfailing aid, year after year, the Foreign Mission Board is deeply grateful.

That which was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours: acknowledge ye therefore them that are such.
I Corinthians 16: 17b, 18.

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WE CAN EASILY REACH IT

Ten years ago the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with its world-wide program of gospel endeavor, was on the verge of bankruptcy. We were virtually in the hands of a friendly and benevolent receivership, as represented in the sympathetic and helpful officials of four Richmond banks to whom the Board owed more than ELEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS! In addition to this, there were obligations of more than a QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS owed by the several Missions on our foreign fields—on schools, colleges, theological seminaries, missionary training schools, hospitals, and missionary homes. Every dollar of this latter indebtedness has been paid and we now owe the banks less than \$65,000.00.

At the same time, the work in all lands has been reorganized and greatly enlarged and expanded. New enterprises have been begun in Hawaii and the South American Republic of Colombia. Within this decade the missionary personnel has almost doubled, and great progress has been made in many other ways.

We sincerely believe that never in the ninety-seven years of the life of the Board has the work of foreign missions been more securely fixed in the affections and generosity of our people than at the present time.

Many factors and agencies have entered into this revival and rehabilitation of the work of our Foreign Mission Board. We are firmly convinced however, that the establishment of *The Commission*, with its unprecedented growth and ever increasing favor with our Baptist people, has had more to do with the gratifying development and enlargement of our whole foreign missionary program than any other one single agency. We now have a circulation of more than 43,000 and we have set as our goal, by the meeting of the Convention next May, 60,000 paid-up subscribers.

In an earnest endeavor to reach this worthy goal the Foreign Mission Board, at its October meeting, voted to call to its help in this undertaking all missionaries on furlough and all other friends of foreign missions. The plan is to appoint in each state one missionary to head up the work. This is a worthy and challenging goal and its attainment will mean a constant enlargement of foreign mission work.

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ONLY ONE IN SIX

In this issue of *THE COMMISSION* (page 429) we submit the first complete and official report of the receipts and disbursements of the World Emergency Fund. Since January 1, 1942, when we

merged the old China Relief Fund with the new World Emergency Relief Fund, a total of \$415,400.28 has been given. This does not include the \$15,000.00 plus, sent to Dr. Louie D. Newton for the Russian Bible Fund. Counting this in the totals, it will be seen that Southern Baptists have given for WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF since January 1, 1942, a total of \$430,400.28.

From the time that Japan began her war upon China, up to January 1, 1942, the Baptist churches of the South gave a little over \$194,000.00 for relief and emergencies in our Baptist work in China. Since the Baltimore Convention in 1940, our people have given also the sum of \$200,000.00 for the relief of the foreign mission work of our British Baptist brethren, including \$6,085.80 allocated from the World Emergency Relief Fund. This makes a grand total of \$818,314.48 plus, given by Southern Baptists for relief abroad, within a little over four years.

Yet the amazing and distressing fact remains that only about one Baptist church out of six has given anything to any of these efforts undertaken by Southern Baptists for the relief of the suffering millions in these blighted and war-ravaged lands. To the noble churches that have heard the appeal of the starving millions of earth and given so nobly, we are deeply grateful. To those churches which, as yet, have given nothing, we make an earnest appeal that they take up the matter at once and arrange for a worthy Christmas offering for our World Emergency Fund. If we are to meet and discharge the obligation laid upon us in this hour of agony and suffering among the millions of war victims in Europe and Asia, we are going to need a MILLION DOLLARS.

Surely every Baptist church ought to have some part in this worthy and Christ-like undertaking.

AMERICA STILL ASLEEP

After five years of unspeakable horror and suffering, China *knows* what it means to be overrun and devastated by militaristic Japan in the most unjustifiably brutal and sadistic all-out war the world has seen in two thousand years. Our missionaries who have stayed on with the Chinese and suffered with them through these years of agony and shame, also know what war means as carried on by a pagan and heathen people who are unrestrained by any sense of moral or ethical standards, and who are splendidly armed and equipped with the instruments of death invented and furnished by the so-called civilized powers of the West.

America, after ten months of confused and half-hearted effort to find herself, and really get into this, the most serious conflict she has ever faced as a nation, is still half asleep and unconscious of the

appalling danger that threatens her institutions and her way of life. The following quotation from a letter, written by one of our missionaries who went through the horrors of the battle of Hong Kong and six months of hell in Stanley Prison, will give some idea of how the indifferent and selfish attitude of America impressed her:

"Since coming home I have been keenly disappointed and surprised to find people in general almost unaware of what we are up against in this war. The impression I have gained is that, except for those homes which have given boys to the service, the American home is as yet unaffected by this war, unless it be that it has become more prosperous. People aren't talking about what they can do to help win, they are talking about how they can get more personal advantages, a better job, more money! I tell you, it hurts me, and I think that has had much to do with my growing conviction that I *must* do something to help, make some definite contribution myself."

May God help our people to awake to a profound sense of our danger before it is "too little and too late."

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GOD HAS OPENED THE WAY

For more than six months we have been praying and working to the end that the way might be

opened for us to send a representative of the Board to Free China for the purpose of assisting in the administration of the relief funds given by our churches for the hungry and slowly-starving millions in that land so sorely stricken by war, disease, and famine. In a sudden and most unexpected manner, the way opened and when this issue of **THE COMMISSION** reaches our people, Dr. Charles A. Leonard, for more than thirty years a valuable and distinguished missionary of our Board in China, will be nearing his destination at Kweilin in Free China. Dr. Leonard will join with our seventeen other missionaries in that part of China and will devote himself to the work of relief and evangelism among the starving millions who have fled from the Japanese invaders in the coastal provinces to the great free west of China.

Dr. Leonard is widely experienced in the administration of mission and relief funds in China. We are profoundly grateful that God has opened the way for this beloved missionary to go out to Free China to be our special representative in this great work of evangelization and relief. We shall need largely increased gifts for our **WORLD EMERGENCY FUND** so that Dr. Leonard may have ample funds with which to relieve all the suffering possible during the crucial winter months just ahead. Let all Southern Baptists bear him up in prayer.



The Baptist leaders of Kwantung District—pastors, evangelists, Bible women—at a conference held in the Baptist Church, Sun Hing, South China

In the center of the group are Miss Auris Pender (left) and Miss Margie Shumate, the missionaries in charge of the work

GIVE YE THEM TO EAT

—Mark 6:37.



How we feel when we're oh, so hungry

Whoso seeth his brother in want, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?—I John 3:17.



For Sale: One million-dollar smile. Price: three cents—the cost of one bowl of rice at relief agencies in China. Thousands of hungry little waifs await your gift to them

Dr. Charles A. Leonard who recently left America for the Orient, to take charge of the distribution of Southern Baptists' relief funds in Free China



How we feel after eating the bowlful of rice sent to us by Southern Baptists

HUNDREDS DIE EVERY COLD NIGHT

Missionaries with Chinese Christian leaders are remaining at stations throughout China. These, in well organized groups, are prepared and anxious to carry on relief work for Chinese civilians made destitute by war. Need is appalling. Thousands of formerly well-to-do Chinese are without food, ill-clad, and freezing. During cold nights hundreds die of hunger and exposure. Conditions are worse in interior cities and country districts. If we would save these people, we must act now and give needed help during the cold winter months.



Hungry, homeless, and in rags, he faces a bitter winter

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Recent Appointees



Rev. Edgar Hallock



Mrs. Edgar Hallock

Edgar Hallock—I was born in Penfield, New York, July 26, 1916. A few months later my family moved to Pittsburg, Kansas. There, when I was five years old I was converted in a revival meeting under the preaching of Rev. T. T. Martin.

At Norman, Oklahoma, during my college days, I came under the influence of the Baptist Student Union and through many contacts with great Christian leaders and under the influence of the student program was led to consecrate my life to Christ.

For many years my parents influenced me through their lives and teaching. My father—my pastor—had a great part in deepening my spiritual life, as did my mother by her wise counsel and lovely Christian spirit.

I was graduated from Oklahoma University in 1937 and entered the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth in the Fall of 1938. I received my M.R.E. degree in 1939 and my D.R.E. degree in 1942.

In 1939 I married Miss Zelma Curnutt. Together we tried to follow the leadings of God's Holy Spirit as He directed our lives. He led us to the decision to offer our lives for service on a foreign field.

We were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, October 15, 1941. One year and one day later we sailed from New Orleans for our field of service. The Lord has accomplished seemingly impossible things in the securing of permission for us to enter Brazil, and in supplying the means of our getting there. To Him we give thanks for the privilege of service where others need to know Him.



Viola Campbell—On February 24, 1905, I was born in Hickory, North Carolina. After my father's death, four years later, Mother and I made our home in South Carolina. She worked very hard to give me an education and has always encouraged me in my preparation for Christian service.

At a regular morning worship service in Brandon Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina, I accepted Christ as my Saviour and was baptized a few weeks later. Though I was only nine years old the experience was very definite.

Zelma Curnutt Hallock—On a farm north of Gould, Oklahoma, I was born, the youngest of five children, and the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Curnutt.

Through the influence of deeply consecrated Sunday school teachers and wonderful Christian parents, whose consistent and Christlike lives and teachings were ever before us in the home, I accepted Christ as my Saviour at ten years of age, and became active in the Baptist church near our home.

I entered Oklahoma University in the Fall of 1933, and for five years had the marvelous opportunity of working in the First Baptist Church, Norman, Oklahoma, where hundreds of college students have been trained, challenged, and sent out to serve Christ in all walks of life.

Having completed the study for my M.A. degree in Social Work in 1938, I was employed as a Child Welfare Worker in eastern Oklahoma.

In the Young People's Union I met Edgar Hallock and in May 1939, we were married. We worked in the church at Handley, Texas, and attended the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary the next few years.

Before our marriage we had felt that perhaps the Lord had a special work for us to do, but not until the summer of 1940 did we make public our decision to be missionaries. The Holy Spirit has revealed plainly that our work is to be on the foreign field. Regardless of what comes we have the unfailing promise, "Lo, I am with you always."

Here
am I;
Send
Me
—Isaiah 6:8.

The Commission

In the fall of 1928 I entered high school at North Greenville Baptist Academy. Through the Christian influence and work in the religious organizations my four years there, I was led to dedicate my life to Christ, and at a B. S. U. conference my junior year I felt a definite call into some special service.

After graduating from high school I spent two years in Anderson Junior College. While there I served as president of the B. S. U., and Student Government Association. Then I completed a two year course in Columbia Bible College. In the spring of 1937, after receiving my A.B. degree from Furman

University, I worked one year before entering the Seminary. The way was opened for me to spend two years in Southwestern Seminary where I received my M.R.E. degree in May, 1940.

In June, 1940, I was appointed by the Home Mission Board to work with the Chinese in El Paso, Texas. My two years there were very happy. When the opportunity came for service in our Training School of the Mexican Baptist Seminary I felt God's leading. On August 15, 1942, at Ridgecrest I was appointed by our Foreign Mission Board for this work, and I am happy in the assurance that it is the Lord's will.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD HOLDS ANNUAL SESSION

Faith and optimism were the keynotes which rang throughout the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, held at the Board's headquarters, in Richmond, October 13 and 14.

Following the meetings of the several committees Tuesday afternoon, the evening was given over to messages from the Board's three under-secretaries. Dr. George W. Sadler summarized the work being carried on in Europe, Africa, and the Near East. Dr. M. T. Rankin told of the recent experiences of the Board's forty repatriates from the Orient. Dr. Everett Gill, Jr. gave an account of his recent tour of the Southern Baptist missions in South America.

At its Wednesday morning session the Board elected the following officers:

President—Mr. L. Howard Jenkins

First vice-president—Dr. F. C. Feezor of North Carolina

Second vice-president—Dr. R. Aubrey Williams

Recording secretary—Rev. Wade Bryant

Auditor—Mr. B. M. Gwathmey

Attorney—Mr. Hill Montague

Assistant attorney—Mr. John C. Williams

Medical advisor—Dr. J. G. Loving

Announcement was made that, November first, Miss Marjorie Moore, now associated with the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee, would assume the duties of managing editor of THE COMMISSION.

The budget for the ensuing year was fixed at \$888,981.00.

In order to care for the actual needs of its missionaries on furlough, those still in China where prices are exorbitant, and its seventy-one emeritus missionaries, during these times of increased cost of living, the Board appropriated \$35,850.00 to supplement the present salaries.

Dr. Charles E. Maddry, the executive secretary, announced that at an early date Dr. Charles A. Leonard—recently in this country on furlough—would return to China to take charge of the Board's relief work in Free China. This means that it will be possible to send funds directly to the needy areas, thus saving hosts of people from slow starvation. To this end Southern Baptists are urged to increase their gifts to suffering humanity in the Orient.

Recognizing the value of the ministry of healing, the Board voted to add to its hospital in Ogbomosho, Nigeria, a ward for the care of tubercular patients.

To the "orphaned missions" of northern Europe (those cut off from help from their home bases) the Foreign Mission Board voted to send a gift of \$1,000.00 to provide for the dire necessities of the missionaries now facing hunger and cold. They also arranged to send a good-will gift of \$500.00 for the relief of needy Baptists in war-torn Russia.

Provision was made for expanding the educational program in Brazil, for strengthening the work being done by the native Christian leaders in Mexico, and for enlarging the work throughout Latin America.

Following the business session, the members of the Board and of the staff adjourned for a luncheon given by Dr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Adams and the First Baptist Church of Richmond. This was in honor of Mr. L. Howard Jenkins and Dr. Charles E. Maddry—the president and the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board—each of whom has given ten years of magnificent service to the organization. Dr. H. M. Fugate, Dr. George W. Sadler, Dr. C. C. Coleman, and Dr. M. T. Rankin expressed for the entire group the wholehearted appreciation of the invaluable work done by these two noble leaders.

A Debtless Denomination by 1943

The Argument for Missions

W. E. DENHAM*

Baptists, by historic practice, are champions of missionary undertaking, and our record in this matter is not an inglorious one, even though honest consideration makes us less than fully satisfied with what we are doing today.

There are three major notes in the argument for missions, and they make the argument an unanswerable one.

THE DIVINE COMMAND

First comes the divine command. This was given to that first group of disciples in the Great Commission; and contained in that commission is the unbreakable chain that brings it down to us today. More than one book of the New Testament give us the Commission, and all give it as the word of the risen Lord. As Christians we acknowledge the deity and lordship of Christ Jesus, and therefore must we accept, as utterly binding upon us, His command to make disciples, baptize, and teach obedience, or else we must confess ourselves false to our basic position and responsibility. If it can be permissible to make any distinctions in the importance which we place upon the words of the Master, surely greatest weight must attach to those given after the resurrection, especially when, as in the case of the Great Commission as reported by Matthew, they are preceded by Christ's claim of supreme authority in heaven and earth.

A frank facing of the Great Commission removes any possible argument against belief in and practice of missions. Against all objections, whatever be their nature or basis, we must oppose the fact that we have the Master's command. The soldier may not argue against the orders of his superior officer; even when he is convinced, in his own mind, that the officer has erred, he is still under obligation of obedience and the responsibility for the command

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rests on the officer. In our case no question of wisdom can enter. The One who has commanded is the Son of God, in whom "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden," and we who acknowledge that wisdom and authority are without excuse if we are not interested in co-operating, in whatever way we can, in the task committed to us.

THE CHRISTIAN IMPULSE

A second note in the argument may be described as Christian impulse. It is a natural and proper thing for the Christian to want to share with someone else the glorious truth he has himself found. This was the impulse which sent Andrew to seek and find Peter, his brother, and which, a little later, sent Philip to look for Nathaniel. The cleansed leper and the restored demoniac found, swelling within their breasts, an insuppressible desire to tell others the good news of their healing. The Christian has realized a new experience more wonderful and glorious than can be found anywhere else. Strange indeed would it be if, when good news in other realms unlooses the tongue for

testimony, it should not be so here. Even though we had no divine command, the experience of salvation should open our lips to share with others the marvelous blessings we have ourselves received. Here, as elsewhere, it would seem that disuse has the power to still the tongue and atrophy the powers.

HUMANITY'S NEED

The third note is that of human need. This also is a strong and compelling force. Surely a Christian cannot see, without deep compassion, the appalling need of a sinful, lost, world, whether in the spiritual darkness of a pagan land, or the spiritual indifference of our own land. A world plunged in war seeks some secret of stable peace and finds none; heathen religions fail to meet the spiritual need and hunger of their millions of devotees. The pursuit of

pleasure and profit leaves hearts unsatisfied here at home. Yet all the time we possess, in the gospel, the secret of peace and life and liberty and happiness. Can a Christian remain in silence, criminal silence, when he possesses the magic word that would transform the whole situation if people would but hear and heed it?

We must face earnestly the question: Have we not allowed ourselves to become so engrossed in the seeming verities of this passing life that we have, all too often, lost sight of the real and vital things of eternity? Too often the business man puts business first and finds no time or interest for the missionary task. A majority of our young people give their time and strength and money to the pursuit of pleasure and excitement while the call for

volunteers and workers for the great tasks committed to the church of Christ is heard and heeded by the few. Our women, all too many of them, fill the days with home cares and social engagements. The cause of the Master of us all finds only the few interested and concerned enough to let other things take second place.

The task confronts us. The Master's words command us. The experience of our hearts impels us. The tragic need of a lost world challenges us. Can we face it all and still turn blind eyes and unfeeling hearts and silent tongues and closed pocketbooks? Some part each can have. God give us all grace to translate profession into performance, and church membership into crusading, militant activity!

PROTESTS ATTEMPT TO "PAGANIZE" CHRISTMAS CARDS

Nashville, Tenn.—A Protest against what he calls an attempt by the greeting card industry to "paganize" Christmas by making it an occasion to exploit "cheap, unworthy passions of a spurious type of patriotism" has been issued by Dr. John L. Ferguson, pastor of Belmont Methodist Church here.

"There are enough Christians in America to prevent this if we will act at once," he declared in a statement issued through his church bulletin.

The Nashville pastor cited an article in a local newspaper which quoted the greeting card industry as announcing that "the familiar red, white and green will give way to the patriotic red, white and blue.

"Furthermore," the newspaper story said, "fat old Santa Claus will be replaced by Skinny Uncle Sam's bewhiskered countenance, and the cards, even though Christmas stands for 'Peace on earth and good will toward men,' may contain the warlike slogans 'Trap the Jap,' 'Paste the Paperhanger,' 'Muzzle Mussolini.'"



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of the South, we shall soon be printing the Bible in Brazil to supply the great cry for the Word.

Do Southern Baptists believe in a "Good Neighbor Policy?" *Surely they do.* Besides what has been mentioned above they have invested from three to five million dollars during the last sixty-one years and are still investing yearly more than \$100,000.00 with no desire for financial returns.

A Catholic bishop of Belo Horizonte protested to the American ambassador to Brazil, the Honorable Jefferson Caffery, against American missionaries being sent to Brazil. He alleged that such acts were in contradiction to the "Good Neighbor Policy" of the American Government. This protest was printed in the daily papers of his city. A storm of protest has gone in against the bishop from both Brazilian laymen and clergy of all denominations. Many pungent questions were asked the bishop which he has chosen to answer with a profound silence. Brazil's more than five million Masons know that Southern Baptist missionaries are "Good Neighbors."

The gospel is the only really successful "Good Neighbor Policy" that welds the countries together. Our prayer for the Western Hemisphere is, give it love and not hate, peace not war, service and not greed, sympathy and not distrust, honesty and not deceit, fellowship on the higher basis to build an empire of nations in freedom of body and soul.



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Serving God and My Fellowmen

I had hoped to complete work for the Bachelor of Divinity degree at Louisville next May, to help prepare me for further service with the Foreign Mission Board or, for the duration of the war, as a chaplain in the United States Army. My first love is THE COMMISSION; nothing would have suited me better than staying in a position that called for the very types of work in which I had been drilling for the past thirteen years. Another thrill would have come in continuing at the Seminary, which Dad and I had discussed for even longer than thirteen years.

But I had decided, some time ago, that I would hardly rest content sitting behind a desk or cloistered in a seminary with other single men my age facing death on the field of battle, unless I had in some measure shared their suffering. I have the fullest sympathy for those who continue their work or study as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, but

ARCHIBALD M.
McMILLAN



talking ambulance driver for service on the Burma Road leading into West China. They said there would probably be no opening. With this door apparently closed, I applied on December 8 for a chaplaincy and was first told I might get in right away; then I was advised to take further seminary training till this past summer; and finally I was told I should study till receiving my degree next spring.

Then in May, when the Friends unexpectedly offered me a chance for medical relief work in West China, I hardly saw how I could turn down such an opportunity for Christian service of the very kind I had first sought. I answered the call, and received training with nine other men in mechanics, Diesel engine operation, First Aid, and Chinese, while awaiting passage.

I have dedicated my whole life to the cause of missions, and this work in China would just be one phase of a life-long task. I want to serve the Board in missions, but at present I believe the best service I can render is to do my bit in helping to win the war. I believe the place where I can now serve most effectively is China, where I know the language and the people. Two of my cousins, McMillans, were in the Flying Tigers (one was killed in action) and helped make the skies of China safe for the Chinese. But the Chinese Government has said that they consider three tons of quinine to be worth as much to their war effort as three tons of bombs, and that is where the work of our Unit comes in.

Pray for me as I contribute a little to the Allied effort in China. This is not an easy thing I am doing, but I am confident God is leading me.

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A Worthy Tribute

A plaque set up in a war-torn city in China by grateful citizens reads: "Our deep gratitude to the families in this place, who through the thing inside them called Christianity, have done more to nurse our sick and our wounded and to help our troubled people than any group we know."



A class in engineering—Mr. McMillan is seated in center of group

personally I should choose first to spend some time in active service abroad. Though I would fight, if it seemed to be my highest duty, I felt I should much prefer being at the front engaged in definite Christian, missionary work of the kind Dad did when the Japanese soldiers swept through Kiangsu province.

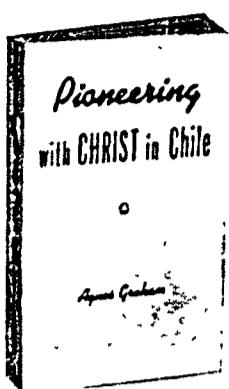
After the draft board changed my classification last October from I-A to IV-D, I asked the Friends Service Committee whether they needed a Chinese-

NOTE. Mr. McMillan, formerly the managing editor of THE COMMISSION, volunteered to serve as a member of the Friends Ambulance Unit in China. His wide circle of acquaintances in this country will welcome this message from him.—THE EDITOR.

Studying Missions

MARY M. HUNTER
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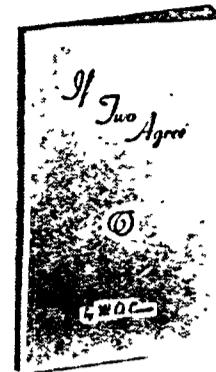
New Study Books



A study of Baptist Missions in Chile, prepared for Young People's groups



Stories for Junior Study Groups



A devotional book by Dr. W. O. Carver. For study as we prepare for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering

The Week of Prayer and offering for foreign missions was born of the desire of Woman's Missionary Union to match the loyalty and devotion of a Southern Baptist missionary. The response to this first season of prayer and gifts was so heroic that it gave a magnificent impetus to Southern Baptist missions around the world.

At a time of supreme testing for our missionary endeavor in all lands Woman's Missionary Union approaches its 1942 Week of Prayer for foreign missions with hearts and minds centered on Southern Baptist missionaries and their great work. Ringing in our ears are the stories of missionary faith and missionary heroism told by the group who came home on the *Gripsholm*. The heroes are not all dead.

Blessing us with their presence in our Week of Prayer in many sections will be some of the missionaries who arrived in August as repatriates from the Orient and others who have been at home many months. On our hearts and in our prayers at that time will be the missionaries in all the fields, many of whom toil in the crowded places and others who hold lonely and obscure posts. All of our missionaries are heroes. We owe them a debt of gratitude. In a magnificent and sacrificial way they represent us in carrying the gospel to all lands.

Because of the many unexpected calls for large sums of money for missionary expenses made necessary by the war, Woman's Missionary Union and its auxiliaries are given the unprecedented privilege of making an offering this year that will be doubly strengthening to the Foreign Mission Board and to the missionaries. In the spirit of sacrifice which makes the lives of our missionaries glorious and inspiring and in the name of our Christ who gave His all for us, let us make this year's offering a great missionary triumph.

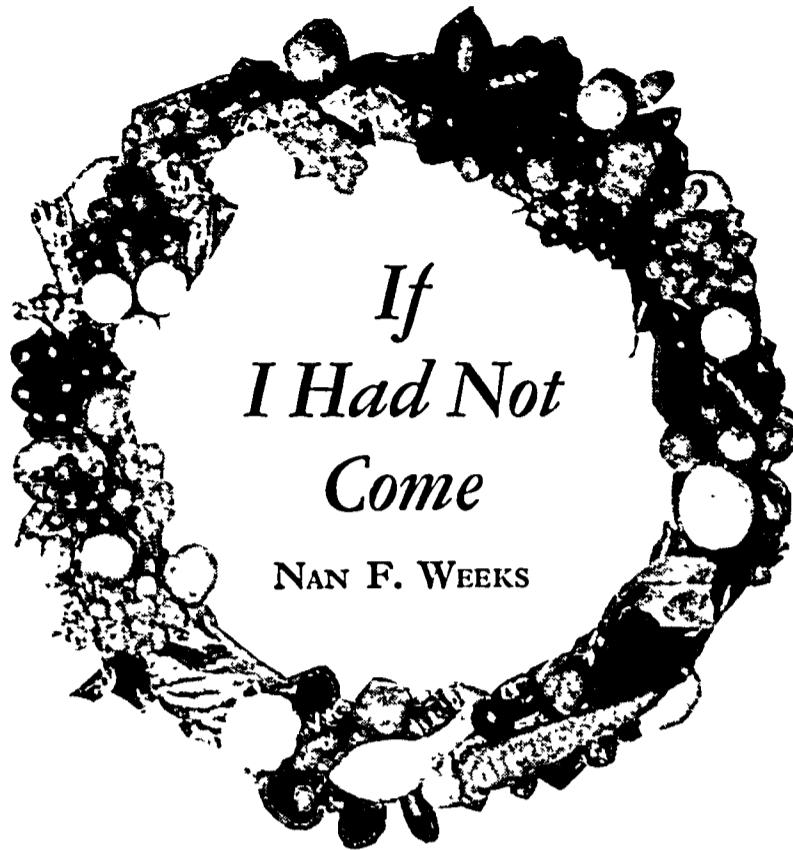
The importance of THE COMMISSION cannot be too strongly emphasized. We are grateful to the Week of Prayer committee for graciously suggesting that renewals and new subscriptions be taken as a part of the Week of Prayer program. Your president received, in the packet of Week of Prayer literature, a batch of subscription blanks and envelopes, to be used in the canvass. We hope that this canvass will result in a great increase in the circulation of THE COMMISSION in your society. Month by month the missionary messages of the magazine will help your membership to be ready for its every foreign mission undertaking.

We are cheered by reports that in all sections of the Convention, classes are studying the South American series. In Woman's Missionary Union organizations and in church schools of missions intensive work is being carried on, but we know that there are Southern Baptists who are not yet studying foreign missions. All who are interested in missions should take one of the text books prepared for this season. These should be days of opportunity and blessing for all who will look into matters of the spread of the Kingdom of God in South America and throughout the world. Study your South American mission now.

TO THE PASTORS

Are you using motion pictures of the work of Southern Baptists on the foreign fields? If your church and its organizations have not received the inspiration of missionary programs supplemented by foreign mission pictures, we invite you to write to Miss Mary M. Hunter, Box 1595 for the sheet giving information about the Foreign Mission Board's film library and how to secure the pictures.

CHILDREN'S PAGE



It was Christmas eve; and after Bobby had carefully hung his stocking by the fireplace he went off to bed. Usually Bobby did not like to go to bed early, but tonight he was eager to get to sleep so as to be sure to wake up at dawn to see his gifts.

For their daily Bible lesson that night Bobby and his father had read Jesus' own words to his friends, found in John 15:22.

Just as they came to the words, "If I had not come," the father was called to the phone and Bobby said, "I'll remember where you left off." Then, to be sure he would not forget, he began to repeat those words, "If I had not come." Slower and slower he said them as he grew more sleepy, "If—I—had—not—come. If—I—had—not—", and Bobby was fast asleep.

It seemed as if he had not been asleep any time when a harsh voice said, "Get up! Get up, I tell you!"

Thinking about the skates he wanted, and the flashlight, and the motor, and the books for which he'd been wishing, Bobby got up and hurried into his clothes and went downstairs. All was still. No one was there to greet him; no stocking hung beside the fireplace; no wreaths were in the window; no splendid tree was there.

Hurrying to the door Bobby looked down the street. The factory was open, and he could hear the rumble of the machinery. He grabbed his cap and sweater and raced down to the factory door, and there stood a grim looking foreman.

"What's the factory running for on Christmas?" asked Bobby.

"Christmas?" asked the man. "What do you mean? I never heard that word. This is one of our busy days, so you run along."

Filled with wonder, Bobby hurried on down the street toward the stores, and to his amazement, he found them all open. The grocer, the dry goods man, the baker, each one was busy and cross, and each said in reply to his question, "Christmas? What's Christmas? That's a new word to me."

When Bobby tried to explain "It's Jesus' birthday, and the first part of the word 'Christmas' means Jesus," he was gruffly ordered to move along as this was "a very busy day."

Going 'round the corner, he thought: "I'll go to church, our own church, for there's to be a Christmas service there." All at once Bobby stopped short before a big vacant field, and he mumbled to himself: "I must be lost. I was certain our church was here. I *know* it was." Then he noticed a signboard in the center of the big vacant lot, and on going nearer to it, he read the words, "*If I had not come.*"

Suddenly the meaning of it all dawned on the puzzled boy, and he said: "Oh, I know; 'if I had not come'—that's why there's no Christmas Day nor any church."

Wandering along in a gloomy way, he thought of the box of toys and games his class had sent to the Orphans' Home, and he said half aloud, "I think I'll go up to the Orphanage and see the children get their Christmas presents." But when Bobby reached the place, instead of seeing the name of the Home over the gateway, he read those same five words, "*If I had not come,*" and beyond the archway there were no fine buildings, no happy children at play.

Seeing an old man, feeble and ill, by the roadside, Bobby said: "I believe you're sick, mister. I'll run to the hospital and tell them to send an ambulance for you." But when he reached the grounds no splendid buildings were to be seen, nothing but signs and posters bearing the words, "*If I had not come.*"

As Bobby hurried back to the corner where the Rescue Mission had been he said: "I'm sure they'll take the poor old man in here anyway." But men with angry faces were gambling and swearing in a tumbledown building, and over the door Bobby saw, instead of the name of the mission, those same words, "*If I had not come.*"

Thinking still about the poor old man, Bobby hurried home to ask his father and mother to help him. On his way across the living-room he stopped to look up in a Bible those words, "If I had not come." Turning past all the pages of the Old Testament he found that there was no new part. After

Malachi, all the pages were blank; but as he held them up to the light, on each one he could see a faint outline of the words, "If I had not come."

Looking up to the wall where his favorite picture hung—the picture of Jesus surrounded by happy children of the different races, he saw only the frame around those sad words, "If I had not come."

With a sigh Bobby said: "Oh, what a terrible world this is! No Christmas, no churches, no homes for orphan children, no hospitals, no Rescue Missions, no homes for the poor or the old people, no New Testament, no pictures of Jesus—nothing but jails and gambling places and drunkenness and police patrols and sickness and wrong and"

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Just then there came the sound of bells. The chimes were playing. Bobby listened, and sure enough it was his favorite hymn, "Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come!" and he heard his mother's cheery voice saying, "Merry Christmas, Bobby!"

With a joyous bound Bobby was out of bed and, kneeling down, he said: "O Lord Jesus, I thank you that you *did* come; and I'll show you how thankful I am by trying always to be the kind of boy I know



you want me to be. And I'll do my best to help the girls and boys of other lands to know about you too."

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MY CHRISTMAS GIFT

What shall I give my Lord this day
That will bring joy into His heart?
And while I search, I hear Him say,
"Repeat the 'tidings' that impart
The love of God to man."

—SUSAN RAPALIE READ

THERE
IS BORN
TO YOU THIS DAY
IN THE CITY OF DAVID
A SAVIOUR WHO IS
CHRIST THE LORD.

LUKE 2:11

THE VALUE OF A GIFT

" 'Tis not the weight of jewel or plate,
Or the fondle of silk or fur;
'Tis the spirit in which the gift is rich,
As the gifts of the Wise-men were,
And we are not told whose gift was gold,
Or whose was the gift of myrrh."



A CHRISTMAS MENU

Kindness	Grace	Good Cheer
	Conscience Clear	
	Tender Memories	
Peace	Charity, Served with Discretion	Truth
	Love	
	Long Life, Stuffed with Usefulness	
	Heart Unselfish and True	
	(A Large Portion)	
Affection	Kindly Thoughts	Happiness
	Best Wishes for Absent Friends	
	Mizpah	

Bible Sunday

While every Sunday is, or should be, Bible Sunday, we do well to set aside one day in which preachers and teachers and individuals pay special tribute to the divine message which slowly but surely is revolutionizing the world.

*Sunday, December 13, 1942
has been designated as Bible Sunday*

THE BIBLE IN CAMP

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following grateful message from a Japanese Christian minister interned in this country, is given just as it was written by him. He is typical of the kind of Japanese people Christianity produces.)

Internment Camp, Co. 4th
Camp Livingston, La.
Sept. 28, 1942

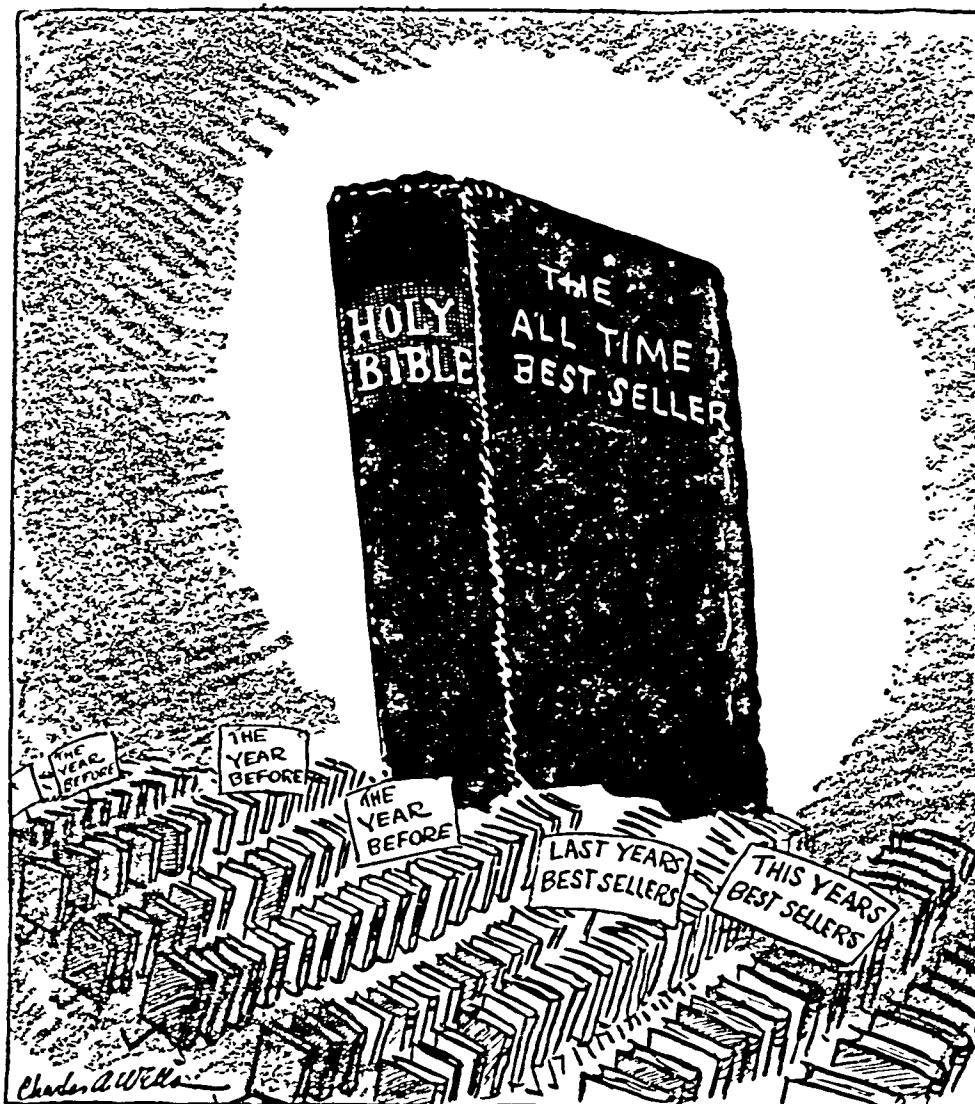
DEAR DR. MADDY:

I am sorry of the undue delay to acknowledge your precious and valuable gift. It was very kindest of you to have sent me that beautifully bound Bible. You have given another opportunity to read through the Bible in Japanese after a long interval of more than a decade. Every morning I sit through

and read one book each at one sitting, and every morning I remember you together with the Word of God.

Our army chaplain has been very kind and distributed to us a small N.T. in English. However, I am very anxious to obtain a whole Bible in English to make some comparative study with the Japanese translation. I have done the similar study between the Greek N.T. and the Japanese translation with a considerable result in understanding. Now you have given me with your gift of the Bible another such fine opportunity to continue my study. You do not know how much I appreciate your kindness and how grateful to you for providing me to be able to continue my study.

Yours always in His service,
M. HILO HIMENO



THIS ABOVE ALL

By CHARLES A. WELLS

The greatest proof that the Bible is the divine word of God is the fact that, from the invention of printing to the present hour, it has always been the best seller among all books in all languages and in all parts of the world. Some years ago Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was compulsory reading in Germany. Everyone was required by law to read it, yet that same year the Bible was still the best seller in Germany. It still is, while "Mein Kampf" has dropped down to a very unimpressive place. So ranks what is considered the most important book of our generation with the Bible. A hundred years from now "Mein Kampf" will be a rather stupid, disjointed political and literary curiosity, and the Bible will still be the best seller. One of America's greatest educators says that any man who knows the Bible thoroughly is well educated. He is more than educated—he is in possession of those divine concepts that give his life beauty, strength and peace as well as wisdom.

CAUSES for 1942 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Missionaries' Salaries.....		\$100,000	
Education of Missionaries' Sons and Daughters (Margaret Fund).....		16,000	
Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial.....		17,450	
(1) Pooi In Bible Training School, Canton, China.....	\$3,000		
(2) Woman's and Girls' Department in North China Baptist Seminary and Bible School, Hwanghsien.....	1,000		
(3) Bible School, Hawaii.....	1,300		
(4) Woman's Bible Training School, Budapest, Hungary.....	2,000		
(5) Current Expenses of Woman's Training School, Rio, Brazil.....	2,500		
(6) Current Expenses of Woman's Training School, Recife, Brazil.....	2,500		
(7) Woman's Training School, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....	1,750		
(8) Woman's Training School, Rosario, Argentina.....	900		
(9) Woman's Training Department of Seminary, Santiago, Chile.....	1,000		
(10) Mexican Woman's Training School, El Paso, Tex.....	1,000		
(11) W.M.U. Training School, Kaifeng, China.....	500		
Mrs. W. C. James Memorial Training School, Bucharest, Rumania.....		4,000	
Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields.....		16,800	
(1) China.....	\$3,000	(6) Italy.....	500
(2) Africa.....	2,800	(7) Mexico.....	500
(3) Argentina-Uruguay.....	2,000	(8) Palestine-Syria.....	2,000
(4) Brazil.....	3,000	(9) Rumania.....	
(5) Chile.....	2,000	(10) Hungary.....	1,000
		(11) Jugoslavia.....	
Whilden-Graves Memorial Mo Kwong Endowment Fund, Canton, China.....		2,000	
Current Expenses, Mo Kwong, Canton, China.....		1,000	
Kwong To Bible School, Sun Hing, China.....		500	
Evangelistic and Woman's Work, Waichow, China.....		500	
Shih Yu Bible Institute, Kaifeng, China (Annie Jenkins Sallee School).....		1,000	
Cantonese Church and School, Shanghai, China.....		4,000	
Kindergarten Work, North China.....		200	
Kindergarten Work, South China.....		1,000	
Girls' School, Abeokuta, Nigeria.....		2,500	
Bible School, Wuchow, China.....		500	
Evangelistic Work by Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, Brazil.....		300	
Operating Expenses of Launch, Amazon River, Brazil.....		300	
Operating Expenses of Two Launches, Nigeria.....		1,100	
Mexican Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Texas.....		3,000	
Emergencies at Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China.....		2,500	
Traveling Expenses, Secretary of Brazilian Home Mission Board.....		600	
Publication and Literature.....		1,800	
Africa.....	\$350	Chile.....	\$700
Argentina-Uruguay.....	350	China.....	400
Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile (Boys' Dormitory, \$5000; Current Expenses of Colegio, \$2000).....		7,000	
Church and Good Will Center, Jerusalem, Palestine.....		2,000	
Good Will Center, Mendoza, Argentina.....		1,000	
Publishing Work, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....		1,000	
Equipment, Baptist Academy and Primary Schools, Lagos, Nigeria.....		1,000	
Housewives' School, Building and Current Expenses, Shaki, Nigeria.....		1,000	
New Site, Grace Church, Shanghai, China.....		4,000	
Church and School Site, Wusih, China.....		5,000	
Expenses for Institute, Curityba, Brazil.....		600	
Mission at Hawaii.....		3,500	
Bible Fund of Publishing House, Rio, Brazil.....		5,000	
Rents and Student Employment Fund, Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....		300	
Seminary Building Project, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....		5,000	
Building, First Baptist Church, Temuco, Chile.....		1,000	
Expenses, Industrial Institute, Corrente, Brazil.....		800	
College Church, Rio, Brazil.....		5,000	
New Mission in West China.....		5,000	
Upkeep Training School Building, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....		250	
Day Schools, All China.....		2,000	
Current Expenses, Seminary, Hwanghsien, China.....		1,000	
Current Expenses, Seminary, Ogbomosho, Nigeria.....		1,500	
TOTAL.....		\$230,000	

NEWS FLASHES

GENE NEWTON

Arrival

On October 11, 1942 Miss Helen McCullough and Miss Clarabel Isdell arrived in Los Angeles from Honolulu. Miss Isdell went immediately to Berkeley, California, where she is studying at the California College in China. Miss McCullough is at her home in Houston, Texas.

Sailing

Rev. and Mrs. Edgar F. Hallock, Jr. and their small daughter, Virginia Ruth sailed from New Orleans, October 16, 1942, for Valparaiso, Chile. They will cross the Andes from Chile to Argentina and go on to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. For many months Mr. and Mrs. Hallock attempted to secure permission to enter Brazil; then they were confronted with the transportation problem. We are thankful that they are on their way and pray that they may be granted a safe journey.

Sympathy

Rev. T. F. McCrea, emeritus missionary to China, died of pneumonia October 12, 1942, in Ventura, California. Mr. McCrea was born in Natchez, Mississippi, July 1, 1877. He received the A.B. degree from Mississippi College and studied at the Rochester Theological Seminary. In June, 1896, Mr. McCrea married Miss Jessie Read and on April 20, 1904 they were appointed to foreign missionary service. For twenty-one years Mr. and Mrs. McCrea served in Chinkiang, Tengchow, and Chefoo, China. In 1925 ill health forced them to give up their work in China and they returned to the United States, making their home in California. On November 14, 1941, Mr. McCrea's life was saddened by the passing of his wife. Many friends in China and America feel a distinct loss in the passing of Mr. McCrea.



Virginia Ruth Hallock, lovely little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar F. Hallock—Southern Baptists' recently appointed missionaries to Valparaiso, Chile

Illness

Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, recently returned from China, has been in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for an emergency operation. She responded to the operation in a satisfactory way and we trust that she will be fully recovered when comes from the press.

Board Meeting

The Foreign Mission Board met in semi-annual session on October 13, 1942, in Richmond. This occasion marked the tenth anniversary of the election of Mr. L. Howard Jenkins as president of the Board and Dr. Charles E. Maddry as executive secretary. The meeting was of marked completeness, perhaps due to the fact that it was the first meeting at which all three of the regional secretaries and the executive secretary were present. Following the meeting, the Board members and visitors were guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Adams and the First Baptist Church of Richmond at a luncheon in honor of Mr. Jenkins and Dr. Maddry.

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A WELCOME GIFT

The Foreign Mission Board acknowledges, with genuine appreciation, the gift of a Japanese Bible donated by Mrs. Ella Shipman Bowry of West Point, Virginia. The Bible was the one owned and used by Southern Baptists' pioneer missionary to Japan, Rev. Nathan Maynard, and given by him to his beloved friend, C. B. Bowry (now deceased). This volume is a valuable addition to the Board's collection of treasured possessions of its pioneer missionaries, and will be displayed from time to time at conventions.

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"We must study geography until there is for us no foreign land; we must study humanity until there is for us no foreign man."

—BISHOP McDOWELL

The Commission

WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

January 1, 1942 to November 1, 1942

CHARLES E. MADDRY

RECEIPTS

Total receipts from States.....	\$423,636.82
Special unpaid items received prior to 1942 for relief in Europe added to above fund.....	13.25
Special unpaid items received prior to 1942 for a student in Japan redesignated by the donor for China Relief.....	15.00
TOTAL AMOUNT TO ACCOUNT FOR.....	\$423,661.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Expenses incident to promoting Relief Campaign.....	\$ 6,617.50
Cable charges, cost of cabling relief funds and cost of special Bulletins concerning Missionaries in China.....	1,466.52
Purchase of Bibles and Testaments as follows:	
Latin America.....	\$7,000.00
Japanese.....	31.40
Russian prisoners and the Balkan States.....	8,730.34
	15,761.74
Hawaiian Relief.....	2,309.81
Philippine Relief—(part of \$400.00 cabled to Rev. Earl Parker).....	246.56
British Mission Relief.....	6,085.80
Refugee Children in England and France.....	6,000.00
Relief of Protestant Pastors in Europe.....	1,000.00
Christian Refugee Aid in Geneva.....	1,000.00
Greek Relief—(Through International Missionary Council).....	2,500.00
Relief of Greek and other children in Switzerland.....	2,000.00
Relief work in Spain—(Through Friends Service Committee).....	1,000.00
Relief work in Russia—(Through Baptist World Alliance).....	500.00
Orphaned Missions Fund (Through International Missionary Council).....	1,000.00
Traveling expenses of Dr. Charles A. Leonard to China to serve as administrator of Relief Funds.....	1,200.00
Chinese Relief.....	68,585.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$117,272.93
BALANCE ON HAND AT NOVEMBER 1, 1942.....	\$306,392.14

NOTE:

Aside from the above payments we have cabled to Dr. Robert E. Beddoe \$15,000.00 from the 1941 China Relief Fund and paid \$1,200.00 from the same fund for the Herman C. E. Liu Memorial Orphanage.

The above statement does not include gifts of more than \$15,000.00 which were sent direct to Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Georgia for the purchase of Bibles for Russian prisoners in Germany.

Our Missionaries' Birthdays

DECEMBER

A MISSIONARY'S FORGET-ME-NOT

When you think of me
Lift your heart in prayer;
For in sympathy
You my toils may share

While my relieved heart
Shall pursue its way
And my joy in part
Shall be yours some day.

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8 Rev. R. E. Pettigrew,* Humboldt, Tennessee
9 Louelle H. Beddoe (Mrs. R. E.), Wuchow, China
9 Rev. T. B. Hawkins, Tupongato 1365, Rosario, Argentina
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9 Janet G. Ray (Mrs. Rex),* Box 257, Bonham, Texas
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15 Emma Doyle Brantley (Mrs. M. E.), Sapele, Nigeria, West Africa
15 Miss Sallie Moss James, Philippine Islands
16 Frances D. Tumblin (Mrs. J. A.), Caixa 111, Natal, Brazil
17 Rev. Z. Paul Freeman, General Paz 1410, Tucuman, Argentina
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28 Mary Brown Brittain (Mrs. M. C.),* State Sanatorium, Orlando, Florida
28 Sarah McCaw Goldfinch (Mrs. S. L.), Amorim 163, Salto, Uruguay
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30 Miss Eva M. Sanders,* 609 Marshall Ave., Roanoke, Va.
30 Mary Long Ware (Mrs. J. H.),* 543 Jefferson St., Tupelo, Miss.
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JULY 1, 1942

	Active Pastors in State (Estimated)	Certificate Issued to 7-10-42	% Enlisted	CHURCHES		
				Churches Listed in State	Churches in Plan	% Enlisted
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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37% of all the churches enlisted.

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