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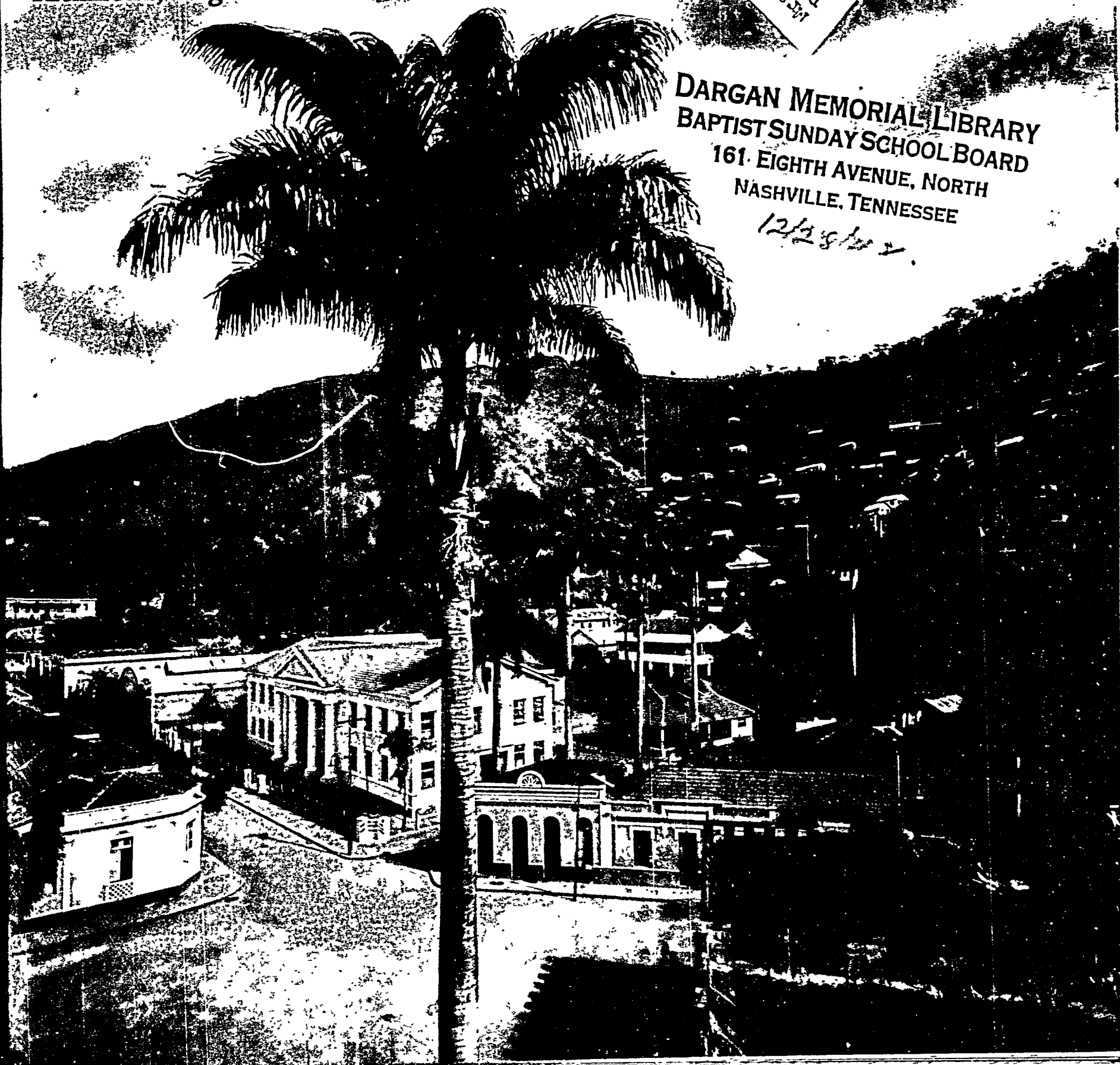
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The Baptist College in Victoria, Brazil

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# **“LOVE, NOT HATE”**

*Pat M. Neff\**

## **A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE**

*from*

*The President of the Southern Baptist Convention*

*If there is an “inner circle” in our denominational work, it must be those who subscribe to our mission magazines, and those who have answered the call to witness in our mission fields at home and beyond the seas. So it is to you who love the mission causes at home and abroad that I send greetings through the pages of THE COMMISSION, our Baptist World Journal.*

*Several months ago our Foreign Mission Board secretary, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, wrote an article entitled, “Munitions or Missions.” It was published before our country entered actively into the war, but his article was a forerunner of what we are now facing.*

*Since the writing of that article, war has been declared and our country is spending millions for munitions. This is now a necessity on our part, but even in the midst of war, we are not to forget that MISSIONS IS STILL OUR MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY, and we fight primarily that we may establish a Christlike world of love and not hate. If missionaries and the brotherly spirit were needed before this war began, how much greater will be the need when it is over! Even now we understand that our great ally, China, is more responsive to the Christian message than ever before, and it is not idle thinking to believe that when the flag of peace floats once more over a war-tired world, scores of other doors will open, and a new day for the spreading of the gospel of the brotherhood of man will dawn. For that day and hour Southern Baptists must begin to pray and prepare now.*

*My message to you who love the cause of missions around the world is a simple one: keep the fires kindled, the light burning, and the spiritual highways open, that God's Word of love may go forth for the healing of the nations.*

*In the midst of war, let us pray for peace. In the midst of darkness, let us hold fast to our faith in the ultimate purpose of God to establish a world in which man recognizes himself as his brother's keeper. In the midst of death, let us remember that the Christian message is a message of abundant life, and that the world today needs a new evaluation of man and his mission. Though war is our portion in this hour, let no hate toward mankind take root in our hearts. Whatever our duty is, let us do it, looking toward the day when*

**“Love not hate will have a rebirth,  
When Christ not Cain will rule the earth.”**



*Dr. Pat M. Neff*

\*Dr. Neff, the honored president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is president of the great educational institution, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

## *The Gate of the Year*

*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

*And he replied:*

*"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."*

*M. Louise Haskins*

## *The Peace of God*

*"The Peace of God*

*which passeth  
all  
understanding"  
keeps  
their hearts  
and minds  
through  
Christ Jesus.*



*"There is an*

*inward  
peace  
whose  
story  
is writ  
clear on  
every  
feature."*

*Two earnest Christians of the Orient  
whose serene faces testify to the effectiveness of the foreign missionary  
enterprise through which they learned to put their hand into the hand of God.*

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*He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.  
Psalm 112:7*

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## South America Calling

EVERETT GILL, JR., *Secretary for Latin America*

After long centuries of waiting, North America has finally rediscovered its South American neighbor. While there have been noble souls through the years who have pleaded for collaboration and mutual understanding, it required the terrific pressure of a second World War and the absolute necessity of hemisphere defense to make us realize how much we needed the friendship of our Central and South American neighbors. Famed Simon Bolivar, brilliant and courageous general, liberator of five South American republics, first pleaded for Pan-Americanism; but it was not until 1889 that the Pan-American Union was born, and not until recent years that we have been able to convince South Americans of our sincerity. The sordid days of our "dollar diplomacy" have been displaced by what we believe to be an honest effort in good neighbor negotiation.

### PROPAGANDA

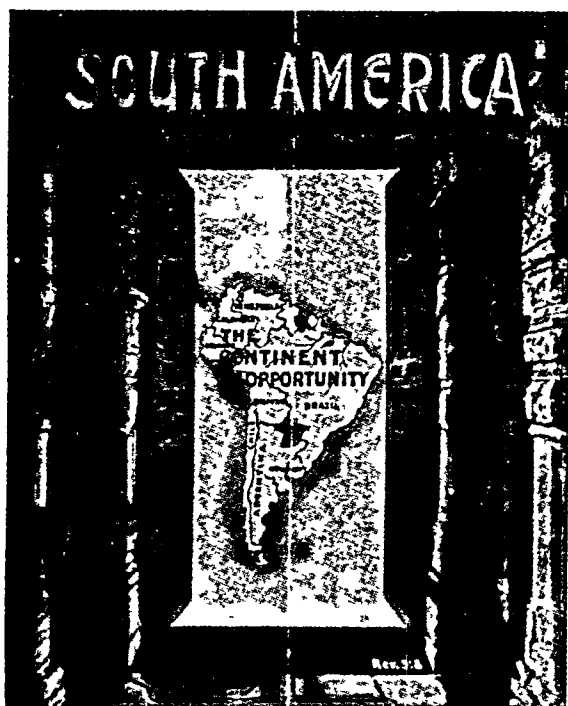
There is insidious propaganda abroad, instigated as everyone knows, by the Vatican, to charge North American missionaries with undermining the Good Neighbor Policy of our nation. Newspapers and popular magazines have added their influence to this campaign, forgetting that they are undermining the fourth freedom—the freedom of religion.

The early liberators of those nations found no ally in the hierarchy who tried to block the progress of freedom. Don Pedro II of Brazil encouraged the importation of Bibles, and countless other government officials recognize the value of the work which has been done through the years. The nations pride themselves on the fact that they guarantee religious freedom. All we ask is for the same privilege our Government has granted to Roman Catholics, a minority group in the United States.

For a century, unselfish representatives of North American mission boards have given their lives, their talents, and their means to help their South American neighbors in education, in sanitation, in social service, but above all, in presenting to them the Christ whose image is in a thousand shrines, whose name is on many lips, but who is not known in the hearts of millions. The results of our work justify our continuing with even greater vigor. It is flood tide in Brazil. The missionaries of our boards, instead of undermining the Good Neighbor Policy, have done more to promote it than have all other agencies put together. They go out, not to preach themselves, their own theories, or to represent North American culture, or politics, or business interests, but simply to proclaim the pure gospel of Christ, to build schools, colleges, seminaries, churches, loyally supporting the governments where they reside, making better citizens.

### GOOD NEIGHBORS

As I stepped off the train in Jaguaquara (Jaguar's Lair), in the interior of the northern state of Bahia, I was greeted by a school band, and the singing of hundreds of students who seemed to fill the station platform. People leaned out of the windows to discover the meaning of all this commotion. It was the student body of our Baptist school, led by their brilliant young president. Brazil having just declared war on the Axis was now our ally, so they carried Old Glory and the beautiful Brazilian flag side by side. As I was led into the center of the group, within the hearing of everyone the Brazilian president spoke of the friendship of our two nations, of what we had meant to them through the years, of our contribution to the education of Brazilian youth, but pre-eminently of the blessing which had



*The Open Door*





*Entrance to Zenda Valley, near San Juan, Argentina*

come to them in the knowledge of Christ, whom they had never before known as a personal Lord and Saviour. They sang the stirring Brazilian national anthem. They gave cheers for the United States of America and the United States of Brazil. I wished fervently that representatives of our Washington Government might have been there to see how our mission work is "undermining the Good Neighbor Policy!"

That night I preached to a packed house and heard those same bright-faced pupils sing, trained by the president's gifted wife. Haltingly I read my introduction in Portuguese, reminding them of the ties that bind our hearts: we are all Americans; all of us believe in freedom; all of us are now allies in a common world struggle; all of us, I trust, are followers of Jesus Christ—One is our Master, and we are all brothers. I tried earnestly to tell them that through the years, we had been coming to their country not because we were better than they, for there are things in North American life which I hope they never have; not to represent our Government or business; but solely to share with them our Saviour and His love, and to co-operate with their loyal Brazilian leaders and churches.



*Salto de Laja—the Chilean Niagara*

## THE OPEN DOOR

Similar scenes can be repeated in all parts of South America. We have built solidly and well. Talking with Mrs. W. B. Bagby, widow of our first missionary to South America in 1881; thinking of all that my eyes had seen, my ears had heard, and my heart had felt through those long, strenuous, glorious months with our missionaries and South American fellow-Baptists; recalling the terrific opposition of those early days, of the schools and colleges and seminaries, and churches, of new work opened in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, and now Colombia; considering the over 800 churches and eighty schools, colleges, seminaries, the 170 missionaries and nearly 500 national workers, the tens



*Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

of thousands of converts, the growing churches, the Christian influences and impact on those lands in these two brief generations, I could only exclaim over and over again: "What hath God wrought!"

Other doors are closed; here is our immediate opportunity to reinforce, to enlarge, to enter unoccupied fields, to be restless until every nation, state, city, and village has heard the glorious gospel.

O, voice of God, we hear  
Thee  
Above the shocks of  
time;  
Thine echoes roll around  
us, and  
The message is sub-  
lime.  
No power of man can  
thwart us;  
No stronghold shall  
dismay,  
When God commands  
obedience,  
And love has led the  
way.



*Dr. Everett Gill, Jr.*

*The Commission*



*The Yaba church congregation—Mr. and Mrs. Adair in center of group*

## A Promise Fulfilled

J. B. ADAIR\*



*Mr. Adair with the King*

A few weeks ago, Ajalorun, the King of Ijebu Ife, died at the age of seventy-five. (He was the king who had so earnestly begged Dr. Charles E. Maddry to send a missionary to his people and establish a Christian school among them.) I was in the village on two occasions while visiting the schools and the church of the great Ijebu Ife district. My first visit was made to the king's compound shortly after my arrival in Nigeria. I was asked immediately by the king if I had come to be a messenger to his people. He said, "Dr. Maddry promised us a missionary while he was in

Nigeria. We have waited almost three years for the missionary to arrive." We assured him that his village and his people had not been forgotten and that soon they would have their own missionary. Before we left, he gave us a letter addressed to Dr. Maddry.

Six months later, Mrs. Adair and I returned to the village for the Easter service and the dedication of a new school building. We were delighted to find a government rest-home in which we could stay. Soon after we put up our camp cots and had a cool drink of water, the headmaster of the school came to escort us to the "palace" of the king. After he had greeted us, he asked if we had come to live in his village. I explained to him that I was the only

missionary to work in the great Lagos district, and that I could be in his village only a few days.

After attending a prayer service in the village that night, we were ready for some food and a rest. Our rest was not very peaceful with rats running over the floor, big lizards overhead, and mosquitoes under our mosquito nets. I think that we were as elated as the people over the big day that was planned for Sunday. The king was to attend! I learned that this was his second appearance in the church this year, as he only attends at Easter, Christmas, and for the harvest service.

Sunday we drove to the king's compound to take him to the morning service. All of the wives, children, and goats were out to salute us, but the king was inside being dressed by two of his favorite wives and three servants. We were asked into the "parlor" to wait for the king. A servant came into the room to fan us with a "raw-hide" fan, and upon inquiry, he explained to us all of the king's heirlooms.

I preached to more than four hundred people. Heathen were crowded around the windows and doors for the curiosity of seeing the white missionaries. I felt led to preach on "The Resurrection and the Hope of Eternal Life." We prayed especially that morning for this great chief, that he might accept the way of salvation.

In the afternoon, we attended the school dedication from 2:00 P.M. until 5:30 P.M. Again I had an opportunity to witness for our Lord to a mass of people, estimated to be more than a thousand. When we left the village, the king pleaded for his last time for a missionary, for he died shortly after.

We were filled with joy and gratitude when we heard that a couple had been appointed for this village and district. The king did not hear this news, but his people shall hear and rejoice and cry, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

\*Rev. J. B. Adair who went to Africa in May, 1941, is already doing a great work. With his headquarters in Lagos, Mr. Adair does evangelistic work throughout that entire section of Nigeria.

# Kingdom Facts and Factors

W. O. CARVER  
*Professor of Missions*  
*Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*

## MR. WILLKIE MAKES AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY

In his report to the American people Mr. Wendell Willkie created something of a sensation and, in the minds of many who have spoken, lifted himself into first rank as a world statesman and prophet of humanity. I am not at all concerned here to express assent or dissent as to this.

I was greatly interested in seeing that, in this extraordinary tour of his, he discovered Christian missions. He did not tell interested and intelligent Christians anything which they did not know. We are not concerned to have political endorsements of the work of Jesus Christ. However, it is most encouraging when a man of Mr. Willkie's type and position in the life of the world is led to place the welfare of mankind above all sectional and national ambitions and programs, and to challenge a great nation to subordinate its smaller loyalties and interests and concern itself with the entire human race. And now for the point of this paragraph. Mr. Willkie testified in that notable address that the most powerful and effective influence looking toward a "good neighbor policy" for the world has been and is Christian missions. Apparently this was for him a fresh and very great discovery. His testimony to this will have reached millions who would not hear it, or would fail to give heed to it, if it came from a missionary statesman, as it has been coming for a century. It is to be hoped that many who heard his address and many who will read it will get this point and take it much to heart. The only hope that the idealism of the after-war professions and programs will find expression in international practice lies in the Christian message. This message must be made a conviction of national and international statesmen if there is to be any hope of an enduring peace when this war is done. Meantime Christians are called upon to maintain and greatly to enlarge their programs.

## GROUP STEWARDSHIP

The principle of stewardship is one of the major emphases of the entire Bible, all the way from the original commission to Adam, and the tragic incident of Cain and Abel, all the way to the interpretation of "the manifold stewardship of the grace of God" which is at the heart of the New Testament. In the call of Abraham and in the message of Jehovah to the Hebrews at Sinai this stewardship principle defi-

nitely looks to its expression in group functioning. Like every other principle of religion it must first be received and expressed in the individual. But individuals become effective most largely in groups. We live in groups. So, it was not in Abraham alone but in his seed that "all the families of the earth are to be blessed." Neither was it in Moses and Aaron alone, but in all the children of Israel that God would carry forward his business of claiming "all the earth." Nor was it through all the Israelites as separate individuals but through their corporate life that the Spirit of God would impress and attract all the peoples. They were to be a priestly nation in the midst of all the other nations, to lead them all to the worship of God.

This principle lies at the center of every stage of the Scripture revelation. Thus the whole body of Christians have a group responsibility in the midst of all the non-Christian peoples of the world. All the churches have a group responsibility for all the world in the name of our Redeemer in Christ.

The principle of group stewardship applies to nations, to societies, to institutions of all grades and classes. Think of the stewardship of Great Britain for the British Empire, and the stewardship of the British Empire for all the people within it and for all the world lying beyond it. Think of the stewardship of America. Here, for the first time in human history, the principle of democracy had opportunity to grow into large corporate expression. This opportunity came to America in the providence of God. He had a purpose in it. That purpose places upon the American people and nation a stewardship responsibility for the idea of democracy and for its expression in all the world—a responsibility which we have little realized and even less have put into practice. The time has come in human history when America must meet the obligations of this stewardship or have it taken away from her.

In America, for the first time in the history of Christianity, the principle of voluntary individualism and of autonomy and independence in church organization and practice gained full freedom and a high measure of realization. Not all of the Christian churches in America have realized this opportunity and have accepted this responsibility. Baptists had a long struggle to win recognition and freedom for this principle. Other groups have adopted it in part. It is a heritage of God given to American Chris-

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## Recent Appointees



*Thomas L. Neely*

I was born September 11, 1915, in Greenville, South Carolina, the first of nine children. My parents were devout Christians and had a great zeal for missions.

At the age of eight I surrendered my life to Jesus and began, soon thereafter, to feel the call of missions. When I finished high school I definitely yielded to this call. I graduated from North Greenville Junior College in 1936, and from Wofford College in 1938.

The following autumn I entered Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, and soon after was called to two country churches in Clay County—Deer Creek and Jolly. I served these two churches until graduation in 1941.

During my years at Southwestern I came to know Harry and Dorothy Schweinsberg. Together we prayed for world missions and especially for South America. Our eyes were turned toward Colombia, and I longed to go there.

After graduation from the Seminary, I returned to my native state to become pastor of the Holly Springs Baptist Church in Spartanburg County. In August, 1941, I married Carolyn Switzer whom I had known for five years. Together we worked in this field until our appointment to Colombia.

We rejoice, for it is an answer to prayer, to go and join Mr. and Mrs. Schweinsberg in Colombia in their efforts to give the Saviour to the people of this new field of Southern Baptist endeavor.

On February 13, 1920, I was born into the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Switzer, Roebuck, South Carolina. It was here that I grew up and in 1937 graduated from Roebuck High School.

It has been a privilege for me to live in the home of Christian parents, both of whom have always been active church workers.



*Carolyn Switzer Neely*

At the age of thirteen, during a revival meeting in Bethlehem Baptist Church, I accepted Jesus as my Saviour. I was baptized the next Sunday. During the years before my graduation from high school, I was active in Sunday school, Y.W.A., and B.T.U. work.

I entered Lander College of Greenwood, South Carolina, in the fall of 1937, and graduated from there June 2, 1941. I took part in college athletics, B.S.U., French, and Mathematics clubs. In the summers I helped with daily vacation Bible schools.

On August 8, 1941, I married Tom Neely whom I had known for five years. He graduated from Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, in May, and accepted the call to Holly Springs Baptist Church near Inman, South Carolina, in June of last year. It has been a grand year of work and experience and we love the people.

Before our marriage, I knew of the mission call of my husband so we have made it a definite matter of prayer in our lives and in our home.

On April 22, 1942, we were appointed to the virgin field of Colombia, South America. We ask the prayers of Southern Baptists as we take up our work.

### *He Chose the Cross*

"What is the use?"

While war and bloodshed still are rife;  
So many nations in the strife;  
Why risk the missionary's life?  
But—Jesus chose the cross.

"What is the use?"

Great hospitals and schools are closed,  
Our Christian principles opposed,  
Black hate and treachery exposed.  
But—Jesus chose the cross.

"What is the use?"

The Church at home has lost its zest  
For missions. Rather is our quest  
For soothing thoughts, for peace and rest.  
But—Jesus chose the cross.

Shame! "What is the use?"

Millions there are who need my Lord.  
There still are those who heed Thy Word.  
I'll follow where you lead, my Lord.  
Lead on—Christ of the Cross.

—Emma R. Barnard.

# Carey's India And Ours

J. B. McLaurin\*



Dr. J. B. McLaurin

The period since Carey set foot in India in the year 1792 has witnessed a mighty transformation in that land. With the advent of the gospel India awakened, and the succeeding 150 years have seen more change in that vast sub-continent than had the whole of her previous history. This transformation has been not merely physical, though the introduction of machine civilization has been startling enough; and not only political, though the growth of self-government has been noteworthy. The greatest upheaval has been spiritual and moral. The emancipation of woman, the rights of the child, the spread of freedom and unity, the rapid growth of the Christian church—these are the significant factors in the change. We may with profit consider those directions in which William Carey's influence is felt today.

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\*Dr. McLaurin belongs to a prominent missionary family, his parents, his sister and himself all having served as ambassadors for Christ in India. Upon the urgent request of the Baptists of Canada, Dr. McLaurin became the general secretary of the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board—a position which he is filling in a magnificent way.

1. *Indian self-respect.* The growth of true manhood, of conscious readiness for self-direction. When Carey came to India this sense of self-sufficiency was lacking. The history of India for millennia had been one of invasion and the consequent subjections and slow assimilation of the conquerors, a process partially completed in time for the next cataclysm. In his massive preparations for the translation of the Bible into the Indian tongue, Carey unlocked for India the treasures of her own literary heritage. He prepared a comparative grammar of Sanskrit, Bengali and English, and then a comparative dictionary in the three tongues. Only then did he proceed to the work of translation.

The new sense of manhood was prophesied also in the initiative and daring displayed by the first converts. These were men of a caste that wore the sacred thread over the shoulder. Though the missionaries regarded this as a symbol of the old discarded religion, they decided not to insist on its removal before baptism. Later they had their reward. The new Christians came voluntarily and gave the sacred threads to their teachers to be disposed of as they wished, saying that they had come to the conclusion that wearing them was inconsistent with their loyalty to Christ. Both baptism and forsaking the thread were acts of great courage and principle.

The harvest of this sowing is manifest today in a new national life and love of freedom, the natural outcome of the gospel. It was in 1909 that the new upsurge of power was felt in Turkey, in India, and through East Asia. In 1919 came the great constitutional reforms by which representative government was introduced in India, and in 1935 was passed the Government of India Act, setting up Home Rule in the provinces and providing for a central federal government, including the ruling princes. Then came the storm of the World War, ushered in by India's disappointment that war was declared for India in London and not by themselves; we now have a period of tension, with India giving at the same time a picture of eagerness to fight shoulder to shoulder with Britain and the other free peoples for the world's liberty, and of political and social unrest. But beneath it all is the rising tide of India's coming to manhood, the gift of the Saviour whom Carey so effectively brought to India.

2. *Disunity* has been the immemorial weakness of India, and in Carey's time she was crossed and



Indian shoe market



Meeting of "Untouchables" in India

sundered by many walls of division. Religion, race, circumstance, caste, all these kept the people divided and impotent. It is easy to see how Carey's message of oneness in Christ was a charter of hope and salvation to that land. An incident which happened in Serampore in 1801 beautifully illustrates this fact. Carey had finished the colossal task of translating the Bible into the Bengali tongue, the language of the intelligentsia of India; not only so, but he had manufactured the paper, cast and engraved the Bengali type, printed and bound that first edition, all of this for the first time in Indian history. Then, when the tiny group of believers, English and Indian, gathered around the Lord's table in the worshipful and beautiful chapel that he had built, he went to the front and laid on the communion table the first Bible in an Indian tongue. It was a fitting gesture, for into that offering Carey had poured his time, his boundless perseverance, his massive intellectual power, his very life. Round about was gathered a church of the living God, the beginning and hope of unity in India.

The achievement is not complete, though we, in witnessing to Carey's Christ and in building up the Christian church, are laying the only possible foundation for that unity.

Sir Stafford Cripps' mission to India will not have been altogether a failure, if it shows that the solution of the problem of India is not so simple as some

have imagined it to be. Freedom cannot be handed to any people; it is from within, a gift of God in Christ. Autonomy cannot be handed to a sub-continent where a substantial minority are determined to have none of it. Sir Stafford Cripps' offer of a very real self-rule was rejected by every considerable body of opinion in India, but by each for different and often contradictory reasons. Division, the immemorial weakness of India, still dogs her footsteps. We must heed the challenge of Carey's 150th Anniversary and complete the work

that he began, for in Christ and in Him alone will India find that unity which will make her truly free.

3. *The Spirit of Reform.* The desire to do away with injustice and greed, to free the slave and lift the fallen, is growing rapidly in the India of today. The Congress Governments that were elected in eight of the provinces in 1937, and which resigned as a protest against the declaration of war by Britain in 1938, involving India without her consent, were very eager for social reform of every kind. Prohibition of alcohol as a beverage, land tenure, the status of women, were only a few of the fields in which advances were made.

The path along which India has come in this regard leads straight from Carey. One of the most dramatic moments in his life was when he vowed warfare to the death on *Sati* (*Suttee*) the degrading and cruel custom by which a widow was cremated on her dead husband's funeral pyre. Carey was walking one evening along the banks of the Hoogli River when he came on such a scene. The widow, drugged and wild-eyed, was led around the pile of wood, then on to it and told to lie down by the dead body. Both living and dead were covered with leaves, and bamboos laid across to subdue any struggling. Music arose to drown any shrieks, and the torch was applied. Carey there and then devoted himself to stamping out this hellish wickedness. He fired with his own flaming protest the soul of a great Indian patriot, Ram Mohun Roy, and in a few years *Sati* was outlawed in British India and virtually stamped out.

The road to



Dr. Hilda Lazarus, Superintendent Government Hospital, Madras, India



Indian laborer

justice and mercy in the communal life of India is today being widened, and trodden by increasing numbers of India's sons and daughters. It is a privilege and joy to co-operate with them as they work and plan for the new and better India. It is ours, too, to lead them to the Saviour and Lord.

Carey's epitaph, chosen by himself, stands on a small stone by the Hoogli banks. It runs:

"A guilty, lost and helpless worm,  
On Thy kind arms I fall."

When we think of that might of learning, that business ability, that prophetic fire, that far vision and capacity for endless toil, we despair of ever matching his achievement. But when we realize that it all flowed from and was empowered by his utter dependence on his Lord, we realize that the same Spirit can make us great to dare and do, that the seed sown by pioneers long ago, may go on to its destined harvest for the glory of His name, that Christ's kingdom may come and His will be done on earth.

## Making Progress in Minas

MINNIE D. McILROY\*

It was my privilege to share their "great day" with the Baptist people of Minas, Uruguay, when the doors of their lovely new temple were opened formally for the preaching of the gospel. Perhaps only the *creyentes* (believers) realized how momentous was the occasion, but the city itself took note that something unusual was happening.

In faraway Montevideo, a special bus-load (some forty persons) of jolly Baptists started at nine o'clock, stopping on the way for a picnic lunch in order to be on hand for the inaugural service at 1:30 P.M. (The early hour of the meeting enabled all to return to their respective churches for the evening services.) Just after us, two other delegations arrived—seventeen from Pando and Empalme Olmos (small church and preaching point ministered to by Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Orrick); and twelve from Aigua, the active annex (that is the name given to mission stations in these countries) of the Minas church.

The visitors who had known the difficult beginnings (Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Quarles began the work, and in later years it was attended by Missionary Orrick and his wife) could but rejoice in this manifestation of the Lord's approval and say with Paul: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

Very impressive was the ceremony of inauguration. Missionary Orrick received the keys from the constructor, and in turn gave them over to Pastor Adolf Marinelli, who spoke eloquently on the Bible, our guide, very impressively inviting one and all to enter. No matter the rank, race or color, this door of opportunity was open to all. A splendidly trained chorus of children led the way into the building,

carrying their beautiful Uruguayan flag. Their several musical numbers (faithfully prepared by the consecrated wife of the pastor) furnished the greater part of the program. Joyous song was also expressed in Psalm ninety-six. Missionary Orrick's splendid evangelistic sermon invited all to follow Jesus, and Missionary Quarles' closing prayer formally dedicated the building to its glorious task. A beautiful note of gratitude was sounded throughout the ceremony; gratitude to God for blessings received; gratitude for the great heart of Mrs. Catherine Alexander, whose contribution made that dream come true; gratitude to other friends for interest and support.

My second visit to Minas was even more pleasant. This time it was not only to share their joy in their long-dreamed-of, long-prayed-for temple, but also to see how their new house of prayer was already fulfilling its mission. Many friends were being won by the gospel, and God's man who had worked and prayed for that hour, continued to give out the bread of life through eloquent preaching of the Word. In the garden he had begun, people, almost unknown, showed their interest by bringing plants and flowers, thereby presenting numerous opportunities for the distribution of New Testaments, Gospels, and tracts.

The object of my second visit was to share the study of the life and labors of that great missionary William Carey, with an enthusiastic class of women (some boys and girls also came). And too, I had the privilege of seeing the active annex at Aigua, where some day there will be a flourishing church.

Adolf Marinelli is a worthy son of his father, Louis Marinelli (our consecrated colporteur), and because he and his wife had the ability to work and pray, and wait, even when the way was hardest and the salary a mere pittance, they are now privileged to witness the opening of great doors of opportunity for the extension of the gospel.

\*Miss McIlroy is one of Southern Baptists' able missionaries to Argentina. With headquarters in Buenos Aires, Miss McIlroy travels far and wide in the interest of mission work.



## His Crowning Work

CHARLES E. MADDY

Missionary George H. Lacy of Mexico was appointed in 1903, and has served thirty-nine years in our neighbor republic to the south. At the age of seventy, he was placed on the emeritus list, but he went right on with his work of finding and training native leaders. He is still in vigorous health and is doing the crowning work of his life. We present, in this issue of *THE COMMISSION*, the picture of Brother Lacy's preacher school. He writes as follows:

"I am enclosing a picture of some of our students in the Bible Training School that I have the privilege of directing. Most of them are of Indian descent. They are fair representatives of the men we are trying to prepare for work among the millions of neglected Indian population in this southern extreme part of Mexico. Our school is in the very center of this Indian population. I seldom see an American, unless it be sometimes a tourist. The National Baptist Convention, Mexican, is the only body of Baptists operating in this portion of Mexico.

Our men are supported by no foreign board. Hence our means of support are very limited. I am now seventy-three, but in fine health, and doing full work."

*Veteran Missionary*

*George H. Lacy, Christian  
ambassador to Mexico since  
1903*

Mr. Lacy writes: "We are moving along very well. Our problem materially is the high price of living just now. Many things are nearly double



what they were last year. But we do not hesitate. Our faith in God will keep the work going. In the state of Chiapas, which borders on Guatemala, our work is greatly revived. Six years ago I organized a fine church in that state and now from that we have five churches and some missions about ready to be formed into churches. The principal part of the work in that state is done through voluntary workers. I manage to get some funds to help some of them but our needs greatly outweigh the gifts which come to us."





# The Hope of Hawaii

MAUDE BURKE DOZIER\*

How I wish that I could tell you what the past year has brought to us.

The Bible School opened on Monday, September 21, and we have fourteen or fifteen students. Just a few minutes ago a lovely Japanese girl who graduated from Seinan Jo Gakuin in Kokura, Japan, and later from McKinley High School here, called me over the telephone and said she would be here as a full-time student tomorrow.

This morning at church I called her aside and talked to her about training for Christian service here, or maybe to go back to Japan as a missionary. She went home and talked to her family and called me tonight. God works in wonderful ways. Our faculty are delighted over the decision of such a fine young woman.

Our oldest student is about sixty—registered in the Greek class. Our youngest is over twenty. About sixty friends came to the school opening on Tuesday. People are beginning to learn that Baptists have come here to make a real contribution. We greatly rejoice over a most decided change of attitude toward Baptist work.

You will be happy to learn that one hundred and eighty-five were enrolled in Sunday school this morning at Olivet. And almost every seat in the English and Japanese (language) departments was filled at church service.

Last Sunday our hearts were made glad in a baptismal service where twenty-three were baptized. An army chaplain baptized one, a navy chaplain baptized one of his boys, then followed Rev. Victor Koon with a group from Olivet. Rev. J. D. Belote led a number of young people from Wahiawa into the baptismal waters; then Rev. Edwin Dozier followed by baptizing one lady from Wahiawa, and a young man and woman from Olivet Japanese (language) division. The latter's ceremony was in Japanese language. Many people said it was one of the most meaningful services they had ever attended. One of our fine army chaplains was present (a Louisville Seminary graduate, by the way); and he said, "I sat there (in the Christian church) and thought it was a most beautiful and impressive service, but when Edwin brought his candidates down into the water and spoke in the Japanese language it broke me up. I wept. Just think Japan and Amer-

ica are at war, and through Christ Jesus we today could witness such a service as this."

You will want to know how the work is going in the Japanese language group. The year of making contacts has been one of the busiest of our lives, but as we look back, we know God has been at work.

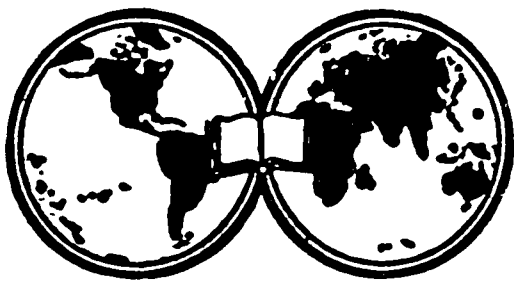
The first Japanese convert was in the Wahiawa church. When we first went out there every week this woman was sometimes our only listener at the service. She came to every meeting except one during the year (that absence was caused by sickness). In May, this ardent Buddhist became a loyal follower of the Lord Jesus. She said, "When I buried the ashes of my child in the cemetery, I buried my Buddhist faith. I cut all connections between me and Buddhism." She was baptized a week ago. She has been bringing many of her friends to church. The little meetings at Wahiawa now have an attendance of fourteen to twenty-four each time. Another lady desires to be baptized, but her family oppose.

A little more than a month ago we were able to win a man for the Lord Jesus just a few hours before he died. He asked for a Christian funeral for he wanted every one to know he had gone to his Father's home. That funeral made it possible for Mr. Dozier to preach to about two hundred people, most of whom had never heard the gospel before.

The little group of Japanese here at Olivet has grown from three or four adults to twenty-five. Most of this number come every Sunday. Two were baptized last Sunday. We have tried to do a great deal of visiting. Some have doubtless questioned our purpose, especially at such a time as this; but we feel that there are many now who know why we have come and welcome us into their homes. We pray that it will not be long before we can welcome them into our church. Several substantial Japanese business men are now coming. Three of them recently gave twenty-five dollars each, as a thank-offering for our work among the Japanese people. I rejoice that eighteen women at one time, and twenty-three at another, have come here to the Bible School. At both times we explained the gospel to them. Before the morning worship I have from nine to fourteen in Bible study every Sunday.

We believe that God is going to raise up to Himself a strong group of Japanese people here. Since we could not work for Him in Japan, we feel more and more convinced that He led us here where thousands have never heard.

\*Mrs. Dozier, who had already given to Japan more than thirty years of outstanding missionary work has, during the past two years been doing evangelistic work among the Japanese people in Hawaii.



## World Trends

*Items of Social and Missionary Interest*

CHARLES E. MADDY

### APPALLING BRUTALITY OF NAZIISM IN POLAND

The brutality of Nazi religious persecution in Poland has been unparalleled anywhere in Europe since the days of the Thirty Years' War. It is estimated that 800 Polish priests have been executed by the *Gestapo*, murdered without trial, or tortured to death. More than 3,000 priests are in concentration camps.

"In the Polish city of Poznan, only three of seventy-seven churches and chapels are open and seven whole dioceses have been liquidated," the report continues. Acts of savagery, including a wholesale massacre of clergy in Pomerania and Poznan during which some of the victims were buried while they still gave signs of life, are also revealed.

Similar treatment directed toward the Protestant Church of the Polish minority as well as Polish Jews is also reported.

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### DUTCH RELIGIOUS LEADER ARRESTED

"Professor Hendrik Kraemer of the University of Leiden, the author of the Madras Conference book on 'The Christian Message in a Non-Christian World,' a recognized authority on all missionary questions, finds himself among the hostages who were recently imprisoned by the occupying Power and put into a concentration camp in Holland. Professor Kraemer had taken a leading part in the resistance of the Dutch Reformed Church against the

infiltration of National Socialist ideas into the country. In his publications on the question of anti-Semitism and other National Socialist teachings he had taken up a decisively Christian attitude. As the

leader of a special commission on the 'Mobilization of the Congregations' he had tried to bring home to the individual churches an awareness of that unity and solidarity which is essential for the Church if it is to be equal to the attacks which direct themselves against it. Professor Kraemer was one of the most trusted men in the Synod, and as such had taken an important part in the different declarations, by means of which the Christian Church in Holland had spoken out so clearly in face of Government and people, and condemned the present terror-regime in Holland and the Nazi ideology. He found himself, not surprisingly, among those professors of the University of Leiden who declared their resignation when the University was swung over to a National Socialist basis.

"The imprisonment of Dr. Kraemer is a bitter blow for the Dutch Reformed Church."

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### Who Are Hungry?

Tens of thousands of orphaned and homeless children in unoccupied France—slowly starving because the rations are too low.

Millions in China have fled from the carnage of the invader, homes and livelihood lost—needing food, medicine, work, shelter.

Twenty-five hundred missionaries, citizens of axis-dominated lands, but servants of the Kingdom of God in many lands, lack food, clothing, support.

Untold thousands of women and girls in emergency situations due to war, their families broken or homes destroyed, replacing men in field, factory, transportation.

Unnumbered Christian ministers, teachers, students, anxious, fearful, hungry, whose support and work war has disrupted.

Thousands of refugees in unfamiliar places in Europe, Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the United States, needing food, guidance, retraining.

Six million prisoners of war behind barbed wire—an increasing number of Americans among them—lacking knowledge of their loved ones, without occupation or stimulus for body, mind or spirit.

All of the above and many others, Christian and non-Christian, hunger for the Bible—spiritual evidence that God cares.

### A UNIQUE SALUTATION

The recent inauguration of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, as the sixth president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, was a happy and momentous occasion. The retiring president, the beloved and gallant Dr. John R. Sampey, for fifty

years teacher and warm personal friend of hundreds of Baptist preachers, was in a happy frame of mind and made a great address that will more fully than ever, enshrine him in the hearts of all Southern Baptists.

From the *Alabama Baptist* we quote:

"During the day Dr. Sampey received the following message from his son, John R. Sampey, Jr., who was formerly a professor at Howard College, now a Lieutenant Colonel in the army:

"A young teacher welcomes an old master back to full-time duty.

"A young soldier salutes the courage of a first-class fighting man.

"A young Christian thanks God for your long life of sublime faith."

"Dr. Sampey should certainly be proud of his son and, what is more, that young man has a thousand reasons to be proud of his father. A more apt message from a son to a father could not have been sent, for while Dr. Sampey is among the gentlest of men, he is wholly fearless."

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#### METHODIST MISSIONS

We have just received the second annual report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist (United) Church. Here are some interesting facts about the foreign mission work of this great communion:

Budget for this year:

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Regular .....            | \$1,306,939.00 |
| Conditional .....        | 292,293.00     |
| Home expenses of Foreign |                |
| Mission work .....       | 130,434.00     |
| Total                    | \$1,728,666.00 |



Miss Letha Saunders of Brazil is surrounded by the 140 members of her Daily Vacation Bible School in Moncao. The Second Baptist Church of Moncao and its educational building are in the background

#### NORTHERN PRESBYTERIANS

The Northern Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, in their report for 1942, gives the following facts about their work abroad:

Active missionaries in service in

|                                                                      |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| sixteen lands .....                                                  | 1,203           |
| Number of churches .....                                             | 177             |
| Number of communicants.....                                          | 55,230          |
| Catechumens .....                                                    | 70,043          |
| Added by confession of faith.....                                    | 4,337           |
| Total gifts from all sources .....                                   | \$2,163,283.69  |
| Spent on home budget for raising and administering foreign work..... | \$498,825.87    |
| Endowment .....                                                      | \$11,620,598.39 |



David Appleby standing behind two of his friends. David is now in college in Texas

#### MANY ON FORCED FURLOUGH

The conflict now raging in Europe, Asia, and Africa has compelled many of our missionaries to come home on forced furloughs. We give below the status of our missionary personnel:

|                           | On Field | In U.S. |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|
| Africa .....              | 35       | 25      |
| Europe .....              | 1        | 9       |
| Near East ....            | 0        | 6       |
| Argentina ....            | 26       | 3       |
| Uruguay .....             | 6        | 0       |
| Brazil .....              | 97       | 7       |
| Chile .....               | 24       | 0       |
| Colombia ....             | 5        | 2       |
| Mexico .....              | 12       | 0       |
| China .....               | 65       | 129     |
| Japan .....               | 0        | 4       |
| Hawaii .....              | 14       | 2       |
|                           | 285      | 187     |
| Total Missionaries .....  | 472      |         |
| Emeritus Missionaries ... | 76       |         |
|                           |          | 548     |

## ON THE ROAD TO VICTORY

(EXCERPTS FROM THE 1941 REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION)

### INCOME

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Co-operative Program ..... | \$ 624,364.43 |
| Designated Receipts .....  | 756,546.41    |
| Legacies .....             | 20,692.82     |
| Miscellaneous .....        | 108,379.40    |

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Total .....                      | \$1,509,983.06 |
| Churches on mission fields ..... | 1,997          |
| Self-supporting churches .....   | 1,200          |
| Outstations .....                | 3,461          |
| Baptisms .....                   | 19,101         |
| Total church membership .....    | 254,282        |



*A native woman of Nigeria, with her load of calabashes*

## THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Of all the Christian groups on earth, Baptists should be most zealous in co-operation with the American Bible Society in its great ministry of placing Bibles in the hands of individual men and women. Each phase of the three-fold work of this great missionary organization is of supreme importance, namely: translation of the Bible into the various languages, publication of Bibles, and the distribution of Bibles among the peoples of the earth. What could be greater? Since we believe that the New Testament is an absolute guide for faith and practice, that the Holy Spirit is the ever-present Teacher of all who seek truth, and that the competency of the individual person is such that he can, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, lay hold upon saving truth, we should go our full length in seeking to put a copy of God's Word into the hands of every unsaved person on the face of the earth.

ELLIS A. FULLER, President  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Louisville, Kentucky

January 1943

## WAR EMERGENCY WORK OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

### *Scriptures for Men in Service*

During August and September the shipments of Scriptures to Army and Navy chaplains totaled 3,482 Bibles, 106,724 Testaments, and 71,048 Gospels. (The cumulative total is given below.) Many requests come from chaplains on overseas duty. A recent one from the chief chaplain of the Service of Supply in the Southwest Pacific asked for 25,000 copies, and chaplains at reception centers are asking for large quantities, as the new enrollees come in.

A new issue for men of the Merchant Marine is now ready. It is similar to the Navy Testament, but bears the Merchant Marine insignia.

|                                       | Bibles       | Testaments | Portions |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| Sent, July 1, 1940 - June 30, 1942... | 11,375       | 483,919    | 272,394  |
| July 1, 1942 - Sept. 30, 1942...      | 5,809        | 174,321    | 89,072   |
|                                       | 17,184       | 658,240    | 361,466  |
| Total cost to date.....               | \$112,529.42 |            |          |

### *Prisoners of War and Internees*

Shipments to Geneva from New York in August and September included 3,000 Russian Testaments, 180,000 Russian Gospels, and 500 English Bibles. Ninety-five Bibles and 225 Testaments were supplied to chaplains in charge of prisoners of war or internees in the United States, speaking German, Italian, English, and Japanese. Twenty-five Dutch Bibles were supplied to "Free Holland on the Seas," a centre for Dutch seamen in New York.

Through the courtesy of the War Prisoners' Aid of the Y.M.C.A. two shipments of English Scriptures, totaling 400 Bibles, 700 Testaments, 1,500 Psalms, and 3,500 Gospels and Acts have been assembled and started for their long voyage around Africa to American prisoners of war in Japan.



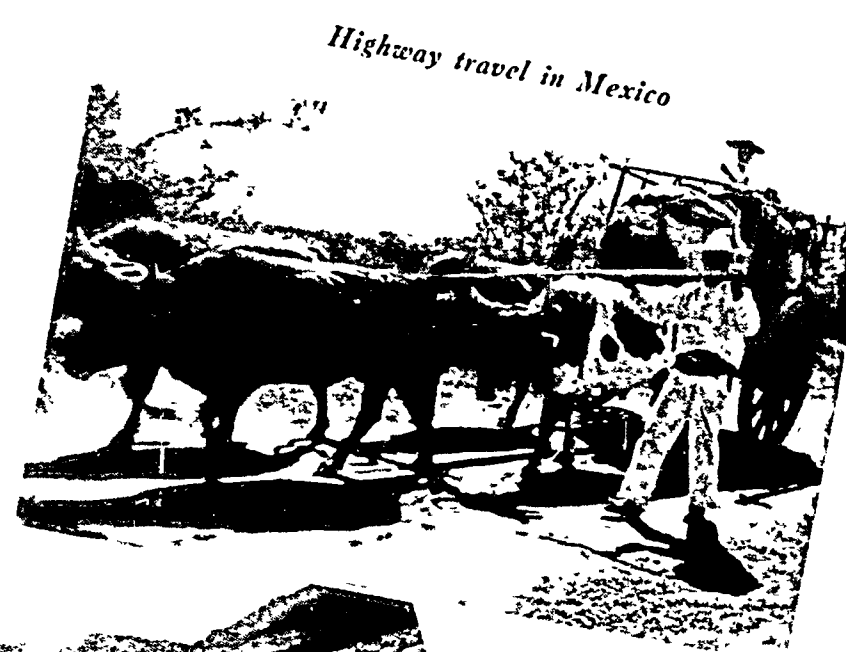
*Chinese participants in a program in Houston, Texas*



# OUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS



Thou  
Shalt Love  
Thy  
Neighbor  
as Thyself  
Mark 12:31



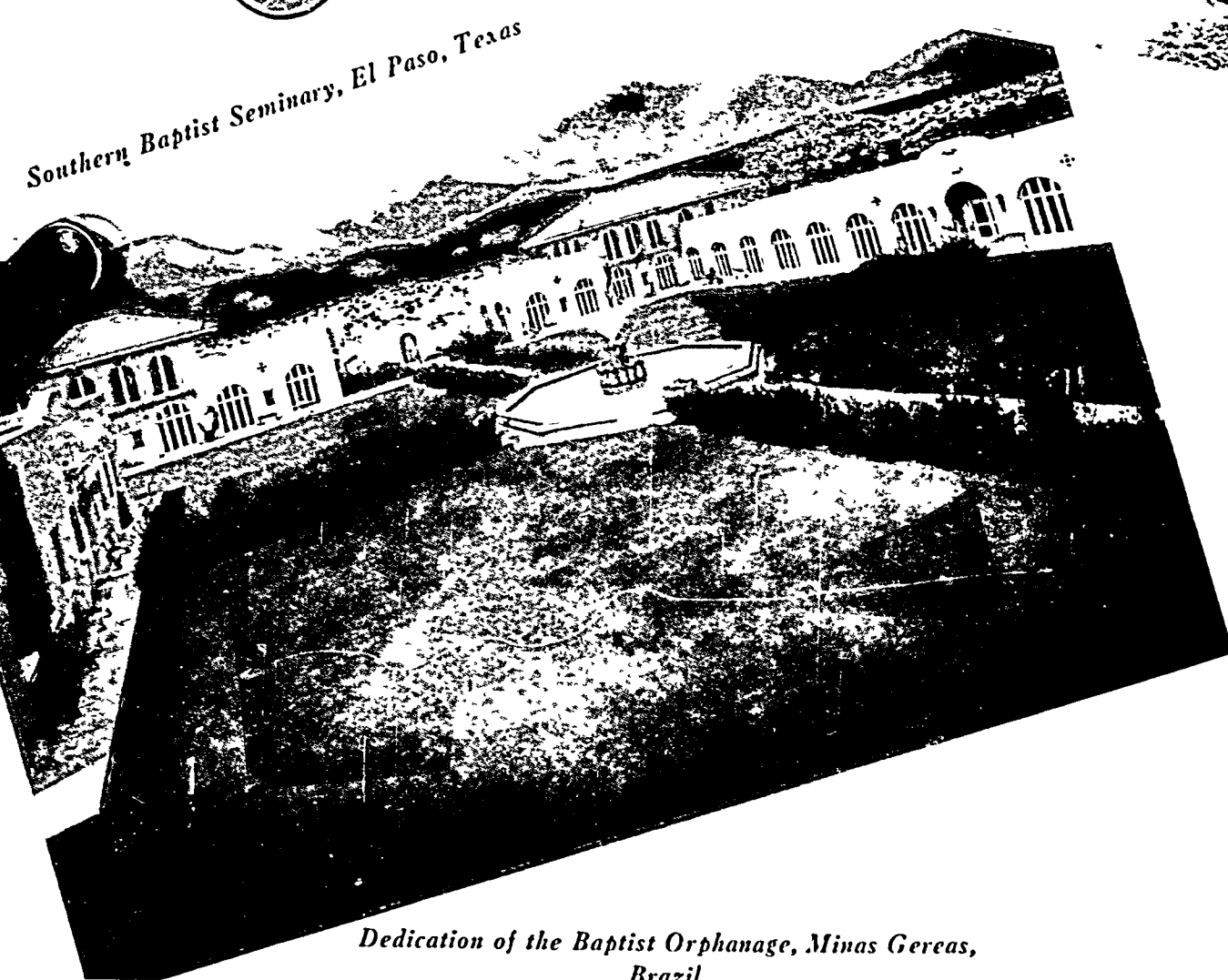
Highway travel in Mexico



Men's group in Argentina



Daily vacation Bible school, Santiago, Chile,  
Rev. L. D. Wood, pastor



Southern Baptist Seminary, El Paso, Texas



Group with which the Baptist Church, Conchilla, Uruguay, was organized



Baptist Sunday school group at Mejillones, Chile



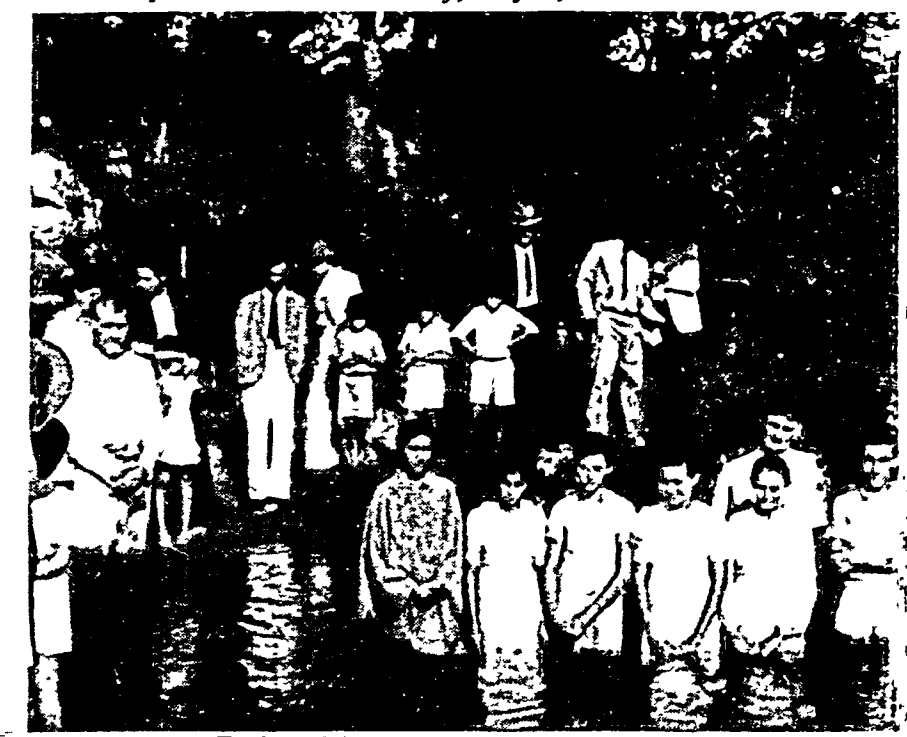
Dedication of the Baptist Orphanage, Minas Geraes, Brazil



In beautiful Colombia



Pastors of Cuyo district, Argentina,  
Rev. J. C. Quarles in center



Baptismal scene at Urutay, Goyaz, Brazil



# The Editor's Message

## IS LATIN AMERICA A PRIVATE PRESERVE OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM?

Sixty years ago Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby, the first missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to labor in Latin America, organized at Bahia in northern Brazil, our first Baptist church in the lands under the Southern Cross. In these sixty years, the gospel has spread to every section of the land, until today we have a great self-conscious denominational group of more than 50,000 church members in Brazil alone. We also have a marvelous system of schools, colleges, theological seminaries, missionary training schools, and a publishing house, together with Home and Foreign Mission Boards that are sending out the gospel to Brazil's hinterland and to the home land of Portugal.

During these six decades the gospel has overflowed into Uruguay, Argentina, across the Andes into Chile, and spread widely over several other Latin American republics.

Throughout these years, the Catholic Church and her hireling priesthood have tried, in every possible way, to hinder the progress of our Baptist work. The campaign of petty persecution, falsehood, and misrepresentation of Baptist missionaries and their work, has gone on continuously ever since we entered Brazil; but only within recent months, since the beginning of this global war, has the Catholic Church in Latin America grown so bold as to demand the withdrawal of all Protestant missionaries. On what grounds? On the ground of the "Good Neighbor Policy." It would be laughable if it were not so tragically serious. Rome is forever and unalterably opposed to any proselyting except by her own priests, and satellites. The Catholic conception and practice of religious liberty are that there shall be complete and perfect liberty to preach and teach the doctrine of Rome everywhere and always, without let or hindrance. On the other hand, Baptists must not be allowed to preach and teach their principles and doctrine anywhere, if the Catholic Church is strong enough to prevent it.

The Foreign Mission Board has had great difficulty during the past year in securing permission from the Brazilian Government for our missionaries to enter that country. The ban is against the return of missionaries after furlough in the home land as well as against the sending out of new missionaries. We have tried repeatedly to have this ban lifted, but thus far we have not been able to get any assurance of relief. Rome never sleeps; and while America is engaged in a life-and-death struggle throughout the world to bring freedom and religious liberty to all the peoples of all the nations, the Catholic Church—always and everywhere the enemy of individual rights and human freedom—is working overtime to have Baptist missionaries excluded from Brazil.

This unholy campaign will fail utterly, and our Baptist work will go on triumphantly through Brazil until every nook and corner of the land has received the Baptist message of liberty and redemption in Christ Jesus.

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## THE AGENCY AND THE HOUR HAVE MET

The Baptist Student Union of the South, born twenty years ago in the consecrated brain and glowing heart of Frank H. Leavell, has surely come to the Kingdom of God for just such an hour as Southern Baptists face in their world-wide missionary program today. From the very beginning, this movement has stood foursquare on every campus, for loyalty to the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and for a strong and aggressive program of work as carried on by the local Baptist church and the denomination in its larger organized life. The Baptist Student Union is intensely evangelistic and many of the members are constant and successful soul-winners.

More and more, as the years have gone by, we have looked to the Union for the great majority of our missionary candidates for the work in lands afar. The whole program and life of the organization are sanely and intensely missionary.

We would play glad tribute to the marvelous

## The Commission

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work that is being done by Secretary J. W. Marshall and the leaders associated with him in the Baptist student work of Texas.

Some two years ago, Secretary and Mrs. Marshall spent about six months visiting our mission work in the Orient, and they came back with their souls aflame with passion for the redemption of China.

The annual Baptist Student Convention was held in Dallas, October 30 to November 1. Some two thousand students from sixty-two colleges were together for three days in one of the most enthusiastic and intensely missionary meetings we have ever attended. At the closing hour on Sunday, scores of the finest young men and women from the colleges and universities of Texas, came to stand with the secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and the missionaries present, to say that they were ready to go to the ends of the earth as God should lead, to tell the story of redemption to those waiting in the night of sin. It was one of those high and holy hours that come but rarely in one's lifetime.

When the glorious day of peace comes, the Foreign Mission Board will need many hundreds of new missionary recruits for the wide-open doors of gospel challenge that will beckon from across the world. We are looking to the Baptist students for the vast majority of these recruits.

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### THE DAWN IS NEAR

"Watchman what of the night?" The watchman said,  
"The morning cometh and also the night."

—Isaiah 21:11, 12

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the  
night shall be light about me.

—Psalm 21:11

Isaiah the great Messianic prophet of the Old Testament, lived in a dark and disastrous time for Israel. The Northern Kingdom had already perished and the Kingdom of Judah was fast hastening to her appointed doom. Amid the darkness and gloom of Israel's total eclipse as a nation, Isaiah saw clearly the coming dawn of the glorious Messianic reign.

The Church of Christ, in this far-off twentieth century, has come to a dark hour—perhaps the darkest hour Christianity has seen in two thousand years; but like the ancient Hebrew prophet, we can, with the eye of faith, pierce the encircling darkness and catch a vision of the coming of the most brilliant dawn, we believe, Christian missions has seen since Jesus the risen Lord on Olivet, gave His Great Commission to His waiting and wondering disciples.

This new and compelling day for missionary challenge and advance will follow swiftly upon the close of the global war that has now engulfed us. The glorious day of peace, for which untold millions are now waiting in agony and prayer, will surely

come. We are deeply concerned that Southern Baptists, with their loyalty to the vital New Testament message, their vast numbers and potential wealth, shall assume a large and worthy part in the winning of a broken and ruined world to the side and service of Jesus Christ.

In spite of cruel and devastating war, the doors of opportunity and challenge for all of our older mission fields remain open to us. When the new day of world peace and security comes, we shall need to reinforce in an adequate way, all of these missions with missionary personnel and money.

We firmly believe also, that gigantic and mysterious Russia is slowly emerging from her long night of isolation and of opposition to the entrance of the light of the gospel. For twenty-five years the Foreign Mission Board has waited and prayed for the opening of this vast empire, with her 170,000,000 people, to the entrance of Baptist missionaries with Christ's message of life.

The people of Russia have challenged the admiration of all mankind, in the heroic and colossal sacrifices they have made in their epic struggle for human freedom.

This is the last hour of the long night of darkness in the upward struggle of the human race toward the light of freedom and truth. The glorious dawn of the new day for the triumph of Christ's gospel throughout the whole world is already breaking. We must be ready for this day for which ages have waited and millions have died.

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### A WELL DESERVED TRIBUTE

In the December issue of *THE COMMISSION* we quoted an extract from the radio address of Mr. Wendell Willkie, made to the American people on his return from an extended visit to the battle fronts of the United Nations in the Near East, Russia, the Middle East, and China.

It will be seen from the more extended quotations from this remarkable address that Mr. Willkie went on to say that in all of the lands visited by him, he found a great reservoir of good will toward the United States. He paid a well-deserved and glowing tribute to the work of missionaries and teachers in the non-Christian lands he visited. This tribute is all the more remarkable, coming as it does from a great politician, statesman, and world traveler, such as Mr. Willkie. For the purpose of greater emphasis, we quote again a very illuminating paragraph from this unique and revealing address of one of America's wisest and most courageous public men.

### Reasons for Good Will

Many things have created this enormous reservoir. At the top of the list go the hospitals, schools and col-

leges 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.

We are glad that at last, the world is coming to realize something of the far-reaching and constructive value and potent influence of missions and missionaries in all these pagan and heathen lands.

Apart from the strictly spiritual influence and value of the missionary and his work, volumes could be written on the by-products of missions. In China, for instance, modern education, modern medicine, science, sanitation, anti-opium legislation, care of child life, elevation of womanhood, and the thousand other good things of life, are the sure and inevitable by-products of missions and the devoted and unselfish work of missionaries.

We honor Mr. Willkie for his frank and generous tribute to the work of mission schools and missionaries.

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#### A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

We offer Editor F. M. McConnell of Texas our congratulations upon the remarkable and unprecedented growth in the circulation of *The Baptist Standard*. On October 1, 1941, the paper had 51,002 subscribers. On November 1, 1942, the subscription list had grown to the amazing total of 72,056, an increase in one year of 21,054! We feel confident that *The Baptist Standard* now has the largest circulation of any Baptist weekly in the world.

Editor McConnell is the business manager as well as the editor of the publication, and is doing the work of two men and doing it remarkably well.

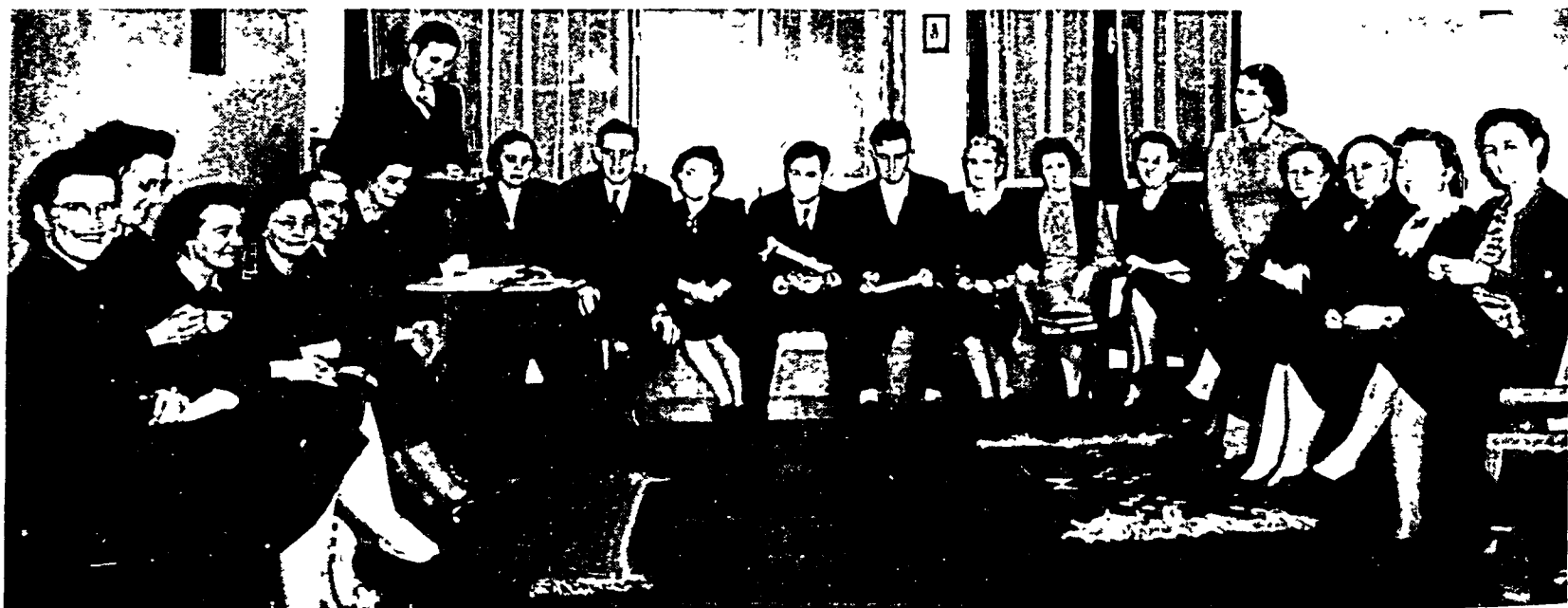
#### CALLED INTO LARGER SERVICE

An official notice, sent out by the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, (Northern Baptist) tells of the resignation of Dr. J. W. Decker, for a number of years, one of the Foreign Secretaries of the Society. Dr. Decker is a native of Virginia, a graduate of the University of Richmond, and for some fifteen years was an honored and highly successful missionary of the Northern Baptist Board in China. When Dr. J. H. Franklin retired some years ago as the Secretary of the Society's work in the Orient, Dr. Decker was called home from China to take up the important work laid down by Dr. Franklin.

During this decade of internal revolution and civil war in China, followed by five and a half years of cruel and destructive conflict forced upon China by war-mad Japan, Dr. Decker, with great wisdom and missionary statesmanship, has led the missionary forces of our Northern Baptist brethren in the Orient in a most remarkable and constructive way. His long years of missionary service in China, his remarkable grasp of the language, and his deep and abiding love for the Chinese people, made him a most valuable and understanding administrative officer for his Board. He will be greatly missed in American Baptist circles, both North and South.

Dr. Decker has accepted the position of American Secretary of the International Missionary Council, taking up his new duties on January 1, 1943.

The new Secretary was one of the outstanding leaders of the Madras Conference of the International Missionary Council, and we are not at all surprised that he has now been called into the service of this larger fellowship in world leadership for missions. As he goes into this field of larger service we shall follow him with our love and our prayers.



*Southern Baptists' missionaries to Chile*



## Feeding Hungry Children

It was the bright idea of the Chinese pastor of a city church to come to the missionary and ask for some back numbers of American magazines to make tickets which could not be duplicated, for the new relief center for hungry children. These magazines were cut into small pieces and on each piece was stamped the name of the Relief Committee and the date. Then they were embossed with a missionary's monogram, and the child's name was written with a foreign pen. You may ask why all this detail was necessary, but if you had seen the crowds clamoring for tickets you would have understood.

On the day set for registration, fifteen hundred children came in such mobs that doors were broken and several children were nearly crushed. It took hours to get all the names. Then days were spent visiting the addresses and making a list of the four hundred most needy children. These were given the precious tickets and told to come to the relief center on October first.

That day was the rainiest of the whole year, with streets flooded and water beating against walls and roof. But every child with a ticket was on hand long before mealtime, and hundreds more, hoping that they might be squeezed in somehow. In the crush at the door several small children had their tickets stolen and could only stand and cry until all tickets and names could be checked and the culprits put out.

Two days later the missionary went to the center to help, and stood where the children had to show their tickets. Some tickets were sewed onto jacket linings; some had cardboard or cloth backing and were pinned on the children's ragged clothing; some were in little cloth bags around the neck; some were folded into empty match boxes. All were precious bits of American magazines and meant a meal a day as long as we had money to buy rice.

—Have a Heart for China.

### *My Prayer*

Let me do my work each day; and if the darkened hours of despair overtake me, may I not forget the strength that comforted me in the sadness of other times. May I still remember the bright hours that found me walking over the silent hills of my childhood, or dreaming on the margin of the quiet river, when a light glowed within me, and I promised my early God to have courage amid the tempests of the changing years. Spare me from bitterness and from the sharp passions of unguarded moments. May I not forget that poverty and riches are of the spirit. Though the world know me not, may my thoughts and actions be such as shall keep me friendly with

myself. Lift my eyes from the earth, and let me not forget the uses of the stars. Forbid that I should judge others lest I condemn myself. Let me not follow the clamor of the world, but walk calmly in my path. Give me a few friends who will love me for what I am, and not for what little I may possess. And though age and infirmity overtake me, and I come not within sight of the castle of my dreams, teach me still to be thankful for life and for time's olden memories that are good and sweet; and may the evening's twilight find me gentle still.

—Max Ehrmann.

# The Valley of Service

ARCHIBALD M. MACMILLAN

When the Lord's disciples wanted to stay in the thin sweet air atop the mount, the Master hastened at once into the valley of service. Instead of remaining to meditate in tabernacles, Jesus led them down to share humanity's suffering. Today a Christian's inclination might be to seek escape from world chaos by crawling into some safe place and there remaining for the war's duration, emerging only when the golden rays of world peace shall shine down again. Yet even such sweet slumber is liable to be disturbed by the smell of gunpowder, the raucous shouts of battling men, the screams of ravaged women, the wails of starving children.

Even the highest motives, such as a sincere desire to refrain from taking part in activities which clash with conscience, cannot fully justify such monastic withdrawal in the eyes of those at the front who are fighting for the freedom to worship. It should be understood, however, that a man's highest duty may be far from the field of battle—perhaps in a pulpit keeping up home morale or in a seminary preparing as Christian soldiers to lead in a struggle for right.

The fact that military forces are fighting paganism with arms does not mean that missionary forces must

stand idly by, marking time, until the strife is over. Just because missions are *affected* by military and political conditions it does not follow that missions absolutely *depend* on completely favorable military and political conditions. Christians are working and praying for an Allied victory, without which the world might devolve into another Dark Age; but even when it is darkest, men can see the stars and worship God in their own hearts. To declare a complete moratorium on mission work in Occupied China now would be betraying our Lord, who established His Kingdom in occupied territory. To go backward instead of forward in missions during this present war would make us unworthy of the tradition of Carey and Judson, who began British and American Baptist missions in war-time.

World conditions are changing rapidly; two facts remain constant: Christ wants men; men need Christ. Therefore our task, today and tomorrow, is what it has ever been: *preaching* Christ, that the souls of men may be renewed; *working* to improve the conditions under which men live. This must be our program for rebuilding a broken post-war world. We need not wait but can start this work today.

## Another Backward Look

PAUL E. CRANDALL

*In the July-August 1942 issue of THE COMMISSION there appeared, under the title, "A Backward Look" excerpts from the minutes of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, dated 1835. These items were furnished by Rev. Paul E. Crandall, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church.*

—THE EDITOR

You will recall that several months ago I gave some data from our minute books regarding J. Lewis Shuck and Henrietta Hall Shuck. To my surprise I found that Dr. R. D. Davenport, a member of our church, was also dedicated and sent as a missionary at the same service as the Shucks. I have been trying to find some data about him, for one of my delights is to discover an "unsung hero." In reading a message written by Dr. J. L. Burrows in 1880, I find the following about Robert D. Davenport (you will recall none of us knew much about him when I mentioned his name several months ago):

"Robert D. Davenport was appointed as a missionary and superintendent of printing in Siam. He sailed with Mr. and Mrs. Shuck in 1835. At Bangkok he remained nine years engaged mainly in printing tracts of the Scriptures both in Siamese and Chinese. He returned in 1845 and died, of a disease contracted

in the East, on November 24, 1849, at the age of 39. He was more useful in his peculiar calling than in the active ministry." (page 79, *First Century of the First Baptist Church*, by J. L. Burrows, 1890). This is interesting to me, for it gives light on the beginning of a very important phase of missionary work through printing.

These first four Southern Baptist missionaries held their church membership as follows:

Henrietta Hall Shuck—First Baptist Church. Joined July 7, 1835 from Morattico.

J. Lewis Shuck—Grace Baptist Church. United in 1834.

R. D. Davenport—First Baptist Church. Baptized May 24, 1831—a printer employed at *Richmond Enquirer*. Died 1845.

Mrs. R. D. Davenport (Mary Frances Roper). Baptized at First Baptist February 2, 1827.



## The Steward's Psalm

*The Lord is my Partner, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down and rest, without  
worry about tomorrow.  
He leadeth me beside the still waters of con-  
tentment.  
He restoreth my spiritual life through His  
Word;  
He leadeth me in the paths of right dealing  
And of service to man for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of dead churches and deficits  
I will not fear to go forward, for Thou art  
with me.*

*Thy guidance and Thine approval, they  
comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table of opportunity be-  
fore me in the presence of great needs.*

*Thou anointest me with the satisfaction of  
joyful giving;*

*My cup of peace runneth over.*

*Surely Thy goodness and the blessing of  
Christian stewardship shall follow me  
all the days of my life, and I will rejoice  
in promoting my Partner's business.*

(Continued from page 6)

tianity. It is now for us to realize that this was given to us as a stewardship for world-wide Christianity. We must accept this stewardship and plan to discharge it on a world scale. If we fail to do this we prove ourselves "wicked and slothful servants," and can only expect that the stewardship will be taken from us and given to others who will accept and use it for the glory of God in the good of the world.

### JAPAN . . . . WHITHER?

In 1904 one of the great quadrennial conventions of the Student Volunteer Movement was meeting in Nashville. At one of the sessions messages from other countries were read, among them a thrilling cablegram from Japan. It read: "Japan leading Orient: whither?" The design of the message and the purpose in reading it were to arouse an enlarged interest in the expansion and intensiveness of the Christian work in Japan. Today we know whither a pagan Japan is leading the Orient. Even in 1904 Japan was entering upon her war with Russia. Ten years before she had begun her "leadership" by defeating China and assuming a leading role in Korea, to eventuate in the open, arrogant annexation of that country to her empire. Then, and even up to this moment, there is too much imperialism in the "Christian West" to make possible the truly Christian impact upon Japan and the rest of Asia. We have advanced to a point where we can with some clearness envision what the leadership of the Orient by a Christian Japan might mean, and we are learning, slowly, what the leadership of the Occident by an honestly Christian America might mean. When shall we accept the leadership of the Son of

man? "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth" to receive Him? Is He not coming even today to America and to Japan? Where is the receiving faith?

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### VERSATILITY

From Curitiba, Brazil, Dr. A. Ben Oliver, the author of the new study book, *Baptists Building in Brazil*, writes of his busy days—days so crowded with service that we in the home land are put to shame by the comparative smallness of our endeavor. He says, with never a hint of boasting:

"I was gone a little over two weeks on my recent trip, and caught the flu while I was away, but managed to preach twice a day, hold an institute, baptize the converts in three different places, and celebrate the Lord's Supper in each church. I managed to keep going by taking aspirin and by giving myself an injection I had carried along. There were a great many who presented themselves after each service to be treated, some with the common aches and pains, others with that "*ferida brava*" or "*wild sore*" that can be cured only with carbolic acid, but I treated one with sulfathiazole and seem to master it. So I worked, and rode from one place to another on horseback, for there is not a single vehicle there. We rode through driving rain, sometimes at night, when it was so dark I did not know a limb was there until it whacked me in the face. But I'm glad I went, in spite of the poor ways of travel, the poor food, and the other inconveniences. When I was there three years ago, an old man said to me, "Doctor Oliver, I'm not a Believer yet, but I'm not so far as I once was." This time when I went back, he accepted Christ and I baptized him."

# Why We Friends of Foreign Missions Should Be Members of the 100,000 Club

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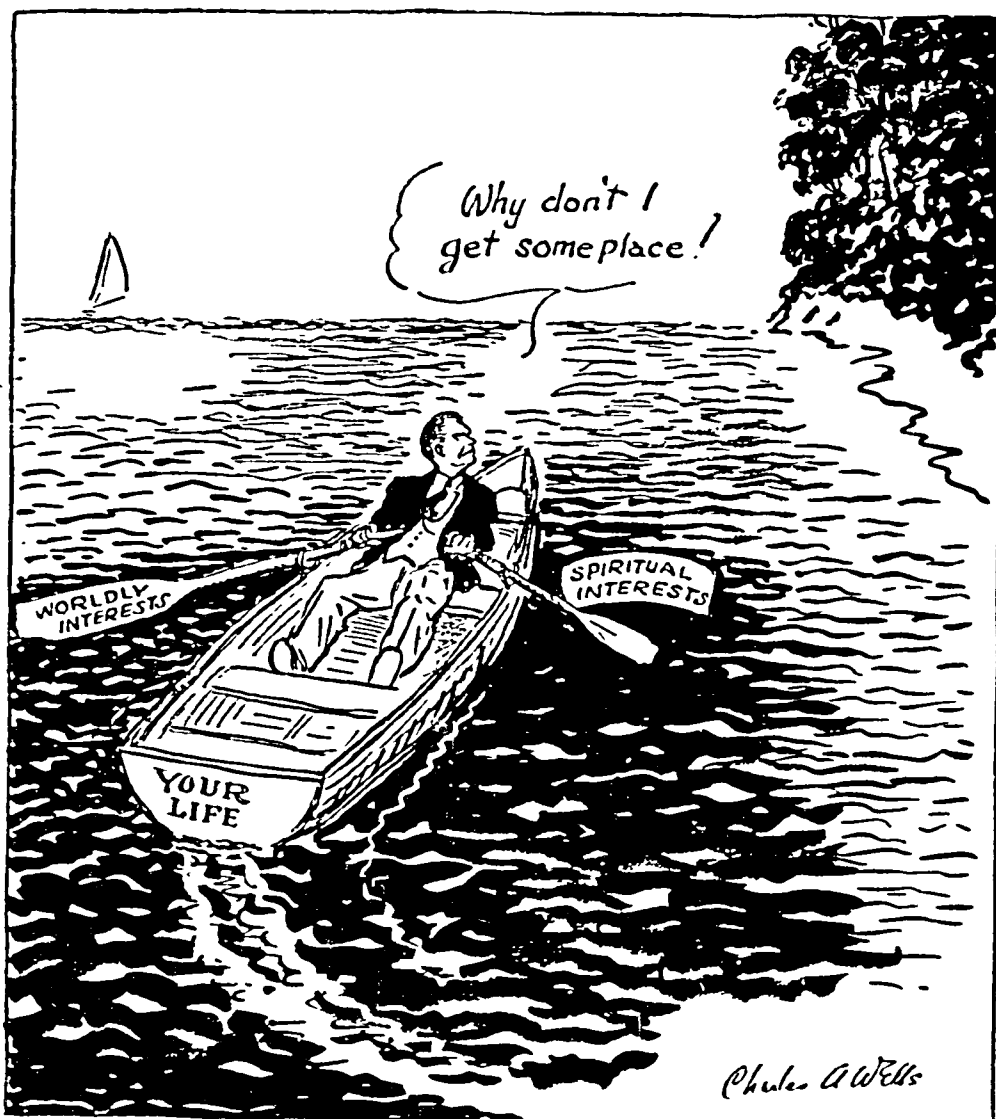
8. Because we want to help all our agencies get out of debt. When the Foreign Mission Board is out of debt then its part of Club receipts can be used to help the other agencies.

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Every friend of Foreign Missions should help in the observance of Debtless Denomination Day, February 14. We need \$1,200,000 to free all our agencies of debt.

We ought, we can, we will be out of debt in 1943 if we can get the full 100,000 members in the 100,000 Club. Will you help?

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## The Little Oar

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Did you ever try to row a boat with unmatched oars,—one smaller than the other? Only with great effort can any satisfying progress be made, for there is a constant pulling away from the course which spoils one's stroke. A lot of people live like that all the time, trying to make progress with this unnecessary handicap holding them back. The one oar of life's material elements—job, food, fun and other worldly things—should be sturdy and strong, but to get the best pull out of that oar any good boatman will tell you that you need in the other hand, a good stout oar of equal length and weight. There must be honesty to match the job, gratitude to God to accompany the everyday blessings of life and moral character to match the fun. With those two oars firmly in your hand, life is right, and you can pull hard and long without weariness or confusion.

## THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

# Over the Top of the Hill

GLORIA YOUNG

Wu Lien looked toward the top of the hill. It seemed that his thin little legs could not carry him and his precious burden another inch. Then the Sweet Missionary smiled, and Wu Lien shifted the weight of Mayling from his tired shoulder, and sure enough he was climbing that hill.

The air was chill. The ragged clothing of the group of children who trudged silently behind the tall missionary woman did not keep out the cold. Wu Lien was seven, nearly a man. He thought of the weeks past—of the night the Sweet Missionary had gathered them together in the dead of darkness, had given each a package of food, and a light bundle of clothes, and had said: "The Japanese are coming. We are going on a long journey, little ones, and only Jesus knows all the way. The older children will help the young ones, and I will help you all." Then, weary months of walking, but Jesus did know the way, for the Sweet Missionary still led on, in torn dress and tattered shoes, toward "Free China" (the part of China that has not been taken by the Japanese army).

Mayling was Wu Lien's favorite little one. Her beautiful dark eyes, amber skin, and appealing mouth made squash of his heart. When she got too tired to walk, even though his legs were thin and aching he would carry her across his shoulders while she slept.

As the missionary walked over the crest of the hill, she cried, "Look, Wu Lien. There are the Flying Tigers!"

Wu Lien prepared to run. "No, Wu Lien. They are friends. American friends, thank God!"

Two people were coming toward them, a tall aviator and a white-capped nurse. Behind the figures, shaded by trees, were the queerest "flying planes" Wu Lien had ever seen. They had huge fish mouths.

Conversation buzzed around his head. "Nurse Myers . . . Bob McReynolds . . . Canton? Why that's a thousand miles of walking! Bring the children . . . We will feed and bathe them . . ."

Wu Lien and Mayling were seated under a tree waiting their turn when Bob McReynolds found them, and questioned them in their own language about their journey. Wu Lien answered the questions politely, but kept noticing a Chinese woman—one of a native group who helped keep the landing field smooth—as she looked closely into the face of each child in the group. "I wonder why she looks at the faces," said the boy.

*This  
little  
Chinese  
friend  
wishes  
you  
a  
Happy  
New  
Year*



"I'll ask; perhaps I can help," suggested Bob. Soon he was back. "She just keeps saying, 'My little Mayling.'"

"This is Mayling," said Wu Lien.

"Mayling? Where did she come from?"

"We do not know," Wu Lien answered.

Bob brought the woman quickly. She could hardly believe her eyes. At last she had found her baby girl. She rocked back and forth on the ground with the child in her arms hugged tightly.

"A modern miracle!" whispered Bob.

Wu Lien looked up at the tall aviator, sun-tanned in his flights for liberty, and said, "Miracle? I am not a learned man as you, and I do not know the meaning of that word. But I do know that in Canton Jesus made me love Mayling as if she were my own little sister. He helped me find the berries for her to eat, and He put strength in my legs so that I was able to carry her. Is that 'modern miracle'?"

"No, that is a miracle as old as time," replied McReynolds, as he started leading the thin little boy toward food. And tears slipped down the unashamed cheeks of this "Flying Tiger" whose own father and mother had been among those who had spent their lives telling the Chinese about that same Jesus.

# Studying Missions

MARY M. HUNTER  
Manager Department of Literature  
and Exhibits

Southern Baptists are realizing more and more that the best way to get information from the work at the front is to study the Foreign Mission Board's textbooks. There is growing evidence of the value of the mission study courses. The enthusiasm of the classes is abundant proof of the helpfulness of the books, but we know that there are friends of foreign missions who have not availed themselves of the privilege of studying this series. Our expectation is that many will join classes in the early New Year.

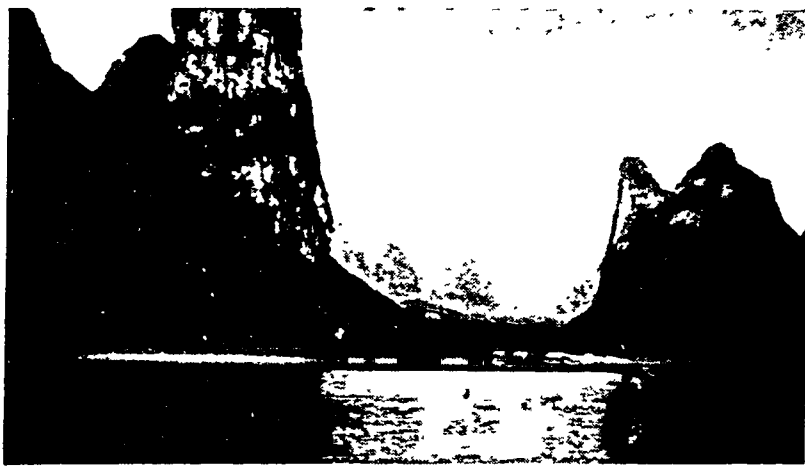
What could do more for the work than for Southern Baptists, through the study of the South America missions, to see and seize this as their day of opportunity for spreading the gospel in the Land of the Southern Cross. This is what the Foreign Mission Board hoped for when it prepared the South America series.

## AN UNFINISHED TASK

With the New Year comes the challenge of the unfinished task. January is the ideal month for the completion of the canvass for renewals and new subscribers to THE COMMISSION. The large number of expirations in December and January suggests that many subscriptions are given as Christmas and New Year presents. We remind you of your friends in connection with Christmas, the New Year, and THE COMMISSION.

## A SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

January is a good time to plan for church schools of missions. Did you have such a school in the Fall? If you did not, may we suggest that nothing gives more life to all phases of the church work than the missionary interest awakened by a successful church school of missions. The church school of missions leaflet and the folder listing textbooks give information about the organization and conduct of the



Scene on the Foo River, China

school, and the book recommended for study. Write for the leaflets.

## STUDYING HOME MISSIONS

In the first quarter of the new calendar year it is the custom of Woman's Missionary Union to specialize on home mission study books because of the approaching Week of Prayer for Home Missions in March. Write to your Woman's Missionary Union headquarters or to the Home Mission Board during January to find out about the new home mission textbook to be used in this preparatory study.

## HYMNS THAT ENDURE

From the earliest times people who loved and served God have wanted to sing His praises. In David's time the services of worship in the tabernacle were full of joy and reverence because David led the people in singing the Psalms they loved.

We are grateful to Dr. W. Thorburn Clark for the book, *Hymns That Endure* published recently by the Broadman Press.

His wise selection of the twenty hymns about which to write reflects Dr. Clark's appreciation not only of the words but of music. In dealing with each hymn and its story Dr. Clark gives a brief biography of the author, the circumstances under which the hymn was written, and instances of its usefulness.

The volume will be invaluable to the minister in announcing his hymns; to the choir director in selecting the music; to the superintendent of the Sunday school; to workers in missionary organizations and to leaders of all other church groups. The reading of this volume will be a real devotional experience to hymn lovers.

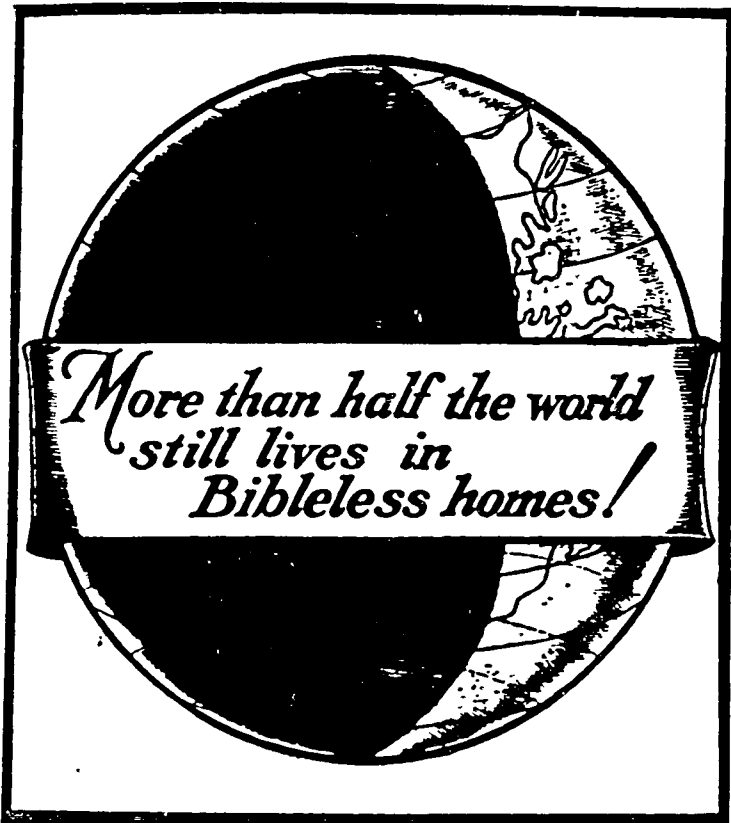
We recommend the book because we believe that the stories of *Hymns That Endure* will be a source of information and inspiration to the reader and bring honor and glory to the name of Him to whom was dedicated the song of the angels of Bethlehem.

From the Baptist Book Store serving your state *Hymns That Endure* is obtainable for \$1.00.

For copies of "The Victory That Overcometh" (report of the Foreign Mission Board), picture posters of the work of the Foreign Mission Board on the various fields, "God's Light for a Storm-Wracked World" (list of mission study books) and the leaflet, "The Church School of Missions," write to Miss Mary M. Hunter, Box 1595, Richmond, Va.

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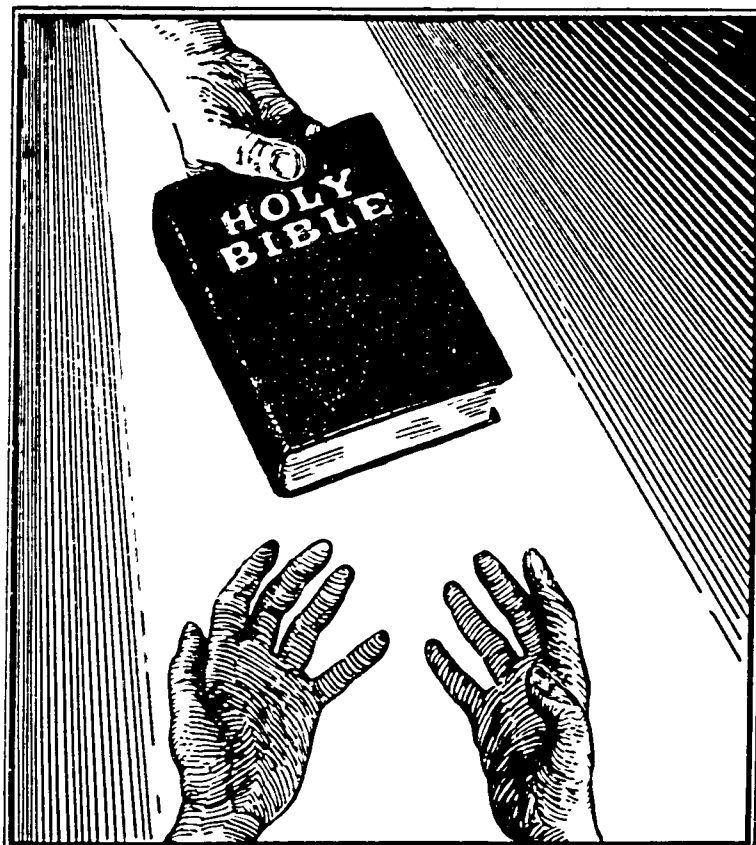
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# NEWS FLASHES

GENE NEWTON

## Departure

Miss Edith West of Espyville Station, Pennsylvania left Miami by Pan American Airway November 25, 1942 to return to her work in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## Arrivals

Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Quarles have returned from Buenos Aires, Argentina for their regular furlough and are residing at Hanover, Virginia.

Mrs. W. W. Enete has come from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with Noble, Billy and Joy Enete to join Mr. Enete and Happy who came to America more than a year ago for special medical attention to Happy.

Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Gillis and their twin sons arrived in Miami from Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 10, 1942. Their home address is Skidmore, Oklahoma.

Word has been received of the safe arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar F. Hallock, Jr. in Chile after an ocean journey from New Orleans on their way to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## Announcement

Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Stover of Maceio, Brazil announce the arrival of James Watson and Helen Ann Stover on October 7, 1942.

## Repatriation from the Orient

Many people are wondering if plans for a second exchange of nationals between the Orient and United States have been abandoned. Partial lists have been released and we are assured that plans are being made for an exchange of citizens of Allied nations in the Orient and Japanese in the United States. There has been considerable delay, but it is hoped that the exchange ships will set sail in December.

## Philippine News

Through the International Red Cross a message concerning our missionaries in the Philippine Islands was received in Shanghai in August. At that time Rev. Earl Parker and Miss Sallie James were in Manila. Miss Fern Harrington, Miss Cleo Morrison, Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Culpepper, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Dyer, Mrs. R. F. Gray and child were in the internment camp in Baguio. The location of Mr. Gray was not indicated.

## Home for Motherless Babies

Miss Ruth Kersey, who is in charge of the Home for Motherless Babies in Ogbomoshio, Nigeria, is in the United States at present, and Mrs. R. U. Northrip has taken over this work. She reports that the children are doing well. There are twenty small babies and twenty who can walk.



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## THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

### Into the Silent Places

The Old Year goes tonight,  
Bearing old pain, old sadness,  
Old care and old delight,  
Mistakes and fears and failures,  
The things that could not last—  
But nought that e'er was truly ours  
Goes with him to the Past.

### Out of the Silent Places

The Young Year comes tonight.  
Bringing new pain, new sadness,  
New care and new delight;  
Go forth to meet him bravely,  
The New Year all untried,  
The things the Old Year left with us—  
Faith, Hope, and Love—abide.  
—Annie Johnson Flint.

## Among Recent Books

N. F. W.

*Points for Emphasis*—Hight C Moore. Broadman Press. Price 35 cents.

This handy little book—small enough for a vest pocket or a handbag—is, at the same time, large enough to contain a wealth of help on the Sunday school lessons for the entire year. The “points,” poignant and practical, are prepared by one who is a great Bible student, a great teacher, a great Christian. From each focal point there radiate suggestions to meet the varied needs and interests of different groups or individuals.

*Snowden's Sunday School Lessons*—Earl L. Douglass, D. D. Macmillan Company. Price \$1.50.

“Ye have need that some one teach you.” This word, spoken by the writer to the Hebrews is of special significance to all who would teach God's Word effectively. To such, the study book edited by Dr. Earl L. Douglass is of great value, abounding as it does in constructive outlines, suggestions, and apt illustrations.

*Mother Berry of Blue Mountain*—David E. Guyton. Broadman Press. Price \$1.00.

In the story of a great life there is always edification and inspiration, and when the story is written by one who is a master of English and one who possesses first-hand acquaintance with his subject, the story is peculiarly appealing. Dr. Guyton, a professor in Blue Mountain College and a personal friend of Mrs. Modena Lowrey Berry, has given us a vivid and pleasing biography of “Mother Berry” that great woman who developed a small and unpretentious mountain school into an outstanding college whose graduates are rendering distinguished Christian service in all sections of the world. The book is one of charm and of challenge.

*Far Eastern War*—Harold S. Quigley. World Peace Foundation. Price, cloth \$2.50; paper \$1.50.

A comprehensive treatment of the world situation revealing the impact of Japan's program for “a new order in greater East Asia.” The author, who is

professor of Political Science in the University of Minnesota, paints a graphic and gripping picture of China's condition, Japan's ambition, Russia's extremity, Britain's role, and America's co-operation.

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calm us, in weakness fortify us, in doubt guide us, in grief steady us, and at last be Thou to us the opener of the door into the world invisible and eternal. Amen.

—Yorkminster Calendar

# Our Missionaries' Birthdays

*You  
Prayed  
Today*

You prayed today,  
Then strength came to my soul;  
Cares seemed to fade,  
And I achieved my goal.

You prayed today,  
Christ spoke in words so clear;  
Because you prayed for me  
The Master seemed more near.  
—Emma Mildred Watts

## January

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| 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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