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The Secret Place



IRE, Nigeria, where the Baptist welfare center for maternal and child care is located, is nestled among small mountains. Bush paths wind away from the town around and over these mountains to the farms. Yesterday I followed one of those trails, taking the turnings which seemed most likely to lead to a certain one of the taller mountains I wanted to climb. Once or twice a branch path did not continue to lead me in the right direction, and I had to turn back and try again. Finally I arrived at a farm at the foot of the mountain. Huge rolls of solid granite rose up on one side, unscalable. A thick forest covered the other side. When I asked directions to the top from some of the men working at the farm, they warned me, "The bush is very tall on the top." I said, "I know," and went on. Hanging onto trees and small bushes, I pulled myself up and up the side of the mountain. Fairly close to the top, I landed in the bush—elephant grass fifteen to eighteen feet tall, growing thickly as far as I could see (which is not very far, in elephant grass!). It is not possible to slip through the grass; it must be beaten down and climbed over. Trying to reach an open space, I am sure that I went farther up and over than I did forward. The grass and occasional vines and bushes caught my feet and held them or sent me sprawling. More than once I decided that it might be best to turn around and go back; but the knowledge that somewhere on that mountain was a bare place kept me going. Then, when my legs were just about to rebel, came the shorter, still clutching, grass that grows in the shallow earth deposited on solid rock. At last I arrived at the bare, unimpeded rock, and the view. I looked far, far down to the tops of palms cushioning the valley. I looked out, out, out—out over a multitude of hills to the far reaches of pale blue distance. I felt I was looking completely over the horizon. Smoke rose here and there from little huts and villages hidden among the forested hills. Several miles away lay the white tin roofs of three towns, tiny in the distance. I found what I came for: *Peace*—the peace of unobstructed view, the peace of finding trees, houses, and even mountains shrunk into insignificance, the peace of space, privacy, beauty, and cool, fresh air. Today in our missionary prayer meeting Lloyd H. Neil read, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Suddenly I realized why I like to climb mountains. When I am in the "secret place of the most High" there are no horizons. The "shadow of the Almighty" is a shadow of light—cool, clear, and more than lovely. I am in limitless, lighted, buoyant space—space filled with love, with peace, with God. Sometimes prayer is a struggle. The multitude of responsibilities, the constant requests, the cares and concern about the people with whom we work loom taller than elephant grass, taller than mountains. They clutch at and cling to our minds and would turn us back had we not been that way before, did we not know what we are looking for. Suddenly looms the unobstructed view; suddenly we are in the very presence of the most High, in a place high and lifted up, secret to the two of us, lighted with the light and love of his very being. That is prayer.

—ANTONINA CANZONERI

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Foreign Mission Board Headquarters

"NERVE CENTER" for Foreign

WHEN at the first of the year the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board moved into its new home—a modern, two-story building—it was taking one more step toward the realization of the dream of its founders. For the Southern Baptist Convention, at its organizational meeting in May, 1845, created the Foreign Mission Board to establish and carry on an overseas mission program which would eventually be worldwide in its scope. Today, nearly 114 years later, the Board is the "nerve center" of a foreign mission enterprise which supports 1,280 missionaries in 38 countries and territories.

"The work of the Board has doubled in most fields in recent years," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said in explaining the urgent need for expanded facilities. "The missionaries will gain strength from the new administrative headquarters through additional assistance made possible by more modern equipment.

"These new facilities will also help us expand our operations so that we can have two thousand missionaries by

the close of 1964, the climactic year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The increased responsibility this advance will place upon the administration cannot be achieved effectively unless the building and office arrangements are such that the staff can do its work."

A coincidence is found in the fact that Dr. Cauthen is the eighth executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and the new building, located at 3806 Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia, is the Board's eighth home. The first home—in the basement of First Baptist Church, Richmond—was occupied in January, 1847, soon after Dr. James B. Taylor, first corresponding (executive) secretary, assumed his duties. These quarters served the Board, rent free, for twenty-five years.

While Dr. Henry Allen Tupper was corresponding secretary—from 1872 to 1893—the headquarters offices were moved several times, first to rooms over a store on Main Street, then to a building near Ninth and Franklin Streets, and finally to the Merchants National Bank Building.

Mission advance during Dr. Tupper's tenure included the growth of the overseas missionary staff from nineteen to ninety-two and the increase of collections in the homeland from \$29,000 to \$154,000. As a result of the leadership of the first two secretaries the Board began work in China, Nigeria, Brazil, Italy, Japan, and Mexico.

In 1935, while Dr. Charles E. Maddry was executive secretary, the Board moved into a building at Sixth and Franklin Streets which it had bought with funds given by the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bottoms, of Arkansas. In the years between Dr. Tupper's administration and this move the Board had occupied one other home—a floor of the Presbyterian building on Sixth Street—and had had three other executive secretaries.

Dr. Robert Josiah Willingham, who served as secretary from 1893 through 1914, led in widening the missionary frontier to include Argentina, Interior China, and Uruguay. Gifts to missions from Southern Baptist churches more than tripled during his tenure.



Missions

The fourth secretary was Dr. James Franklin Love, who served from 1915 to 1928. During his term the Foreign Mission Board entered Chile, Manchuria, and seven new fields in Europe and the Near East.

Dr. T. Bronson Ray was secretary from 1929 through 1932. A pioneer in the field of mission study in the homeland, he wrote five study books.

When Dr. Maddry became secretary in January, 1933, the Board was more than one million dollars in debt and had no more borrowing power. During his twelve-year administration the debt was paid off. Dr. Maddry says the Board would not have been absolved of this debt so soon had it not been for the "courage, faith, and good business management" of Dr. L. Howard Jenkins, Richmond book publisher who became president in 1932. Mr. Jenkins is now in his twenty-seventh year as president and forty-fourth as a member of the Board.

Before Dr. Maddry retired at the close of 1944 the Board had extended mission work into Hawaii and Co-

lombia. Missions (organizations of missionaries on the fields) had been reorganized, and requirements for missionary appointment had been made more rigid. The Board had also begun publishing *The Commission*, although there had been various foreign mission journals in the years past.

Succeeding Dr. Maddry was Dr. M. Theron Rankin, who served until his death in June, 1953. When he assumed his duties he found that a limited number of mission volunteers and a meager overseas budget had frozen the total missionary staff at about five hundred. It was Dr. Rankin who conceived the

idea for the Advance Program, looking toward a goal of 1,750 missionaries. He lived to see 913 in 32 countries and territories.

During his administration the Board began mission work in four Latin-American countries and assumed responsibility for work begun by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in three others. When missionaries were forced out of China by the Communists, work was expanded to six more countries in the Orient. Two in Africa and three in Europe and the Near East were also entered.

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Moving Day—January 2, 1959



From the old . . .

. . . to the new.



"The Inside Story"



Prayer is a vital part of the daily schedule at Foreign Mission Board headquarters, "nerve center" for a foreign mission enterprise involving 1,280 missionaries in 38 countries and territories. This picture shows the Board staff in its first prayer meeting in the new chapel—the pews had not arrived! Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel, is shown leading the singing. Each Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 until noon the entire staff meets for a devotional message, reports, and prayer for missionaries and the work.

At noon on the other days
all members of the
administrative staff who
are in town meet in the
administrative conference
room for prayer.
RIGHT: Executive Secretary
— Baker J. Cauthen (head
of table) leads
one of these sessions.

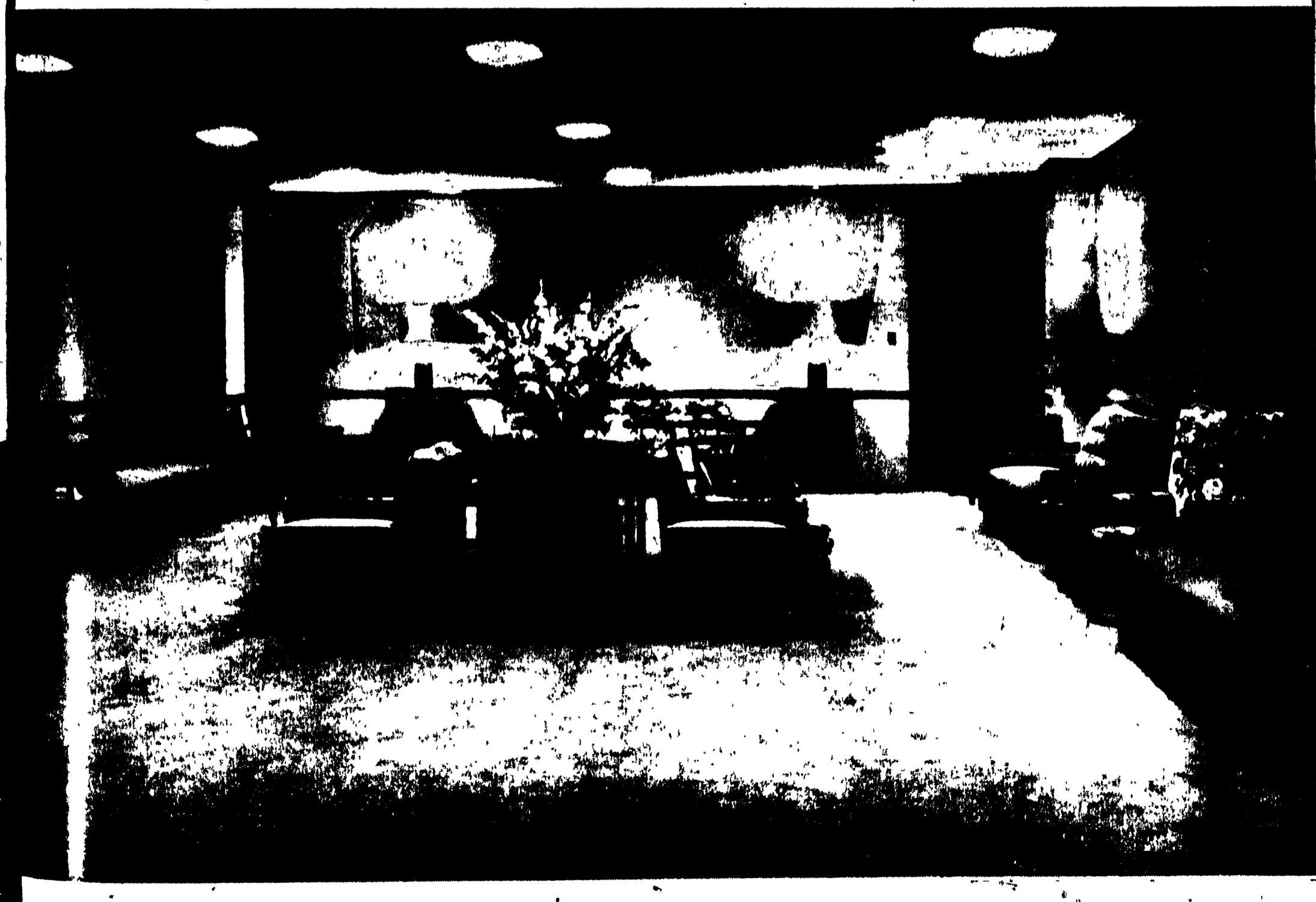




Dr. Cauthen's office adjoins the administrative conference room as a part of the executive suite. The suite also includes rooms for Dr. Cauthen's assistant and secretary.

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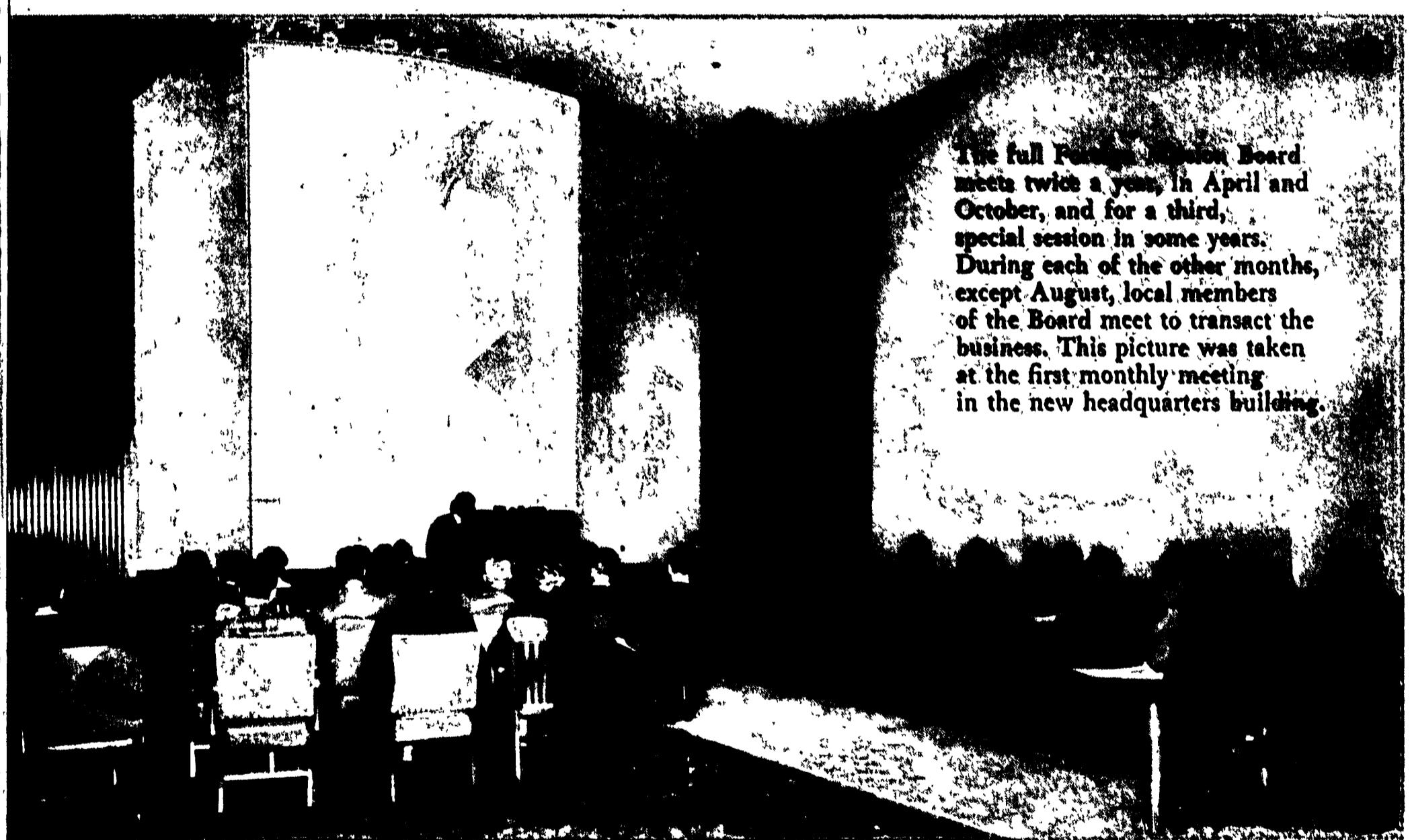
A parlor, serviced by a kitchen, is used for receptions and other social activities.



RIGHT: Librarian Robbie Pugh checks a book out to Dr. Herman P. Thomas, recording secretary of the Board. This is a mission research library, with a capacity of ten thousand volumes.



The full Foreign Mission Board meets twice a year, in April and October, and for a third, special session in some years. During each of the other months, except August, local members of the Board meet to transact the business. This picture was taken at the first monthly meeting in the new headquarters building.



LEFT: Committees of the Board meet just prior to each monthly session. Here the committee on Africa, Europe, and the Near East works in one of several conference rooms provided at the new headquarters. Committee members (left to right at end of table), C. Bailey Jones, Howard L. Arthur, chairman, and Lawrence V. Bradley, Jr., confer with Area Secretary H. Cornell Goerner. Also present are Mrs. Helen Frazer (right), Dr. Goerner's secretary, and Mrs. Bonnie Wiggs, stenographer.



LEFT: Secretaries work behind glass-and-metal partitions which line the corridors. This is Mrs. Bettie Rorie, secretary to Dr. Eugene L. Hill, who heads the Board's department of missionary education and promotion.



LEFT: Offices of executives and others open into the secretaries' areas. Here Dr. Hill confers with Miss Elizabeth Minshew (right), his assistant, and Miss Roberta Hampton, an editorial assistant.

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RIGHT: This large area serves the people who work with various phases in the processing of applications from missionary candidates.

LEFT: Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, one of three associate secretaries for missionary personnel, talks with a couple seeking appointment.



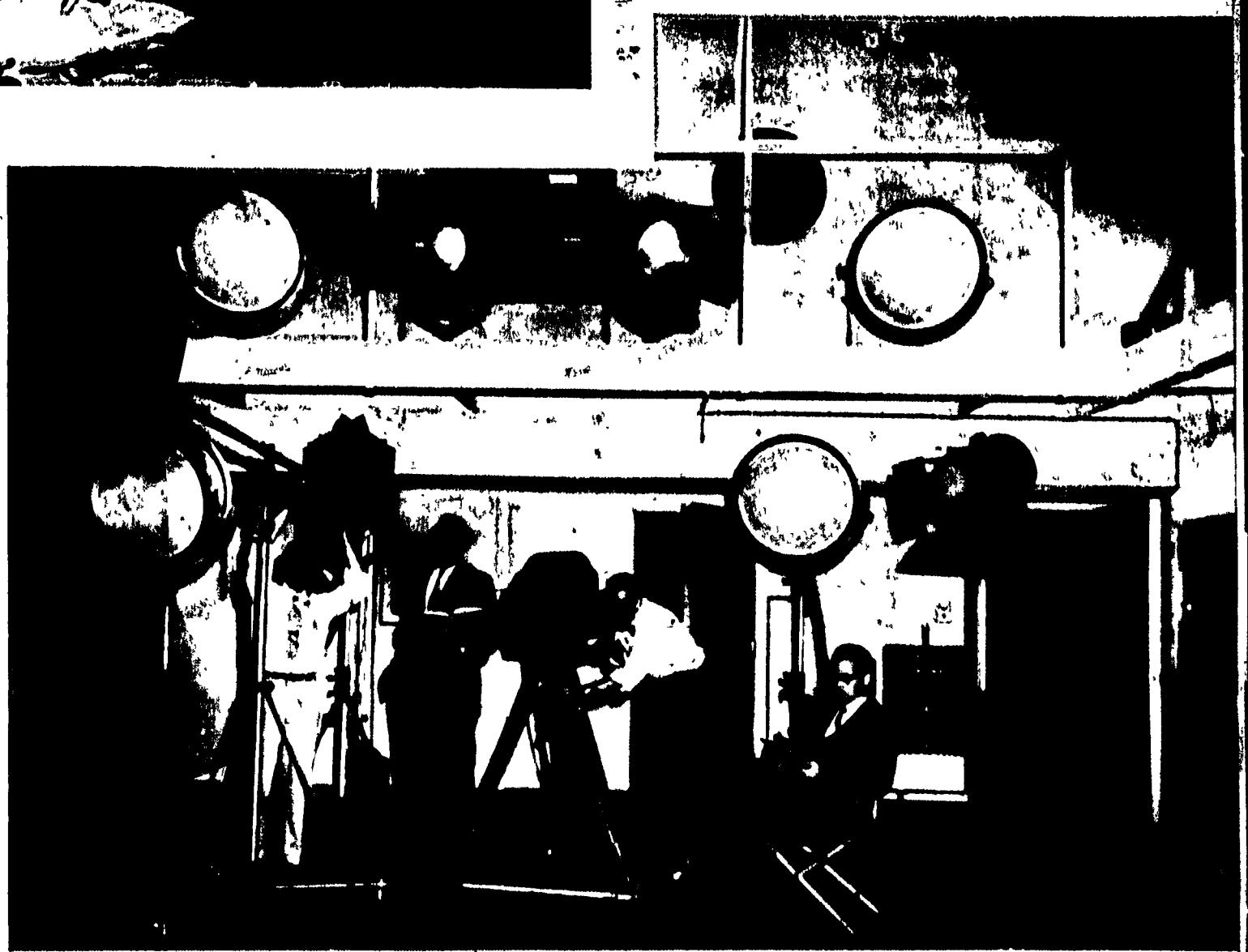
BELOW: This is the Foreign Mission Board's mailing, supply, and mimeographing and duplicating section. Pictured are (left to right) Miss Onell Faision; Mrs. Frances Covington; William M. Brown, supervisor of mailing; Elbert L. Wright, business manager; and Mrs. Dorothy Dietrich, secretary.



ABOVE: Treasurer Everett L. Deane and Miss Martha Ingram check records in the Board's vault.



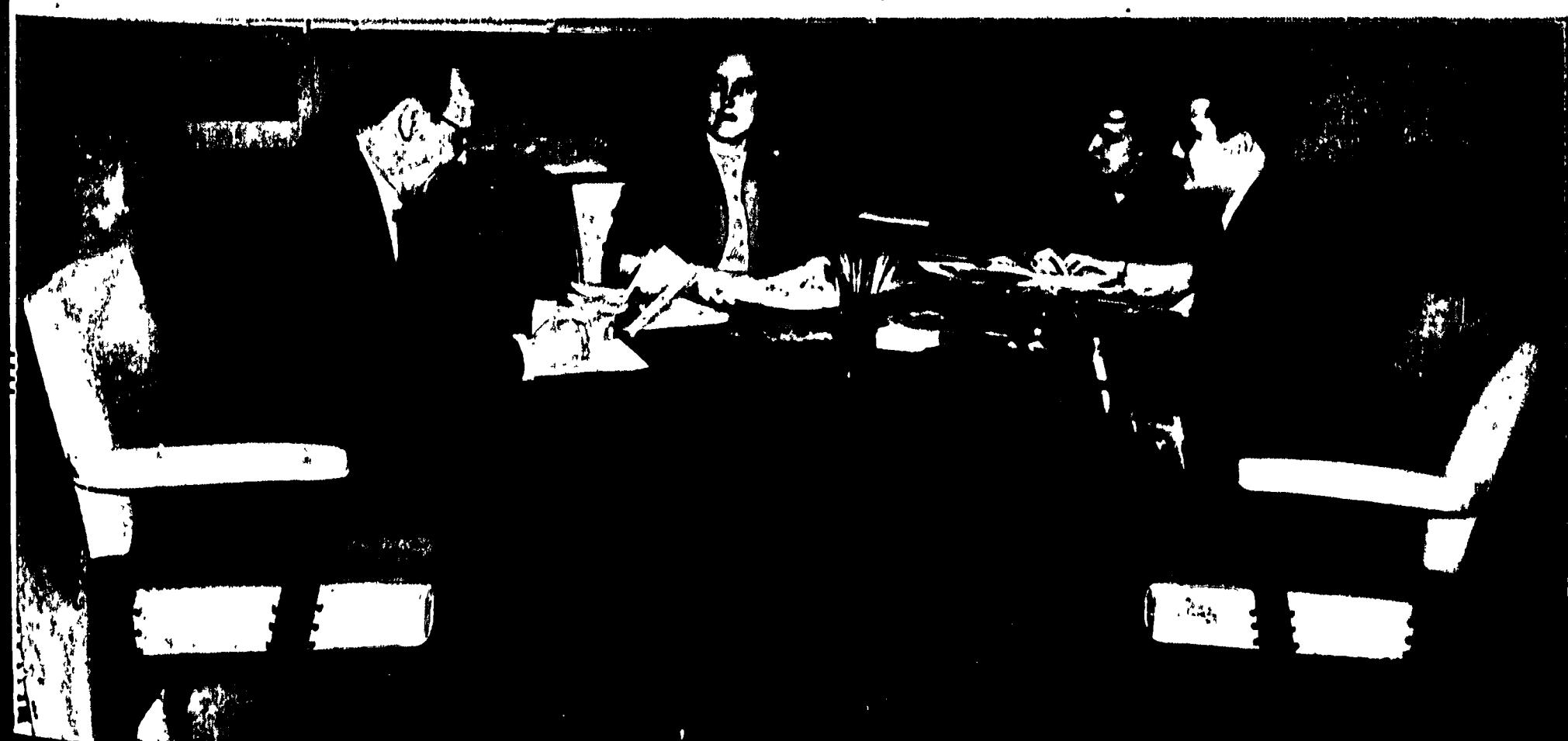
ABOVE: Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, outlines some work for his secretary, Miss Esther Tappmeyer.



RIGHT: Shown on the sound stage directing and shooting motion picture footage with synchronous sound are (left to right) Richard D. Haldeman, sound technician; Alfred J. Stuart, Jr., assistant in motion picture production; Charles L. Gillespie, assistant director; and Fon H. Scofield, associate secretary for the visual education division.

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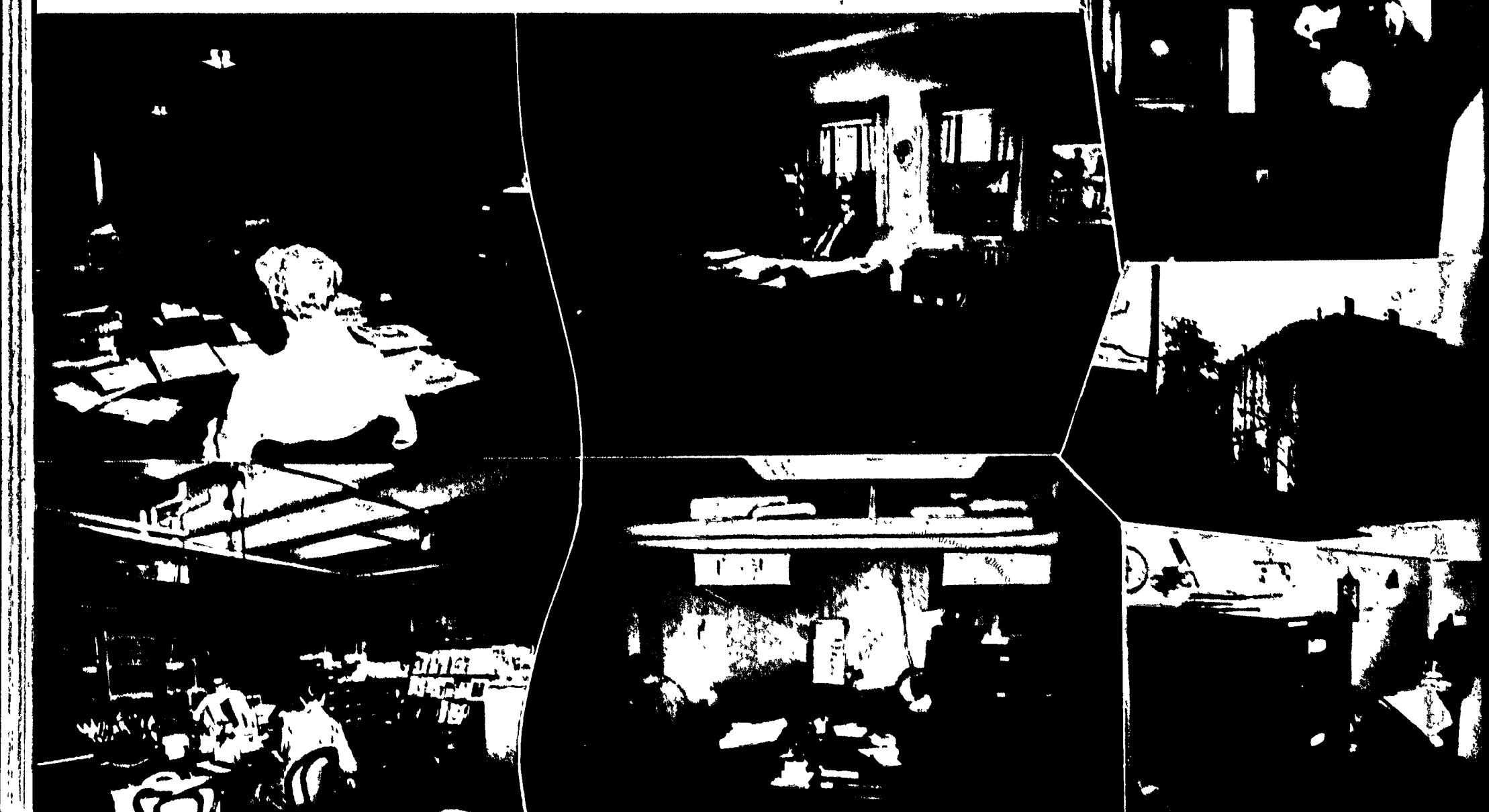
BELOW: This issue of "The Commission," like all issues, took planning. Miss Ione Gray (center), associate editor, outlines plans with Sam L. Robinson (left), artist; Lawrence R. Snedden, photographer; and Miss Margaret Johnston, editorial assistant.





Now a Memory

On these pages The Commission preserves the memory of 2037 Monument Avenue, home of the Foreign Mission Board for fifteen years.





A Church Is Born in Pearl Harbor

By Grace S. Sharp

THE VIEW was magnificent. From her window Mrs. Milton Westover could see the Waianae Mountain Range, Pearl Harbor in the foreground, and Triplet Hospital for military service personnel to the left. The day should have been beautiful, warm, and sunny as all days in Hawaii are expected to be, but instead there was a dreary, overcast sky.

The sky matched the young mother's mood that morning, for somehow nothing seemed quite right. She was conscious of many blessings—her husband and two children, their Christian home. What caused this restlessness?

As she turned from the window, it seemed as though someone spoke to her, "But it could be a wonderful day, all dreariness banished, if only a church stood there on the slope below!" She realized that she had been praying about the needs of her congested neighborhood, all the young families with no church near by. Many would not make the effort to attend a church in the city.

She felt the Lord was trying to speak to her as she turned back to the window and visualized a Baptist church there before her. But how? "Lord, how can I do anything toward bringing this to reality?" she prayed. "Even though it is so needed, I can only pray and dream about it." As she continued to feel the presence of the Lord, the answer came clear: If she was in earnest in her concern for her neighbors and truly wanted a church for them, then through faith and prayer it could be so.

With the question, "But how?" still going over and over in her mind, she found herself searching in the directory for Baptist headquarters. Surely the field secretary for all Baptist work



ABOVE: Mrs. Milton Westover, of Texas, made the telephone call that led to the organization of Pearl Harbor Southern Baptist Church. Her husband is an Air Force captain. LEFT: The large Quonset hut where worship services are held was formerly a school auditorium. BELOW: Smaller Quonset huts (six in all) hold Sunday school classes.

in the Islands could help. When she asked if any work was projected for the Pearl Harbor area, she was advised to talk with her own pastor, whose church was near Pearl Harbor and, thus, might consider a mission there. Her pastor listened attentively to the hopes she outlined. Catching the urgency of her appeal, he told her of another person to whom she could go for help. With a prayer in her heart she prepared to explain a third time how she had caught a vision.

For many years Malcolm W. Stuart had looked toward Pearl Harbor and seen the need for a Baptist church where men in the service of their country, far from home, could worship near their base. In 1941 he and his wife had been sent as missionaries to work with service personnel in the Wahiawa area, beyond Pearl Harbor. December 7, 1941, brought an abrupt and tragic halt to that ministry.

Throughout the war the Stuarts

worked in Honolulu, first opening a Christian service center where Baptist servicemen could meet for worship and fellowship, then organizing Nuuanu Baptist Church and seeing it, in spite of trying and difficult times, develop a strong witness and move into a fine, new, debt-free building.

After the war the Stuarts went to the mainland for furlough and studied the Chinese language at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. In 1948 the door was opened for them to enter China. After little more than a year they had to leave China, due to the Communist occupation. Returning to Hawaii, they began a long pastorate at Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu. A beautiful educational building, adjoining Olivet's lovely sanctuary, was erected and dedicated. The early dreams for a ministry at Pearl Harbor seemed far in the past. But now the call came again—the loose threads began to be drawn together.

As he listened to Mrs. Westover's hopes for a church in the Pearl Harbor vicinity, Malcolm Stuart wondered if he should not be content to enjoy for awhile the fruits of his labors. He had helped two of the largest Hawaiian Baptist churches through many of their growing pains. He was also quite busy as president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention.

But God was working in his heart. He assured the young mother that he would be much in prayer about the matter. Then Mrs. Stuart visited the church where Mrs. Westover was a member. While there she met a young man who also was very much in earnest about organizing a church at Pearl Harbor.

The Lord continued to lead. A short time later Mr. Stuart asked Mrs. Westover the number she felt would be interested in starting a new church. She replied, "I am sure of at least twelve couples now." There it was. Simple, yet wonderful. Surely, "all things work together for good" for those who listen when the Lord wants to speak, and then obey.

On October 13, 1957, just two months after Mrs. Westover had stood at her window, a serious and dedicated group of young families met in her home. After much discussion and prayer, the Pearl Harbor Southern Baptist Church was "born" with forty-five charter members.

The church is now fully organized. It meets in an old Quonset hut school auditorium on Sundays. Six smaller Quonset huts take care of the Sunday school and other meetings. After a year, the church membership was 201. There had been 48 additions by baptism and 176 by letter. There were 230 persons enrolled in Sunday school and 112 in Training Union. The church is earnestly praying that it may obtain property in that restricted area and erect the needed church building. Won't you who read this join in that prayer?



Two of the boys in this Intermediate class (third and fourth from right) have surrendered to the ministry. Second from left is Paul Stuart, son of Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm W. Stuart, missionaries who work with the church.



A service wife works with the one- and two-year-olds in the church nursery.



The teacher (right) of this Junior Sunday school class was superintendent of the 1958 Vacation Bible school.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

Argentina

Buildings Dedicated

Educational buildings and auditoriums for two more churches in Rosario, Argentina—Redentor and South District Baptist Churches—have been dedicated. The opening of the building for First Baptist Church, Rosario, was reported in the Foreign Mission News section of the February, 1959, issue of *The Commission*.

There were 525 persons present for the inauguration of the Redentor Church building (see photos on this page). Seven made professions of faith in Christ during evangelistic services following the dedication.

The educational unit accommodates 10 Sunday school departments, which have 37 teachers and officers. Missionary A. Benjamin Bedford is interim pastor.

A full-page advertisement of the dedication of South District Church's building was carried in the leading newspaper of Rosario, and 700 persons attended (see photos on page 15). There were 28 conversions in the three services held in connection with the opening.

There is a capacity of 450 in the educational building and auditorium. The present Sunday school consists of three Nursery departments, two Beginner, three Primary, one Junior, one Intermediate, one Young People's, and two Adult. There are 48 teachers and officers.

Pastor Samuel Libert has been with

the South District Church since January, 1957. During the past year there were 20 additions to the membership by baptism and 10 by letter.

Baptists Advance

The Argentine Baptist Convention will celebrate its 50th anniversary at its meeting in Rosario April 24-26. The theme of the celebration will be "Baptists Advance."

In keeping with the theme, the president's address will be on "The Advance Goes On." Other messages will be on the following topics: "Baptists Advance in Unity of the Spirit," "Baptists Advance in a Convention-wide Program of Action," "Baptists Advance in Faithfulness to Baptist Principles of Religious Liberty," and "Baptists Advance in Evangelism."

Brazil

Convention Meets

The 42nd meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, held in Capunga Baptist Church, Recife, in January, was attended by messengers from 240 churches in 19 of the 20 states of Brazil and the Federal District. There were also representatives from Portugal and Bolivia, where the convention has mission work.

The convention preacher, Pastor Rubens Lopes, of São Paulo, exhorted messengers to consider God's guidance and the good of the denomination in their choices rather than personal ambition for power. His subject

was "What Were You Talking about in the Way?"

Missionary William H. Ichter, of Rio de Janeiro, led the singing at all sessions, and Pastor Gamaliel Perruci, of Recife, was organist. During one session all pastors present gathered on the platform to sing the new official song of Brazilian pastors, written by Dr. João Soren, of Rio, to the tune of "Beulah Land."

Reports presented by the various departments and boards of the convention were followed by evaluations of the work and criticisms or suggestions for improvement. Committees to formulate the evaluations were appointed by the convention.

The Sunday School Board report included the work of church organizations and publications. During 1958 the Brazilian Baptist publishing house printed 27 books, 12 pamphlets, and 194 items including Bibles, tracts, magazines, and papers. A new magazine, *The Worker*, was begun to assist in the improvement of the Sunday schools. It is issued each trimester. Scattered over the country are 16 book stores and warehouses affiliated with the publishing house.

The 334 Vacation Bible schools held in Brazil during 1958 had an enrolment of 33,434 pupils. There are 158 local Royal Ambassador organizations, 39 of them begun last year. Four nationwide camps and six regional camps for boys were held in 1958.

Mrs. John A. Tumblin, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary, writes that high



LEFT: This is the auditorium and educational building dedicated by Redentor Baptist Church, in Rosario, Argentina.



RIGHT: Dr. Arnoldo Canclini speaks at the dedication ceremonies. (See story in Foreign Mission News.)

lights of the Brazilian Foreign Mission Board report were speeches by missionaries to Portugal and Bolivia. Rev. Hélcio da Silva Lessa, of Portugal, said that the 19 churches with which he works had 42 baptisms during the year. "He expressed thanks to the Brazilian Baptist Convention, which sponsors the work, and to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, which has sent Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree as fraternal representatives to the Baptists of Portugal," Mrs. Tumblin says. "Southern Baptists have also given financial aid to Portuguese Baptists."

Rev. Tiago Nunes Lima, of Bolivia, reported on work in 11 Baptist churches of that country. He also said missionaries do some teaching and nursing. "He made a strong appeal for young Brazilians to cross the border into Bolivia and help in this endeavor," reports Mrs. Tumblin.

The Home Mission Board honored its missionaries who have served for long periods and urged others to join in the work in the huge Brazilian interior.

Dr. David Mein, president of the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, Recife, was elected president of the convention.

Just preceding the Brazilian Baptist Convention sessions was the national Woman's Missionary Union convention. Mrs. Ruth Meneses, dean of the Baptist women's training school in Recife, was elected president. She has formerly been president of the W.M.U. in the state of Pernambuco.

Honduras

Pastor Ordained

Comoyaguela Baptist Church in Honduras ordained Florencio Barreno as its pastor in a service on January 5. He had been working with the church since 1957. (See photo on page 16.)

Rev. Chester S. Cadwallader, Jr., of Guatemala City, Guatemala, preached the ordination sermon; Rev. A. Clark Scanlon, of Guatemala City, gave the charge to Mr. Barreno; and Rev. Cecil H. Golden, of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, gave the charge to the church.

Mr. Golden reports that a highlight of the service came when Rev. Harold E. Hurst, of Tegucigalpa, questioned Mr. Barreno concerning his conversion, Baptist doctrines, and other aspects of Baptist work. A former Catholic priest and missionary in Colombia, Mr. Barreno became a Baptist some time after he left the Catho-



LEFT: Some of the 700 persons who attended the dedication gather outside the new building of South District Baptist Church, Rosario, Argentina. RIGHT: Pastor Samuel Libert (left) welcomes the first of 28 persons who accepted Christ during the special inauguration services. (See story in Foreign Mission News.)

lic Church. He studied at the Baptist theological institute in San José, Costa Rica, for three years before going to the Comoyaguela Church.

Hong Kong

Progress Seen

There are now 46 graduates of the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary serving in Hong Kong and five other countries, reports Dr. James D. Belote, president of the seminary and treasurer of the Hong Kong Baptist Mission.

The Hong Kong Baptist College hopes to have new buildings completed by 1960, when it will graduate its first class. There are now 547 students enrolled in the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes.

"Progress in the evangelistic outreach and vision of Chinese Baptists in Hong Kong is evident," Dr. Belote says. "Baptists here are interested in projecting their own foreign mission program, and a foreign mission committee is at work to formulate plans. Funds have already been raised." There are now 16 organized Baptist churches and 25 mission chapels in Hong Kong, with a membership of more than 11,000.

Dr. Belote also reports that plans are under way to expand the Baptist clinic into a hospital, a desperate need in this city of thousands of refugees.

Japan

Anniversary Year

Leaders of various departments, agencies, and institutions of the Japan Baptist Convention met in January to plan for advance during 1959, the 70th anniversary of Southern Baptist missionary work in Japan.

Outlining special crusades and evangelistic advance in new cities over Japan, Secretary of Evangelism Noboru Arase challenged pastors, laymen, and missionaries to continue to press toward the goal of 1,000 Baptist churches in Japan. He declared that "a mother church that does not give birth to new churches sins before God."

Chapels which are scheduled to become self-supporting churches in 1959 will bring the number of organized churches to nearly 80, reports Carl M. Halvarson, Southern Baptist missionary. The 11,000-member convention maintains more than 100 chapels and mission points throughout Japan. In addition, approximately 200 commu-

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nity preaching places, called "House Meetings," are conducted with both pastoral and lay leadership.

The education and service division of the Japan convention planned for extensive promotion in church school, Training Union, and student work throughout the country. Under the direction of Kunihiro Watanabe, Training Union secretary, and Morris J. Wright, Jr., co-operating secretary, a Training Union promotional and leadership program will include special area training schools, a national Training Union week, and an expanded literature program.

Dean Joe Davis Heacock, of the School of Religious Education of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and R. Maines Rawls, director of associational Training Union work for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, have been invited to participate in leadership and inspirational conferences in Japan in May.

According to Ernest L. Hollaway, Jr., co-operating secretary in the convention's church school department, a nation-wide church school emphasis in 1959 will include Bible study, evangelism, a study course series, and area promotional conferences. Baptist church school enrolment in Japan jumped 34 per cent last year to reach a new high of 17,500.

An over-all publication budget of \$40,000 was adopted for 1959. Mr. Halvarson, who works with the Jordan Press, publishing house for the Japan convention, says literature production should reach 350,000 pieces during the year. This will include church school and Training Union graded periodicals, missionary and youth magazines, books, and various denominational publications.

71 Accept Christ

Seventy-one students made definite decisions to follow Christ as a result of week-long evangelistic services held in the three sections of Seinan Jo-Gakuin, Baptist girls' school in Kokura, Japan.

Kenya

First Baptism

Eight men, the first persons to profess faith in Christ as a result of Southern Baptist mission work in



Rev. Harold E. Hurst (left), Southern Baptist missionary in Honduras, presents a Bible to Rev. Florencio Barreno upon his ordination as pastor of the Baptist church in Comoyaguela, Honduras. (See story in Foreign Mission News.)

Mombasa, Kenya, were baptized on Sunday afternoon, February 1. These men had studied Baptist beliefs and doctrines in inquirers' classes for a year, and during the week before the baptism each was given a thorough examination concerning his beliefs.

"How we rejoice and praise our Lord for this group who will become the nucleus of the first Baptist church in Mombasa," writes Missionary James E. Hampton, who baptized the converts. Ground was broken for the church building in December, and construction is expected to begin soon (see picture story on page 29).

"My heart was thrilled to see these men buried in the baptismal waters of the Indian Ocean and raised to walk in a new life with Christ," Mr. Hampton continues. "Several of the men had been pagan, and according to the custom here they took Christian names—Peter, Shadrach, David—after their baptism. But we are most of all thankful that they have taken the name of Christ and are now called Christians."

Portugal

First Impressions

A few days after he and his wife arrived in Lisbon, Portugal, to take up their residence as fraternal representa-

tives of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. A. R. Crabtree, veteran missionary to Brazil, sent to the Board a report of his first impressions.

"We are impressed with the fine quality of the church members here," he wrote. "The congregation Sunday night looked very much like an average congregation of smaller churches in the States. In spite of strong Catholic opposition the people here seem to be much more open to the gospel than I had expected to find them."

Dr. Crabtree reported that the financial assistance given Portuguese Baptists by the Foreign Mission Board has been gratefully received and has furnished a stimulus and encouragement to the work. Part of the funds were used by one church to rent a preaching hall on the first floor of a new building and rooms above for living quarters for the pastor.

"It was too early for Dr. Crabtree to give a definite opinion as to whether Southern Baptists should plan to send personnel to Portugal," Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, commented. "The wisdom of sending experienced missionaries from Brazil to serve as our liaison persons has been abundantly proved, as Dr. Crabtree's out-

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Name Changed

THE official name of the North Brazil Baptist Training School, in Recife, has been changed from *Escola de Trabalhadoras Cristãs* (School for Christian Workers) to *Seminário de Educadoras Cristãs* (Seminary for Christian Educators).

This action completes the requirements for accreditation of the school's diploma by the Federal Education Department of Brazil. Miss Martha Hairston, Southern Baptist missionary director, says that according to reliable information this is the first denominational school for girls in Brazil to gain such accreditation.

The Seminary for Christian Educators offers three courses. The most advanced one leads to the bachelor's degree in religious education. A college education is the prerequisite for this four-year course which prepares girls to become directors of religious education in churches, itinerant workers with the Woman's Missionary Union or Sunday school departments, workers in good will centers and orphanages, and pastors' wives.

The religious pedagogy course, also for four years, is open to students who have completed high school. It trains teachers for the Baptist mission schools prevalent throughout North and Equatorial Brazil.

A two-year course for lay workers prepares Baptist women and girls to be more efficient in the work of their local churches. In order to qualify for this course a student must be recommended by her church. Classes are held two afternoons a week.



The Seminary for Christian Educators, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil.

Training School Graduates '21

DURING graduation exercises for the North Brazil Baptist Training School (now known as the Seminary for Christian Educators), in Recife, 14 young women received bachelor of religious education degrees and seven received diplomas upon completion of the two-year course for lay workers. The graduates come from seven states in North Brazil.

An alumna, Miss Zulmira Andrade, was awarded the school brooch in special recognition of her 22 years of service among people in out-of-the-way parts of Brazil's vast interior. A home missionary supported by Bra-

zilian Baptists, Miss Andrade is director of a school in the state of Bahia.

In the graduation address Professor Benilton Carlos Bezerra, of both the training school and the near-by Baptist theological seminary, emphasized the opportunities for service the graduates will have in teaching, doing church and itinerant work, and founding Christian homes. Speaking for the graduating class, Miss Lindalva da Costa Patrício told of the rewards to the teacher. She observed that work done in education is more durable than work done in marble and is capable of reproducing itself almost without limit.

Miss Martha Hairston, director of the school, gave a progress report, noting that during the past five years there has been a 172 per cent growth in enrolment in the two main courses. Present enrolment is 89, and 49 of these are dormitory students.

Miss Hairston also awarded scholarships to the outstanding junior in attitude, promise, and grades and to the underclassmen with the highest and second highest grades in the school. A school pin was given the senior with the highest scholastic average.

Special music was presented by the training school choir, whose members wore white dresses and dark green capes—the school colors. The graduates wore green caps and gowns.



LEFT: Recipients of the bachelor of religious education degree from the training school. RIGHT: Miss Lindalva da Costa Patrício speaks for the graduates. Seated from left to right are Rev. Benilton Carlos Bezerra, commencement speaker; Dr. David Mein, president of the near-by theological seminary; Director Martha Hairston; and Miss Zulmira Andrade, alumna who received special award.

Editorials

Christian Expendability

John the Baptist, exhibiting penetrating insight and setting the record straight, answered his questioners concerning Jesus, "He must increase, but I must decrease." And in so replying he gave utterance to a principle which has always obtained in the kingdom of God—that is, that all who offer themselves to serve God unreservedly must recognize that they are expendable.

This does not mean that everyone who renders maximum service will be expended in martyrdom like Stephen or Peter or Paul or Savonarola or William L. Wallace; but it does mean that everyone who is truly a "bond slave" of our Lord slackens not his endeavor when faced with such a probability.

True it is that few Christians—perhaps far too few—will meet with an expendability of life in their efforts to serve their Christ; but they will surely come face to face with expendables which, though of a lesser degree, will constitute severe testing and call for faith of extreme magnitude. In other words, today's Christians must make a new appraisal of the meaning and scope of the Christian life in terms of the practical obligations incumbent upon every follower of the Lord Christ.

Is there not a supreme principle which may be followed in making this appraisal and implementing the resultant decisions? Perhaps it is the principle of genuine and objective love.

One of the most difficult things for anyone—even a Christian—to do is to forget self. Ever since man began to walk the face of the earth, self and its corollary, selfishness, have been his greatest enemies. Jesus gave an affirmative approach to the problem of forgetting self when he answered the scribe: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these." A halfway obedience to these commandments would go a long way in enabling a Christian to forget himself and place himself expendable in the hands and service of his Lord.

Consider the very practical problem of a Christian and the drinking of alcoholic beverages. It would be a very shocking revelation if the number of Christian drinkers were known. But what Christian drinks in an effort to love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength, and his neighbor as himself? Rather, because he wishes to indulge self and personally enjoy a drink, he challenges any claim that he should hold drink expendable. Not so with the Christian motivated by these two great commandments.

Another matter of very great significance to the king-

dom of God is the principle of stewardship. The Christian who attempts with any degree of sincerity to guide his life by the two great commandments finds little difficulty in bringing to his Lord not only the tithe but liberal offerings also. But the person who loves self and his selfish habits, interests, and ambitions more than God and his neighbor always denies any exclusive claim of God upon his life, time, or money.

How different it is for the Christian who commits himself and his possessions to his Lord as and where God wishes to use him and them. All is, therefore, expendable for his Lord. And this holds not only for a student in law school but for a doctor in the midst of a busy and lucrative practice or a businessman already highly successful; it holds for a pastor, educational or music director, or any other church-related servant in the homeland. If God calls to missionary service overseas, all these positions must be expendable. Every Christian must be ready to give up all in his efforts to love God and his neighbor.

And he need have no fear of failure due to this expendability because our Lord said, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Letter to the Editors

War or Pestilence?

I received my usual copy [February, 1959] of *The Commission* and note with interest your editorial on page 18. . . . I find the figures a little confusing. You state that in the year A.D. 1 the population of the world was estimated at 275,000,000. In 1600 it was 360,000,000. However, in 1800 it was only 192,000,000. This is a decrease of 168,000,000 people within the space of 200 years.

I am somewhat a historian; but I do not recall so great a pestilence during the seventeenth century. I know, however, that several countries were bothered with cholera, smallpox, bubonic plague, diphtheria, and even measles, all of which were looked upon at that time as almost uncontrollable by the then medical profession.

I realize that according to history there have always been wars among the nations of the world. On the other hand, this great decrease, rather than increase, seems a little farfetched as a statement.

T. R. BURTON
Hagerstown, Maryland

Are our faces red! The typographical error is one of the hazards of editing a publication. The 1 and 9 got transposed. The figure should have been 912,000,000!—The Editors

New Headquarters Building

By Baker J. Cauthen

ON APRIL 8 at 10:30 a.m. the Foreign Mission Board will dedicate a new headquarters building, located at 3806 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia. This service will be a part of the Board's semiannual full meeting.

Across the world the dedication of new buildings for mission work brings joy and thanksgiving. Missionaries and national Christians are filled with gratitude to God as prayers are answered and churches, schools, hospitals, seminaries, good will centers, publishing houses, student centers, and other structures used for our Lord's work come into reality. Each building is regarded as a center of Christian witness so that light may shine in the darkness of human need.

The building to be dedicated in Richmond, Virginia, is a mission building. It is located at the home base rather than on a field of labor in another country, but the purpose and the character of the building remain the same.

One hundred and fourteen years ago the Southern Baptist Convention, in its first session, took action creating the Foreign Mission Board as the agency of its missionary outreach across the world. The Board was located in Richmond, where it has made its home ever since.

Throughout the years the Board has struggled with the fact that needs have been so great and resources so small that it has been necessary to operate on the strictest measures of economy in order to channel every possible dollar to the mission field.

The Foreign Mission Board looks with gratitude upon the fact that across the years it has been able to maintain its operations at the home base for approximately seven cents of each missionary dollar. This is a record that tells much of the care and insight necessary in carrying on a world mission program.

For many years the Board occupied two residences, located at 2037 and

2039 Monument Avenue in Richmond. In those buildings missionaries were appointed, Board sessions were conducted, and the daily administrative responsibilities vital to a world enterprise were discharged.

The construction of a new headquarters building came about as an absolute necessity. The time arrived when the Foreign Mission Board was aware that it could no longer discharge its responsibilities at the headquarters without additional space for necessary strengthening.

We keep in mind that our ministry in world missions has doubled in the last ten years. The amount of work necessary to sustain this great growth in missionary service is vital. Missionaries must be brought for appointment through very careful processes. Materials must be produced and information provided for Southern Baptists through the department of missionary education and promotion. Committees of the Board must meet for vital discussion of its work throughout all areas of the world. Secretaries of the Board responsible for administration must deal with individuals and groups.

The operation of the Foreign Mission Board is a very large undertaking, and it is inescapable that as the work of foreign missions grows the task at the headquarters office must increase. In facing its responsibilities, the Board recognized that there is danger in undertaking to carry a rapidly mounting load with the same staff and organization. It has been necessary to strengthen; and we believe as we continue much more strengthening will be indicated.

THÈ answer lay in the construction of a headquarters building which would provide for the basic needs of the foreign mission enterprise at its home base. The building is so arranged as to seek to serve the missionary enterprise in the best possible way.

Those who are able to attend meetings of the Foreign Mission Board will see in the chapel, which seats approximately 300 people, dedicated men and



Baker J. Cauthen

women set aside for mission service across the world. The testimonies to be heard from these servants of God, as they tell of the experiences and influences which God has used to bring them to appointment, will make the chapel a place of hallowed memories.

While the Foreign Mission Board headquarters is a place of work, it is also a place of worship and prayer. At regular times the entire staff assembles in the chapel to worship and to pray for a world enterprise. The administrative staff comes together constantly to talk and to pray about the task our Lord has commissioned.

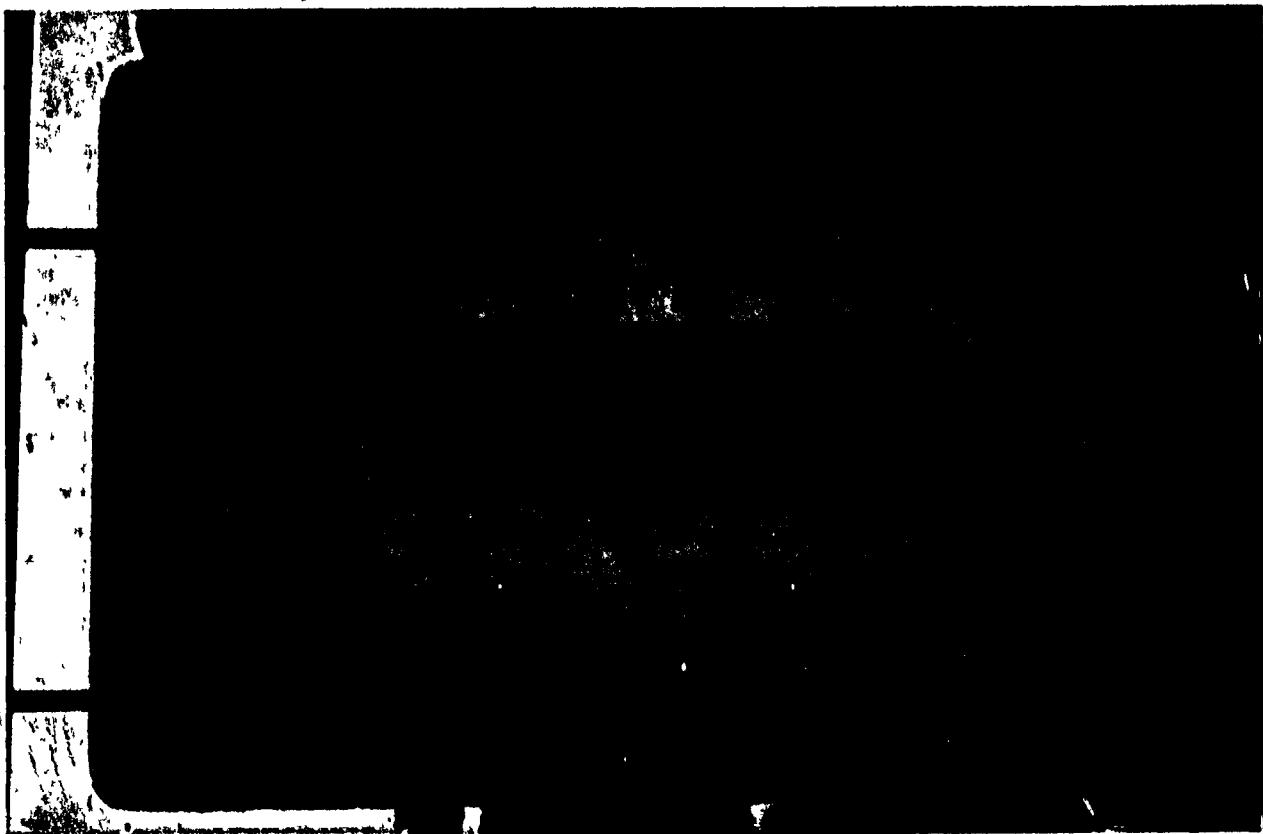
God has brought into the staff of the Foreign Mission Board men and women equipped by his grace for the task committed to them. Frequently we find ourselves commenting that only the Spirit of God could have led in the development of the staff and in the remarkable spirit that prevails.

Those who serve on the staff of the Foreign Mission Board find that it is an experience of Christian fellowship. The staff functions as a great team in which there is reinforcement of every aspect of its work by the prayers, understanding, and love of all.

This headquarters building stands as a missionary achievement of Southern Baptists. The prayers, gifts, and love of God's people across the Convention have brought this building into reality.

The Foreign Mission Board wisely measured its resources and for several years set aside the necessary funds to

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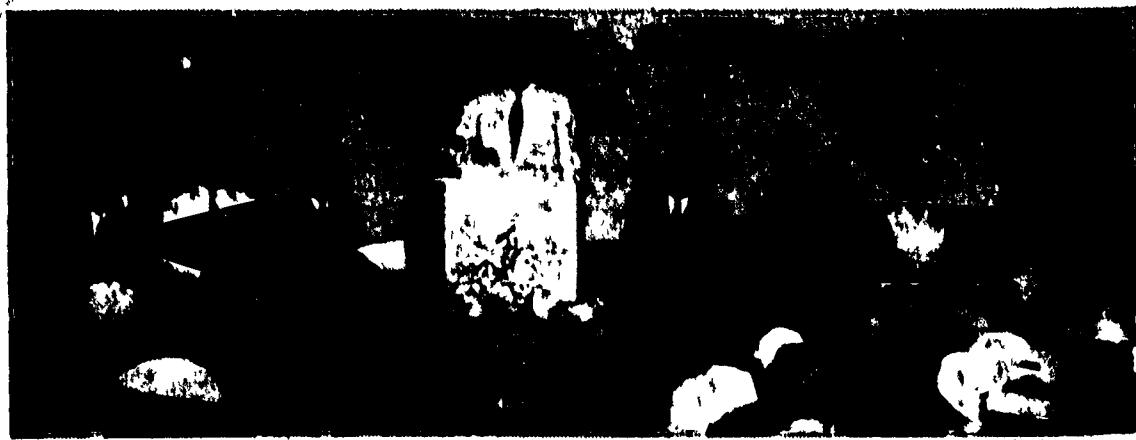
Open for Service



The Governor of Tanganyika (center left) and his aide-de-camp (foreground) talk with missionaries on the veranda of the center.



A cross section of the crowd attending the dedication.



Left to right: Evangelist Ibraim Mung'ong'o, Rev. James E. Hampton, Rev. Samuel A. DeBord; the Governor of Tanganyika, Dr. Jack E. Walker, the Governor's aide-de-camp, Mrs. Walker, and Mrs. DeBord.

PEOPLE representing many races and creeds—Africans, Europeans, Orientals, and Americans—filled the seats and stood around the walls of the W. O. Harper Memorial Auditorium for the formal opening and dedication of the Baptist center in the Magomeni community of Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, on January 8. The auditorium was named in honor of Missionary Winfred O. Harper, who drowned off the coast of Tanganyika last September.

After relating the history of Baptist work in East Africa, Dr. Jack E. Walker, missionary in Mbeya, Tanganyika, explained the purpose of the center as being twofold: (1) to present the gospel of Jesus Christ as the only way for man to find his proper relationship to God and (2) to offer facilities to help with the development of individuals in their relationship to their fellow men in the community.

After one of the national workers, Ibraim Mung'ong'o, outlined the program of activities being scheduled for



ABOVE: The Governor and Mr. DeBord, director of the center, discuss library facilities.

LEFT: Two regional leaders, Moslems, who attended the dedication, are greeted by Mr. DeBord (right) and Mr. Mung'ong'o (left).

the center, Sir Richard Turnbull, governor of Tanganyika, brought words of compliment and commendation for the work of the Baptist Mission in East Africa.

Following the dedication service the several hundred people present toured the building. The domestic science room drew the attention of the women. It will be used for instruction in cooking, sewing, hygiene, and other related courses.

"The beautiful library, with its spacious shelves (most of them empty), magazine and newspaper racks, and reading table, was another center of interest," says Missionary Ralph W. Harrell. "The East African Literature Society has made several hundred books available for use. Added to these are books in English and Swahili purchased by the Mission. This library will become a much used room as the Africans take advantage of the literacy classes in English and Swahili being offered."

Two classrooms, equipped with bulletin boards, blackboards, and desk-chairs, will be used for literacy classes

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Women were attracted by the sewing display in the domestic science room. The center will also offer adults courses in cooking, hygiene, and other related subjects, English and Swahili, guidance, and leadership training.

EPISTLES

FROM TODAY'S APOSTLES ALL OVER THE WORLD



After Daughters Accept Christ, Mother, Too, Becomes Interested

Erica (Mrs. Charles H.) Morris
Petaling Jaya, Malaya
(now living in Singapore)

SALLY CHOON was invited to First Baptist Church, Petaling Jaya, Malaya, by Miss Wong, bookkeeper at the Baptist clinic. After attending the young women's Sunday school class which I teach, Sally asked for an English Bible. Her desire to learn to read the Bible led her to my home.

One day as we studied together the third chapter of the Gospel of John, God's Spirit began to work in Sally's heart. Several weeks later, at the close of an evangelistic service, Sally received Christ as her Saviour and made public her decision to follow him.

Soon her sister began attending services. As God's Word was preached and taught this sister, too, opened her heart and trusted Christ as her Saviour.

Then one evening the mother of these girls attended a Chinese prayer service. The next day when Sally came to my house with her Bible under her arm she was radiant. "This morning my mother did not burn joss sticks and pray to her gods as is her custom," she said. "Please pray that the words of the wonderful Book will soon find their way into my mother's heart."



Baptist Publications Have Large Part in Evangelization of Brazil

Jack J. Cowser
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

THE DEMAND for Bibles continues to increase in Brazil. The total sales of the Bible Press of Brazil for the fiscal year closing October 30 were 142,597 Bibles, 22,804 New Testaments, and 705,869 Gospels. We are limited only by what we can prepare and get to the people. (Just now the Brazilian woman who won second place in the international Bible quiz contest held in Israel is answering questions over television and radio—another fine advertisement for the Bible.)

We received a letter from a Christian hotel manager in the state of São Paulo. He said, "Send me two thousand Gospels of John." Then he explained why he wanted them. The Gideons International had given him Bibles for his sixty-room hotel, but guests had taken them all. He could not ask for more; yet his other guests were complaining about not having them in the rooms. There-

fore, he puts Gospels in the rooms and tells the guests to take them home with them.

A few Sundays ago a woman who had accepted Christ told us the story of her conversion. She visited our open-air services in the park, which we have each Sunday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. She bought a Bible and began to read. Then one night her husband came home drunk and tore her Bible into pieces and threw it in the street. She bought a second Bible and continued to read. Before long she accepted Christ.

Step by step the Baptist publishing house in Brazil has grown from a shed the size of a chicken house to buildings occupying 63,200 square feet of floor space. What would be the effect on Brazil and the Baptist work should this publishing house close down tomorrow?

Ten thousand copies of the Baptist weekly paper would not go out with its religious news and messages to the more than twenty thousand readers. None of the two hundred thousand quarterlies for Sunday school, Training Union, or Woman's Missionary Union would be printed. One hundred and fifty thousand Baptists in fifteen hundred churches and more than three thousand preaching points would be without literature. Twenty-five books much needed to teach our people would remain in manuscript. Two hundred thousand Bibles would fail to reach the spiritually hungry people awaiting their turn to purchase the Word of life. Millions of tracts and pamphlets would not be distributed. Seventy-five thousand songbooks, which efficiently carry the message of the gospel, could not be printed. This makes you realize what a great responsibility the publishing house has for the evangelization of Brazil.



Missionary Reports Potential of English-Speaking Work in Brazil

William H. Warren
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

I PREACHED my first sermon in Brazil on the day we arrived in Rio de Janeiro, a month ago. This was possible because my wife and I were appointed to do English-speaking work in this city, in keeping with the Foreign Mission Board's policy of establishing English-speaking churches in key cities in countries where missionaries are serving.

An estimate of the number of Americans in Rio would run between six hundred and a thousand families. This gives you an idea of the potential of our church. This type of denominational work is desperately needed here. There is a union church in English, but it does not have a real gospel message. We hope to soon begin a con-

trated visitation program which will take us into as many American homes as possible.

We do not yet own property for the church; right now we are renting space that is used for a school. We have the building for Wednesday evening prayer meetings and Sunday services. Our present church membership is twenty-six, and during our first month we averaged thirty-six in Sunday school. In April we plan to start a Training Union and to begin putting out a church bulletin. We are hoping to outgrow our present facilities in about three months.



Prayer Is Important Factor In Advance of Kingdom in Brazil

James P. Kirk
Vitória, Espírito Santo, Brazil

IN THE EIGHT YEARS we have been on this field, physical resources and personnel have been so limited at times that we almost despaired. The growth and vigor of the kingdom proved itself constantly, however, and the Holy Spirit has blessed so that today there are fifty-three Baptist churches in our convention, as compared with twenty-four in 1951. The twenty-six Baptist pastors give their full time to the gospel ministry, and the present statistics show that 952 baptisms during 1958 brought the total church membership to 8,700. Only God could give such an increase. "Praise ye the Lord."

While we cannot explain the how of the kingdom growth, we do know that one of the contributing factors is the prayers of Christian people. Truly we have felt your prayerful concern for the mission program, and we

are aware that the victories we have witnessed here are really fruits of your prayers there.

Our Lord said, "Without me ye can do nothing," and he meant just that. Surely those who go must pray, but those who send must pray also, "The gift without the giver is bare." We give ourselves when we really pray.



Baptisms in Jordan in 1958 More Than for Any Two Previous Years

William O. Hern
Ajloun, Jordan

WE HAVE SEEN miracles performed in Jordan during the past year. Every request we made in our last two prayer letters have been brought to pass. Our opportunities for declaring the gospel here in Jordan have not only been unhindered but they have been increased. Souls have been saved in every church and meeting place. Five hundred pupils were enrolled in our six Vacation Bible schools, and a number of the older ones accepted salvation. The Lord blessed our summer conferences in a special way. All our friends in Christ seem to be making definite spiritual progress.

And, besides this, the Lord has led in the organizing of two new Baptist churches. The first is in the city of Irbid and the second in the village of Debbin. Both groups have called pastors, and the pastor of the Irbid church, Fowaz Imeish, has been ordained. The Irbid church adopted a budget for 1959, and it is now more than 40 per cent self-supporting.

A total of twenty-two persons followed their Lord in believer's baptism during the past year. This number may seem small, but it is more than have been baptized in any two previous years in the history of our work in Jordan.



With Tire Pump as "Icebreaker" Missionary Tells Man of Christ

Charles E. Compton, Jr.
Dourados, Mato Grosso, Brazil

THE TIRE looked low. The air had chilled, but maybe the trouble was a nail. I would put in some air and see, I thought. As I connected the Enginair tire pump into the spark plug hole, the man watched from a distance. As the motor did the hard job easily, he ambled over all enthused. Where did I get it? he wanted to know. How much did it cost? Did they make them here in Brazil?

I filled the tire and put up the pump, but the conversation had taken a more serious turn. It started to rain. We got in the car.

That night about eight o'clock he remembered dinner. It was too late. We had talked the afternoon, the evening, and the dinner away.

Once in the early afternoon, at my suggestion that he read such and such a passage, he had said, "But I don't read the Bible." Yet many hours later—many hours of talking about God, race, atomic bombs, economics, men and their need of a Saviour—I was able to tell him about my reading John 14 one night. I told him what I hoped it could do for him, for his idea of his Maker and his Saviour.

After the dinner that wasn't, a changed man promised to read that chapter and the three that follow it, hoping to come to know the One who gave their message.



Korean Seminary Students Show Concern for Unreached Villages

Juanita (Mrs. Don C.) Jones
Taegon, Korea

IN BONG KIM is an example of many of the students in the Korea Baptist Theological Seminary who are trying to reach into unchurched villages on week ends. Ten months ago Mr. Kim became interested in an area known as Toan, where three villages converge outside of Taegon. He rented a room in one of the villages and started doing personal work and holding services in the *matang* (open front courtyard) of a believer's house.

As the congregation grew he found it necessary to hold Sunday school in the front yard of one house and church services in that of another. Sometimes he held young people's and adult worship services separately, making the best use of space.

Early last fall he gave up his room in that village and moved to another so that he could begin doing personal work there while he was still preaching in the first village. The congregations grew until they were meeting in three courtyards, two in one village and one in the other.

In September they received money from evangelistic funds to buy land on the top of a hill midway between the three villages. As soon as the rice harvest was over Mr. Kim enlisted the help of about forty men and boys who spent practically an entire week leveling the ground and preparing it for the church they hoped they would be able to erect before winter.

When Mr. Kim learned that evangelistic funds for the building would not be available before spring he didn't become disheartened. Instead he decided to hold Bible classes and prayer meetings in homes of believers and increase his personal witnessing so that meetings could continue during the winter.

Some of the most enjoyable experiences my husband and I have come as we teach in the seminary and counsel and work with such zealous students as Mr. Kim.

We spent three weeks last summer working in camps at the new Baptist encampment grounds on the shore of the Yellow Sea. Six permanent buildings have been erected—four long, barracks-style dormitories, a chapel, and a bathhouse.

There were fifty persons enrolled for the youth camp and twenty-six for the Girl's Auxiliary camp. The days were filled with Bible study, inspirational messages, discussion groups, singing, and recreation. God's blessings were poured out and thirty-nine decisions were made during the youth camp. One which especially touched us was the decision of a young Christian to win her Buddhist parents to Christ during the year.

In discussion groups on Christian recreation, choosing an occupation, courtship and marriage, and the Christian's attitude toward war, we came to understand more fully many of the problems and needs that lie in the hearts of Korean young people. And we became aware of the talent which is available to Korean Baptists in their youth. Won't you pray that the Lord will give these young people insight into his will for their lives and courage to follow his leadership no matter what the cost?



Chileans Find Baptism a Suitable Celebration of Christ's Birthday

Eleanor (Mrs. Joe T.) Poo
Concepcion, Chile

MY HUSBAND and I celebrated Christmas this past year in a new way for us—with a baptismal service in the river. Baptizing on Christmas Day seems customary among the churches in Chile, and, after all, it is a befitting way to celebrate the Lord's birthday. Joe had been asked to do the baptizing because the pastor is older and in poor health.

We found our way through bushes to a lovely spot alongside the river, where 150 people from the Taleahuaná Baptist Church had already gathered. It was an unforgettable experience to stand among the natural beauty of the river and the surrounding foothills, watching the twenty-five candidates baptized and listening to the congregation sing in Spanish a stanza of "O Happy Day" as each person came up out of the water.

Also at the river were people who had come to swim and to picnic. During the service I was in and out among the crowd taking pictures, and I had a chance to hear sneering remarks from some of the onlookers. One woman bluntly asked why all those people had not been baptized into the Catholic Church when they were babies. Another sarcastically said, "Oh, you people baptize the way Jesus Christ himself baptized, don't you?" In spite of their apparently unsympathetic attitude, they watched quietly during the service. We can only pray that their hearts were touched.

One woman who was baptized rode back to town with us. On the way she explained that she was in a hurry because her Catholic husband and family had been very much opposed to her becoming a Christian. It had been very hard for her to get permission to be baptized. She said she would not be able to attend church regularly because her husband is so antagonistic, but she assured us that she

is a Christian in her heart and asked us to pray that she may eventually lead her children and even her husband to know Christ. We will certainly be remembering her, and maybe some of you will join us in prayer for her.

After some three hours on the riverbank in the hot sun we came home tired and slightly sunburned but grateful for another opportunity to serve Christ. This helped make our first Christmas in Chile an especially happy one.



1958 Saw Prayers Answered for Baptist Work in Brazilian State

Harrison H. Pike
Vitória, Espírito Santo, Brazil

WE SAW answers to our prayers during the past year. Our greatest need—for more trained national personnel to help develop the Baptist work—was met in three definite ways.

First, God sent us three seminary-trained pastors. Second, he laid upon the layworkers the desire to study better methods. Missionary Fred L. Hawkins, Jr., director of the Sunday school department of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, was with us for a Sunday school clinic, the first in our state. There was an average attendance of 592 persons, representing 36 churches. Third, the desire for the development and deepening of spiritual knowledge was implanted in the hearts of our present workers. Last year twelve pastors and laymen took advantage of the month-long extension course for those who cannot attend a theological seminary. And eighteen have expressed the desire to take the course this year.

The work continues to grow. Two new churches were organized in 1958 and two more were organized in January, 1959. Last year our state had two simultaneous revival campaigns that resulted in 249 decisions. Ten

A LITTLE more than ten years ago there were one Baptist church and one pastor in a Brazilian city of three hundred thousand people and state of three million. Today Baptists have five churches, five missions, about thirty preaching points, six pastors, three evangelists, one Woman's Missionary Union encampment, thirteen pieces of property, one high school, five primary schools, a kindergarten, fifteen teachers, one clinic with four branch centers, one nurse, two doctors, one dentist, and ten young people who owe their training for full-time Christian service to Baptist work in this field. Instead of eight Baptists for every million population, there are now nearly three hundred. There are still only two missionaries.—Burton de Wolfe Davis, missionary to Equatorial Brazil

churches and four mission points participated. This year there will be a campaign in each of our three associations.

Early in 1958 we realized that the twenty-five girls at our state Baptist orphanage were receiving more physical nourishment than spiritual food. Therefore, we requested that each of the churches pray for one particular child. The results? The first child received in the orphanage ten years ago graduated from school in December with a teaching certificate. She will teach in the annex school of one of our isolated interior churches this year. Another has dedicated her life to Christ and she plans to attend the Baptist training school in Rio de Janeiro. During a revival led by the president of our state convention, nine of the girls gave their hearts to Jesus. Yes, we have seen answers to prayer this past year.

God manifested his power in our home, too. I had the unsurpassed joy of baptizing seven-year-old Donna.



Power of God Transforms Men from Enemies to Co-Workers for Christ

Betty Faith (Mrs. C. S.) Boatwright
Tokyo, Japan

THE CONTRASTS of Japan are great. Children have hula-hoops galore, but the traditional kites and fans still afford fun. Contrast of old versus new. Vie Lai Shian, a famous uptown dessert house, is fabulous with satin-padded walls and an elevator-like bandstand that moves from floor to floor. It would glow even on New York's Fifth Avenue. Yet, just outside a pitiful, poorly clad woman sat on a mat on the sidewalk selling small items. Two sickly, cold children slept by her side. Contrast of rich versus poor.

The man who recently came to fix our heater had never been in a church. His is an empty life without purpose, as are those of countless multitudes. Then last Friday evening Mr. Niwa came to see us. He was a suicide pilot during the Second World War. His family had his "funeral" before he left home for his flight, but just before he had to go up the war ended.

A short time later, as he was wandering despondently along, he heard a missionary speaking. Out of curiosity he stopped long enough to get a tract, and he was led to Christ. He later accepted God's call to preach and went to the States to study. Now he is one of Japan's outstanding young ministers. He is a dynamic Christian, full of Christ's love. His is an abundant life with assuring purpose. He represents the few in Japan who are Christians as contrasted with the multitudes who know not.

It is always a picture of God's power to see Mr. Niwa interpreting at the mission church here on our compound. The missionary language student who preaches was a paratrooper here in Japan during the war. There they stand—once enemies, now brothers in Christ working together for the same purpose and same Lord! Only the power of God can bring this about.

Missionary Family Album

Arrivals from the Field

BAGBY, Rev. and Mrs. Taylor C., emeritus (South Brazil), 116 Sage Drive, San Antonio, Tex.
SPEAR, Rev. and Mrs. Bobby L. (Thailand), Box 728, Wetumka, Okla.

Births

CARTER, Rev. and Mrs. J. Dale (North Brazil), son, Timothy Dale.
CLARK, Rev. and Mrs. Gene A. (Japan), daughter, Sarah Miriam.
HARRIS, Dr. and Mrs. Clifton E. (formerly of the China staff), son, Brooks Taylor.
HEADRICK, Rev. and Mrs. Harvey O. (South Brazil), daughter, Darlene Carol.
LEDFORD, Rev. and Mrs. Lowell E. (Peru), son, David Mark.
LEWIS, Rev. and Mrs. Francis L. (Indonesia), daughter, Lisa Rose.
MURPHY, Rev. and Mrs. Milton (Israel), daughter, Leslie Sue.
MYERS, Dr. and Mrs. Karl J. (Nigeria), daughter, Charlotte Ann.

Deaths

MCMILLAN, Dr. H. H., emeritus (China and Bahamas), Jan. 29, Richmond, Va.
TILFORD, H. L., father of Lorene Tilford (Taiwan), Dec. 31.

Departures to the Field

ALDERMAN, Jennie, P. O. Box 427, Taipch, Taiwan.
DORR, Dr. and Mrs. David C., Baptist Hospital, Gaza, via Egypt.
HALSELL, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E., Caixa Postal 89, Belém, Pará, Brazil.
LEWIS, Rev. and Mrs. William E., Jr., Baptist Mission, Box 2731, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, East Africa.
MARSHALL, Rev. and Mrs. J. Ralph, Jr., P. O. Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand.
MERRON, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W., Jr., Granvia de Ramon Y Cajal 26, 20, 5a, Valencia, Spain.
MOORE, Dr. and Mrs. R. Cecil, Casilla 1253, Santiago, Chile.
MOOREFIELD, Rev. and Mrs. Virgil H., Jr., c/o Dr. Roy F. Starmer, Piazza in Lucina 35, Rome, Italy.
OGBURN, Georgia Mae, Casilla 1253, Santiago, Chile.
SPENCE, Marjorie, Casilla 20-D, Temuco, Chile.
STOVER, Dr. and Mrs. S. S., Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, Brazil.
WELLER, Edith Rose, Caixa Postal 352, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

New Addresses

ALBRIGHT, Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy, 142 Fourth Ave., Waterfalls, Salisbury S-46, Southern Rhodesia.

BELOTE, Dr. and Mrs. James D., 28 Oxford Rd., Kowloon, Hong Kong.
BURT, Rev. and Mrs. Daniel H., Jr., Caixa Postal 35, Goiânia, Goiás, Brazil.
BRYANT, Rev. and Mrs. Thurmon E., Caixa Postal 758, Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil.
CARROLL, Rev. and Mrs. G. Webster (East Africa), 3158 Southern Oaks Blvd., Apt. D, Dallas 16, Tex.
CHEYNE, Rev. and Mrs. John R., 142 Fourth Ave., Waterfalls, Salisbury S-46, Southern Rhodesia.
CLINTON, Rev. and Mrs. William L., Caixa Postal 572, São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil.
CRABTREE, Dr. and Mrs. A. R., Av. Almirante Reis 124, 2º D, Lisbon 1, Portugal.
DAVIS, Rev. and Mrs. Horace Victor (South Brazil), 1604 Cherokee St., Boone, N. C.
DORROUGH, Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. (Korea), 7751 26th, N. W., Seattle 7, Wash.
GARNER, Rev. and Mrs. Alex F. (Argentina), 1328 Boyce, Seminary Hill, Ft. Worth, Tex.

GRAYSON, Alda (Hawaii), 401 S. Atlantic Ave., Coronado Beach Station, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.
HARPER, Mrs. Winfred O. (East Africa), 245 Richards, Corpus Christi, Tex.
HAVERFIELD, Rev. and Mrs. William M. (Mexico), 3325 Lasker Ave., Waco, Tex.
HENLEY, Sarah Lou (Nigeria), Box 22803, Ft. Worth 15, Tex.

HINNARD, Hazeldean (Nigeria), 6901 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tenn.
HILL, Rev. and Mrs. Ronald C., Ban Suan Chon Buri, Thailand.

HINES, Ruby (North Brazil), Rte. 1, Colorado City, Tex.

HOLMES, Rev. and Mrs. Evan F. (Chile), 401 Austin, Brownwood, Tex.

JACKSON, Rev. and Mrs. William H. (Dub), Jr., 11 Kamiyama-cho, Shibusawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

JOHNSON, Rev. and Mrs. R. Elton, Caixa Postal 116, Itabuna, Bahia, Brazil.

JOHNSTON, Juanita, 221 Nana South Rd., Bangkok, Thailand.

KOLLMAR, Dr. and Mrs. George H. (Columbia), 3005 8th Ave., Ft. Worth, Tex.

Poem for "Calvertites"



"Missionary kids" around the world go to school by mail with the Calvert School, of Baltimore, Maryland. The school provides textbooks and work materials, but the missionary mother becomes teacher (or pupil) to supervise her children's study. The following poem was penned by Mrs. William L. Walker, missionary to Japan, who is pictured in the attic schoolroom with her three children: Carol, fourth grade; Billy, first grade; and Charlie, kindergarten.

*Isolated M.K.'s
Studying at home
Use the mighty Calvert
Like a metronome.*

*Thus the frantic mothers,
Stumbling though they be,
Get an education
Indirecto—lee!*



Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lambright, missionaries to Indonesia, are shown with their children: (left to right) Chris, four; Ricky, six; and Linda, two. Dr. Lambright expected to begin work at the Baptist hospital in Kediri in February.

LOCKE, Rev. and Mrs. Russell L. (Nigeria), 424 N. Main St., Bolivar, Mo.
 LOCKHART, Maxine (Nigeria), 1119 El Monte, San Antonio, Tex.
 LOW, Dr. and Mrs. J. Edwin, Box 118, Kaduna, Northern Nigeria, West Africa.
 McILROY, Minnie (Argentina), 2909 Herring Ave., Waco, Tex.
 MCKINLEY, Rev. and Mrs. Hugh T., 142 Fourth Ave., Waterfalls, Salisbury S-46, Southern Rhodesia.
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 OATES, Rev. and Mrs. M. D. (Peru), 1857 Eucalyptus Drive, El Cajon, Calif.
 REIN, Rev. and Mrs. Orvil W. (Mexico), Box 22756, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth 15, Tex.
 SCULL, Rev. and Mrs. Ancil B. (Indonesia), 1513 Camden Way, Norman, Okla.
 SULLIVAN, Rev. and Mrs. J. Hartmon, Box 83, Warri, Nigeria, West Africa.
 THORPE, Rev. and Mrs. B. Terry, 142 Fourth Ave., Waterfalls, Salisbury S-46, Southern Rhodesia.
 YARNELL, Rev. and Mrs. Carl F., Jr., (Malaya), 234 Aesque St., Kingsport, Tenn.

Missionary Quote

This Easter we will hear an Indonesian choir singing with the joy of new discovery, "Up from the grave He arose."—Ross C. COGGINS, missionary to Indonesia

Board is one of the great sources of reassurance and joy to missionaries as they work under difficult and sometimes uncertain circumstances across the world.

We invite Southern Baptists to visit the Foreign Mission Board headquarters, and we want each Baptist to regard it as being vitally related to his own church. Every church is in the task of world missions. The Foreign Mission Board is the channel through which missionary resources are sent into a needy world. Part of the basic equipment of each church in the Southern Baptist Convention, therefore, is the headquarters building of the Foreign Mission Board.

At the meeting of the Board in April something more precious than a headquarters building will be dedicated. There will be set aside for service a group of approximately twenty men and women whose lives are laid upon the altar to cross the world in service for our Lord. No building of brick or stone could begin to compare with the value of these lives laid at the feet of our Lord. It is in the dedication of these missionaries to their task that the Foreign Mission Board rises to its maximum, for in so doing we dedicate ourselves afresh to undergird all that is done in the Master's name to the ends of the earth.

We come, therefore, to the dedication of a headquarters building with a fresh sense of commitment to our Lord and gratitude to him for his mercies. We lift our eyes to the Orient, to Latin America, to Africa, Europe, the Near East and remember that the Master said, "The field is the world."

Not Made of Mud

After our four-year-old daughter, Trudy Jane, and I went shopping we were talking about the large Hindu gods made of mud which we had seen. I tried to explain that these are idols which cannot see, hear, or help anyone. I told Trudy Jane that many people believe in these idols and that we have come to Pakistan to tell people about the true God.

"The real God is not like these idols," I said. "He is not made out of mud, is he?"

She answered enthusiastically, "No, he is made out of American stuff!"—W. TRUEMAN MOORE, *missionary to East Pakistan*

New Building

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make possible the construction of this building. The result is that the building is being dedicated free of debt. By careful measurement of resources and wise planning, it has been possible to accomplish this without seriously retarding urgently needed steps on mission fields.

One of the delights in constructing this building has been to see the attitude of the missionaries and national Christians from other lands. As missionaries came for appointment, they were greatly surprised to see the overcrowded and inadequate working arrangements under which the Foreign Mission Board served. Those who returned from mission fields and saw the building under construction rejoice that the Foreign Mission Board is being strengthened for a more effective world ministry.

They recognize, as they serve their Lord thousands of miles from their home base, how vital is their connection with the Foreign Mission Board and how necessary it is that their needs and problems be wisely and efficiently considered at the "nerve center" of this world mission operation. The effectiveness of the Foreign Mission

Korean Baptists Can Teach Devotion to Revival Efforts

By Albert W. Gammage, Jr.

AT FIRST the annual winter revival of the 60-member Tac Hung Dong Baptist Church, of Tac-jon, Korea, seemed to follow the outline of all revivals among evangelical churches in Korea. For 10 days prior to the meeting the church members gathered for prayer from five to six o'clock in the morning. During the day they invited their unsaved friends to attend the services and went from house to house in the neighborhood of the church extending invitations.

But soon after the meeting began it became apparent that this was to be no routine revival. Attendance at all the services grew daily to such an extent that it broke all church records.

An average of 75 people shivered through prayer services held in the unheated church building each day from 4:30 to 6:30 a.m. In good Korean tradition everyone prayed aloud at once during much of these services, but the evangelist also availed himself of the opportunity to preach directly to the church members.

Morning Bible study from 10 to 12 o'clock attracted about 150 believers, many from other churches.

Were it not for the fact that Koreans sit on the floor, the 500 or so persons in attendance at the marathon evening services could never have squeezed into the small church auditorium. These services, lasting from two and a half to three hours, included spirited congregational singing, prolonged prayer sessions, several special musical renditions, and some two hours of preaching punctuated by multiple invitations for public commitments.

Those who desired to make public decisions were asked to raise their hands. Then they were approached by deacons who wrote down pertinent information concerning the persons and their decisions. By the close of the 10-day revival services there had been 55 professions of faith in Christ as Saviour—just five short of the number of church members.

The standard of devotion to the revival effort was set by the evangelist himself. In order to leave more time

for prayer, personal work, and preparation of messages, he ate no regular meals during the revival but snacked on raw eggs and apples. Several times he spent the entire night in prayer and meditation. So well prepared was he that he never looked at a sermon note in 10 days of preaching three times a day.

It was at one of the predawn prayer services that the revival precipitated. When the evangelist confided that it was the famine of faith and devotion among the church members which had driven him to prayer and fasting, the Christians burst into tears of repentance to a man. Sins of a wide nature were confessed. Many admitted robbing God and promised to begin tithing. The deacons faced up to the

fact that they had been neglecting their duties and set about almost immediately to repair the church building and the pastor's house. Some people revealed unfaithfulness in attending church services.

In the weeks since the revival there has been a marked improvement in attendance, offerings, and general spirit of the church. And what may be most significant of all, the 5:00 a.m. prayer meeting, which formerly was held only on Sundays, is now an everyday affair.

It is rather common these days for experts in various fields, such as religious education and stewardship, to visit the mission fields in order to help the churches there with the development of more effective programs. After witnessing my first revival in Korea, I wonder if it would not be worth while to send an "average Korean Christian" to America to teach the "average American Christians" something about devotion to a revival effort.

Foreign Mission News

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standing first impression was that a major concern of Southern Baptists should be to avoid creating the feeling that our Foreign Mission Board is going into Portugal to 'take over' the work which has been so well done in the past by the Brazilian Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"A beginning has been made in Portugal. Just what the future contribution of Southern Baptists in this small country is to be remains yet to be determined."

Switzerland Bilingual Services

The bilingual Ruschlikon Baptist Church was organized on January 11 in the chapel of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. There were 53 charter members, three of whom were not present for the organizational meeting.

Morning worship services will be conducted in English on the first and third Sundays of each month, and the evening services on those Sundays will be in German. On the other Sundays the order will be reversed. Midweek services will be in English on the

Wednesdays following the first and third Sundays and in German in other weeks. Each service will be translated simultaneously into the second language.

German is the native language of 19 of the members, and 19 are basically English-speaking. Many, however, are bilingual. Twenty-one seminary students, representing 10 countries, are included in the membership.

After joining in a covenant for the establishment of the church, the members adopted a constitution and elected a pastor, deacons, and other church officers. The pastor-elect is Dr. Johannes Arndt, who has served for a number of years as director of Baptist youth work in Germany.

Incorporated into the new church will be the English-language Sunday school which was established at the seminary in 1950 and the Ruschlikon women's society.

"The church was organized in full consultation and agreement with neighboring Baptist churches," says Dr. John A. Moore, missionary professor in the seminary, "and it will seek membership in the Swiss Baptist Union. Planning to be financially self-supporting, the new church hopes to use the facilities of the seminary's new chapel."



LEFT: Missionary James E. Hampton speaks at groundbreaking services for the Baptist church in Kisauni Village, of Mombasa, Kenya, East Africa. This will be the first Baptist church in that city.

BELOW: Chief of Kisauni Village, a Moslem, brings greetings.



First Baptist Church in Mombasa, Kenya



ABOVE: Mr. Hampton turns a spade of ground on the lot bought from a Moslem. Construction on the building will begin soon.



RIGHT: Evangelist Morris Wanje (left) and an inquirer are in front of the temporary meeting place.



LEFT: "Coolies" served refreshments on the closing night of the School of Missions at Bales Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. RIGHT: Posts became palm trees and other



decorations and costumes (note large, puffed, Filipino sleeves in the front row) helped lend an air of Southeast Asia to the dining room, where assemblies were held.

Our Church Had a School of Missions without Missionaries

By Alvin G. Hause

WHAT! No missionaries? Then how can we have a School of Missions?" we at Bales Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, asked when the Foreign and the Home Mission Boards told the Kansas City Baptist Association that there simply were not enough missionaries available to help in our association-wide School of Missions.

But a few of the women in our church who had attended a statewide Woman's Missionary Union leadership conference during the summer decided that we *could* and *would* have a successful School of Missions without missionaries. A committee got to work, and the result was one of the best Schools of Missions we have ever had.

From 7:30 to 8:15 each evening, Monday through Friday, the books in the 1958 Foreign Mission Graded Series on Southeast Asia were taught by the counselors and helpers of the missionary auxiliaries and the pastor's wife. There was a study course for each age group, from the Primaries through Adults.

From 8:15 to 9:00 all the groups came together in the church dining room for an assembly period. On the first night colored slides of the countries in Southeast Asia, prepared by the Foreign Mission Board, were shown. The second night a student from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Kansas City, and his family, who are natives of India,

came in costume to sing, give testimonies, and bring a message.

On Wednesday night the assistant to the superintendent of missions for Kansas City Baptists brought a report of his recent preaching trip to Alaska. Thursday a Kansas City school principal, who toured Southeast Asian countries last summer, showed her slides of Thailand. And on Friday night the study groups showed handwork and contributed to the program; and refreshments were served.

The dining room, which served as the Adult classroom as well as the assembly room, was decorated to represent a Southeast Asian scene. The four large supporting posts were wrapped to resemble palm trees. A monkey was placed in the top of one and spiders and other animals clung to the others. Maps and pictures lined the walls, and even the window ledges were decorated to lend to the Asian atmosphere. All the teachers dressed in Southeast Asian costumes.

Throughout the week we had an average attendance of more than seventy adults and more than fifty children and young people. Many of our folk said this was one of the best, if not the best, Schools of Missions we have ever had. And we secured fifteen subscriptions for *The Commission* and *Home Missions*.

Yes, sir! We proved that with hard work, much prayer, and planning a successful School of Missions can be held without missionaries.



THE WORLD IN BOOKS

Genevieve Greer



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

The Hungry Billion

"Old Man Peasant walked slowly, with a droop of the shoulders and the easy rhythmic stride of those who carry burdens."

So begins *To Plow with Hope* (Harper, \$3.75), a book in which Donald K. Faris relates "the facts, figures, and human drama behind the struggle of 'the hungry billion' to achieve a better way of life." Educated in theology and agriculture, the author was formerly a missionary of the United Church of Canada. He is now in Thailand as a representative of the United Nations Technical Assistance Board.

His book has three distinct divisions. The first deals with the problems of hunger, health, education, population, homes, industry, and capital. The second covers the different programs devised to solve the problems and includes the United Nations agencies, U.S. aid, Colombo Plan, Communist activities, national programs, and volunteer agencies. The third, a single chapter, sounds a hopeful note for ultimate solution of the problems.

The chapter on volunteer agencies—which begins with mention of William Carey of India, "the Columbus of Protestant missions"—has special significance for readers who are interested in the part church missions have had in meeting physical need. Volunteer agencies are given credit for a great share in preparation of the world for United Nations and its Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Although Old Man Peasant adds a touch of drama, facts and figures crowd the book from the time he is introduced until the end, when "Old Man Peasant got up slowly . . . still trying to figure out why men came from far countries to help people like himself."

Island of Borneo

Malcolm MacDonald, British high commissioner to India, was governor general of Malaya and British Borneo for a period following the Second World War. His book, *Borneo People* (Knopf, \$6.50), is written from his experiences during that time.

The book is well titled. Though the author is sensitive to the setting, he lets people and actions dominate the scene. And because he took part wholeheartedly in whatever festivity was afoot, his reader, too, is more than a mere onlooker.

It is the area called Sarawak that he portrays. But much that is characteristic

of that section of Borneo is also characteristic of the other Malay islands and mainland countries. Consequently, the book makes good background reading for an understanding of missions in Southeast Asia.

Of particular mission interest is Mr. MacDonald's observance of the problem of presenting Christianity to pagan peoples. Inclined to view mission work coldly, he later seems to recognize the contribution made by both Protestant and Catholic missionaries to Borneo. He pays tribute to the selfless lives of those he mentions.

In general outline, the book covers a series of trips up the rivers of Sarawak. Fascinated by the characteristic, but vanishing, long-house type of tribal life, he never tires of telling—nor lets the reader tire of hearing—about activities of the long-house families.

Swiss Tales

Although *Swiss-Alpine Folk-Tales* (Oxford, \$3.50), by Fritz Müller-Guggenbühl, is among the "Oxford Books for Boys and Girls" series, some of its stories are rather grim and gruesome.

The mountains of Switzerland, the cows of the dairy people, and a pagan sort of religion are a part of the background for most of them. Beginning with a story of William Tell and ending with legends of early Christianity, the tales concern fairies, dwarfs, mermaids, devils, saints, and supernatural spirits of all kinds, good and evil.

Russia

My 3 Years Inside Russia (Zondervan, \$2.00) is an "as-told-to" story written by Ken Anderson. The "teller" is a German Christian, called "Comrade X," who was captured by the Russians. After discussing the problems faced by a Christian under Hitler's regime, he tells of three years in a work camp in Siberia under the Russians. He also gives his Christian testimony, relating how again and again the Scriptures were indeed a lamp unto his feet and strength for his soul.

The Christian reader will feel the impact of faith hammered out under heart-breaking conditions. He will also gain insight into the life of Russian Christians and realize that God has no Iron Curtain. The story awakens a sense of thankfulness for freedom and helps one to realize the tremendous battle ahead for Christian people in our world.—J. MARSHALL WALKER

Rhodesian Background

Tariro (Muhlenberg, \$3.00), a novel by Arvid H. Albrektson, is the story of a young African girl's hunger and search for the "kingdom of God" in the face of family opposition and deep-rooted tribal customs and superstitions. Her persistent quest is rewarded in the faith and the hope (*tariro*) she finds in Christ while attending a Lutheran mission school not far from her native village in Southern Rhodesia.

The characters in the story are finely drawn against a vivid background of African customs and folklore, and the book is written in an easy-to-read style, with choice bits of humor here and there. Aside from some doctrinal points with which most Baptists could not agree, the only major disappointment in the story is sudden announcement of the moral downfall of a mission school teacher.—EVELYN TAYLOR

Sentence Reviews

Hobby Fun, by Eleanor Doan (Zondervan, \$1.00), has alphabetical listings of things to collect, make, and do, followed by some ideas for using hobby projects and activities in the church organizations.

Written for the average man by a Christian psychologist, *This Way to Happiness*, by Clyde M. Narramore (Zondervan, \$2.95 and \$1.95), reads like a conversation with an unusually well-informed person about the search for happiness, love, belonging, knowledge, fear, economic security, a sense of significance, secrets of happiness, and faith.—J.M.W.

The thirty-nine devotional messages in *Seven Days of the Week* (Muhlenberg, \$1.95), by Rita F. Snowden, are based on such commonplace themes as stars, a schoolboy's prayer, hands and feet, marbles, a lamp, growing up, the atom, baggage, and the family.—J.M.W.

The twenty carefully written sermonettes in *Proofs of His Presence* (Abingdon, \$1.50), by Grace Noll Crowell, will not add to the reader's knowledge of the truth about Christ, but they will make that truth glow with beauty.—J.M.W.

Worship Services for Junior Highs (Abingdon, \$3.00) has thirty-five complete programs, two of them for missions day, divided into three series: "God Speaks to Us," "God in Our Lives," and "Around the Year with God."

Fun-Plans for Church Recreation, by Agnes Durant Pylant (Broadman, \$2.50), filled with fun-tested games, songs, and skits, will help adult leaders of any youth group plan a party at a moment's notice.—FREIDA K. STEWART

Have a Good Day (Muhlenberg, \$2.75) contains twenty-three sermons by John W. Rilling; all deal with everyday living.—J.M.W.

"Nerve Center"

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Following Dr. Rankin's death, Dr. Cauthen assumed the administrative responsibilities of the Board. Advance continues, with work having been begun in Gaza, East Pakistan, Kenya, and Tanganyika. Fraternal representatives have been sent to the Baptists of Portugal, and entry into Vietnam has been approved in principle.

Last year the Board exceeded all previous records by appointing 137 persons for mission service, and the appointment goal for 1959 was set at 140. The Board's cash income for 1958 amounted to \$15,870,428.

The Board now employs a staff of close to one hundred persons. The cramped quarters just abandoned were located in two adjacent, remodeled dwellings at 2037 and 2039 Monument Avenue. The first of these was purchased with funds from the sale of the building at Sixth and Franklin Streets and occupied in 1943. Then the house next door was joined to it by a covered passageway and occupied in 1950. In recent years the production department of the division of visual education had been located in another part of the city.

On April 8, during the semiannual meeting of the Board, the new headquarters building will be formally dedicated. As the Board settles into its new home it looks with confidence to a future of continued and increased advance in the world mission enterprise—advance in personnel, in financial support, and in prayerful concern from Southern Baptists.

Open for Service

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and courses in guidance and leadership training for the men and women. In the week following the opening of the center more than 250 adults registered for classes.

For children there are four classrooms arranged around a larger assembly room. Each is equipped with a small table and chairs, blackboard, bulletin board, and visual materials. "What a thrill to see almost every chair taken at the Sunday school hour," says Mr. Harrell. Other activities for children are scheduled to begin soon.

A kitchen-canteen provides a place

for the sale and serving of light refreshments during the class and activity periods.

Each evening of the week after the dedication a film on the life of Jesus was shown to a crowd of from seven hundred to a thousand people. For many of these people this was the first definite contact with the Christian message. On the following Sunday morning five young men, between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five, made public professions of faith in Christ.

One evening as Missionary Samuel A. DeBord, director of the center, and Mr. Mung'ong'o were putting up the movie equipment an African man began to tell them of his heart trouble.

He explained that he had had it before but had gone to a "doctor" who had cured him. "But," he said, "I have stopped taking the prescribed 'medicine' and I find that I am sick again."

This was the man's way of telling of his spiritual need. The "doctor" had been his spiritual adviser. The "medicine" had been his instructions. "What a challenge to be able to present the Great Physician who will heal the spiritual as well as the physical needs!" exclaims Mr. Harrell.

"Truly these are great days in mission advance in East Africa. But we must continually put forth every effort in declaring that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God."

In Memoriam

Henry Hudson McMillan

Born Riverton, North Carolina
July 21, 1885

Died Richmond, Virginia
January 29, 1959



DR. H. H. McMILLAN served in Soochow, China, with his wife for thirty-seven years following his appointment as a Southern Baptist foreign missionary in 1913. For several years early in his missionary career he taught English and Bible at a Baptist academy in Soochow, but most of his time in China was devoted to evangelistic work. He was interned by the Japanese in 1941 and repatriated in 1943.

In 1951, after the Communist occupation of China, the Foreign Mission Board named the McMillans its representatives to the Baptist churches in the Bahamas. They served in the islands in an advisory capacity until their retirement in 1955. Returning to the States, they made their home in Riverton, North Carolina, near Wagram.

Dr. McMillan received the bachelor of arts degree from Wake Forest (North Carolina) College (now located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina) and the master and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. In 1941 Wake Forest College awarded him the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Before going to the mission field he was principal of Fruitland Institute, Hendersonville, North Carolina, and pastor of mountain churches in the Hendersonville area.

He is survived by his widow, the former Leila Memory, of Whiteville, North Carolina; three sons; a daughter; and eight grandchildren.



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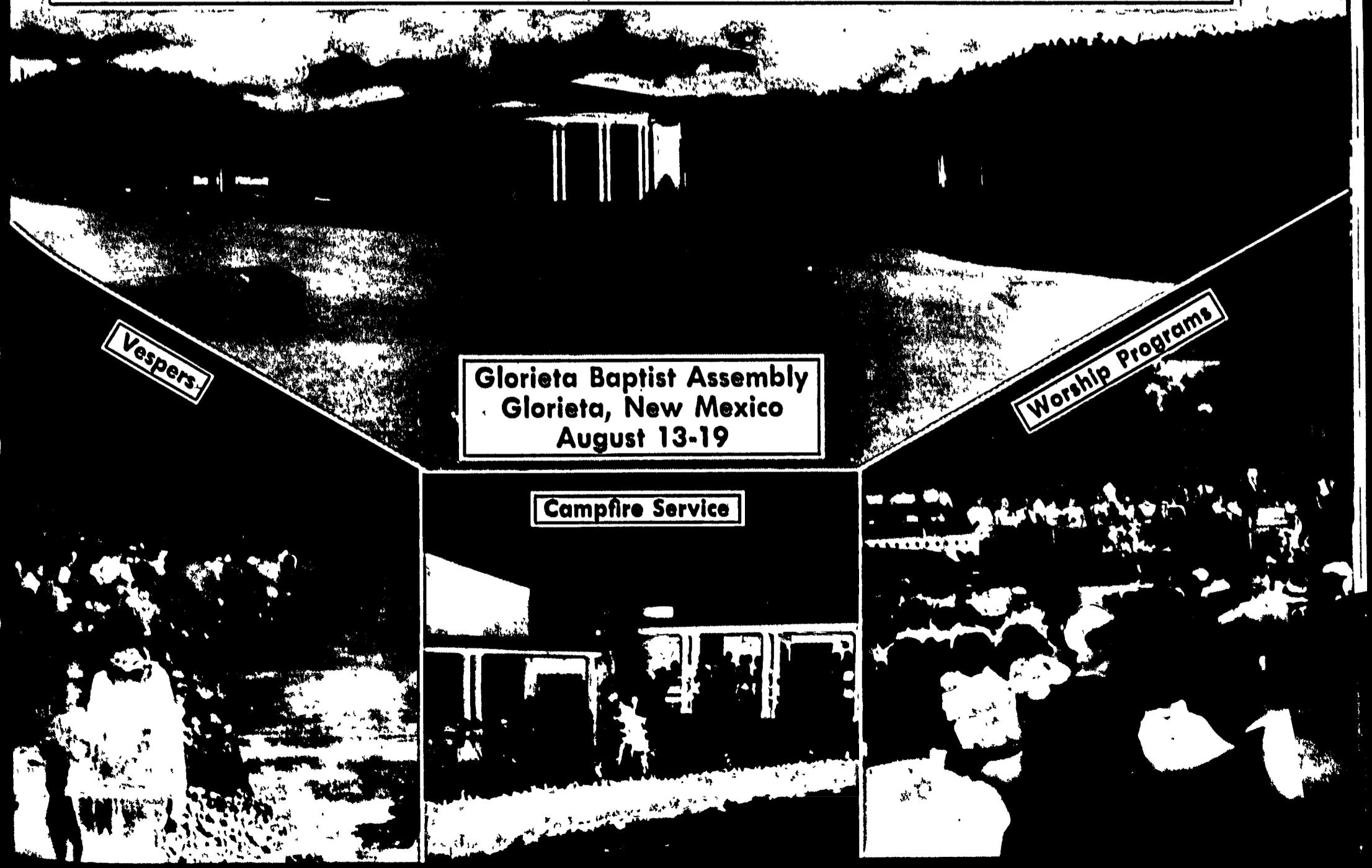
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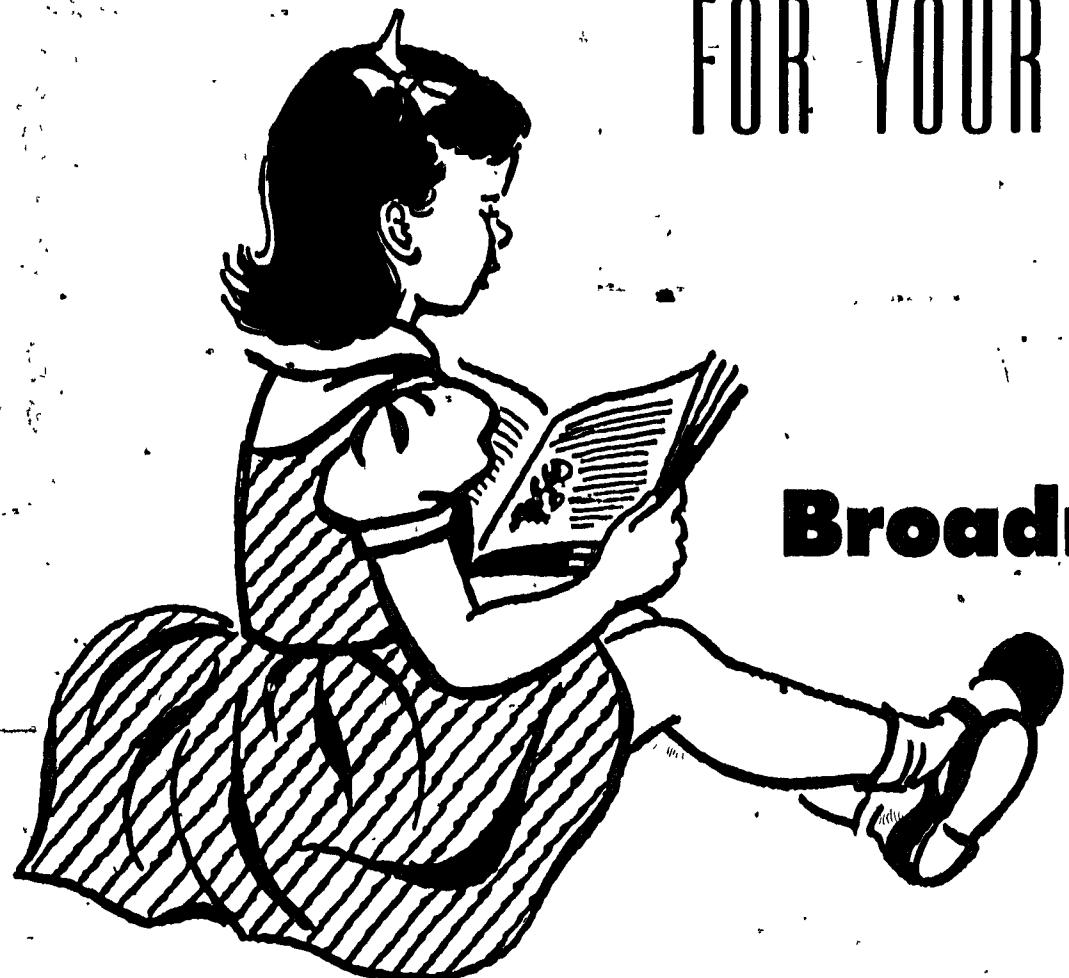
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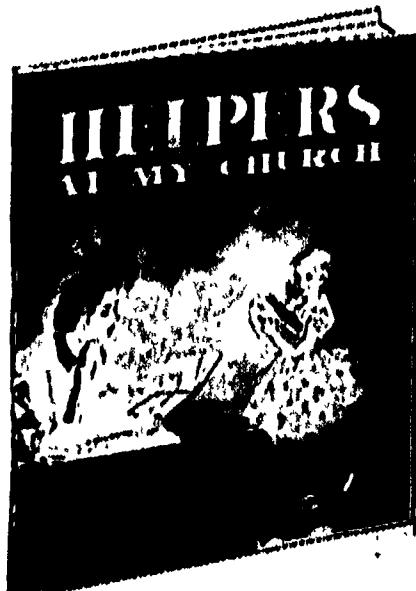


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