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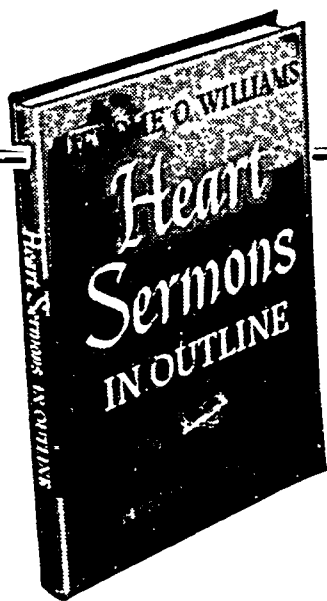


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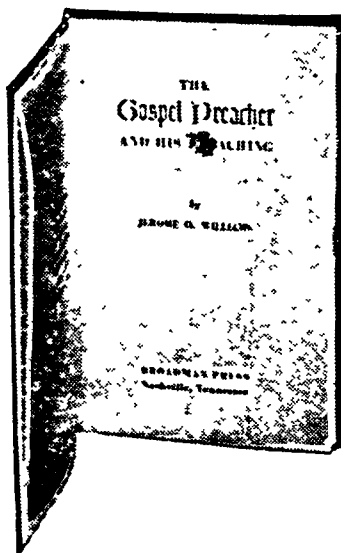
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Till Concern Die

Southern Baptists are in the process of discarding their miniature conception of missions. Increasing numbers of men and women in our churches are becoming aware of their Christian responsibility in a world that is lost. Increased obedience to the command of our Lord to make disciples of all nations has made it possible to enlarge and strengthen our missionary program in all parts of the world. Missionary advance has begun.

But how secure is the advance? What guarantee do we have that the quickened mission activity is not just riding the crest of a tide which will recede when the ebb of less prosperous days may be upon us?

A Baptist leader in Europe asked me the following question in regard to the newly established Baptist Seminary in Zurich: "How permanent is the support that will come from Southern Baptists for the effective work of this school in training men for the evangelization of Europe?"

A similar question could be asked in regard to our Missions in every land. It was a difficult question to answer. In a flash I thought of the great strength in numbers and wealth of Southern Baptists. I thought of their splendid co-operative success in education, in literature, in home and foreign missions. But none of these seemed to be the answer. Without having time for further deliberation I answered: "Southern Baptists will support their Missions till their concern for lost men die."

During the several weeks that have passed since that answer was given to my European friend I have had time to think it over. I believe it is right. For the Christian experience of every age has been that one of the first fruits of the grace of Christ in the believer's heart is a deep concern for the salvation of others. When that concern is genuine it must find expression in witnessing undergirded by holy living.

Our world mission enterprise is in reality the co-operative, corporate expression of that concern at work among the nations of the earth. Only as we re-

fuse to share Christ's compassion and stifle the impulse to tell others of our Christian experience, will concern for lost multitudes die.

There are many heartening signs among us that our concern is on the increase. Thousands of our churches are currently engaged in the greatest simultaneous evangelistic crusade in their history. Ten thousands of people are finding their way to Christ and a new life committed to the service of their Lord. Fellow Christians in other groups are similarly engaged in great evangelistic crusades. Many signs indicate that we are moving toward the greatest spiritual awakening in the history of our nation. It may be that God in his mercy will save this generation from atomic chaos through

the power of his Spirit working through Christian men and women aflame with compassionate concern.

From our overseas mission fields come just as heartening reports. Over fifteen thousand were baptized last year. The number

of inquirers about the way of salvation is increasing steadily and in many places revivals are in progress.

Thirty-six eager new missionaries were appointed in March. They ask no other security than a God-given concern in the hearts of those who send them. Each one of them has in reality said to us: "Here is my life as an instrument of your concern for the souls of the people to whom I go." By our prayers, faithful stewardship, and increasing support we answer back: "You may count on the permanency of our concern and the tangible gifts which will make possible your witness among the nations of the earth." What greater security for our mission program can we wish than that?

I am convinced that the concern of Southern Baptists for a lost world will not die, nor recede. As increasing numbers among us discard our miniature conceptions of a former day we discover that the Lord can use far beyond human calculation the kind of faith that throws away timid calculations and goes forth to do the impossible.



THE Commission

YE SHALL BE MY WITNESSES BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND UNTO THE UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH.

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Next month

Perhaps the most electrifying news brought to the Foreign Mission Board in many a year was the report of Orient Secretary Baker James Cauthen that all available missionaries from China may be used in pioneering mission projects in India, Malaya, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Korea. In Korea, the Philippines, and Thailand missionaries are already at work. The vivid details of these new missionary opportunities will be set forth by Baker James Cauthen in an article, "Southeast Asia Calling," scheduled for the June issue.

Also you will want to read the story of how the mission plane, shown on the cover of this magazine, will be used in the vast hinterland of Brazil. Look for "Advance Takes Wings," by Robert R. Standley.

In keeping with the June emphasis on student life we will introduce you to a charming Italian student in one of our seminaries, and perhaps give you a picture story of a Missions Weekend at Clemson College, South Carolina.

A report on what Baptists have done for the DP's, plus a description of an overwhelming "Korean Welcome," plus a story by a veteran of missionary service in Brazil on how the seed sown by American missionaries takes root and keeps growing in the native soil, plus the many vital departments carrying up-to-date mission information, add up to a June number of our world journal that you will not want to miss.

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Last month



Dr. Cauthen Interviews New Missionaries.

MISSION arrived from Europe just one office day before the Board meeting.

The days immediately prior to the meeting of the Board found the offices humming with accelerated activity. Detailed reports had to be written by the staff members. Agenda for the various Board committees had to be prepared. The various subcommittees of the Board had lengthy meetings dealing with their particular problems.

Especially busy were Samuel E. Maddox and Edna Frances Dawkins of the Personnel Department. For a glorious company of thirty-six missionary candidates was seeking appointments as missionaries overseas. Nine couples, accompanied by Dr. Cal Guy, professor of missions, had flown in from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in a chartered plane. Others arrived by bus and train from all over the South. All thirty-six missionary candidates were unanimously appointed. Their heartwarming stories of how God had guided them to serve him with their lives in distant fields were told to a crowded assembly of Board members and guests on the evening of March 14. How it cheered us to realize that God is still calling the finest young people to serve him.

Present with us for the Board meetings in our new chapel were the Southern Baptist editors and state secretaries. They heard first-hand reports of how the Advance Program has quickened mission activities around the world.

To Dr. Charles E. Maddry, former executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was given the honor of dedicating our beautiful new chapel on the evening of March 14. He recounted the struggles of former years and gave thanks for the way in which the Holy Spirit had led Southern Baptists into an evergrowing mission for their Lord around the world.

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ADVANCE HAS BEGUN



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"That the World May Know"

By M. Theron Rankin

Never in the history of our Convention have Southern Baptists faced a situation more serious and grave than the one that will confront us at the meeting in Chicago.

What we do at this meeting of the Convention will largely determine whether Southern Baptists will move forward in a great undertaking in world missions at home and abroad, or whether we shall plunge our Convention into a period of confusion and frustration.

In writing about this situation, one of the most highly regarded leaders among us and one who has attended meetings of our Convention for over fifty years said, "I think this is potentially the most dangerous crisis not only of my lifetime, but of the entire history of the Southern Convention."

God himself has set the stage for advance. He is moving in world events to prepare the way before us, just as he prepared the way before the coming of Christ. Modern inventions which are reducing the distances and space of the world in time are bringing us into closer contacts with the people of the whole world. We are being brought so close together that we can feel the agony and hunger of people who are miserable and hopeless. Our capacities of compassion and sympathy are being enlarged.

The statement in the Scriptures that,

when Jesus beheld the multitudes, he was moved with compassion has become more personal to us. We have been brought so close to people of other lands, races and nations that we no longer think of them primarily as Orientals, Asiatics, Europeans, Africans, red, yellow and black, but as people who have the same human needs and capacities that we have.

We have come to a new sense of our mutual involvement in the conditions of the world. We realize as never before that no man lives unto himself, that we are inescapably our brother's keeper, that no individual can be secure except as the order in which he lives is made secure, that we cannot save ourselves except as we save others.

The power of destruction of our inventions and discoveries has compelled us to recognize that without the moral and spiritual capacities to control these things, man will destroy himself; that the solution of the evil that threatens the world lies not in the realm of things, but in the realm of the spirit.

God has set before us these open doors and he is moving among Southern Baptists to urge us to enter them.

The strength of this urge could be felt even during the war, and it has grown with the years. Earnest requests have come from our people that we move forward in a program of advance that the world may know that God sent Christ into the world that men might not be destroyed but that they might have life. This urge produced the advance program proposed by the Foreign Mission Board and prompted the Southern Baptist Convention to adopt plans for advance at home and abroad.

These plans have reached around the world. Baptist churches and conventions in twenty odd countries have felt the impulse of advance and have projected their plans.

Advance has already begun and we are now at the point of acceleration. The Foreign Mission Board appointed sixty-seven missionaries in 1949 and we are planning to appoint one hundred in 1950. The Executive Committee of the Convention will recommend at the Chicago meeting an increase of \$250,000 in the operating funds which the Foreign Board is to receive from the first \$4,500,000 of the Cooperative Program receipts in 1951. During 1950 all receipts in the Cooperative Program over \$6,500,000 will go for enlargement in foreign missions.

In order to be ready with missionary personnel to meet the enlarging needs, our Board has issued a call for 1,000 missionary volunteers. Responses have already led us to believe that candidates will be ready as rapidly as increased funds make their appointment possible.

What will we do at Chicago? The outcome of all that I have said above hangs on the answer to that question. Will we let differences of conviction concerning which Southern Baptists have agreed to differ for a hundred years be projected now as tests of fellowship and co-operation? Will we resort to ecclesiastical authority in our Convention to force local churches to agreement on these matters or be ejected from the Convention?

If we do these things, our program of advance will be turned into a retreat of defeat. The preparation which God himself has made waits on Southern Baptists. The hopes and plans made by Baptist churches in twenty-odd countries abroad wait on Southern Baptists. A tragically lost world waits on Southern Baptists.

The question is, will God wait on us if we turn in a retreat of defeat. He is marching on. What will we do at Chicago?



New Girls' School at Agbor, Nigeria



New hospital going up at Eku



New Mission headquarters at Ibadan

Scofield

Africa

There is no doubt about it. Advance *has* begun in West Africa. Scores of evangelists and teachers, doctors and nurses working in new buildings located in new territories achieving almost unbelievable results, constitute ample evidence that Southern Baptists are on the march in many lands.

Ten years ago there were less than sixty representatives of our Board at work in Nigeria. Now almost twice that number labor there and in the Gold Coast. The enlistment of these recruits has led to the opening of stations, the building of homes, and the construction of churches and schools and hospitals.

During the last few years our missionaries have established themselves in such new centers as Agbor, Ede, Eku, Ibadan, Ire, Joinkrama, Kaduna, and Okeho in Nigeria and Kumasi in the Gold Coast.

At Agbor, for example, a school for girls has been inaugurated. Here, in a neglected area, scores of young women are being prepared to assume the responsibility of home makers and spiritual leaders in their rapidly changing land.

Only recently the important community of Ede was occupied by missionaries. Just beyond the city limits the headquarters of Woman's Missionary Union are established. Here also a center for the training of elementary teachers was created two years ago. It has thus come about that from a hilltop near the walls of an ancient pagan stronghold, streams of Christian influence go into many parts of Nigeria.

One of the most talked-of projects in Southern Nigeria is the hospital which is nearing completion at Eku.

At this out-of-the way place Southern Baptists have spent about \$50,000 on an institution which would have cost twice that amount in the United States. In return for their money the Baptists of the South will receive the undying gratitude of hundreds of persons who would never have become acquainted with the Great Physician if we had not sent them doctors and nurses.

In an isolated Niger delta area which our missionaries reach by means of a dug-out—a canoe hewn out of a log—a woman doctor and two nurses have brought life to a dying people. The temporary buildings in which scores of persons have found health and spiritual healing will be replaced by permanent structures which the advance program is making possible. Joinkrama is not only a symbol of missionary sacrifice; it is also a monument to the grace of God and the generosity of Southern Baptists.

Theological, normal school and secondary education has benefitted by funds that a debt-free denomination has been able to supply. A well-prepared staff and reasonably good facilities have made it possible for the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary to become an affiliate of the Louisville seminary. Additional grants are now being used to construct an administration building and a new dormitory.

Other evidences of advance are seen in recently constructed quarters and enlarged staffs at Abeokuta, Iwo, Oyo, and Port Harcourt. In the two last named places secondary schools have been built within the current three-year period.

Ibadan, a city of approximately 500,000, was not "occupied" by Baptist missionaries until two and a half years ago. Since that time we have established Mission and convention headquarters there and we are planning to build a printing plant, a book depository,

and a youth center. Much of the money for these projects has already been provided.

A remarkable fact is that Southern Baptists have a very small stake in the church buildings of Nigeria. Not only are most of the churches self-supporting but in many instances the church members have built and staffed their own elementary schools.

The work in Nigeria has overflowed into the Gold Coast. Thousands of Yorubas who went to the neighboring colony as traders now have the benefit of the spiritual guidance of two missionary couples.

Europe

The incorporation of the Balkan countries into the Soviet sphere has placed these lands almost beyond our reach, but it is now possible to touch other parts of Europe which formerly were influenced only indirectly by Southern Baptist activities. A chapel in Austria, another in France, a church in Holland, and a seminary building in Germany are symbols of the service we have been pleased to render since the end of the recent war.

Our small investments in Austria and France are likely to yield good returns. Already they have encouraged Baptist leaders in those countries to go forward. Instead of meeting in a borrowed chapel as they are now doing, the Baptists of Salzburg will soon have their own place of worship.

In Salzburg and in Linz there have been some remarkable conversions. One of the persons who found Christ had been a Communist. Another was a fanatical Catholic who was led to the Light by reading a Bible he found in a bombed building.

On my recent visit to Lyon, I found a group of choice Christians. When

Monsieur Colet went to this city of more than half a million citizens about four years ago, he and his wife were the only Baptists of whom he had any knowledge. He began a house to house visitation program and his labors have been richly rewarded. The French Baptist Federation and the local group provided funds with which a centrally located lot has been purchased. Encouraged by two gifts of \$3000 each contributed by our Board, the small congregation is proceeding with plans to build a church.

Almost unbelievable progress has been made in Italy since 1946. The Eternal City has been the scene of much Baptist activity. In 1947 property was acquired and the building on it was converted into a two-family apartment house. The following year an orphanage for girls and a community chapel were constructed. At the same time an entire floor was added to the Teatro Valle property and the former home of the pastor was made into a center for youth activities.

In 1948 Rome was decided upon as the location of the Armstrong Memorial. To perpetuate the memory of Mrs. F. W. Armstrong who gave so much of herself to the missionary enterprise, the Baptist women of the South are bringing into existence a training school. Here young women from Italy and elsewhere will catch the spirit that makes Woman's Missionary Union a blessing to multitudes in many lands. The building is almost complete and it will be dedicated a few weeks hence.

On October 17, 1949, the Istituto Filadelfia began its official career at Rivoli (Turin). This institute of brotherly love is successor to the Baptist Seminary which functioned in Rome for many years. In a modernized villa, twenty-two young men under the guidance of two American and



Moore

After renting ground floor and top floor for years, Madrid Baptists now own this four-story building at 18 General Lacy.

three Italian professors are preparing themselves for the spiritual leadership which is so sorely needed in Italy.

The larger giving of Southern Baptists has made possible the erection of excellent church buildings in Turin and Milan. The structures in these two centers were dedicated in October, 1949, and January, 1950. Thanks to the program of advance, other places of worship will soon be dedicated to the glory of God and the spiritual enlightenment of the Italian people.

Even in poverty-stricken, priest-ridden Spain, it is possible to report that advance has begun. Last year the opening of the new chapel at Sabadell attracted much attention. Nothing ever happened in that area that gave Baptists so much self-respect. This church is one of the few meeting places in Spain to which our people can point with pride.

Early this year an enlarged and re-decorated chapel was set apart in a special service in Madrid. This place of worship has been a center of Baptist life for many years. Two years ago we bought the entire building of which the chapel is a part.

Judging from the comments that have come from many parts of the world, the Foreign Mission Board never launched an enterprise that has received more universal approval nor one that is fraught with more far-reaching possibilities than the Baptist Theological Seminary of Ruschlikon/Zurich. For the quarter of million dollars they have already expended Southern Baptists have a teaching and administrative staff of five couples, and three single persons and a student body of twenty-eight representing fifteen nationalities. They have also buildings and grounds that are almost unbelievably beautiful. With other funds that are soon to be provided faculty apartments, quarters for additional students, and a chapel will be constructed.

Near East

Despite war and the threat of war, advance began in Lebanon and Israel about two years ago. Progress has expressed itself in the purchase of land for a school in Beirut, the plan to buy land and build more commodious quarters for the children of the George W. Truett orphans' home of Nazareth, the addition of secondary classes to the Baptist school system of Nazareth, and the acquisition of land for what is hoped will become a self-supporting Jewish-Christian colony near Tel-Aviv. We also rejoice over an increase in missionary personnel.

For obvious reasons, it is unwise to publicize our hopes with reference to entering Arabia. Suffice it to say that two couples are under appointment for that project and \$25,000 is available.

Advance has begun. Its continuance will depend upon the degree to which we take seriously our Lord's command to make disciples of all the nations.

GEORGE W. SADLER.

New chapel at Rome Orphanage

W. Dewey Moore



Armstrong Memorial School at Rome

Wingo



New building for Seminary, Budapest

Courtesy Sadler



China

Amid the confused conditions which characterize China, advance has begun. To be sure it is not the kind of advance which is evidenced by constructing new buildings or organizing new institutions. It is advance which comes when Christian people are put to severe tests and find new victories through faith in God.

Communist successes in China have not meant the end of Christian work. More than fifty missionaries of our Board are still at their stations. They are able to work freely although travel from city to city is not possible without a special permit. Chinese pastors and other workers are able to function effectively. Churches, schools, hospitals, and other organizations have continued their work. There are, to be sure, many difficulties, but these are fewer than one would expect under such circumstances.

Conditions vary somewhat from place to place, but in the main the attendance at the churches is good and people are being won to Christ. In some schools the Christian students are waking to a new sense of their responsibility to live in such manner as to bear a witness to their fellows.

With the reduction of missionary personnel on the field much heavier responsibility has been laid upon Chinese leaders. Recognition that they would have to carry on without as many missionary fellow workers has caused Chinese personnel to lean more heavily upon God. Christian people have a growing consciousness that only the message of Christ can bring peace and joy to their country. They recognize that man's basic need is to know God and no amount of emphasis upon material abundance alone can solve man's problems.

It is a time when Chinese Christians are brought to a more vital faith in Christ. They recognize that conditions could arise which would make impossible the presence of missionaries or the use of money from abroad. They are aware of a living Saviour who is able to meet every need and they are making it their purpose to tell their friends of this Christ. Most encouraging reports have come from many areas describing the number of people who have been turned to Christ.

Under these circumstances people do not follow Christ for "loaves and



Courtesy Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

Passing in transit to and from Hong Kong February 20 were Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper (left) returning to the Orient, and Orient Secretary Baker James Cauthen, Mrs. Cauthen, Carolyn, and Ralph, en route to Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Cauthen spent the month of January on tour of Thailand, Malaya, India, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

fishes" but because of a genuine desire to know him. People are more inclined to measure the cost of following Christ and give themselves to him with full dedication.

Effective advance must consist not only of outward expansion but of inner strengthening. The storms which blow in China have the effect of strengthening the inner life of the churches.

Christian work will continue in China under whatever conditions will come. If the new government will grant permit for the entry of missionaries there will be people ready to go. We will have missionaries in China as long as possible. Even if the time should come when we could have no missionaries on the field and no financial aid could be extended, the Christians of China would continue their work, looking to God alone to supply their need.

As a result of emergencies prevailing in China mission work has been projected in other areas. A splendid beginning has been made on the island of Formosa, where two women missionaries along with Chinese leaders, have laid good foundations. A splendid work has been established in the city of Taipeh, which is the capital city of the island, and many visits have been made to other areas where groups of worshipers have been brought together.

The churches of Hong Kong and

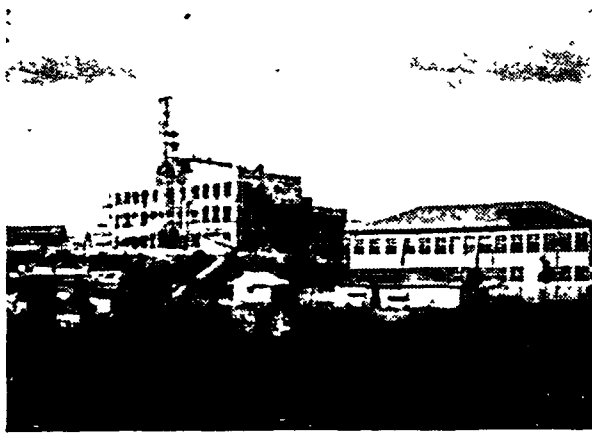
Macao have long wished for missionary co-workers. Of those who have evacuated, seven missionaries are now in Hong Kong and six in Macao. They are rendering most effective service in the churches and schools.

Nineteen missionaries are still studying the Chinese language at Baguio in the Philippine Islands and they work among the Chinese people of that city. Careful studies are being made as to the advisability of establishing work among the Chinese population of the Philippines, and reaching out from this group to the Filipinos as well.

Southern Asia

Two couples have been placed in Bangkok, the capital city of Thailand (Siam). More than one million people live in this splendid city. Of this vast number 600,000 are Chinese, of whom 50,000 speak the Cantonese dialect. Three and one-half million Chinese people are found throughout the country. There is a total population of seventeen million, among whom only one person out of 1,700 professes to be a Christian. In the thickly inhabited area extending for more than two hundred miles north of Bangkok, there is almost no Christian work.

Already the missionaries in Bangkok are making a vital impression in the name of Christ. God has led us to a very challenging field and the time



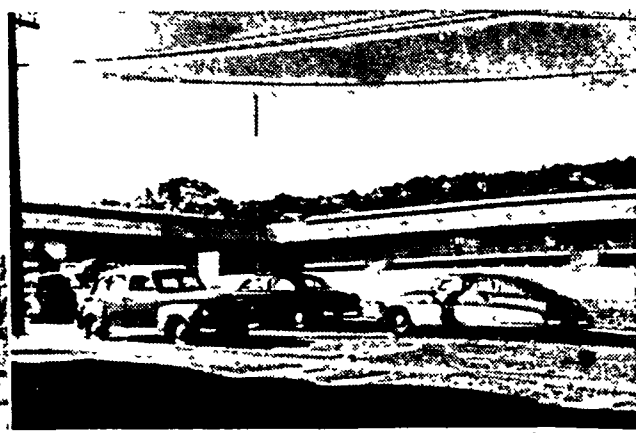
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has come for us to enter it in strength.

Recent surveys have indicated vast possibilities for mission work throughout Indonesia where seventy-five million people are served by only 150 Christian missionaries. In this area two million Chinese reside, great numbers of whom are able to speak China's national language. Unusual responsiveness to the Christian message is found among them. This is a field of challenge and opportunity, and plans are being studied with a view to placing missionaries there at an early date.

In Singapore, the major city of Malaya, lives a large Chinese population. In the entire area of Malaya are two and one-half million Chinese. Already Singapore has two small Baptist churches, whose members are urging that we place missionaries there. In these centers which have been mentioned, many of our China missionaries will find fields of opportunity in case it is impossible for them to return to China.

India, with her teeming millions, groping in the maze of Hinduism, has long appealed to Southern Baptists. Careful surveys have been made in recent months, with the result that it is evident that we should enter that land at an early date.

Much Baptist work is conducted in India by other bodies, but in vast areas there is none whatever. In the valley of the Ganges river, there is a distance of four hundred miles through the most populous section of the land where there is no Baptist voice. On every hand there are multitudes who know nothing of Christ.

Foundations for permanent work can be laid by experienced missionaries, using English. Long-term work would need to be projected in native dialects. We are hoping some China missionaries may go to India and spearhead the opening of mission work

while new recruits are getting the language.

Already a couple has been sent to Korea where for a period of a year they will devote themselves to intensive work with Korean Baptists. Upon the basis of their recommendations we will be in a position to take further steps. There is every possibility that a splendid Baptist work can be developed in South Korea.

The Foreign Mission Board in March authorized placing available China staff in 1950 not only in Korea but in the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaya, Siam, and India, with a view to permanent work. We anticipate having before the end of the year missionaries in Manila, Batavia, Soerabaya, Singapore, and Cawnpore.

These missionaries, in exploratory locations, will be in position to do evangelistic work, make surveys, and present recommendations, upon the basis of which the Foreign Mission Board can take action in 1951 toward setting up permanent missions in these needy lands.

If it becomes possible to return to China, these missionaries would be privileged to do so. New volunteers would be appointed to continue work in the areas opened.

Japan

Major advance is under way in Japan. Two years ago a call was made for one hundred missionaries in Japan at the earliest possible time. Already fifty-five missionaries are under appointment, and by the end of this year the goal should be well in sight.

It would be difficult to overestimate the opportunity for Christian work in Japan. On every hand the people are interested in hearing the gospel and the Mission is growing rapidly. It is

our objective to place missionaries in every prefectural capital throughout the two main islands of Honshu and Kyushu.

At Fukuoka Seinan Gakuin is being developed into a splendid senior college, while at Kokura Seinan Jo Gakuin has been lifted to a splendid junior college for girls. A beautiful new administration building which was a gift from Woman's Missionary Union to the school in honor of Miss Kathleen Mallory is nearing completion. Plans are under way for the construction of a new building for the Japan Baptist Theological Seminary. Already additional equipment has been provided for the work of the Training School for women.

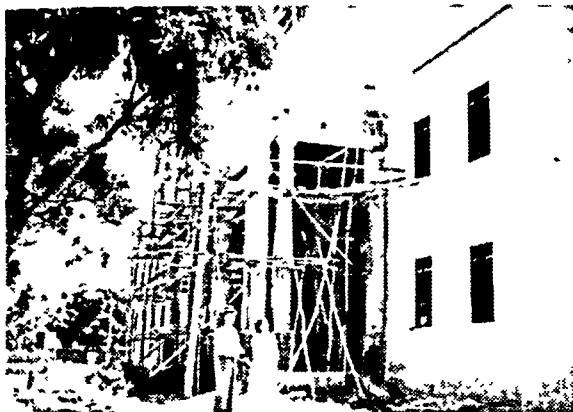
At Tobata the work of the Good Will Center has been enlarged and improved. In Tokyo strong emphasis is being placed upon the development of publication work. Definite plans are being studied, as a result of last year's decision to project medical work in Japan, for the hospital which will be constructed at Hiroshima where the atomic bomb brought destruction.

Half of the world's population live in the Orient. Most of these millions know nothing of Christ. We must interpret the emergencies which prevail in China as God's trumpet call to advance while there is opportunity in vast areas of the Orient where formerly we have had no witness.

Our objective must be to win people to a personal knowledge of Christ, organize them into churches, help them have places of worship, and train leaders who will shepherd their flocks.

We can do so with confidence that such investments made in the name of the Lord Jesus will bear their fruit no matter what the future may hold. We must go forward now. There is tragedy in delay.

BAKER JAMES CAUTHEN.



New building, Colegio Batista, Recife



Beach rest home for missionaries, Recife



New Colegio Batista, Fortaleza

James P. Kirk

Latin America

Latin America is awakening and advancing. Great cities are growing at an astounding rate; governments are valiantly attacking the evils of illiteracy; airlines are pushing back the curtains of the hinterland; European immigrants are crowding its shores. In the spiritual sphere advance has likewise begun. At no time in history have the evangelical missionary forces in Latin America been so active. Southern Baptists have already made possible an amazing advance in their missionary undertaking in these post-war years.

The little service was about to begin when missionary Burton Davis turned to me and whispered: "There are people in the congregation tonight who will hear the gospel for the first time." We were meeting in a tiny rented hall in the great Brazilian coastal city of Fortaleza, a city of some 200,000 people, capital of an entire state. There was in that service a deep sense of concern, a longing to see men turn to the Light. But as I came away, I wondered how we could ever shake a city of such proportions, how we could ever reach the leaders of the community in such unattractive quarters.

Five years later I returned to witness

a miracle of transformation, for today there rises in the center of that capital a lovely Baptist temple. Beautiful in its Grecian simplicity, worthy of the gospel we preach, it is attracting men and women, boys and girls to its services.

Out at the edge of the city, in a fast-growing section, an entire block has been purchased, on which has been erected the first Baptist school of the state, with an enrolment of nearly 200 students. The leading city paper, in a full-page spread, gave a glowing account of this new institution and the Baptist principles for which it stood. The Minister of Education described it as the best equipped school in the state. Students were already being turned away for lack of room, even though parents were threatened with excommunication by the bishop if they sent their children.

But beyond this growing city there lies a great sprawling state with its hundreds of towns and villages, many of which have never even heard our gospel. Out at the airport I climbed into the cockpit of our new missionary plane which had just been flown in from California by Missionary Robert Standley, a distance of 6000 miles. We climbed high and swooped down over the city to salute our church and school. This new plane will be dedicated to the evangelization of Ceara and other North Brazil states, with

pilot-evangelist Standley in charge.

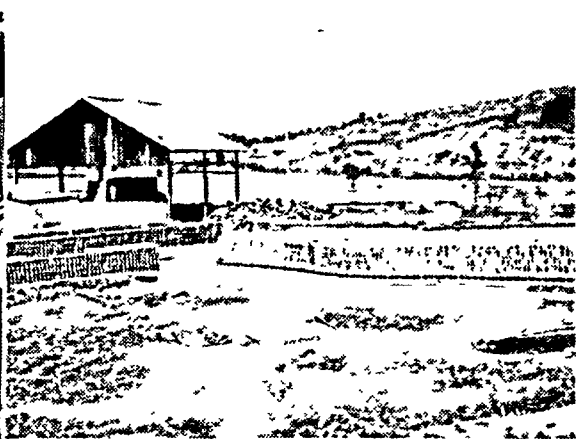
All of this has been made possible in these few years through the glorious increased giving of our churches at home who have caught the vision of a new day in missions. While capitalizing on new inventions and changing methods, we remain true to an unchanging gospel—the same gospel preached in the tiny rented quarters of Fortaleza a few years ago.

Patients were already crowding the little clinic in Charcarita at seven o'clock in the morning when Dr. Franklin Fowler and missionary-nurse Miriam Willis walked down the steep incline to the river bottoms. It was already hot with the sticky heat of the tropics in Asuncion, Paraguay. In a section of the city which often breeds crime and communism, they are ministering to forgotten people. On the other edge of this capital city, I stood with Dr. Fowler and his collaborators, the doxology ringing in my soul, as I saw the extensive property for the new Baptist hospital, the whole area busy as a beehive with workers laying the foundations. Ox-carts, laden with sand and gravel, lumbered endlessly back and forth. With the property purchased, and funds in hand for its completion, this will become the first Baptist hospital in South America, the only Evangelical (Protestant) hospital in all Paraguay. It will prob-

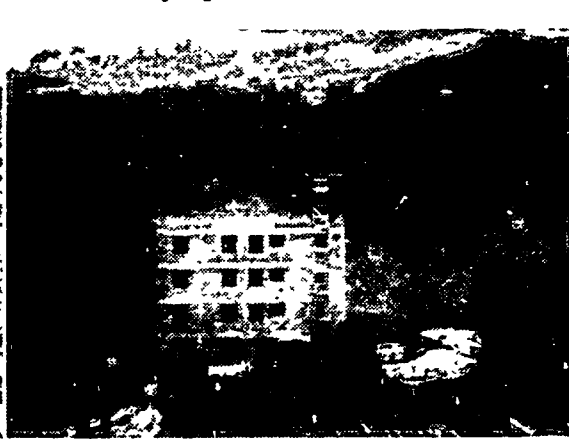
Plane for "most remote station", Corrente
Harrington



New site, Casa Publicadora, Rio de Janeiro

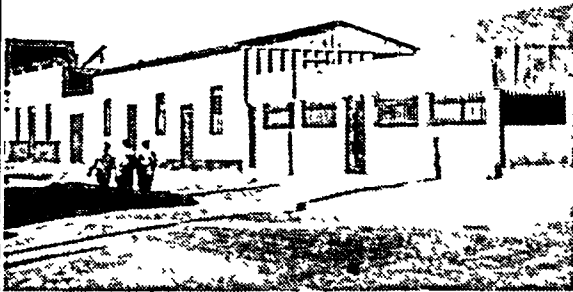


Missionary apartment house, Rio

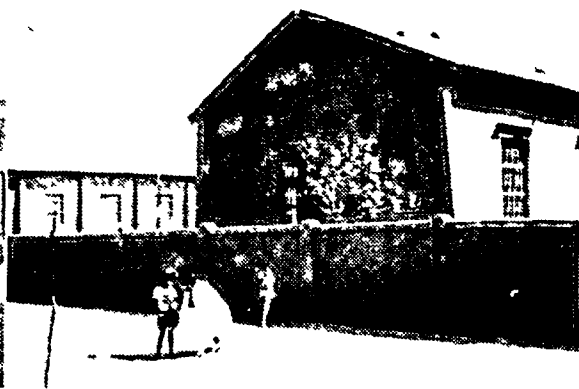




Courtesy A. P. Pierson
First Baptist Church, Chihuahua, Mexico



New chapel, Good Will Center, Antofagasta



New day school, San Felipe, Barranquilla

ably be the best equipped in the nation, rendering its physical and spiritual ministry to a people who have suffered in succession from Jesuitism, devastating wars and revolution.

Here will rise an institution to supplement the primary mission of preaching and teaching through the two fine Baptist churches of the city, well-housed, with a strong evangelistic ministry. Eight missionaries now serve in Paraguay: Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Fowler, Miss Miriam Willis, Miss Frances Roberts—all with the hospital; Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch as general field missionaries; Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Craighead with Russian-speaking groups in the southeastern part of the nation.

By contrast I recalled my first visit to this ancient city on the banks of the Paraguay a few years before. At that time, only one Argentine missionary couple was leading a little congregation in a small rented hall. The prayers and gifts, and the dedication of the lives of men and women have made possible this striking advance in so short a period of time.

To preach the gospel in its power and purity, to win men and women to Christ, to organize New Testament churches with a missionary spirit, to develop a strong self-supporting denomination—this is the ultimate pur-

pose of our undertaking. Everything else should be dedicated to this primary goal. But to back up such an undertaking, to stabilize it, and give it direction, we must depend on great basic missionary institutions behind the front lines of advance: primary and secondary educational institutions; colleges; theological institutions; and publishing houses. Missionaries dedicated to the task of developing these institutions are as truly missionary as those who advance on the evangelistic frontiers of our work.

From El Paso, tons of Spanish Baptist literature go out to serve every Spanish-speaking nation in the world. From Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, Baptist publications and Bibles pour forth in an increasing stream to minister to our churches from the plane of Rio Grande do Sul to the forgotten villages of the Amazon. With expanding facilities made possible through the purchase of a large new property at the edge of the city, a new day will dawn for our work in Brazil. Bibles, so scarce in Brazil, will be made available in increasing volume through this expansion.

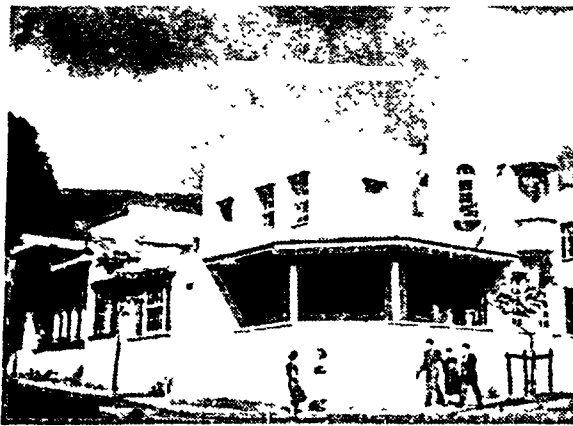
From Mexico's northern desert to Recife's Venetian-like canals, Southern Baptists support training institutions of all classes for the development of a national Baptist leadership. From

each mission and nation there arises the continuous cry: "More trained workers; we must have more well-trained, consecrated workers." In such training lies the hope of the future, for we can never send enough missionaries to win the millions of the earth. Only through trained national leaders and workers can that ever be accomplished.

As a symbol of this program of training, go with me to the newly completed training school for young women in Rio de Janeiro. The last time I stood on this property, it was covered with banana trees. In our imaginations then we hoped and prayed for the day when the desperately needed institution would rise on that same spot. Southern Baptists responded generously. With what pride I entered the new building a few days before its opening "fall" session in March. The chapel was filled with Girls' Auxiliaries in their first annual encampment, an historic occasion.

But far more beautiful will be the lives of hundreds of young Brazilian women who will study and pray and train, going forth from this training center to teach in Baptist schools, to serve as home missionaries in the Amazon valley, with the Foreign Board in Bolivia; or to establish Christian

Seventeen in language school, Medellin



Sunday school, Central, Buenos Aires



Doctor's home, Asuncion, Paraguay



Frank K. Means

Photos by Marjorie Moore Armstrong unless otherwise indicated

homes. Herein lies the ultimate glory of all such buildings. For buildings alone, however beautiful and efficient, will not build the kingdom of God. Yet they can be used as glorious instruments in the hands of dedicated men and women of God for the extension of his kingdom.

What has been said of a spiritually bankrupt Europe, applies with equal significance to Latin America—a region of “stately cathedrals and stale Christianity.” But rightly or wrongly, the mind of most Latins has been conditioned to think of religion in terms of artistic places of worship. The Roman church, supported by the taxes of the people, has been able through the centuries to employ the finest architects, and spare no expense in erecting its temples.

By contrast, many of the poor and frequently unattractive church buildings of Evangelicals has hurt our cause. With poor constituencies, meager support from home, and without government aid, it is remarkable how much has been accomplished with so little. Let me be emphatic in saying that people can be won, and a strong work can be established in many quarters of the globe without material equipment. Historians record that for two hundred years the gospel swept over the Roman world without church buildings. Church structures, however beautiful, are no substitute for a living, vital gospel, preached and lived before men.

If, however, we can couple this vibrant faith with temples which are a credit to the faith we preach, we are then in a position to reach thousands more. Laurence Duggan, authority on Latin American affairs, but woefully ignorant of its soul, speaks of “the frigid verbalism of the Protestants”, and the religious impulses of Roman Catholics which demand “passion and vestments of beauty.” Somewhere between the extremes of ugly halls and gold-encrusted cathedrals, Southern Baptists are steadily assisting in the erection of church buildings in Latin America which are beautiful in their simplicity, strategically located, attracting thousands to the gospel.

Advance has already begun in this area through the increased giving of our home churches—in Chihuahua, Mexico; in Caracas, Venezuela; in Temuco, Chile; in Buenos Aires, Argentina; in Montevideo, Uruguay. In



COVER PHOTO

Missionary Robert Standley (center) of Fortaleza, Brazil studies aeronautical charts before taking off in Southern Baptist mission plane from San Diego, California for Brazil, Uruguay and Mexico. Shown with him in front of the *Ryan Navions* plane or Berni Dardel, Montevideo; and Francisco Waltz, Mexico City.

brick and mortar, in wood and plaster, these spiritual monuments are rising to bless whole cities with the preaching of the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ.

In the lovely new church building of the Radio Norte Baptist Church in Montevideo, on one of the leading avenues of that exquisitely beautiful city of 770,000 souls, I met to worship while the annual session of Woman's Missionary Union was in progress. But the gospel which missionary B. W. Orrick preaches here is no less fervent than that which he proclaims in his tent meetings over Uruguay.

But Latin America needs something more than church buildings. She needs courageous preachers of the gospel—both nationals and missionaries to

work side by side as brothers in the evangelization of those desperately needy nations. They must be ready to preach that gospel face to face with men, on street corners, over the radio, in tent meetings, in schools, high in the mountains, along the banks of jungle rivers, in villages, or teeming cities. More and more of our young men are answering this call, and the advance program is assuring the steady increase of this staff of workers. In the last five years the personnel representing Southern Baptists has increased by fifty per cent in the ten Latin American nations where we are engaged in a cooperative undertaking with our brethren. How glorious it is to see young men and women of high educational and spiritual caliber volunteering for service abroad. A few years ago many of them were fighting in the frozen wastes of Alaska, the jungles of the Pacific, hitting the beaches—enlisted for the duration. Today they have enlisted in a world crusade for life.

In the Spanish-speaking language school in Medellin; in the Portuguese school in Campinas, Brazil, it was my privilege to confer with thirty-six of them recently, struggling with the language, preparing to lose their lives among people of another civilization, another race, another language. Here is the hope of the future. Here is our greatest missionary investment. Let us match their devotion with our prayers, our gifts, and our lives, for the winning of a world to our Lord.

EVERETT GILL, JR.

The new building of the Radio Norte Baptist Church, Montevideo, Uruguay was dedicated on Sunday October 9, 1949.

Courtesy B. W. Orrick



Advance with Recruiting Has Begun

By Samuel E. Maddox

The surest way to enlist American youth is to confront them with a real challenge.

Until the Program of Missionary Advance was launched our Baptist young people had come more and more to delegate the responsibility of winning the lost here and abroad to the pastors and other adult leaders. Southern Baptists generally had come to accept the total of six hundred missionaries as "normal" and very few were ready to say that anything more worthy should be attempted.

One voice cried out that instead of six hundred missionaries we should plan on a one-hundred-year program calling for 6,000 missionaries and \$102,000,000 a year for world missions. Our executive secretary challenged Southern Baptists to an immediate goal of a missionary staff of 1,750.

Hope which had nearly died surged again in the hearts of Baptists throughout the Convention who had never felt right about doing so little to win a lost world to Christ. The Department of Missionary Education and Promotion of the Foreign Mission Board was organized to inform and inspire Southern Baptists to accept the challenge of advance now. The Personnel Department was enlarged to minister adequately to the increased number of mission volunteers. Posters were devised challenging a thousand young Baptists to respond to the call of Christ and a lost world.

During the past three years our Board has been able to appoint all qualified applicants. When the Program of Advance was presented to the Board there were those who thought that even if the money could be provided the qualified personnel could not be found. I mentioned then that I had never known a young man or woman to fail to respond to a really great challenge and that I had every confidence that the personnel would not be lacking for the Program of Advance.

An urgent letter was sent to many pastors asking that they approach the most successful young couple in the ministry asking them if in this the hour of the world's greatest need God might



be calling them to offer their lives for service abroad. Many were the pastors who responded to this appeal, some offering their own lives. From this number are some now serving overseas.

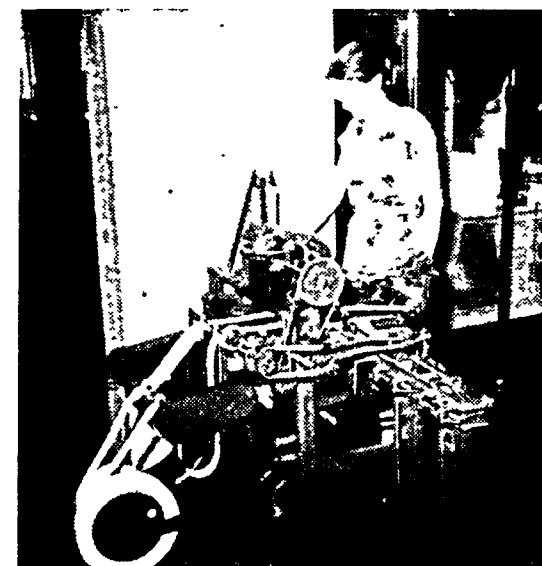
We fully realize that personnel work is a long-range proposition. We are doing all in our power to give every possible encouragement to every volunteer. There are many names of Juniors and Intermediates on file. Each

of them will hear from our Board every year until appointed or until they signify that they are no longer volunteers. Recently the Board authorized free subscriptions of THE COMMISSION to all volunteers. In this way, our Board will have a very powerful regular contact with them.

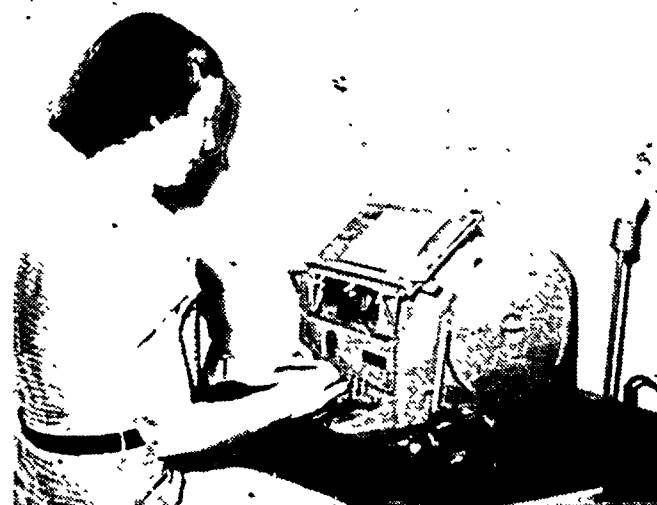
The Board has authorized the appointment of one hundred missionaries in 1950. Our executive secretary stated that he hopes that there may

be an increase of twenty-five appointments each year until we have reached two hundred appointments annually. If we can do this, the dream of a staff of 1,750 missionaries will be realized well before the end of this decade.

In all of our seminaries we have had evidences of a growing missionary spirit. When the invitation was given in a recent service at one, more than one hundred seminary students came forward volunteering their lives to serve the Lord wherever the need is greatest overseas. At another seminary



The monthly "mailing strip" for THE COMMISSION (above) now includes the missions volunteers on file in the personnel office. The department of visual education works with the personnel department on materials to enlist young people for foreign mission service.



To facilitate all the Advance Program effort at the home office, the Board had a local Western Union teleprinter installed. Advance overseas inevitably calls for better equipment, more space, and greater staff in the Foreign Board's home office.



To create additional office space for the fast-growing personnel department, and the treasurer's department, the Foreign Mission Board bought the house next door and converted it into a chapel, library, and suite of guest rooms.

two hundred students are members of the Volunteer Band.

In one of our medical schools I met with nine students who are definitely looking forward to appointment as medical missionaries and they

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told me of several other medical volunteers in their school.

"If you should get 1,750 missionaries," someone may ask, "What impression will so few make on a lost world?" We are not appointing men to go out in their own power. The influence of one Albert Schweitzer has been felt in three continents. Adoniram Judson was just one man, but his ministry gave the gospel to Burma. The life of Paul, the first great missionary, is still inspiring young people to spend and be spent to make Christ known to their own generation. Yes, 1,750 missionaries who go in the power of Christ may well usher in the day in which "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Christ's call is still, "If a man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." There is no easy road of world conquest for Christ, but no one has followed in the steps of the Galilean without reaching the end with the greatest possible satisfaction known to man—the joy of having lived for him who sacrificed his all for us.

Like the Greeks of old, thousands from every land are saying: "We would see Jesus!" I am confident that the personnel for the Southern Baptist Program of Advance will not be lacking and I feel equally sure that our churches will not fail to provide the means to send them.

Buying the Goods

FOR WORLD MISSION ADVANCE

When the Foreign Mission Board asked me to become transportation and office manager, I responded to the opportunity of Christian service after forty years in the business world, because I was willing to learn by doing. I had no conception of the type of job it was. One month later my twenty years' experience in buying from manufacturers was drawn upon, and I've been purchasing agent ever since.

Now after two years I am convinced that it is a highly important phase of world missions. What I see from my desk every day is proof that the Advance Program has begun.

Housing for Japan

The first major purchase after I came to the Board was fourteen houses and churches. Edwin Dozier of Tokyo was in Richmond trying to find a way to get more missionaries into Japan. The biggest problem, he said, was housing. I knew a man in town who made prefabricated houses. The missionary and I went to see him and see the kind of house he put up.

The building he makes is fine, but when we looked into shipping costs for that house, we had to turn him down. Letters went to manufacturers in the northwest and in Canada, asking for prices on their prefab houses, delivered set up in Japan. Then we decided against wood and considered aluminum. Finally we found the best price and bought directly from the manufacturer, seven houses and seven church buildings costing \$83,000.

The fourteen units were ordered, shipped, and placed in Tokyo and Southwest Japan for about \$100,000. New missionaries now occupy the homes and homeless churches occupy the houses of worship.

For the new commercial department of Seinan Jo Gakuin at Kokura, Japan, that year we bought twenty typewriters and a two-year supply of ribbons, paper, carbon paper, tablets, pencils, and erasers.

By Louis P. Seay

as told to Marjorie Moore Armstrong

"Advance requires an amount of purchasing never dreamed of before," the executive secretary has said. "Already I would feel as if I had lost an arm if we lost our purchasing agent."

Walkie-talkies were also one of my first purchases. In China communications were poor in 1948. Mission compounds had no telephone service. At their request the Board had me order the radio sets used by the army during the war, to make it possible for mission homes and institutions to communicate with each other.

By ordering only from manufacturers and wholesalers I have been able to cut costs on many orders. The budget one year listed \$2,000 for two pianos for Nazareth. Missionary Kate Ellen Gruver asked me to place the order with the firm where I could get the best price.

With full information on the model, style, and size instrument she wanted, I wrote the factory, and two pianos were soon shipped to Nazareth at a price of \$382 each. Three electric organs for Japan, Brazil, and Nigeria, and six folding organs have also been shipped lately.

Building Materials

The amount of construction going on around the world today keeps me busy in Richmond. Twenty thousand dollars worth of sheet and structural steel just went out to Missionary T. B. Stover, Rio de Janeiro, for the new home of the Baptist publishing house going up on the edge of town. Four thousand bags of cement, a \$5,000 item, has been shipped to Asuncion to go into Paraguay's first evangelical hospital and South America's first Baptist hospital, being erected under the supervision of Missionary Doctor Franklin T. Fowler.

Building materials can be bought in

the States and shipped across an ocean cheaper than they can be bought in some foreign countries. Occasionally the poor quality of building materials abroad justifies the purchase in the U.S.A.

Medicines by the Gross

Enough drugs and hospital equipment have been ordered to keep a metropolitan hospital going for a year. Aspirin, quinine, sulfa drugs, penicillin—everything a doctor needs to save human life—have been purchased at from 33 1/3 to 50 per cent discount, and shipped in bulk to the China hospitals, the Nigerian hospitals, and the Latin American medical clinics. All medicines are bought directly from the manufacturers.

For Nigeria, in addition to medical supplies, we have bought 3,000 sheets of roofing aluminum for the Eku hospital and other clinics, two X-ray machines costing \$1,780 each, four operating tables ranging in cost from \$100 to \$750 (two of them were war surplus, available at a 90 per cent discount), a \$360-water distiller, plumbing fixtures, and a \$4,000 power plant to furnish electricity for the Eku station.

A new law in that British Crown colony requires all landowners to enclose their property, and we shipped about \$6,000 worth of barbed wire and fencing for the purpose.

Mission Transportation

Vehicles are one of our major items. Yesterday, a night letter telegram



Scopfield

came from Haifa: URGENT SHIP FORD EIGHT "SIXTH" MOTOR COMPLETE HAIFA EXTRA GASKETS VALVES FOUR TIRES SEND ME LETTER DESCRIBING GIFT FOR CUSTOMS HOSTEL FUND, signed by Missionary R. L. Lindsey.

It was my business to translate that message into a purchase order with all the specifications, to locate the merchant who could give us the best possible price, then get an export license and a shipping permit, and see that the order was shipped to the Near East—all chargeable to the budget of the Department of Africa, Europe, and the Near East under "Refugee Hostel, Jerusalem." By the end of thirty days, if we are lucky, that badly needed automobile will be in use in Palestine.

For export we buy only from the factory. Six automobiles were shipped to Nigeria alone last year—jeeps, passenger cars, and station wagons. Four went to Hawaii—a school bus, a station wagon, and two regular cars. One station wagon went to Tokyo this past year, one to Fukuoka the year before.

To get automobiles for missionaries visiting Richmond, we buy from local dealers. They can give no discount but they sell to us when they cannot make prompt delivery except to regular customers.

Jerusalem missionaries needed and got two motor scooters and four bicycles for transportation purposes recently.

An airplane has just been picked up at its California factory by Missionary R. R. Standley for use out of Fortaleza in North Brazil. We got \$1,098

knocked off its purchase price of \$10,985.

Now we have an order ready to place for a launch, or yacht, to connect San Andres Island in the Caribbean with the mainland of Colombia. It must be large enough to take ten to fifteen passengers, and a hundred tons of freight—groceries, school supplies, equipment, gasoline, and the like. Seven different manufacturers have submitted bids, all the way from \$40,000 to \$1,400,000. The item in the budget for it is \$10,000. The best we can do is to get the \$40,000 launch for \$28,000, and now it's up to the regional secretary to decide on the purchase.

Shopping for Books

Next to vehicles on our shopping list probably is books. The library of the new Baptist Theological Seminary at Zurich, Switzerland, has been completely stocked by orders through our office. Textbooks for the seminary students were also ordered by us. The Seinan Gakuin University library, Fukuoka, Japan, was restocked through our office.

We deal first with the Baptist Book Stores. If the volumes requested cannot be had there, we order direct from the publishers, or in some cases, to get better prices, from secondhand book dealers.

Home Equipment

The Board's purchasing agent is particularly glad to shop for the mission-

Across this spacious desk flow letters, cables and telegrams from missionaries asking Mr. Seay's help in securing their money's worth; and back across it flow the orders to manufacturers and dealers, for nearly \$250,000 worth of merchandise a year. Not a cent passes through Mr. Seay's hands, and not a piece of goods goes through his office, but he's buying daily.

aries. We know how to make the equipment allowance go as far as possible. During January and February, to take a sample, we ordered and shipped overseas:

- 6 electric refrigerators
- 3 electric stoves
- 5 washing machines
- 2 sewing machines (and we got 25 per cent off)
- 1 shotgun
- 1 suite, steel office furniture (termite resistant) for Hawaii

We even accept orders for the renewal of American magazine subscriptions.

Baptismal robes and communion sets have been purchased and delivered on request to South American churches.

In this office, our primary concern is to get the goods needed to the place it is wanted, as safely and quickly as possible, at least possible cost. The Board's purchasing department has been able to save from 20 per cent to 50 per cent on each order. It is a mail order business of growing size, designed to reduce the operating costs of Southern Baptists' foreign mission program so as to increase the program.

In 1948 we did approximately \$200,000 worth of business. In 1949 it was considerably more.

The treasurer's office is free of a perpetual headache in handling invoices for goods ordered direct by the Missions, without adequate identification of the purchaser. The missionaries are being saved from gyms and mail order rackets. The Board is getting every dollar's worth.

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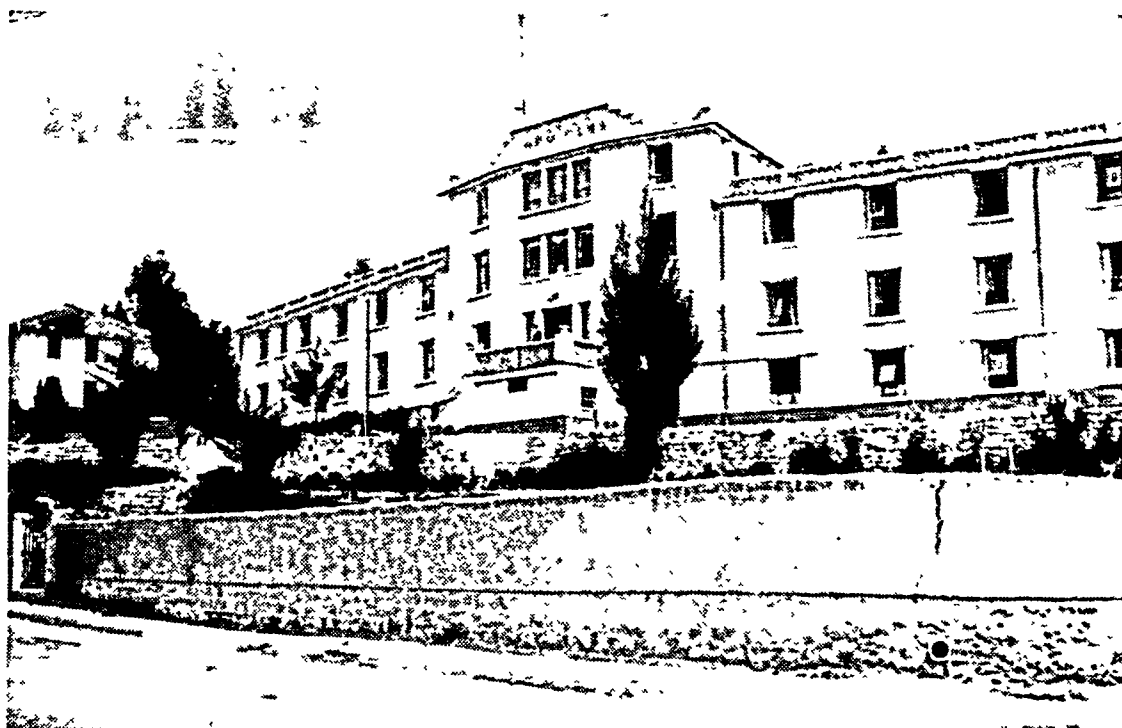
Meet Dr. Beck of Bolivia



Dr. Beck is the only doctor on the staff of Clinica Americana. He holds a clinic for outpatients, such as this Indian who walked eighty miles in the hope that he'd get relief for a mouthful of ulcers. A servant girl scrubbing the tile corridor when he arrived was called in to interpret his tribal language. Dr. Beck diagnosed his case, gave him instructions for a cure, and sent him home to ask a nurse—the only medically-trained person in his area of 60,000 Indians—to treat him until he is well.



Clinica Americana is a fifty-bed hospital in a good residential section a thousand feet below the business district of La Paz, one of the highest capitals in the world. The nurses' home (extreme left of the hospital) houses twenty-eight students and four graduate nurses of the hospital staff. The officially approved school of nursing graduated its first class in 1940. Fifty-one nurses have received the three-year course, and fourteen of them are now in the States for further training. Until a decade ago the profession of nursing in Bolivia was on a par with janitorial service; Government hospitals used nuns to minister to patients and employed servants to do the "dirty work" of nursing. The Methodist hospital cannot begin to supply the demand for its graduates. They are engaged in public health work, the Inter-American Aid program, and local hospitals. Since the mission school of nursing was opened, the national institute of nursing has been established, but the waiting list for Clinica Americana's school is four or five times the capacity enrolment.



Clinica
Americana
and
Nurses
Home



Mrs. Beck is her husband's chief assistant: a sort of dean of women for the school of nursing, matron of the hospital, public relations staff, and friend of patients, especially frightened little women. She made good use of her furlough time; when Dr. Beck earned his medical degree from Northwestern University, she won a doctorate from the University of Chicago.



A first-class surgeon, Dr. Beck did forty-five operations the last five months of 1949—everything from the removal of a tiny cyst on an ear lobe to spinal operations. He has delivered 2,000 babies. Dr. Beck is loved for his cheerfulness and his competence. He invariably sings as he makes his rounds. One morning before a missionary patient underwent an operation, she greeted him with a question: "Do you know what you're humming, doctor?" He had to admit he didn't. "It's 'When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder!'"

If Baptist Doctors Franklin T. Fowler of Paraguay, Roy C. McGlamery of Colombia, and E. Lamar Cole of Mexico need any professional encouragement for their mission to medically-needy Latin America, they have to go no farther away than La Paz.

Methodist Missionary Frank S. Beck, M.D., and Mrs. Beck, Ph.D., operate a self-supporting medical center which is famous for its excellent service, its friendly atmosphere, and its Christian witness. He is the only foreign missionary who has a license to practice medicine in Bolivia. He earned the confidence of the nation when he volunteered to serve as army doctor in the Chaco War.

What the Becks have done to give Bolivia a healing ministry in the name of the living Christ, and to perpetuate it after their retirement this year by means of nurses trained and medical standards established, can only be imagined from this picture story made in late January. But any evangelical hospital projected in Latin America will inevitably be compared with this much loved and highly respected institution.



Homeward bound with a well baby!

EDITORIALS

Board Withdraws from Foreign Missions Conference

For the past nine years the Foreign Missions Conference of North America has debated the question of merging the Conference with the National Council of Churches of Christ in America now being organized. In January 1949 the Missions Conference voted 63 to 51 against the merger.

After the meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference in Buck Hill Falls in January 1949 the *New York Times* reported:

The Rev. Dr. Charles T. Leber of New York, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, implored the delegates to enter into the proposed new council without delay. . . .

The Rev. Dr. M. T. Rankin of Richmond, Va., representing the Southern Baptist Convention, calmly but pointedly took issue with Dr. Leber. He maintained that a vote in favor of participation is a vote that does away with the Foreign Missions Conference and effectively eliminates Southern Baptists from a fellowship that has lasted many years.

Since that date, however, it has become increasingly clear that the Foreign Missions Conference cannot function separately from a large number of its constituents which will have membership in the National Council of Churches. In April of this year the Missions Conference will meet to reconsider its relationship to the National Council of Churches.

In the light of this development Secretary M. T. Rankin presented to the Foreign Mission Board in its March meeting the following resolution of withdrawal from the Foreign Missions Conference:

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America at its annual meeting in January, 1949, voted to reject a proposal that the Conference become the division of foreign missions of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. Representatives of some of the church bodies which will have membership in the National Council of Churches voted against the proposal because they did not want to take action that would cause the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and other groups with a similar viewpoint to withdraw membership.

This vote meant that the Foreign Missions Conference would remain a separate and completely autonomous organization as it had been through the fifty years of its history, and was so interpreted by all members of the Conference.

Throughout the year following this action, officers and

members of the Conference have sought earnestly to adjust its organization and functions to enable it to serve the large number of its members who will have membership in the National Council of Churches, and, at the same time, to preserve the integrity of the vote taken at the January, 1949, meeting. The efforts of a year demonstrate that this cannot be effectively done. If the Foreign Missions Conference is to function effectively for its members who will have membership also in the National Council, it must maintain an organic relationship with the National Council of Churches which will not be in accord with the vote taken in January, 1949, and which will not be acceptable to our Board.

Plans are now being made to call a special meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference in April to reconsider the relations of the Conference to the National Council of Churches. It is hereby voted that the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention withdraw its membership in the Foreign Missions Conference and thus leave the Conference free to make such changes in its structure and functions as a majority of its members may deem suitable to their needs.

In making this recommendation, we wish to record our appreciation of the fairness of consideration that we have received at all times from the officers and members of the Foreign Missions Conference. This Board expresses its appreciation of the valuable services which we have received from the Foreign Missions Conference throughout the years of our membership. We regret to lose the benefit of such service, but we are happy to believe that the withdrawal of our membership will not cause us to lose the Christian fellowship which we have enjoyed with the members of the Conference.

The Foreign Mission Board unanimously voted for the resolution and thereby severed its relation to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America with which it has been connected since 1899.

Advance Has Begun

This issue of *The Commission* is full of evidence that advance *has* begun. But in our joy over the increase in personnel and equipment for our world mission undertaking we must be alert to the danger of thinking that we have arrived when we have just barely begun. It would be well to emphasize that advance *has begun*.

Our concern must carry us through to the destination appointed for us by our Lord. The men and resources he has bestowed upon us are expressions of God's confidence in our stewardship. We must not be content with dimensions of love and concern which would embarrass us when we read: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son."

Foreign Mission Night at Chicago

Foreign Missions Night, an established feature of the Southern Baptist Convention, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9. The evening's program will be presented to a joint session of Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Highlights of the presentation will include: (1) Executive Secretary's report, Dr. M. Theron Rankin; (2) an address by Dr. Andrew Potter, Executive Secretary, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma; (3) a film, entitled "Advance in Africa," based upon Southern Baptist work in Nigeria; (4) testimonies by representative missionary appointees; (5) a dedication service in which more than fifty recent appointees will be set apart for missionary service; and (6) an address by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Secretary for the Orient.

Dr. Cauthen will give firsthand reports on the situation in China, the prospects of missionary advance in Japan, and the possibility of sending a limited number of missionaries to exploratory locations in Korea, the Philippine Islands, Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand (Siam), and India.

Missionaries at home on furlough will be seated on the platform by regions and will be presented in groups.

Messengers and visitors to the Convention should be sure to visit the Foreign Mission Board's attractive exhibit where pamphlets, posters, etc., will be available.

F. K. M.

Missionary Slain by Bandits

U. S. Embassy officials in Rangoon, Burma reported that Miss Selma M. Maxville, Northern Baptist missionary nurse, was tortured and slain by bandits on February 28. She had been kidnaped ten days before her death. A ransom of 28,000 rupees (about \$5,600) and 40 pounds in gold was demanded. An extensive posse was organized from Moulmein and on February 28 she was rescued from the bandits by a squad of thirteen men. But two miles from Moulmein they were ambushed, and Miss Maxville and twelve men were slain.

Miss Maxville, a native of Mississippi, had been a missionary in Burma since 1914. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. W. A. Moore of Tupelo, Mississippi. Two of her nephews are well known to Southern Baptists: Merrill D. Moore, Director of Promotion of the Executive Committee; and John A. Moore, professor at the Baptist Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland.

May God comfort her friends and relatives in their sorrow and deepen our own dedication to the task of making Jesus known in this world where his messengers must still hazard their lives for the sake of the gospel.

A New DP Program?

The old DP bill provided for the entry into the United States of a total of 205,000 Displaced Persons. A little more than half of this number has actually arrived so far. A great number is "in process" of being admitted. But unless Congress passes a new bill the opportunity for entry of Displaced Persons into our country will be terminated on June 30 this summer.

The House has passed the Celler Bill which provides for an extension of time to June 30, 1951 and for raising the quota. The Judiciary Committee will report a Displaced Persons bill to the Senate in April. This bill, like the House bill, changes the "cut-off" date for refugees from December 22, 1945 to January 1, 1949. The former date in the old bill effectively cut off thousands of persons who fled from religious and political persecution in Eastern Europe *after* that date.

The new bill would raise the quota from 205,000 to a total of 339,000 to be admitted before July 1, 1951. This number would include 54,000 "Volksdeutsche" (non-Germans of German origin) who were formerly excluded.

Meanwhile the DP families which have arrived are making excellent adjustments to their new environment. Rev. A. Klaupiks, who heads the Baptist DP work through the Baptist World Alliance, states that less than five per cent of the DP families that have come need readjustment of occupation. A special investigating subcommittee of Congress, headed by Representative Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, found that less than one per cent of the 120,000 DP's admitted so far could be numbered as "questionable immigrants."

The subcommittee added: "The nation as a whole has welcomed the destitute people and with true American ingenuity is making good use of their capabilities while simultaneously offering them remarkable opportunities for rehabilitation."

The Baptist World Congress

The Eighth Baptist World Congress will meet at Cleveland, Ohio, July 22-27. The first session will be held in the Cleveland Public Auditorium at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, July 22. On Saturday night at seven the second session of the Congress will be a mass meeting in the Cleveland Stadium, which has a seating capacity of 80,000.

Foreign missions will be featured on Wednesday night when Dr. Kenneth S. Latourette will speak on "The Missionary Outlook Today." There will be several short addresses by nationals and missionaries. The final address of the evening will be delivered by Orient Secretary Baker James Cauthen.

EPISTLES

FROM TODAY'S APOSTLES ALL OVER THE WORLD

Relaxation and Rest Must be Found "In the midst of busy life" in Japan

Mission work has advanced greatly during the year we have been back in Japan, but we are sorry so few Southern Baptist missionaries have arrived to share the good news of salvation with the Japanese in this great hour of opportunity.

Your Baptist missionaries in Japan are earnestly studying the language and going about their tasks of evangelization. We have never had such full lives. "You know and I know God gives us relaxation and true rest for further work, in the midst of busy life," wrote Luke Kitahata, our Japanese friend who is studying medicine in America. We have joyfully worked "in the midst of busy life," and God has blessed.

Edwin [Dozier] has been away from home so much that our youngest child asks, "Has Daddy gone again?"—the "again" pitched in a very high key. He is at Seinan Gakuin, Fukuoka, in several weeks of revival services now.

But in spite of his absence the Keisan Baptist Church, of which he is pastor, has enjoyed a steady spiritual growth since its organization in August. At our World Day of Prayer one of the earnest speakers emphasized that each Christian must be a missionary. And five of our young people have purposed to become full-time Christian workers.

Next door to our home is the Japan Baptist Convention headquarters and the Jordan Baptist Publishing House. A Christian digest, Sunday school literature, thousands of tracts and several books have been published here this year. The compound is a bee-hive of mission activity.



MARY ELLEN DOZIER
(MRS. EDWIN)
Tokyo, Japan

Missionary Considers Her Enforced Vacation in Hong Kong a Furlough

Before the Communists came I told the leaders in the Shiuhing church that I would leave if they thought best. At that time they urged me to stay on, but later they became frightened and asked me to leave. I was the only American left in that area and they heard so much bitter anti-American propaganda on the streets that they thought I would surely get into trouble and possibly get them into trouble if I stayed on. In fact, one of the northern Communist soldiers asked them why

I had not left and told them it would be better if I did.

The Christians begged me to go at least temporarily to Canton where there were many more Americans. But I did not want to stay in Canton. If I could not work in my own field I did not want to stay in Communist territory. I think it most likely that I will go to Siam later. Until it is determined, I shall spend some time in Hong Kong and Macao. I am considering this a furlough and hope I shall not have to take one in 1952, but can stay on in the Far East until I am ready to retire.

After thirty-five years of labor in Shiuhing it was hard to be pulled up by the roots to be transplanted to some new field. It grieves me to have to leave my young people in Shiuhing.

I could not bring anything with me out of Shiuhing except what could be carried to the ticket window. But I had a Chinese helper to carry things for me and we brought my typewriter, a suitcase and duffel bag, and a few other odds and ends. In the summer before the Communists came I sent one trunk to Hong Kong containing some blankets, my best silver and a few other things.

The shops here in Hong Kong are as beautiful as in America and the lights at night seem wonderful, for Shiuhing has no such lights. Since I am having a few weeks' vacation, I am answering letters, some of which I have been holding for nearly a year. I brought a pile of letters down from Shiuhing and when officials examined my baggage they tried hard to read them all. They minutely examined every piece of paper which had any writing on it and turned the pages of every book to see if they could find anything interesting. But they let them pass, and now at last I am writing to you who have waited so long for a reply.



MARGIE SHUMATE
Hong Kong, China

Language Students Visit Mennonite School; See Baptist Work in Bogota

Our Mennonite friends in Cachipay run a school for children of leper parents. We spent a few days there just before Christmas. A number of them were still at the school even though it was vacation, so we had a good time wrapping gifts for them and helping with their Christmas preparations. This school is located in an isolated area in the midst of

mountains and tropical shrubbery. Banana and citrus trees grow wild.

We were in Bogota about a day to see our Baptist work there. Baptists have only one couple in the huge capital city and the work is new. How badly workers are needed to expand the work and make Christ truly known there!

We have enjoyed being away from language study for a little while. A new school term opened January 2. Not many new students will be entering. It seems to be getting more difficult for them to obtain even a tourist visa.

Our second visa extension was granted, permitting us to remain in the country until February 2. At that time we will have to leave the country to get new visas. Students from the language school who have gone out recently for new visas have received only 60-day visas that cannot be extended, and are able to get only two of these. If this is still true when we go out, we shall not be able to stay a year. Of course, we are hoping conditions will change by then.

This is the dry season and therefore the summer season. When the dry season comes people begin to fear a shortage of water and electricity. So far we have had no difficulty along these lines. They tell us it will really get dry and hot before the season is over and that we will welcome the rains when they begin again. That is hard to believe now, since we have just gone through a long rainy season that really got monotonous.



W. M. HAVERFIELD
Medellin, Colombia

Missionary Continues Her Work in Kukong after Government Changes

According to reports from over the entire North River field of the South China Mission, ninety-eight people have been added to the churches by baptism during the year 1949. We conducted a good two-week Vacation Bible school during the summer vacation, with an average attendance of 134 and followed it with special evangelistic services. At the close of this meeting, twenty-five were added to the Kukong Church by baptism.

P'ei Kuang School, the school for poor children and the orphanage school are all running. There was a period of a little more than two weeks just before and just after the change in government during which classes were not held. We are thankful that the fighting passed over us

and none of our people were hurt.

The Woman's Missionary Society, two Junior Training Union organizations and one Sunbeam Band are still functioning here in Kukong. The Senior Training Union needs reviving. In some of the out-stations the W.M.S. is still functioning but I have not had an opportunity to visit the out-stations and do not know just what they are doing.

Two young people from Kukong went to America recently for study: Mr. Han, who was working at the orphanage, and Miss P'an, daughter of the director of the orphanage. One young woman from the orphanage is in training at Pooi In Bible School in Canton.

The English Bible class started by Missionary M. W. Rankin has continued to meet with varying attendance. Several young women from the normal school here joined the class recently and also come for English lessons three times a week. We are hoping these contacts will lead them to acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Some relief funds have been available and opportunities have come to help people in need of food, clothes, medicine, or transportation back to their homes. There is always opportunity for personal work among people of many walks of life and we are praying that the seed thus sown may bring forth fruit.

When I came to Kukong from Shanghai, Mr. Li Ch'ung En, one of the seminary students from the Interior China Mission, presented me with a calendar for the year which also gave a Scripture verse for each month. The verse for October, the month the government changed hands in Kukong, was most appropriate: "My

soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him" (Psalm 65:5). The verse for November was "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13).



CLIFFORD BARRATT
Kukong, China

Baptist Work is Started in the Second Largest City of Lebanon

Three young people of our church, a married couple and a single man in the employ of the Petroleum company, were transferred from Beirut to Tripoli, the second city of Lebanon with a population of 120,000. As good Baptists, they began to witness in their new surroundings. In July we rented a suitable place for meetings and now a flourishing witness is being established in Tripoli.

As often as we can, we visit this new center which is about fifty miles from Beirut, to encourage the brethren there. Services are well attended and several have indicated their desire to follow Christ.

Three new preaching centers in the near-by villages of Damoor, Mio-mio and Fiadiah are now under the care of the Beirut church. A Sunday school is also being promoted at Damoor and, although a Greek Catholic priest has forbidden children to come, threatening to expel them from day school, many still come. We believe this opposition is only temporary and will give way to the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Our program of meetings in Beirut has been extended to include a girls' auxiliary led by Mabel Summers and a training class for our young men. Two of our church members, Jameel Muhaizon, a Moslem convert, and Hirus Yousif, have gone to our new international seminary in Zurich for a period of special training for the ministry. We hope to have our own Bible school in Lebanon some day, for we have a group of young men with a fine missionary zeal who are eager to preach.

We are grateful for all your earnest prayer for the work here. Pray on, for the results we have seen are but a foretaste of that glorious harvest of souls which the Lord is waiting to give if we, with you, are faithful in our witness and prayers.



FINLAY M. GRAHAM
Beirut, Lebanon

Missionary-Teacher to Have New Home Few Miles Outside the City of Fukuoka

On a visit to Fukuoka we visited the two Baptist churches in the city. One of them had a 100-per-cent increase in members during 1949 and has a present membership of approximately 190. Most of these came by baptism. How many Southern Baptist churches can report such an increase?

A house is to be built for us outside the city of Fukuoka about two and a half miles. The house will be on a small knoll overlooking a village and numerous small fields. A few miles distant is a towering range of mountains. During the winter months streaks of snow hang from the top of the range. It is quiet and peaceful there. We have plans to move the seminary to this location within a few years, and hope to use a part of the property for retreats.

I shall be teaching at the seminary. My subjects will be in the field of Christian sociology and Christian ethics, a field of study which I feel we desperately need here in Japan.

I have made a couple of trips to a village about seventy miles from Tokyo. It is the village of Minato located on the peninsula east of the city. A young man, a tailor by trade, lives there with his family but works in Tokyo. Some time ago he

considered moving his business to his home town and in preparation for this he purchased a large house to be used for a factory. Since then he has decided against moving his business and has remodeled the house to provide a place for a Sunday school.

We are still playing at the task of missions in Japan. We are praying that the doors shall remain open until we can train a leadership to enter them. Churchill's famous statement is applicable here—"Never has so much depended upon so few."



GEORGE HAYS
Tokyo, Japan

New Missionaries Choose State of Maranhão as Their Field of Labor

In choosing our field of service we visited three of the neediest in North Brazil. First we went to Santarem, 500 miles up the Amazon River, where we saw a wonderful opportunity for extending the kingdom of God. Roman Catholics have twenty American and German priests in the region of Santarem alone. Southern Baptists have one missionary couple and one single missionary working in the entire state of Para.

Next we visited the State of Maranhão, seeing the capital, Sao Luiz, on the coast and then traveling by truck over rough, unpaved roads 250 miles to a little village of mud-thatch huts to the state convention.

Finally, we made our way by truck and train to Therezina in Piahy. The work there will soon be left without missionaries by the transfer of a couple to Recife.

After praying that God would show us his desires and remove all obstacles so there would be no doubt and uncertainty, we have chosen Maranhão. It is a state where we have never had a missionary couple living and working on the field, although there has been some co-operation with workers from as far away as Recife and Belem.

We already have seven churches there and some other congregations or preaching points. In addition there are three primary schools. But it is a vast state, not thickly populated, but inhabited by 800,000 to 1,000,000 people. I think it is the neediest of the three fields we saw.

We will move to Sao Luiz, and are at work now "getting a good ready" for the hard work that will come in a few months.



J. DANIEL LUPER
Recife, Brazil

First Baptist Church, Temuco, Ministers To Several Groups in Other Communities

Chile, along with the rest of the world, is suffering from "dollar shortage," although less acutely, perhaps, than some other countries. We are thankful for a stable government, a friendly people, the fullest freedom and a favorable hearing for our cause. If only we had the men to take advantage of the opportunity. I drew three letters from my mailbox one day last week and all three were urgent requests for preachers. A few days before I was handed a letter from Aysen Province with forty signatures requesting a pastor or missionary to visit them and baptize the signers. The trip is a day by train, three by boat and another by truck. We need at least a dozen capable pastors and half as many missionaries to man our field as it now stands.

The First Baptist Church, Temuco, will report about fifty baptisms for the year. We have excellent attendance. The lovely new organ, which so well supplements our new temple, attracts people steadily and a much better class of people, socially, are attending than we had in the old building although it is extremely difficult for them to become Evangelicals.

Four missions of the church are located in Temuco and four more are scattered about the country. The last Sunday in November we had 500 in Sunday schools in town and probably another 120 in the others. Our latest mission station is in Hualpin (wahl-peen), a new

town on a new railroad southeast of Temuco. Eleven members there have been organized into a mission of our church. A choice lot was donated by a native Indian and we have secured a loan for them from our Building and Loan Board. They expect to have a little chapel ready soon, the first of any sort in the town.

After nearly sixteen years of happy labor with the people of Temuco, I have resigned the pastorate of the First Church to move to Santiago where I shall "sub" for everybody, and serve as treasurer of the Mission, teacher in the seminary, consultant in the construction of three new church buildings, and director of the book and literature business. Mrs. Moore

will continue editing her Woman's Missionary Union program magazines.



R. CECIL MOORE
Temuco, Chile
(now in Santiago)

A Third Baptist Church Is Organized In Honduras; First Preacher Ordained

When the floods came last fall I was in Honduras, but had to cancel many of my plans there because of the rains. However, we were able to accomplish a great many things. We ordained the first Honduran preacher, who then accompanied me to the organization of another Baptist church in Honduras.

That gives us now three churches in Honduras, with eight missions, and one ordained minister. This year they have had forty-five baptisms, 104 professions of faith and at present there are seventy-two baptized believers. Of these, forty-eight are tithers.

When the torrential rains began I was a day by horseback from the nearest town. Because the weather looked so bad that morning, we held our baptismal service at eight o'clock in the morning. Before we were through the rains started and

we had to swim across the river, horses and all, on our return.

If we had been only a few minutes later we could not have crossed at all.

Most of the flood damage here in Guatemala City was in the poorer section of the town where water-soaked adobe houses caved in, killing the occupants. Many towns were isolated by the rains, others built near the mountains were destroyed by landslides, and some along lakes and rivers were washed away. One month has passed since the floods, and many bridges and railroad tracks are not fixed. It was not until yesterday that we started receiving mail sent by train again.

We went outside Guatemala City to a little Indian village, Santa Catalina, for a day of services including the Lord's Supper, baptisms and a special graduation program for the women's missionary organization. For the baptismal service we walked a mile into the mountains to a river that ran out of the side of the mountain. The water was clean and clear. We were surrounded by a grove of some kind of palm trees, so dense that the sky was hidden. Mrs. Webb said she felt as if she were in a jungle.

We have had an institute for pastors' wives in Guatemala, the first ever held here. The pastors stayed at home to care for the children while the women came for the two-day meeting of study, companionship and recreation. They studied W.M.U. methods, children's work, hymnology, and other phases of Christian work expected of a pastor's wife. The time went by all too swiftly for the ladies.

One remarked after it was over, "I propose that we have one of these meetings once a month."

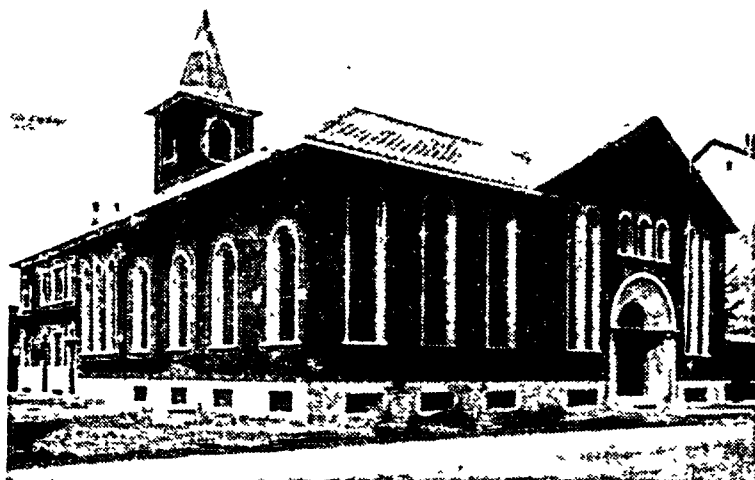


W. J. WEBB
Guatemala City,
Guatemala

Courtesy George W. Sadler



Interior and (below) rear views of Lucento Chapel, Turin.



The beautiful Lucento Chapel of Turin, Italy was dedicated on October 16, 1949. About 1500 attended the impressive service. Enrico Paschetto is the pastor.

Educational Institutions in Fukuoka Advance Academically, Spiritually

The new missionaries who have come are solid stuff. Someone said our Foreign Mission Board must be combing the country to find the best of America to send to Japan. Send us more.

Missionary Edwin Dozier is holding evangelistic meetings for us. Students are turning to Christ by the dozens and fifties. This morning a group of university students put themselves on record for life-commitment in the ministry.

This thing of raising up evangelists is one of the most important possible at this time. There are thousands of towns and villages, communities with thousands of people, where no Christian work is being carried on. Our Baptist convention is planning expansion and workers are urgently needed. We are praying to the Lord of the harvest. Please pray with us.

The university here, chartered in March of 1949, is making steady advance academically and spiritually. But we are troubled when people tell us we are getting the reputation of being the most Christian university in Japan, for we have a long, long way to go. The junior high school is said to be the best in Fukuoka, and aspires to be the best in Japan. The senior high school is preparing for new advances.

Dorothy (Mrs. Garrott) teaches English in the high school, Bible in the University, an English Sunday school class, and is president of the Woman's Missionary Society.



MAXFIELD GARROTT
Fukuoka, Japan

Baptist Churches of Venezuela Seize Many Opportunities for Advance

Nine months have flown by since we have been in Venezuela. Already we have come to love the people and it seems that we have known them all our lives. I am sure that no missionaries were ever received with such a warm welcome as we were here.

The church here in Caracas is growing steadily. Average Sunday school attendance is well above 125, reaching 150 at times. For several months there have been professions of faith in almost every preaching service. I have been busy working on the plans for the church building and trust that the money will soon be in hand to begin.

In Barquisimeto the church is progressing under the leadership of Senor Corti. He has organized a Training Union and the church is now making plans to open a mission point in another part of town.

In Guanare the third anniversary of the church was recently celebrated. I was there for five days and the house was full

each night as the gospel was preached. Several persons accepted Christ as Saviour.

We have decided to support the work in Acarigua. Until now this has been an independent Baptist work but has always co-operated with us. I preached in a service last month when they entered their own church building for the first time. It is a beautiful little church and has been built by three years of hard sacrifice by the members.

Never before have we sensed such a load of responsibility as we have here. There are many decisions to be made from day to day. I urge you to remember us constantly in prayer.



TOM L. NEELY
Caracas, Venezuela

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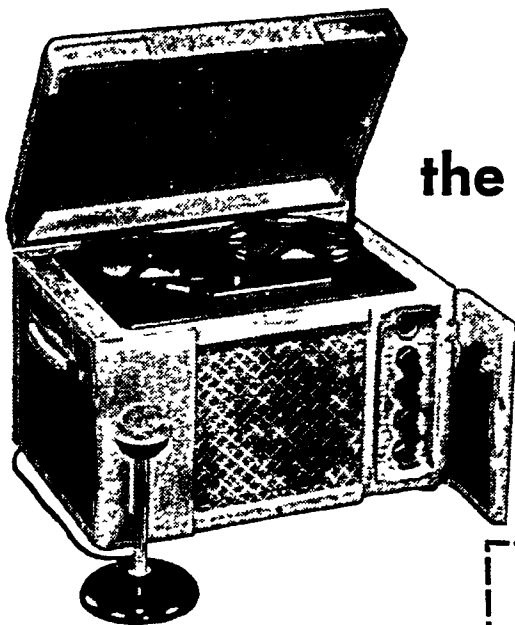
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Medical Mission to Women

In our medical clinics we find that the men come in droves but the women are slow to put themselves in the hands of strangers and infidels. The clinics grow each day as the news spreads that our medicines give ease to aching trachoma eyes, subdue burning fevers and give surcease from pain.

By and by a little slave girl, driven by desperation, sought us one day and asked for an operation. We operated and kept her in a house which we had taken in hopes that some women might come. Two neighbors, likewise slaves, stayed with the girl.

What amazed them most was the care we gave the patient—a mere slave. So many dressings, so much washing, so many visits from the doctor and staff! And all for a slave. It was easy to tell them of the Christ who loves even slaves, yet it would be death for them to accept him openly. Gradually the women came and the small hospital began to fill up.

When the women arrived at the clinic Harold and I saw them, wrote out the treatment required, gave them a slip, and directed them to Nurse Singh who would give them the required medicine and treatment. One day in the absence of Nurse Singh, I was giving treatments and a woman came with a ticket marked "Syringe left ear, drops, etc." I did the necessary work. By and by came another for left ear treatment, then another, and another. Since most of the ears were fearfully dirty I washed and syringed one after the other. Then suddenly it dawned on me that this ticket was beginning to have a familiar look.

"What is your name?" I asked.

"Fatima." That was right.

"What is wrong with you?"

"Oh Khatoon, may Allah give you long life, I have a pain in my chest and fever and sweating at night..."

"Then why did you let me syringe your left ear?"

"By Allah, Khatoon, I don't understand. I thought that was your way. Sometimes for a stomach ache you give a needle in the arm. My neighbor says you gave her son a needle in the arm when it was only his great toe that was cut. By Allah, who can understand?"

"Where did you get this ticket?" I asked, hating to be wasting so much time when the women were piling up in the waiting room.

"Fatima paid one rupee for this ticket," she replied, "and since she is a kind, neighborly soul, she lends it to all of us in her neighborhood and may Allah give you peace, we come for treatment."

I condemned myself for my own stupidity in not recognizing the women and reported my mistake to the doctor. Harold consoled me.

"How can you expect to tell these animate bundles of black cloth apart all at once? If they would take off the *batoolas* (masks) it would help; they won't and you will have to blunder along. Since they are all either Ayesha or Fatima bint Mohammed, the names don't help, but we will be very careful about dates. Send every woman to me who hasn't the date of today on her slip."

"Many of them are 'repeats' and it is too bad with all you have to do that you have to check each of them," I replied.

"Don't worry, by and by you will know every single one of them and you can take care of the 'repeats' for me."...

Our next difficulty was to explain what to do with the medicines after we gave them. Nurse Singh tells the following story:

"We had a patient with a heavy chest cold and so we gave her a small quantity of Vick's ointment to rub on her chest to ease her breathing. That night we had a frantic knocking at the door and a desperate summons to a dying woman. We hurried out and found our woman with the chest cold in great distress and vomiting severely. She was in no immediate danger of death, although she and her family thought so. Nevertheless, she had a very sick stomach.

"Where is the medicine I gave you today for the patient?" I asked an old slave woman who seemed a little less excited than the others.

"It's gone," she said, "She took it all."

"I gave her the cough tablets to take but what happened to the ointment?" I went on patiently. "You know, the stuff for her chest."

"Oh, that. Well, we put it on her as you said and it gave her such relief that we melted it and gave it to her to drink thinking that if she could feel so well with a little on the outside, she would be completely better with it all on the inside."...

—IDA PATTERSON STORM in
Arabia Calling

Another Mission Station is Opened in China's Northwestern Kansu Province

The Lord has graciously granted our requests for guidance and blessing. He clearly revealed his will that I remain in Kansu Province and come to Shantan, a hsien city 290 miles northwest of Wuwei.

I am thankful for comfortable clothing and covering in this cold, snowy climate. Our huge water jar in the kitchen has been full of solid ice for a month. We chip it off for necessary use. We no longer say, "The rice needs water," but "The rice needs ice." The clothes we hang in the sunshine to dry are stiff as boards for

three or four days, then begin to thaw and finally dry out. Our brick and dirt floors require sprinkling for which we use snow. Vapor from my breath forms ice pads on the bed at night.

Most inhabitants of Shantan are Buddhists and Mohammedans who know nothing of the Saviour's love. Yet they are friendly and courteous. Many of those who come to hear and read God's Word, officials included, seem earnestly seeking eternal life. It is a privilege to help them understand more fully Christ's power to save and to fill us with his love, joy, peace and all the fruit of his spirit.

While visiting homes in a temple court dedicated to the "heavenly grandmother," I counted sixty idols and a hundred images representing boy babies that ardent devotees entreat the goddess to bestow. Although they worship false gods, they willingly hear about salvation through faith in Jesus, and the children come to church. Hence, we have daily opportunities to witness for Christ.

On my first visit to Shih Li Pu, a near-by village, I went praying for divine guidance. How could one walk into a compound and begin talking without knowing a person in the place? As I trudged through a sand bed a fellow traveler introduced himself as one who had heard the gospel and suggested that I go to his sister's home. Riding on ahead, I found an audience—men, women and children—in front of a shop. Others joined the group when they heard the singing.

When my pedestrian friend arrived we went to his sister's big yard and house where family and relatives heard how God loved the world and sent his only Son to save us. On a subsequent visit the evangelist and a Christian sister went with me. That day three crowds, one in an immense temple court, had an opportunity to hear.

En route to Fu Yeh Hsiang, another large village, a tiny tot called to me from a water mill near the road, saying with a winning smile, "*Lai ya*" (come). Accepting his invitation, to the apparent pleasure of adults as well as children in two families, I told them the sweet story of Jesus and his love. Similar groups in two other compounds listened with interest.

Arriving at Fu Yeh Hsiang, I was greeted by two small boys who were bubbling over with delight. They ran to other houses telling the news of my arrival. Gradually a large audience gathered. It was a joy to witness to them.

I am thankful for health, happiness and the privilege of being your representative in this field of extreme need.

ADDIE ESTELLE COX
Shantan, Kansu, China



NORTH EAST WEST SOUTH

Church authorities in Berlin, Germany, have announced that fifteen war-damaged Protestant churches in that city were rebuilt and dedicated during 1949. Seven of these are located in the Western sectors and eight in the Soviet-occupied part of Berlin. This brings the total restored Protestant churches in the city to 103.

Results of a recent survey among leading United States businessmen and labor leaders indicate that only 50 per cent of each group attend church services with any regularity.

A Chinese preacher, speaking of robbing God, used this illustration: "It came to pass that a man went to market with a string of seven coins. Seeing a beggar who asked for alms, he gave the poor man six of the coins and kept one for himself. The beggar, instead of being thankful, followed the good man and stole the seventh coin also. What an abominable wretch! Yes, and would you, to whom God has given six days, steal the seventh also?"

According to the latest figures, the whole Bible has been translated into 188 languages, the New Testament into 243, one Gospel or other whole books into 585, and sections of the Bible into 92, making a total of 1,108 languages in which the Bible or some part of it has been published.

The Heifer Project Committee reports that since its beginning in 1944 approximately nine thousand animals have been contributed by interested donors from practically every state in the United States. These animals have been distributed to needy farmers and institutions in twelve different countries of Europe and Asia. The committee, with headquarters in New Windsor, Maryland, is an interfaith relief and rehabilitation organization originated by the Brethren Service Commission and now administered with the active co-operation of a number of other religious and civic organizations.

India hopes to cut down imports of foodstuffs from abroad by stressing the growing and using of tapioca and sweet potatoes. In anticipation of objections to changing

from a rice diet to these home grown products, the Woman's Christian College of Madras is experimenting with recipes of Indian-style dishes prepared with them.

The twentieth annual observance of *Men and Missions Sunday* will be November 12 of this year. The theme is "Men for the Master's Mission." The text is Romans 10:14, 15.

The fourth annual conference of the United Nations Economic Security Council, held in Paris last fall, approved Ceylon's application for membership. There are now 51 members.

Toyohiko Kagawa is in England for six months of evangelistic work, after which he may go to the U.S.; Takeo Iwahashi, the blind Christian philosopher, is in the U. S. on the invitation of Helen Keller; Shigeru Nambara, the Christian president of Tokyo University, is attending a conference on reorientation in occupied countries; and Hachiro Yuasa and Merrell

Vories are in the U.S. to consult on plans for the International Christian University.

In Teleguland, India, there are 117,776 church members in 414 Baptist churches, 19 mission stations with 68 missionaries at work, 28 schools, three hospitals and a theological seminary. There are several hundred Telegu pastors, teachers, doctors and nurses.

International Refugee Organization has announced that 120,530 Displaced Persons entered the U.S. in 1949. The United Nations Assembly has approved a resolution to take over the IRO program, naming a high commission for refugees to take office January 1, 1951.

The chance for a new home and a new life has been offered by Norway to blind Displaced Persons under the care of IRO.

The Danish Government is to provide funds for a nation-wide drive against tuberculosis. Medical teams will tour the country to make free, voluntary X-ray examinations of 400 to 500 persons a day for two years.

Peru became the 67th member of the World Health Organization in November, 1949.

Last year the United Nations Children Emergency Fund bought enough milk to fill 1,000,000,000 cups.

The Laubach literacy team, consisting of Dr. Frank Laubach and his son, Robert, and Phillip and Ewing Gray, artists, will go this year to Liberia, Angola, Mozambique, Nyasaland, Uganda, Ruanda-Urundi and the French Cameroons. Dr. J. M. Hohlfield, language consultant of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, will do follow-up work in literacy projects in Liberia, Angola, Nigeria and the Congo, helping to remove snags in the preparation of charts or in methods of teaching.

The annual report of Church World Service for 1949 gives a total of 23,183,967 pounds of supplies contributed for relief. Since its founding in 1946, over 100,000,000 pounds of relief supplies valued at \$30,000,000 have been shipped to 77 foreign countries.



Courtesy Mrs. C. K. Dozier

Gift of two Honolulu Japanese Baptists, Mrs. Miho and Mrs. Matsushige, who made it with their hands, this 30-inch lady of Nippon in authentic national dress is on display in the new chapel of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Richmond.

BOOKS

Any book mentioned may be had from the Baptist Book Store serving your state.

The Gospel and Our World by Georgia Harkness (Abingdon-Cokesbury, \$1.50). The subject of this book is "How the church must link the Christian faith to the needs of the common man." It is written primarily for the minister or the layman who has had some training in theology. It will stimulate these readers to a fresh thinking on basic Christian beliefs as they apply to daily life. Illustrations, suggestive only, of a sound approach are given on the subjects of prayer, unmerited suffering, sin and death. The book would have been stronger if it had been fuller.

MARGARET STROH HIPPS

The Prophetic Faith by Martin Buber (Macmillan, \$3.75) is a study of the prophets from the earliest times to the return from Babylonian exile. The author, a Viennese Jew born in 1878, is a scholar, who has written several books on the history of his people. Expelled from Germany in 1933 by Hitler, he went to live in Palestine in 1938 where he now lives. The interesting and valuable fact concerning this book is that it is written by a Jew who writes from the inside. He is acquainted with all the theories concerning the authorship of the Old Testament, but he writes as a defender of the book of his people. It is a valuable addition to the library of pastors, Sunday school teachers and those interested in the questions of Bible authorship and history.

EVERETT GILL, SR.

Wishes Come True by Jeanette Perkins Brown (Friendship Press, cloth \$1.50, paper 90 cents) is one in a series of graded study books on Puerto Rico published through the Missionary Education Movement. This book of four stories is designed for Primary children. G.G.

Basic Questions About Christian Behavior by Leonard Greenway (Zondervan, \$1.50) is an excellent background book for discussions in young people's groups. It is divided into three sections, the first a discussion on what is meant by Christian ethics and the other three discussions on the Christian's duties in relation to God, self and others. Some of the subjects are: worship, conscience, reading, movies, dancing, social drinking, mercy-killings, killing in wartime. G.G.

Blueberry Acres by Alice Geer Kelsey (Friendship Press, \$1.75). Written primarily as one of a series on migrant

workers, this book for Juniors also deals with race relations. The three stories can be used for character-building emphases, too. G.G.

Sandy and Mr. Jalopy by Edith J. Agnew (Friendship Press, \$1.75) is another title in the Friendship Press series on the work of the Home Missions Council among migrant workers in the United States. This one is for Primaries. Miss Agnew has the knack of using children's language without talking down to them. It is just such a calm, everyday experience story as child psychologists are beginning to tell us should replace the old highly imaginative fairy tales which deal with experiences utterly outside a child's understanding. G.G.

A Child's Garden of Song by Theodore G. Stelzer (Concordia Publishing House, \$1.50) is a collection of delightful songs within the range of children five to eight years of age. A worker with children in church organizations will find a song for almost every occasion. With each song beautifully illustrated, it is also a book any Primary child would be proud to call his own. R.P.

Psychology and Religion for Everyday Living by Charles T. Holman (Macmillan, \$2.75). This book is simple, straightforward and seeks to include all the new truth discovered in recent decades, while holding on to the truth contained in the Old Book. The Bible is coming to be recognized as the best of the world's books concerning the human soul. In the words of the author, this work is to show "How . . . that abundant life may be achieved; how men may overcome their frustrations and defeats; (and) how life may be brought to its true fulfillment." EVERETT GILL, SR.

Pandita Ramabai by Basil Miller (Zondervan, \$1.50) is the biography of a woman whose whole life was built on complete faith in God. Hers is an unusual life and faith. But somehow Mr. Miller fails to bring his reader the understanding and appreciation he should gain from it. Pandita Ramabai seems a strange woman whom the reader would like to know and understand, but never does. It is as if the author pointed her out, but never actually introduced her. G.G.

The Hill Called Moon by Elizabeth Routh Pool (Oklahoma Baptist University Press, 75 cents). First published in 1944, this book is filled with interesting facts and stories of the work of Southern Baptist missions which are still timely. The author makes it clear that the churches, schools, hospitals, and dispensaries are evangelizing agencies. She emphasizes the thread of evangelism that

runs through all of the work of Southern Baptists in Nigeria. The second edition of this book will be a valuable aid to the teachers of Graded Mission Study books prepared for the centennial study of Southern Baptist work in Nigeria in 1950. M.M.H.

The Bolivar Countries: Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela by William Russell (Coward-McCann, \$4.00) is delightfully written and combines history with a running narrative of a traveler's visit to all places of any importance in these three countries. Humorous touches emphasize differences between citizens of Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela and of the United States. It is an excellent reference book for the traveler.

RACHEL TRUEX GILL

American Freedom and Catholic Power by Paul Blanshard (Beacon Press, \$3.50). This book, in its seventh printing, was written by a journalist to give the American people a nonpartisan, documented, true picture of the deep-seated powerful hold on our public life which the Catholic Church has achieved. Everyone who values freedom and our democratic way of life should read this book and thoughtfully evaluate its charges. As Christian citizens we must inform ourselves of powerful forces which seek to pervert the very sources of our national growth.

RACHEL TRUEX GILL

Challenging Years by Stephen Wise (Putnam, \$4.00) is an autobiography of one of the foremost Jewish leaders of our century, who is a prominent rabbi, an outstanding Zionist, a sponsor of social legislation, an enemy of political corruption, a friend of presidents, a pioneer in the interfaith movement, a foe of Hitler's Nazis, a founder of Free Synagogue and theological seminary, and an advocate of Israel's independence. Jewish conversion to Russian Christianity is referred to as "the great betrayal." Disbelief in Christ's virgin birth is implied. F.K.M.

The Message of Life by J. Ireland Hasler (Carey Kingsgate Press, 5/net) is a book which can be read in an hour but deserves a more deliberate study. It is scholarly but with no show of scholasticism. The author knows his Greek, his theology, his New Testament, but uses all humbly to set forth "the message of life" in the Epistles of John. Each chapter gives clearly some one aspect of the teaching and the experience of life. The book is faithful to truth and to the Scripture text and teaching. It is missionary in the sense that it sets forth the actual universal message and that the author draws on his missionary experience in India to compare and contrast Christian truth with teaching of Indian religions. W. O. CARVER

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Son of a Witch Doctor

One day a stranger came toward the West Africa mission school. The tall figure in front wore ankle bracelets, wristbands, and a necklace of beads. The scepter-looking stick in his hand indicated that he was the greatly feared witch doctor of the nearby tribe. His name was Hlekisana. Behind him trudged a boy about fifteen years of age. His only apparel was a loin cloth about his hips. His skin glistened in the hot sun.

They stopped at the door of the compound. Unfriendliness gleamed in the deep-set eyes of the witch doctor as he waited for the missionary to speak.

"What can I do for you?" inquired the missionary who had seen them coming.

"This is my son, Zuka," said the old man, pushing the boy forward. "He will go to school here. He will learn books. Then he will come back to our tribe."

Without waiting for a reply, Hlekisana turned and stalked down the hot dusty road.

Zuka was happy at the mission school. He enjoyed his studies. His progress was rapid. Before many months had passed, he was reading simple sentences. He knew his father would be very proud of him.

Zuka's teacher gathered the boys around her after the evening meal and told them wonderful stories. This was Zuka's favorite time of the day. He was especially interested in the man named Jesus who healed so many people. Each time the teacher told about this man, she spoke in very reverent tones. It was the same tone Zuka used when he spoke to his father, the witch doctor.

One night after the story, Zuka lingered behind the rest. He went to his teacher.

"Who is this man Jesus you have been telling us about? Did he really live?"

The missionary began telling Zuka about Jesus as God, the Saviour of the world. She explained how Jesus had really lived and died. As she talked, Zuka began to look puzzled and unhappy. Finally, he jumped up and ran away without a word.

For several days Zuka did not come to hear any more stories. Not a word did he speak in his classes. His face wore an expression of bewilderment and worry.

One day the missionary found him alone in the yard under the shade of a tree.

"Zuka, I want to help you. Won't you tell me what troubles you?"

Her kind voice opened Zuka's heart. He poured out his story to her in desperate pleading.

"I'm the oldest son of my father. Some day I will be the witch doctor of our tribe. My father wants me to be worshiped and revered by the people as he is. Some day I will be great and powerful he tells me. Our gods will listen when I talk, and I will hear them speak messages for my people. I will also send away many evil spirits that bring sickness and death."

The missionary listened attentively. He continued.

"My father told me I must come to your school to learn to read and write. Then I would be more powerful. But he said I must not follow your religion. If I do, the gods will be mad at me. They will punish me by torturing me with many evil spirits inside. My father warned me that I must not listen to anything about your God, or I will be punished. What shall I do?"

His eyes pleaded for help.

"Don't worry, Zuka. You have come to the right place for power. The power from our God is greater than any other power on earth. Our God will help you. I believe I know a way to solve your problem if you are willing."

During the next few weeks Zuka was very happy in his new life as a Christian. He studied harder than ever, and could hardly wait for the time his father would come for him. He had a special reason for wanting to see his father.

Soon the day came. Hlekisana presented himself at the mission and asked for his son.

Zuka left the school somewhat reluctantly. Yet there was a sense of adventure about him as if he expected some wonderful thing to happen.

The missionary gave Zuka a New Testament as he left the school. She prayed as she watched the two figures disappear down the road.

The days passed with no word from Zuka. Finally, a week, then two weeks passed. The missionary was getting anxious. Maybe her plan hadn't worked. Zuka was a young boy. Perhaps the opposition had been too much for him.

At the end of three weeks, the missionary was beginning to think about going to Zuka's village. But just then, she saw two men approaching. The tall figure in front walked hurriedly. The one behind him was almost in a trot.

They came to the door of the mission. Hlekisana spoke.

"Zuka, my son, has told me of your God. I must learn more. I, too, want to follow this great God."

Missionary Family Album

CANNING, Dr. and Mrs. Harold B., of Nigeria, have moved from Hardeeville, to Ridgeland, South Carolina.

CHRISTIE, The Rev. and Mrs. A. B., missionaries emeritus to Brazil, have moved from Pomona, California, to 3014 Koepke Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.

CONNER, Marie, has been transferred from Shanghai, to Fukuoka, Japan.

CULPEPPER, The Rev. and Mrs. C. L., of China, left San Francisco February 22 by boat for Hong Kong.

CULPEPPER, The Rev. C. L., Jr., of China, arrived March 18 by air to join his family at 3204 Cherry Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

DAVID, The Rev. V. L., of Argentina, has moved from Houston, to 1321 Academy Street, San Marcos, Texas.

DUNAWAY, The Rev. and Mrs. A. G., Jr., have been transferred from Shaki, to Baptist Mission, Okuta, Nigeria, West Africa.

ELLIOTT, Darline, of Colombia, now on furlough at Corpus Christi, Texas, lost her father, Mr. D. S. Elliott, February 25 at Corpus Christi.

FOSTER, The Rev. and Mrs. James A., of P. I., announce the birth of Sandra Dean, first child, at Baguio, March 12.

HUGHES, The Rev. and Mrs. Van Earl, of Costa Rica, announce the birth of Karyn Jane, second child, second daughter, at San Jose, March 9.

MORRISON, Cleo B., of China, has moved from 12 Calcado do Monte, to 96 Avenida Republica, Portuguese Colony, Macao, China.

PERRY, May E., of Nigeria, left New Orleans March 16 by boat for Lagos.

RICKETSON, Mrs. R. F., of China, arrived February 20 by boat from Baguio, P. I. for furlough at Hollis, Oklahoma.

ROBERTS, Frances, missionary to Paraguay on temporary assignment to Argentina for ten months, returned to Casilla 286, Asuncion, Paraguay last November.

SCHWEINSBERG, The Rev. and Mrs. H. W., of Colombia, left Houston, Texas March 9 by boat for Buenaventura, Colombia.

SHUMATE, Margie, of China, has moved from 415 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon, to 174 Island Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong, China.

TINKLE, Amanda, of Nigeria, has moved from Scott, to 2322 West 13th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

YOUNG, Neale C., of Nigeria, left New Orleans March 16 by boat for Lagos.

New Appointees



*BAKER, DWIGHT LYMAN

b. Bolivar, Mo., Nov. 21, 1920; ed. Iola Junior College; (Kansas) Baptist University; Baylor University, B.A., 1944; S.W.B.T.S., Th.M., 1949. Chaplain and athletic director, Waco (Texas) State Home, 1942-43; pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rockdale, Texas, 1943-44; chaplain, U. S. Army, 1945-46; pastor, Stoneburg (Texas) Baptist Church, 1947-49; First Baptist Church, Miami, Texas, 1949-50. Appointed for Israel 1950. m. Emma Weatherly, June 19, 1946. Permanent American address: Tipton, Okla.

*BAKER, EMMA ELIZABETH WEATHERLY

(Mrs. DWIGHT LYMAN)

b. Narrows, Va., Oct. 14, 1918; ed. Mars Hill Junior College; Blue Mountain College, B.A., 1943; N.O.B.T.S., Bachelor of Christian Training, 1941; Master of Christian Training, 1944. Enlistment secretary, First Baptist Church, Waxahachie, Texas, 1944-45; assistant missionary, Toledano Mission, New Orleans, 1945-46. Appointed for Israel 1950. m. Dwight L. Baker, June 19, 1946. Children: Bronson Thomas, 1947; William Glen, 1949.

ISRAEL



BRADSHAW, MELVIN JOEL

b. Sedley, Va., Jan. 1, 1925; ed. University of Richmond (Va.), B.A., 1945; S.B.T.S., B.D., 1949. Pastor, Dover Baptist Church, Manakin, Va., 1944; young people's worker, Grace Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., 1944-45; pastor, Lawrenceville (Va.) Baptist Church, 1945-46; Mt. Sterling (Ind.) Baptist Church, 1947-49; psychiatric aide, Norton Infirmary, Louisville, Ky., 1949-50 (half-time). Appointed for Japan 1950. m. Edith Claytor, June 22, 1948. Permanent American address: Route 2, Franklin, Va.

BRADSHAW, EDITH CLAYTOR

(Mrs. MELVIN JOEL)

b. Princeton, W. Va., Dec. 5, 1925; ed. Berea (Ky.) College; W.M.U. Training School. Office worker, dean's office, paper grader, English Dept., Berea (Ky.) College, 1946-48; practical nurse, Winchester, Va., 1947. Appointed for Japan 1950. m. Melvin J. Bradshaw, June 22, 1948. Child: Melvin Joel, Jr., 1949.

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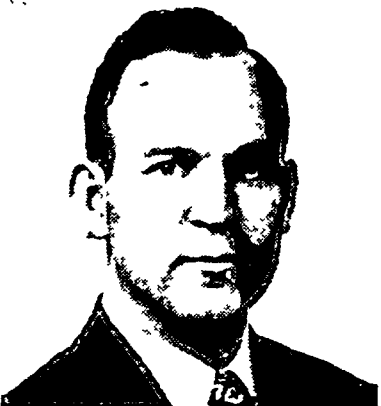
b. Toronto, Canada, Nov. 18, 1916; ed. Toronto Bible College, diploma, 1939; University of Louisville; Georgetown (Ky.) College, B.A., 1945; S.B.T.S., B.D., 1945; Th.M., 1946; Th.D., 1949. Bank clerk, Toronto, Canada, 1935-37; pastor, churches in Canada, 1938-40; Upton Baptist Church, Lynn Association, Ky., 1943-48; First Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, Paris, Ky., 1948-50. Appointed for Argentina 1950. m. Violet Hay, Sept. 9, 1939. Permanent American address: 94 Normandy Blvd., Toronto, Canada.

COCKBURN, VIOLET HAY

(MRS. SAMUEL HERBERT)

b. Toronto, Canada, Oct. 9, 1917; ed. Eastern High School of Commerce, diploma, 1934. Secretary, Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., Toronto, Canada, 1935-39; secretary to deputy administration, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Toronto, 1941-42; assistant bookkeeper, treasurer's office, S.B.T.S., 1942-43. Appointed for Argentina 1950. m. Samuel Herbert Cockburn, Sept. 9, 1939. Children: Margaret Jean, 1943; Victoria May, 1945; John Herbert Noel, 1948.

ARGENTINA



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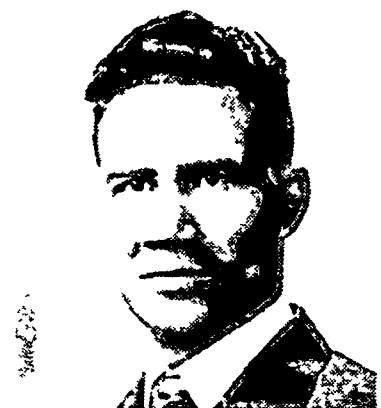
b. San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 1921; ed. Baylor University, B.A., 1943; S.W.B.T.S.; Baylor Medical College, M.D., 1948. Pastor, Cotton Gin Baptist Church, Teague, Texas, 1942-43; Oenaville (Texas) Baptist Church, 1943; shoe salesman, Meachums, Fort Worth, 1943-44; pastor, Oil City (Okla.) Mission, 1944; Wallis (Texas) Baptist Church, 1945-47; extern and laboratory technician, Memorial Hospital, Houston, 1947-48; intern and resident, Jefferson Davis Hospital, Houston, 1948-50. Appointed for Nigeria 1950. m. Ida Wright, Aug. 28, 1943. Permanent American address: 220 Terrell Ave., San Antonio, Texas.

CULLEN, IDA WRIGHT

(MRS. PAUL SHELBY)

b. San Juan, Texas, Sept. 8, 1919; ed. Mary Hardin-Baylor College; Southwest Texas State Teachers' College; Baylor University, B.B.A., 1943; S.W.B.T.S. Clerical position, Aviation Cadet Center, San Antonio, 1942; promotional secretary, First Baptist Church Heights, Houston, 1944-45; junior clerk, Texaco Production Dept., Houston, 1945-46. Appointed for Nigeria 1950. m. Paul Shelby Cullen, Aug. 28, 1943. Children: John Marshall, 1946; Paulette, 1948.

NIGERIA



EMANUEL, BEVERLY PAUL

b. Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 3, 1924; ed. Oklahoma Baptist University, B.A., 1946; S.W.B.T.S., candidate for B.D. 1950. Pastor, Blanco (Okla.) Baptist Church, 1943; Warner (Okla.) Baptist Church, 1943-44; Morning Star Baptist Church, Meeker, Okla., 1944-45; Calvary Baptist Church, Norman, Okla., 1945-46; Lutner Baptist Church, Lawton, Okla., 1946-49. Appointed for Japan 1950. m. Rebekah Sue Jackson, Sept. 3, 1944. Permanent American address: 516 Arlington, Lawton, Okla.

EMANUEL, REBEKAH SUE JACKSON

(MRS. BEVERLY PAUL)

b. McAlester, Okla., May 8, 1924; ed. Cameron College; Oklahoma Baptist University, B.A., 1946; S.W.B.T.S. Pianist, First Baptist Church, Lawton, Okla., 1940-44; Rotary Club, Lawton, Okla., 1942-43. Clerk typist, Civil Service, Fort Sill, Okla., 1942-44; public schoolteacher, Lawton, Okla., 1947-48; Godley, Texas, 1949-50. Appointed for Japan 1950. m. Beverly Paul Emanuel, Sept. 3, 1944. Child: Elizabeth Ellen, 1946.

JAPAN



FRANKS, RUBEN I.

b. Sugar Tree, Tenn., April 20, 1918; ed. University of Tennessee Junior College; Middle Tennessee Teachers' College; Memphis State College, B.S., 1940; S.W.B.T.S., B.D., 1949; candidate for Th.M. 1950. Public schoolteacher, Decatur Co., Tenn., 1936-41; West Helena, Ark., 1941; U.S. Army, 1941-45; educational and music director, West Helena (Ark.) Baptist Church, 1945-46; pastor, Edhube Baptist Church, Bonham, Texas, 1946-48; First Baptist Church, Jolly, Texas, 1949-50 (one-half time); salesman, Baker's Shoe Store, Fort Worth, 1948-50 (part-time). Appointed for Chile 1950. m. Edna Mae Pugsley, July 31, 1945. Permanent American address: Sugar Tree, Tenn.

FRANKS, EDNA MAE PUGSLEY

(MRS. RUBEN I.)

b. Helena, Ark., Aug. 27, 1925; ed. Ouachita College, B.A., 1945; S.W.B.T.S. Clerk, O.P.A., Helena, Ark. and Office of Dependency Benefits, Newark, N.J., 1945. Appointed for Chile 1950. m. Ruben I. Franks, July 31, 1945. Children: Judith Nell, 1947; Michael Edward, 1949.

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b. Abbeville, S.C., Aug. 18, 1920; ed. Coker College, B.A., 1941; W.M.U. Training School. Public school-teacher, Iva, S.C., 1941-42; social worker, Cabbage Patch Settlement, Louisville, Ky., 1942-43; educational director, First Baptist Church, Abbeville, S.C., 1945-46; housemother, Kennedy Home, Kinston, N.C., 1945-46; public school teacher, Weldon, N.C., 1949. Appointed for Japan 1950. m. Worth C. Grant, Aug. 27, 1942. Children: Donna Compton, 1943; Angela Collins, 1946.

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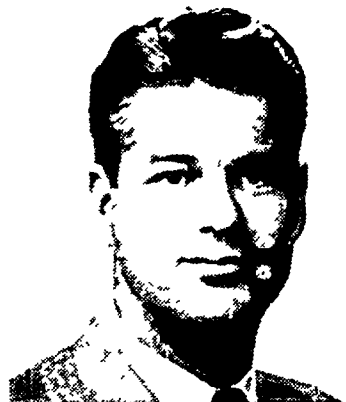
b. Mt. View, Mo., Nov. 7, 1920; ed. William Jewell College; Baylor University, B.A., 1947; S.W.B.T.S., M.R.E., 1949. Pilot, Army Air Force, 1942-45; theater employee, Waco, Texas, 1945-46; paper grader, Bible Dept., Baylor University, 1947; Vacation Bible school worker, Home Mission Board, Mo., 1947; music and educational director, Southern Crest Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, 1948-50. Appointed for Paraguay 1950. m. Helen Elizabeth Wicks, Dec. 11, 1943. Permanent American address: 214 N. Gray, Joplin, Mo.

HARPER, HELEN ELIZABETH WICKS

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b. Joplin, Mo., Aug. 6, 1921; ed. Joplin Junior College; Baylor University School of Nursing, R.N., 1943; Baylor University, B.A., 1947; S.W.B.T.S. Salesgirl, F. W. Woolworth Co., Joplin, Mo., 1937-40 (part-time); operating room nurse, Freeman Hospital, Joplin, Mo., 1944-45; supervisor, Men's Hospital and Women's Hospital, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 1945-47; staff nurse, general duty, City-County Hospital, Fort Worth, 1948; operating room nurse, Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, 1943-44; 1950. Appointed for Paraguay 1950. m. Leland J. Harper, Dec. 11, 1943. Child: James Leslie, 1947.

PARAGUAY



HARPER, WINFRED OZELL

b. Gorman, Texas, Dec. 30, 1920; ed. Hardin-Simmons University, B.A., 1946; S.W.B.T.S., B.D., 1949. Pastor, Hebron Baptist Church, Merkel, Texas, 1943-44 (part-time); Sweet Home Baptist Church, Rule, Texas, 1943; U.S. Navy, 1944-45; pastor, Pinkerton Baptist Church, Rule, Texas, 1945-46; associate pastor, Sylvan Heights Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 1946-47 (part-time); pastor, School Creek Baptist Church, Lampasas, Texas, 1947-49; Woodrow Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, 1949-50. Appointed for Nigeria 1950. m. Juanita Taylor, Sept. 1, 1940. Permanent American address: 126 Clemmer St., Corpus Christi, Texas.

HARPER, JUANITA TAYLOR

(Mrs. Winfred Ozell)

b. Palmer, Texas, Aug. 24, 1920; ed. Hardin-Simmons University, B.S., 1942. Secretary to professor, Hardin-Simmons University, 1939-41; secretary to lawyer, Charleston, S.C., 1942; payroll clerk and typist, plumbing co., Portsmouth, Va., 1942; secretary and bookkeeper, Sash and Door Co., Corpus Christi, Texas, 1944-45. Appointed for Nigeria 1950. m. Winfred Ozell Harper, Sept. 1, 1940. Children: William Ray, 1943; Richard Lynn, 1950.

NIGERIA



HICKS, MARLIN RUSSELL

b. Arkadelphia, Ark., Feb. 8, 1923; ed. Baylor University, B.A., 1945; S.W.B.T.S., B.D., 1948; M.R.E., 1949. Pastor, First Baptist Church, Mertens, Texas, 1943-46; Dial Baptist Church, Honey Grove, Texas, 1947-49; Deport (Texas) Baptist Church, 1949-50. Appointed for Chile 1950. m. Dorothy Gilbert, June 21, 1946. Permanent American address: 2416—24th Ave., Meridian, Miss.

HICKS, DOROTHY GILBERT

(Mrs. Marlin Russell)

b. Meridian, Miss., Nov. 8, 1920; ed. Meridian Junior College; Blue Mountain College, B.A., 1942; Baylor University, M.A., 1946; S.W.B.T.S. Reporter, local newspaper, *Meridian Star*, Meridian, Miss., 1942; educational secretary, Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss., 1943-44; public schoolteacher, Fort Worth, Texas, 1946-47. Appointed for Chile 1950. m. Marlin R. Hicks, June 21, 1946. Child: Marlin Russell, Jr., 1949.

CHILE

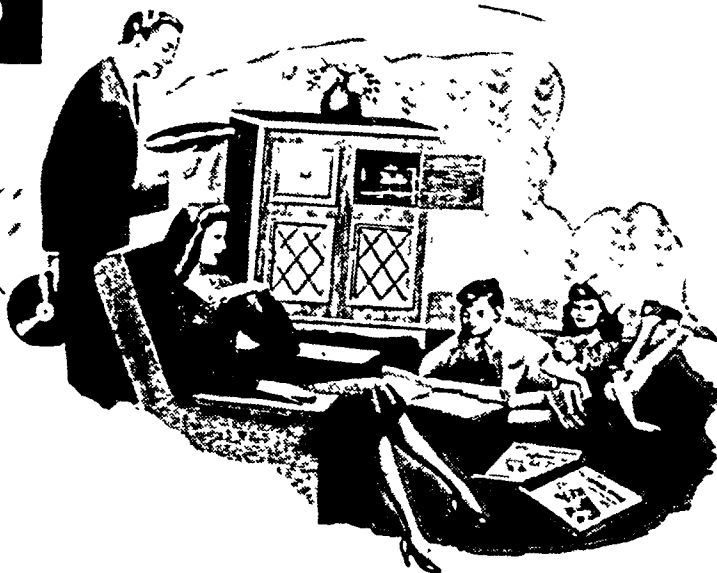


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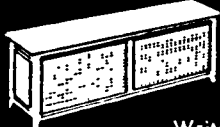
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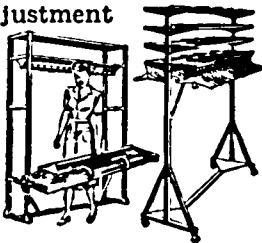
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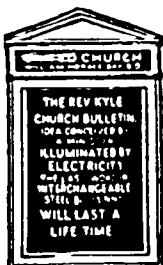
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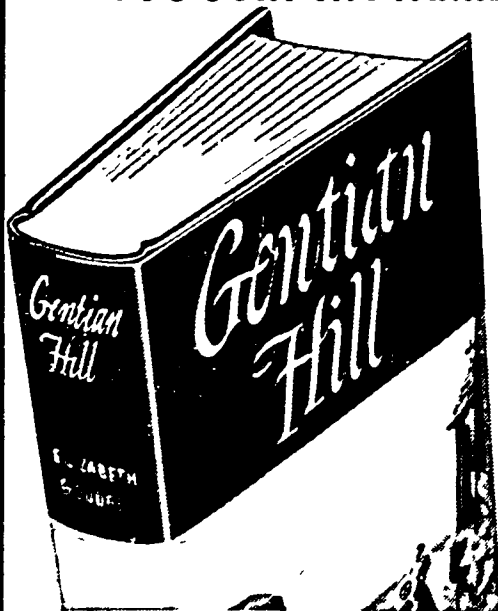
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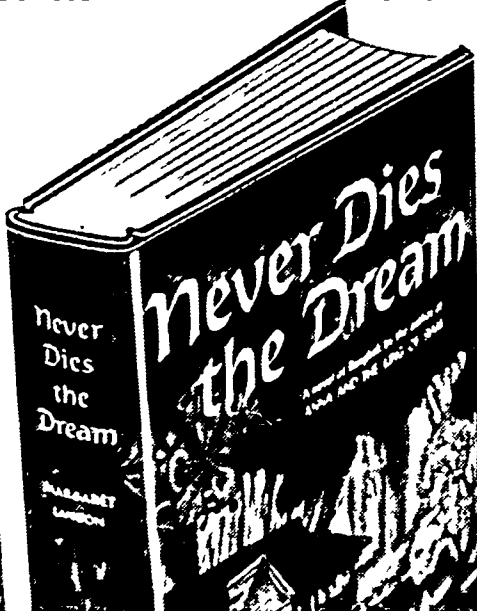
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