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GOD'S LOVE

I do not know why skies are blue
Or why the black clouds float around;
I only know that God is true
And that in all his love is found.

I do not know why flowers grow
Low on the ground, or slim and tall;
I only know that God is love;
He is the maker of it all;

I do not know why I am dark,
While your dear face is light and fair;
I only know that God is good
And loves his children everywhere.

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The Lord Took Him—Robert M. Logan

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HE walked with the Lord: and was not, for the Lord took him." No one could desire a happier home-going. While sitting beside Mrs. Logan upon the beach at Mar del Plata, our dear fellow-missionary, Robert Mathers Logan, lay back on the sand and was gone. He received his promotion on January 22, 1935.

Brother Logan was tired. It was not easy for him to drop his tasks and take a rest. After four days, happy days, with Mrs. Logan at the beach, he had said he felt so well he was ready to get back to work. He was probably thinking about his work while talking in an easy conversational way, when suddenly his spirit went upward to the heavenly, restful shore.

Mr. Logan was born in Londonberry, Ireland. He took his theological studies in Cliff College and Harley House, London. He arrived in Argentina in 1897, under the auspices of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and founded their work in Olavarria, F. C. S. Later he initiated work in Gualeguaychu and Gualeguay, Entre Rios. In 1909 he united with the missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention and took charge of the work now known as the South West Baptist Church, Buenos Aires. There he gathered together a good congregation and initiated the fine church building in Calle Jose Bonifacio 332.

Excellent work was also done in the city of Corrientes, where he was instrumental in building the first evangelical church in that province. For a few years he acted as warden of the Baptist Theological Seminary. For the last three years he has been in charge of the Baptist Publishing House and editor of the *Expositor Bautista*.

Mr. Logan was an able and eloquent evangelical preacher in Spanish. Few foreigners secure such a command of Spanish as he possessed. As an interpreter he had few equals. As a pastor he was the sympathetic and genial

friend of his congregation. As an intimate friend he was ever brimming over with rich Irish humor. His whole life has told for good in many circles and some of his spiritual children are preachers and Christian workers.

The news of his death spread with consternation amongst the evangelical folk of Argentina and elsewhere. Proof of the esteem and love in which he was held was manifested by the large gathering at the church and in the lovely British Cemetery where he was laid to rest under a mound of flowers. How we all loved him! To know him was to love him, and his kindly influence touched all those who had dealings with him.

The secretary of the Argentine Mission covets the adequate word to compose a worthy tribute to our faithful co-laborer. Nearly twenty-five years ago he awaited us upon our first arrival in Buenos Aires. We have been with him in his home and in ours, in special missions, in conferences and conventions. He was a gallant husband and a tender, affectionate father; a

hospitable friend, and a pleasant conversationalist; he had a pastor heart, and lived for the people he served. He saved the day for us many a time, now in a convention of the native churches, now in a difficult mission conference, by his timely wit, his deep earnestness and keen insight.

Ill can we afford to lose him from our mission and from our midst. Our forces are depleted. We are all "broken up" and "broken down." Only our confidence in the well doing of our Lord, who has seen fit to take his servant away from us, sheds a ray of hope in our hearts for the future of our work.

Our hearts go out in praise for that life and in prayer for the bereaved widow and the devoted children. We are consoled in their consolation, for right wonderfully the grace of God is helping them to bear the sorrowful burden so suddenly thrust upon them.



ROBERT M. LOGAN



In this group are twenty-five converts recently baptized in Harbin, Manchuria. Mrs. Pan, the Bible woman, who is supported by the City-Wide Y.W.A. of New Orleans, Louisiana, is standing at left. Rev. L. G. Baker (sixth, second row) is the Canadian Baptist missionary of Vancouver, British Columbia, in charge of the North Manchuria mission field during the furlough period of our missionaries

Reaping Under Difficulties

Missionary Charles A. Leonard, Sr., Harbin, Manchuria

THE following interesting, encouraging report was written October 1, 1934, by Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Baker, Canadian Baptist missionaries at Harbin, Manchuria, who are supplying for us during our furlough:

It has been a great joy to us to receive encouraging reports from various churches and out-stations regarding the work of the Lord in this area. We have not been able to visit many of the places personally, but have kept in touch with the work, and with pleasure pass on to you the most important items.

We mentioned the coming of pastor Peter Wang, from Shantung Province, up here to the north, on a series of special meetings. He spent a month visiting some of the out-stations, where he held most helpful meetings.

Pastor Wang first went to Anta, west of Harbin, where Evangelists Chen and Hu are working that five out-station circuit. Mr. Chen later came to Harbin and told us of the fine results. The whole church at Anta was encouraged. Some backsliders were reclaimed, others confessed their sins and sought forgiveness, others solemnly promised to tithe their incomes, and nine new enquires were recorded. Pastor Wang was there one week, then went on north to Fularchi and Anganghsi. At both these out-stations a similar blessing was received.

Evangelist Wan Chi-Hsi writes of the blessings he him-

self received from the services. He said he had felt like a sponge exposed too long to the air, dry and uninviting, but the coming of Pastor Wang was like receiving a good soaking in water, which made the sponge (himself) soft and useful again.

At Fularchi some enquirers were already awaiting baptism. At the close of Pastor Wang's five days' meetings thirteen were baptized. A number promised to tithe, and to observe family prayers.

From the western line Pastor Wang returned to Harbin and then went out on the eastern line as far as Siao Suifen and Machiaho. His first stop was at Chu-ho-hsien. This is one of the most active churches. His visit there was a great help. Of the 110 members, all but three or four confessed their sins, asking forgiveness and seeking the in-filling of the Holy Spirit, and greater power in their lives. Ten new enquiries were added to the list, fifteen merchants and small tradesmen agreed not to open their shops or do any work on Sunday, eight or ten promised to tithe, and others promised to hold regular family worship in their homes.

From Chu-ho-hsien he went direct to Siao Suifen where Pastor Chiang Yao-Tang is working at present. We have not yet had the report of services there, but are sure that a similar blessing will have been received. Pastor Wang

returns to Harbin soon to hold five or six days' services here before returning to Shantung. For all these blessings we thank God, and ask your prayers that those who have been aroused by these special services may be faithful to their promises and to the Lord.

During the month a short visit was made by Mr. Baker to Anta, where a consultation was held with the leaders of the church and with the evangelist there. That region seems one of the most promising in the Manchuria work. We are seeking especially the Lord's blessing and guidance in regard to this work.

At Tsing kang the brethren have purchased a plot of land on which are some rather dilapidated buildings, but it is the hope that ere long these buildings can be torn down and a new hall erected. This land with the buildings cost approximately U. S. \$135. The buildings are rented and with the rents a more suitable hall has been rented on one of the main streets where services are held. The street on which the plot of ground is located is also a very busy street with many dwelling houses all around.

At Lansì, a large city, they have leased a piece of property for three years, at the end of which time the \$170 is to be returned to them. This is one queer way of land agreements in China. The landlord has the use of the \$170 for three years. The rates of interest are so high that he can make more money out of that than he could out of renting the house, and enough over to be able to pay back the principal at the end of three years. That gives some idea of the iniquitous and terrible rates of interest prevailing here, and shows one reason why so many poor people must forever remain poor. They borrow, say, \$100 to get themselves a wife, or to bury their grandfather, or perhaps to start up in a small business, but with interest at 10, 15, 20, and even as high as 60 per cent a month, what chance is there of ever paying it back? One cannot understand the use of the word "usury" until one knows a little of the business life of China! Of course in this case the brethren are not lending at usury: they are merely renting the house on the landlord's own terms.

Recently Evangelist Chen was at Tsing kang, another important county seat, and held a baptismal service when three merchants were baptized. There are now twenty baptized believers in that city, and they have donated \$65 toward the running expenses of their little chapel. Mr. Chen says the hall is filled to capacity with enquirers every service, but that he looks upon Lansì as the most promising of the five out-stations of that region. He asks special prayers for that large city of 50,000. We are happy to know of another gospel door opened in Manchuria, and pray that many precious souls may enter in and find rest to their souls.

Forty miles from Lansì is the city of Mingshui, where is now an earnest group of believers—some fifteen or more who have been gathered together as the result of the testimony of one Christian family. Evangelist Chen was there this summer and baptized the converts, and has gathered them together into a little group, or Bible study class, and hopes this month to lease a building as a church home. One of their Christians, a Chinese woman, came from Mingshui to Lansì when the special services were being held and helped with the women for ten days or so, and did it all at her own expense.

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"I Seek Him"

Jacob Gartenhaus, Evangelist to the Jews, Atlanta, Georgia

This rather striking article was written in response to an inquiry on "Why a Spiritual Israelite Needs Christ and What Christ Offers to a Jew that Judaism Cannot." Our readers will be interested in this concise discussion.—Editor.

SOME time ago there appeared in a Jewish daily, *Der Tog*, an article under the above caption by one of the leading Hebrew litterateurs of the present day, Reubin Brainin, from which it is here translated:

"Over oceans, over distant lands, in the East and in the West, I wandered and sought him. I sought him with seven lights, the expected One, the hoped for, the great Man-Jew, the central personality of our nation. He, the romantic, the mystic, the enchanting personality whom I have sought with life-long intensity of yearning. I sought ceaselessly—and did not find him."—From *The Mediator*.

Space does not permit to quote further from the passionate heart-cry of this Jewish leader, which is truly the cry of every right thinking Jew.

I am carried back twenty or more years when I, like every observant Jew, diligently tried to keep all the precepts of Judaism, regularly attending the synagogue worship three times a day; spending many a night studying the laws—written and oral; repeating psalms; observing the many fast days. Well do I recall those "Yamim Naraim" or "dreadful days" preceding the Day of Atonement when I arose before daybreak to rush to the synagogue where with a heart full of anguish I pleaded for forgiveness, hoping to have the burden of sin lifted. And then came the Day of Atonement when for twenty-four hours I again prayed and fasted. But when it was all over I, like many others, was never sure of real forgiveness and peace with God.

I can see myself standing in the synagogue vehemently praying, "I firmly believe in the coming of the Messiah, and although he tarry, I daily hope for his coming." And the question would come to me—for more than two thousand years our people have been longing for and daily expecting the Messiah, why has his coming been delayed? This led to other questions, as, Why are our people scattered from their pleasant land which God promised to our forefathers for an everlasting possession? Why are they so hunted and persecuted?

These questions obsessed me, and at times the shocking thought would steal into my mind, "Is it possible that Jesus of Nazareth was the true Messiah? That all of my suffering is the result of my rejection of him?" And though I tried to dismiss this from my mind, it came back repeatedly, until finally I resolved to turn to God's revealed word where I found that the manner, place and time of Messiah's coming was predicted. He was to be born of a virgin (*Isaiah 7: 14*), in Bethlehem (*Micah 5: 2*), of the House of David (*Psalms 132: 11*), of the tribe of Judah (*Gen. 49: 10*), and innumerable other marks of identification all of which were minutely fulfilled in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. And then all doubt vanished, for I knew I had found him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write—Jesus of Nazareth, (*Turn to page 7*)

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EDITORIALS

SINCE our sole ambition for our magazine is to make it of practical inspiration and service to our people in the promotion and support of the cause of missions, we are very anxious that every line of every issue be read. To this end we are giving editorial emphasis to the contents of this number, hoping that this typical issue may so impress our readers that they will resolve to form the habit of reading this magazine through every month. In fact, we would like to think that the reader would be afraid to skip any of it for fear of positive loss to himself.

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IT is heartening to know the appreciation of our journal among the missionaries themselves and on the fields. We get a real thrill out of the story from Cuba, illustrating the use that one missionary makes of the magazine. As we try to visualize the scene described and picture to ourselves the eager eyes of interested inspectors of articles and illustrations, we thank God for the privilege of passing on material of such practical value. Such an experience is a perfect illustration of the full meaning of co-laborers, and we are made happy to feel that our magazine is functioning in some small way at least in giving the gospel to the world. It may be that other workers can bring further testimony of the practical value of this publication to their own work. We would be delighted to hear from such.

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THE mind of Miss Blanche Sydnor White is just as full of ideas as it is of the ability to carry them out. In fact, we take advantage of the editorial prerogative to say that she continues to be a marvel to

all who know her. Her great soul, her compassionate heart, her disciplined mind, her complete consecration to Jesus and devotion to foreign missions combine to make her one of the really notable personalities of our day. She knows more foreign missionaries and more about more foreign missionaries than any one among us; she affectionately refers to our foreign missionaries as "my missionaries," and every one of them rejoices to be included in the company.

Beginning in this issue, Miss White is running in her regular section sketches of "Some Notable Missionary Women." These are really pen pictures of missionaries drawn from the author's intimate knowledge and made lifelike by the affectionate touch of her understanding heart. Miss White does not expect endorsement of her selections by all of her readers; accordingly, she invites her readers to send in their favorites. Even slight compliance with this request will greatly increase the interest in and multiply the usefulness of this section. Names may be sent direct to the editor who will gladly pass them on to Miss White. This section has from the very beginning been one of the most popular features of the journal; every indication points to enlarged appreciation.

AFFECTION PROPERLY BESTOWED

HOW good it is to read of the wealth of love showered upon Miss Willie Kelly by her devoted fellow Christians in China in recognition of forty years of service as a missionary of Jesus, and how well Miss Johnson has told the story. Somehow, the fragrance of the genuineness of such a tribute reaches our very hearts and we just thank God for such a fruitful life and for such expressions of unaffected appreciation. Those of us who remember the quiet, modest, sparkling, consecrated personality of Miss Kelly can well imagine how such demonstrations impressed her and how gracefully and graciously she reciprocated the sentiments of her dear friends. We wonder if such scenes are not most pleasing to the Master, revealing as they do the beautiful effects of his matchless love. Love for one another ought to be the outstanding characteristic of Christians and the expression of it ought to be an easy joy. So, from this distant range we would join our Chinese brethren and sisters in humble gratitude to God for the gift of Miss Willie Kelly, and we would convey to her our tenderest affection and our earnest prayer for continued happy usefulness for many more blessed years.

WE BOW IN SYMPATHY

THINGS from afar are not all freighted with notes of happiness and words of rejoicing; the hearts of some of our very own are heavy with sorrow. Great distances separate us but we would have these stricken ones know that we stand by in loving sympathy and deepest concern. To the loved ones of Doctor Logan, we would offer congratulations upon a noble

life of long usefulness now ended in triumphant promotion. Theirs is the consolation of the incomparable Missionary, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day." These strong words will comfort their torn hearts. But what shall we say to our dear friends, Doctor and Mrs. Bailey, who have been left childless by the homegoing of their precious little girls? Our first impulse is just to pause in tears before such bereavement. But through the thickness of the darkness of sorrow, we catch the glorious words of our compassionate Saviour, "of such is the kingdom of heaven," and we remind our friends of the contribution they have made to heaven, and we are sure that the beckoning of chubby hands will be a constant inspiration to father and mother as they continue to give themselves to suffering humanity in the name of Jesus.

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCES

SOME of us can remember when we had time to listen to the testimony of our brethren as they related their Christian experience, and some of us believe that we perpetrated a piece of false economy when we decided there was no longer time for such features in our religious services. Of course, we would not insinuate that we ran out of experiences to relate. Well, the mission fields are rich in experimental religion, the records of which harmonize appropriately with the New Testament narrative. We congratulate our readers upon the opportunity to warm their hearts by the fires of Christian experience around the world. Follow the marvelous progress of Christianity in Roumania, catch the gleam of the Cross in war-torn Manchuria, rejoice in the efforts to reach the neglected Indians of Mexico, share the notes of gratitude from far-off Chile, keep step with Christianity's victorious witnessing among China's millions, get under the responsibility of ministry to the Negro, hear the challenging call of the Jew: in other words, study Christian evidences in the experiences of those who are living the Christ life. One page of real Christian experience is worth a library of speculation on the realities of Christianity.

NEWS THAT'S NEWS

WE are a newspaper, or headline, reading people; we spend large sums to satisfy our craving for "news," and in the end are surprised at the small measure of satisfaction that is ours. Mark the items of real news in just one number of this magazine. In a true sense, the whole number may be considered a lengthened column of "personals." Here we have personal information concerning missionaries and other leaders, cheering items from the Foreign Mission Board, sober challenges of the Home Mission Board, inspiring activities of the Brotherhood, study programs and instructions of the W.M.U., and crisp notices of the best of

current books on missions. Baptists will not do much without knowledge; our magazine would cater to the desire for knowledge.

INFORMING PICTURES

WE are proud of the choice collection of pictures that we are able to present each month. For the most part, these pictures come from the missionaries on the fields; not infrequently the missionary kodak has made possible the intimate scenes that we are privileged to reproduce. Therefore, these pictures come to us as personal contributions from the busy lives of devoted missionaries; they are more than pictures. The practical uses to which illustrations can be put are too numerous to require emphasis here. The ingenuity of the interested reader will find means by which these pictures may tell artistically and effectively the story of missions around the world. We hope that most of these pictures are finding their way into hundreds of scrapbooks.

TO SUM UP

WE trust we have succeeded in giving a running survey of the contents of the magazine. If we have, we have made it clear that the material of the magazine is supplied by leaders and workers who know what they are doing, that the selection of material is on the basis of human interest and appeal, that the magazine is full of the acts of the missionaries, and that nowhere else in the world can be found so much of valuable information and inspiration for all who love our Lord and are anxious to see his Commission carried out.

A SIGNIFICANT CONGRESS

THE National Younger Men's Missionary Congress will be held at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, May 2-5, 1935, under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The theme of the Congress will be "Jesus Christ and the World Today," and the speakers and conference leaders include some of the outstanding leaders of missionary boards and departments of men's work of the evangelical denominations of the country. Mr. Frank H. Leavell, our Southern Baptist student leader, will be among the speakers from the South. Happily the dates of this Congress mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Congress of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The time is fitting, therefore, to give proper recognition to the solid, substantial work of the Movement through the years and also to rally our younger men to the high purposes to which the Movement pledged itself a quarter of a century ago.

We are glad to give emphasis to this Congress because we agree with its promoters that the problems before us are spiritual and universal, and that they can be solved only in a spiritual and universal way. We believe also that the thoughtful consideration of the four major topics—The world's need and the forces bidding for world power, Our heritage as sons of great missionary forefathers, Our resources as Christian communions and agencies, The power of Christ—will be most helpful.

REAPING UNDER DIFFICULTIES

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From the eastern line of the Chinese Eastern Railway, about which you hear so much, where there is now so much banditry, which line Japan is trying to buy from Russia—reports from there are encouraging in some ways, but discouraging in others. The condition of the country is such that many of the farmers, tradesmen and others have had to leave and look for a living in other districts. At one of the stations the amount of cultivated land has dropped from 4,000 *shang* (about 12,000 acres), cultivated three years ago, to 1,000 *shang* this year. Much of the land is used for growing opium, so foodstuffs are higher for those who have to buy. Naturally, under such conditions, where revenue from taxes, sales, and so forth, is dropping, one would expect to find increased injustice, and such indeed is the case.

This is an incident reported to us:

One of the Christians had a tenant living in a section of his house. One night the place was attacked by bandits, and this tenant was killed. The bandits departed leaving the dead man in the house, but took everything of any value. The soldiers—brave guardians of the city—hearing the shots, came in, but instead of chasing the bandits, or making any attempt to catch them, dragged the poor landlord, one of the Christians, up before the official, accusing him of having murdered his tenant! The official accordingly demanded a payment of \$150 (around U. S. \$50) from him, or else he would be put in prison! The poor man had no alternative. His friends, church members, those who could help in any way possible, subscribed enough that between them they raised \$100 and that kept him out of prison, but he had to sign notes and have ten men guarantee that the remaining \$50 would be paid in monthly installments of \$10 each month! Such is the protection received from the large army of soldiers supposed to guard the cities.

Regarding the down-river out-stations, Brother Liu of Chuhehsien, who was down river during part of July and August, reports fair progress. At Tangyuan a small hall has been rented by the Christians, benches and tables, and a pulpit, all having been provided by the Chinese themselves. Services were held every day, and at the close of his ministry there, some nine were registered as candidates for baptism, having attended the Bible study preparation classes while he was there. Enquirers were also added to the new class. Brother T'ang Teh-Yuin has been sent down there for September and October and may be there over the winter. Brother T'ang is not a fully recognized evangelist, never having gone to the theological seminary, but is a good speaker. We are pleased with his earnestness and his cheerful, sweet disposition, and believe that he will do good work down the river.

Evangelist Liu spent a couple of weeks at Kiamusze, an important city down the Surgari River. The atmosphere seems to be better there now, and brother Liu reports five enquirers ready for baptism, and new ones registered. Kiamusze is growing in importance, owing to the railroad going through on the eastern section of Kirin and Hinkang provinces. Kiamusze will be the terminus, and naturally will become an important town. There has been a tremendous increase in the production of poppy seed, opium and its corollaries in the areas along the Sungari River,

which has attracted many Koreans to this prosperous area.

In the Harbin church there has been blessing. Yesterday there was a baptismal service, when fourteen were baptized. Among the number were three women, one an old lady of ninety-two. Her face is all wizened up, and her teeth are all gone, but I wish you could have seen the smile on her face when she came up out of the water, and later on as she was welcomed into the church. Her son had been praying for her for years. When his wife was converted and baptized last summer, she was then able to interest the old grandmother, who finally came to church, accepted Christ, and now has followed her Lord in baptism.

One of the young men who was baptized had been convinced of his need of a Saviour when he heard Pastor Wang at Anda. This young man is a Chinese doctor and had been visiting in the home of one of the Christians, a young Mr. Li, also a Chinese medical man lately moved to Anda from Mishan, far over on the Siberian border. Mr. Li had invited his friend to go with him to the services where the Lord spoke to him, but he was not fully yielded until later after he returned to Harbin. Yesterday as they were asking him about his conversion he told how he had fought against the Spirit, but God had not let him go away.

Another young man, a Mr. Hu, asked for baptism, and when questioned showed a very sincere and earnest spirit. He was honest enough to admit that he had not yet conquered sin, but he hoped that when he was baptized he would be able to break loose. The question of faith in Christ was put before him, and he was able to say that he fully trusted in Christ, and that he had turned from his old sins, "but," he said, "in my heart there sometimes comes a desire to commit the old sins, and I want to overcome that." The evangelist explained to him that there is a constant war between the old man and the new. It then came to him in a new light. He had been longing for perfect purity and freedom from sin, and thought he should have no more temptations. He had been afraid he was not saved because these old temptations came to him. He was a fine, delicately featured young man. We pray that God will keep him conscious of the imperfections in his life; that he may strive to be more like his Master. His father had been praying for him for nearly two years, and almost every Wednesday night asked special prayer for his two sons. It was a day of rejoicing to the father to see this son make the decision to accept Christ.

I must not forget to tell of the Family Prayer Group, as it is called. It began in the hearts of Brother Chao, formerly a lay preacher under the China Inland Mission, and Deacon Suen and Brother Ma. These three men are among the most earnest and devoted of the Harbin church members, and sad to say, all have unbelieving sons. They felt drawn to one another through hearing one another ask for prayer for their families at the Wednesday night prayer meeting. Later they visited together and arranged that the three fathers pray for one another and for their families every morning at seven o'clock. They had several weeks of prayer in this way, and finally Brother Chao brought the matter to the church and asked if there were others who would like to join them. There was a ready response, and a special prayer list was drawn up, numbering twenty-one names. Each person promised to pray daily for the three names given for that day, and at night for themselves. This movement is proving a great blessing.

"I SEEK HIM"

(Continued from page 3)

Israel's promised Messiah and the world's only Saviour and hope. A wonderful change came over my life, and I became a new creature. A peace which passeth all understanding flooded my soul, a peace that the world cannot give or take away; and I could truly say:

I'm living on the mountain, underneath a cloudless sky,
I'm drinking at the fountain that never shall run dry;
O, yes! I'm feasting on the manna from a bountiful supply,
For I am dwelling in Beulah Land.

Yes, to the human soul vainly seeking to quench its thirst, Jesus says, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."

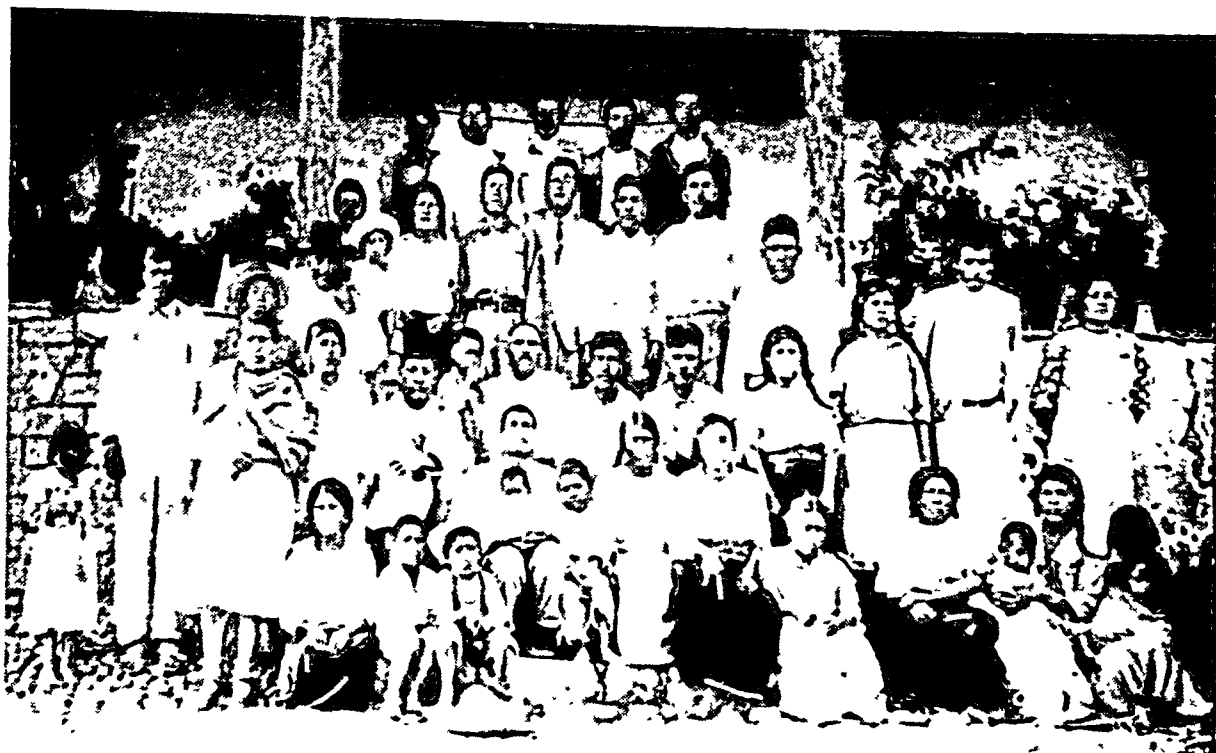
To a distracted world today seeking peace with a frenzied eagerness, he says:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." There is only one answer to the question, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." Thou hast the answer to every question, thou hast the solution to every problem. Thou hast the key to every solution. Lord, thou hast made us for thyself and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in thee.

To those of our Jewish people who reject Jesus of Nazareth and still look for the Messiah, we say with that great Jewish statesman, Benjamin Disraeli (Lord Beaconsfield):

The pupil of Moses may ask himself whether all the princes of the house of David have done so much for the Jews as that prince who was crucified on Calvary. Has not he made their history the most famous in the world? Has not he hung up their laws in every temple? Has not he vindicated all their wrongs? What successes did they anticipate from their Messiah? The wildest dreams of their rabbis have been far exceeded. There is one fact which none can contest. Christians may continue to persecute Jews and Jews may persist in disbelieving Christians, but who can deny that Jesus of Nazareth, the Incarnate Son of the most High God, is the eternal glory of the Jewish race?

With those of the Reform branch who claim that they are ready to recognize the religion of Jesus but not the theology developed about him by his professed followers during these nineteen centuries, we have no quarrel; there are many things that have been taught and done in Christ's name that should be discarded. But we must not tamper with the facts and principles as annunciated in the New Testament, especially those concerning the life, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. If they want to be consistent in their attitude toward Jesus, we would direct them to the only reliable source we have concerning his person, and there sit where the first disciples sat, at the feet of Jesus, and listen to him. They would discover there the claims he made for himself as well as those made for him by his close associates:



Sunday school group of Masahue Indians one year after work was begun by the First Baptist Church, Toluca, Mexico

A NEW TRIBE FOR JESUS

Missionary L. O. Engelmann, Toluca, Mexico

IT is a pleasure indeed, in these times of trouble and persecution and with so much of the work being closed by the government here and ministers having to flee from their homes for preaching, to be able to give one good report of progress.

I am enclosing a snapshot of a group of Indians, of the Masahue tribe, located some forty miles west of here, who have accepted Christ. This tribe had never been visited with the gospel until something over a year ago, when Brother Isaias Rodrigues and I went to the village of San Miguel Tenochtitlan to preach to them. Since then we, and others, have visited them numbers of times, and now a minister, Brother Emilio Nava, is living there.

Fourteen people in the village have already been immersed, and others are preparing to be immersed soon. These same Indians have carried the gospel to a neighboring village (San Lorenzo) and opened a mission there. Through some rather severe trials these Indian brothers have been faithful, in many cases suffering loss of their possessions for the name of Jesus. This picture, made six weeks ago, is already out of date, as the group is now larger than then, and many children and some adults were absent when it was made.

"I am the way, the truth and the life." "I am the resurrection." "Before Abraham was, I am." "I and the Father are one." "I will raise you up at the last day." "The son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." "Search the scriptures," he admonished them, "for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

Jesus made other astounding claims. He claimed to be the fulfillment of prophecy (*John 5: 39*), the promised Messiah (*Matt. 26: 57-68*), equal with God (*John 8: 56-59*), with power to forgive sin (*Mark 2: 1-12*), the right to receive worship (*John 9: 27-38*), and he said: "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me" (*John 5: 46, 47*). Could anything be plainer?

Any sincere person after examining these claims will have to acknowledge them or deny the religion of Jesus.

Christian Experiences in Roumania

A church which was built literally on a solid rock. Read about its consecrated builders

Experiences Which Inspire

*Missionary Ida Flake Hurley,
Bucharest, Roumania*



INSPIRATION is usually found in beautiful but secluded nooks. At least that is what great writers say, but it seems to have a way of slipping up on missionaries in the most unattractive places, such as dirty railway stations, villages where ignorance prevails, and even police stations, a place which every one tries to escape in Roumania. At least three missionaries can testify to this fact.

The three who were concerned on this occasion were traveling toward a mining town in the mountains to hold the first Daily Vacation Bible school one-half of the day, and a Bible course for men and women the other half. The invitation from the church also stated that they would be expected to spend the first day in a village ten miles away, and to take part in the dedication service of a new Baptist church. They were feeling the need of inspiration when the train came to a stop in a station where it was necessary for them to change trains.

What was all the commotion going on outside? There were crowds of people everywhere. Men were running in every direction with branches of green trees, and the little station was covered with green decorations. Other men were sprinkling the dusty yard; others were running with pails of cool water to a special train which stood to one side, while still others were spreading a red carpet from the back yard of the station some distance away all the way through the station and out to the special train. The red carpet broke the news that some member of the king's family was in town. Yes, and it was the king himself on his way to the train now to go back to Bucharest. Every one desired the best place, and in spite of the protests of the policeman some forced their way through the crowd so as to be as near as possible to the king when he passed. While all of this was going on, one of the missionaries was trying to remember the words of a text which he had read somewhere about the people of Moab and their king. He found the place in 1 Chronicles 4: 23, "*There they dwelt with the king for his work.*" He must

remember this text, for he might have an occasion to use it some time.

Early the next morning they reached the little village where the dedication services were to be held. The place could hardly be called a village for there were not more than eight or ten homes in all. There was the little church built on the side of the mountain with the clear waters of the river sweeping over the sands just below. At first sight the church did not look different from any other little Baptist church, but it was. First of all, it was built on a solid rock foundation, a rock which jutted out from the side of the mountain and which looked as if it had been placed there by the Creator just for that purpose. The storms and floods might come but the little church was secure.

There was another way in which this church differed from others. It was built and paid for by four poor families in the village, and it was explained that only two of the members could read and write. They had done the work themselves, and there was no debt hanging over them. As one of the three visitors stood looking at this house which was built for the King of kings, he thought of all the hard work and sacrifice which these four poor families had made, and it seemed that of all the familiar texts of the Bible none would be quite so appropriate for his message that day as the one selected over there at the station. He lifted the text out of its setting, and referred it not to the King of Moab, neither to the King of Roumania, but to the Heavenly King. "Here they live with the King for his work."

The second visitor had received his inspiration from another source. When he had entered the porch of the church he had noticed that a mother bird had built her nest just over the entrance of the porch. When his time came to speak he announced that he would speak outside. No one knew why, but since the church was rather crowded every one was willing to withdraw to the yard. The speaker stood on the porch just under the bird's nest. Opening

the word of God to Psalm 84, he read, "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God." As the speaker poured forth his heart every soul was lifted on high. There was hardly a dry eye in the audience.

The next day found the three visitors at another church with one hundred and thirty children gathered to see what a Daily Vacation Bible School could be like. Are not so many children enough to inspire any one to do his best? Or is it enough to make one say, "There is no use in trying without a place to divide them in separate classes, for it cannot be done"? Many of the children had run away from Orthodox homes and had come to hear the Bible stories. It was a privilege that seldom comes in this country, and the opportunity must not be lost. In order to keep



One hundred thirty Roumanian children who came for ten days "to see what a Daily Vacation Bible School could be like"

them quiet and interested at the same time it kept all three workers and several local members busy continually. While one told the story another illustrated it on the board, another stood by with pieces of molding clay for all the larger children to make the animals for Noah's ark or the basket for little Moses, as the story happened to be. Still another was prepared with a song or some exercises as soon as the children showed signs of restlessness. One boy proved a great help in making caps and printing the initial on them for the children. What at first seemed impossible was carried on for ten days, but not by human strength altogether. They were working with souls, and they had the promise, "Lo, I am with you always."

At the end of the ten days news came from a village about thirty miles away that the women there were planning an all day service in their church on Sunday and that they wished very much that the visitors would remain until then. On that day, while the people were gathering from the different churches in the surrounding villages at nine o'clock in the morning, a whisper passed through the audi-

ence that the policemen were on the outside and wished to see the missionaries. Passports were taken and examined and the visitors bidden to follow the two policemen. The pastor of the little church went along also to see that they were treated with respect. The whole group was held all day until sundown, and then they were given permission to go to a brother's home to sleep, with the understanding that they were not to go back to the church to speak.

Of course no one would speak at that hour of the day, for who would be there to hear them? But was not a midnight prayer meeting held for Peter? Before they reached the home of the brother a messenger came announcing that no one had gone home yet, but that they were still praying and waiting to hear the missionaries speak. When they were told that this was not allowed, men, women, and children reluctantly turned their footsteps toward their home villages saying, "We have walked all the way over here today through the rain to hear some missionaries tell us something about the gospel, and now we must leave without hearing them. What a shame on our country." They had walked anywhere from four to eight miles and had waited from nine o'clock in the morning until dark to hear the gospel. Would this have inspired you? These people want the gospel. Are we willing to help them in their persecutions and sacrifices to have it?



Yes, the task that is given to each man, no other can do,
So the errand is waiting, it has waited through ages for you;
And now you appear, and the hushed ones are turning their gaze
To see what you do with your chance in the number of days.

—Edwin Markham.

The Gospel in Bessarabia

Missionary Walter E. Craighead, Cernovitz, Roumania

THE revolution in so-called "Holy Russia" revealed the need of a purer presentation and demonstration of the gospel in that country. The accepted form of religion did not satisfy the part of the human soul after God, neither did it enlighten the people along religious and educational lines. This is quite evident both from the way the nation, disappointed in her faith, accepted the views of the atheists and also from the great percentage of illiteracy in Czaristic Russia.

At the close of the revolution, Bessarabia, formerly called the "garden of Russia," in the providence of God fell into the hands of Roumania. However, the gospel had been proclaimed in certain parts of Bessarabia before this time by brethren from Odessa and other parts of the Russian Empire. With the change of the government in 1917 there came a spiritual awakening to Bessarabia. At first there was remarkable freedom given, so that on January 1, 1918, the gospel was preached on a public square in Kishinef, the capital of Bessarabia, when there were so many attentive hearers that public traffic was interrupted for a while.

In 1919, the first convention was held for scattered believers throughout the province. There were only seven delegates at this convention, most of whom are still on the firing-line today. In 1920, a brother by the name Ivanov was elected as traveling preacher to visit the scattered groups. About this time several brethren returned from the military prisons, and were joyfully added to the ranks of the workers. Two of these brethren, Lebedenko and Belousov, are still leaders in the convention. At the second convention in 1920, thirty delegates were present, and several more traveling evangelists were chosen to serve on a salary basis. During the next few years followed a season of persecution, which only prepared Bessarabia for a richer harvest of souls. In 1921, the Bessarabian Baptist Union was organized, and in the same year became a part of the Baptist World Alliance. In the meantime the church in Kishinef had grown in numbers and in grace, so that in 1922 it chose a young man, Boris Bushelo, as pastor, and Brother Belousov as the first deacon. The former is the son of a Greek Orthodox priest, and the latter was a prominent singer in the Orthodox Cathedral in Kishinef.

During the first years of the organized work in Bessarabia, Doctor Rushbrooke served as the representative through whom the Southern Baptists passed on their help to the Bessarabian Baptists. It was not until the special representative of Southern Baptists, Dr. Everett Gill, came to Roumania that the work was stabilized by regular support and fraternal co-operation. What the help of Southern Baptists has meant to their young Bessarabian brethren can be seen from the statistics of the Bessarabian Baptist Convention for 1933. This may be considered as for a period of about ten years:

: 238 organized churches; 408 groups; 48 ordained pastors; 46 active leaders; 9,933 members of churches; 172 Sunday schools with 3,520 children; 146 women auxiliaries with 2,271 members; 123 young people's societies with 1,510 members.

Judging from the figures shown above one might think that Southern Baptists are giving great financial aid to the work in Bessarabia, but in fact the support of all the circuit preachers in Bessarabia is not as much as an ordinary American country pastor receives. Our Bessarabian brethren need some financial help still, but even more they need spiritual training, advice and guidance in the work. What has been given by Southern Baptists along financial lines has been applied to three aspects of the work—*First*, in helping to support the circuit preachers; *second*, the Seminary in Bucharest; and *third*, for establishing a chapel-building loan fund.

According to statistics for 1933 the financial help from Southern Baptists was multiplied fivefold by the Bessarabian Baptists themselves. For instance, there are five district workers who receive one-fifth of their support from the Southern Baptist Convention. Another line of great activity has been the building of chapels. One phase of the persecution was: they were forbidden to hold meetings in private dwellings.

In this again the Lord made "the wrath of man to praise him." For, encouraged by the little help available from our chapel building fund, the Bessarabian Baptists began to build chapels, so that now out of the 238 churches, 78 of them have their own chapels. Some of the churches rented fields and planted sunflower seeds, corn, beans, sugar-beets, and so forth, the proceeds of which were applied to chapel buildings. The work of cultivating and harvesting these crops was done by the entire membership of the respective churches. The interesting method of cultivation in this machineless country is well adapted to such a community plan of co-operation.

On one occasion when the writer took part, a group of about sixty lined up at one end of the field and advanced in an even line like a small army. Paraphrasing scripture, one can say that the Lord has had respect to the offering of Southern Baptists to Bessarabia, for that which was formerly like a wilderness spiritually, has rejoiced and blossomed like a rose; the eyes of the blind have been opened; lame men have been made to walk, and the dumb to sing. In several villages the majority of the adult population has become Christian; melodies of heaven have dispelled discords of the desert.

Not long ago the writer met a new village convert, who, although illiterate, was going from village to village picking a guitar, repeating passages of scripture from memory and thereby turning many souls to the Lord. For several years a converted blind man has been so eager to learn to play that he desires greatly to purchase a folding organ to use in helping the churches along musical lines. Our Bessarabian brethren have been blessed in the number of cripples who have made and still are making their way to the baptismal pool; some of them have to be literally carried into the water. Such are they who limp in body but leap in their souls. At times the whole province of Bessarabia seems to be having young people's rallies, choir celebrations, church dedications, women's conventions and Bible courses.



Bucharest Baptist Seminary class of 1933-34. The man holding his hat is Dr. Everett Gill

A glance at the statistics given will show a comparatively small number of pastors and leaders. This condition becomes more alarming when it is known that only a couple of these pastors are receiving salaries from the churches. Only a few of them have received training. Doctor Gill, with the help of the late Brother Dan T. Hurley, promoted the general Roumanian work along educational lines through the Seminary at Bucharest. Doctor Gill holds Bible courses in churches throughout the country. The educational work among the women and girls is carried on by Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Hurley and Miss Hester, the directress of the Girls' School in Bucharest.

The writer, working under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Board, has tried to advise and guide the Bessarabian brethren along the right lines. The Seminary in Bucharest may eventually be able to draw more young men from Bessarabia, but for the present generation we need to have a Bible school in Bessarabia, where the lessons may be given in the Russian language, and where it will be within reach of all who wish to get the training. Our Bessarabian brethren are praying the Lord to send them an outstanding educated Russian teacher from America or elsewhere to help in the training of leaders.

One might infer from the number of Sunday schools and B.Y.P.U.'s mentioned in the statistics that these activities are quite fully developed. But such is not the case. There is a dearth of educational literature for children, young people, and women.

Our Bessarabian brethren have taken their first step in foreign mission work by undertaking half the support of a native African worker in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Board this year (1934).

May the Lord help us to lead this little flock of his into avenues of greater service till he comes!

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"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

"PRAY YE"

"In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6).

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

—Tennyson.

Christ's Practice of Prayer

The earthly ministry of our Lord was begun in prayer (Luke 3:21), continued in prayer and ended in prayer (Luke 23:34).

The heavenly ministry of our Lord was begun in prayer (John 14:16), and is now continued in prayer (Heb. 7:25).

Prayer was even more important than teaching and healing, for though "great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed . . . he withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed (Luke 5:15, 16).

Prayer was more important than *rest*, for "in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" (Mark 1:35).

Prayer was more important than *sleep*, for "He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12). (See page 20.)



Home Missions and World Conquest

J. B. LAWRENCE

Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board

WHEN the United States declared war against Germany our great war president, Woodrow Wilson, said: "Our task is not simply the organization of an army for oversea service, but the marshaling of a nation for war. Every power and every resource we possess, whether of men, of money or of materials, must be devoted to this purpose until it is achieved." Our war program was launched on that basis. It became an affair of the whole nation. Every resource was dedicated to the task of supporting our army abroad. We mobilized a nation with all of its mighty resources for war.

This is our task as a denomination. It is not enough to enlist recruits for the firing line in foreign lands and on the home fields. We must marshal the whole denomination for world-conquest for Christ. Every resource we have in men and money, every institution and every local church must be enlisted for and dedicated to the God-given task of making Christ real to a lost world.

ONE cannot read the New Testament without being impressed by the all-inclusive program of Christ. He lifted salvation out of a limited conception and gave it a world-wide sweep. Down the lanes of universal need humanity gropes its way to him as the world's only Saviour. The universality of Christ's love for man and the all encompassing scope of his redemptive purpose insure the moral and spiritual renovation of the entire world. Not a corner of it is to be left unreclaimed. Over all the earth Christ shall reign.

The supreme concern of Southern Baptists should be to enthrone Christ in the life of all the world. This is their mission. This exalted undertaking begins in our own lives, includes our homes and churches, runs along the streets of our cities, encompasses our homeland and ends only when it has reached the last man in the world.

This is not a matter of statistics; it is a matter of vital relationship. It is not to be secured by a mass movement, but by individual surrender. Resolutions passed by religious gatherings are not enough, there must be individual realization of Christ as a present, personal Saviour and a conscious and purposeful surrender of the will to him as Master and Lord.

GREAT indeed is the task of enthroning Christ and superlative the need. For this task our entire denominational life from the individual members of our churches out to the last institution and agency—our people, our churches, our colleges, our institutions of every

sort and kind, our equipment, every asset and power of the denomination—must be spiritually mobilized and marshaled for the conquest of this world for Christ.

What a mighty spiritual force the 4,150,000 Baptists in the Southland would be if they were wholly given to Christ. Think of each of this great host, moved by love for Christ and a lost world, touching others as teacher, schoolmate, father, mother, brother, sister, friend, child, husband, wife, fellow-citizen; and this soul-contact between these Spirit-filled followers of Christ and the millions of citizens in the homeland going on in schools, factories, offices, farms, stores, railroad trains, hotels, homes, everywhere, and you will have Christ's conception of how his kingdom is to be advanced.

When those who claim to be Christians enthrone Christ in their lives, then will the homeland throb in every nerve center of its civic, social, and religious life with the world-girdling missionary impulse, and the impact of our civilization will be centered upon the task of Christianizing the world.

ONE of the problems of Foreign Missions today is the problem of the homeland. While the faithful missionaries are endeavoring to turn the heathen from his idols and save him from his pollution, from the homeland of the missionary, there comes a troop of moral perverts to debauch the heathen.

Can we extend over all the earth the victories of the Prince of Peace while we are bearing in one hand the emblems of salvation, and in the other hand the price of blood? Can we break the chains of spiritual thralldom abroad while we rivet the fetters of moral bondage at home? Can we teach the races of the earth the law of universal love, while we are trampling on human rights, treading out the spiritual life from immortal souls and crushing, with the iron heel of Atheism and unbelief, the image of God in man in our homeland?

So long as the homeland is filled with graft and greed; so long as the most dreadful corruptions of morals and the most dismal defiance of every sound, moral principle come from so-called Christian lands, just so long will the far-flung battle lines of King Jesus move forward uncertainly and the Kingdom of Peace be retarded in its coming.

THE evangelization and Christianization of the homeland are essential to the progress of the kingdom of God in all the world. We must save our own land and marshal its forces for the salvation of the world.

Needs of the American Baptist Seminary

E. P. Alldredge, Acting General Secretary

NO doubt all our Baptist people, white and colored, know all too little about the needs of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, White's Creek Pike, Nashville, Tennessee. These needs fall into two classes, as follows:

SOME GREAT AND IMPERATIVE NEEDS

1. *The Seminary Needs a President.* For while the Seminary has a very active and a very efficient dean, in the person of Dr. J. H. Garnette, it urgently needs the services and especially the leadership of a truly great man as president. The Seminary needs a president, first of all, as a teacher and director of its school work. Just how Dean Garnette and Rev. J. C. Miles are able to do all the work of teaching, advising, directing and managing of all the departments and all phases of the work of the Seminary and just how long they can be expected to continue this prodigious task unaided, God only knows! But they are in imperative need of help, and particularly that kind of help which a good, wise, capable president could render. The Seminary also needs a president to occasionally go out on the field—especially to attend all the state and national conventions, also to attend the important regional meetings, board meetings and the like, and to represent the Seminary's interests in all these gatherings.

The Board of Directors could undoubtedly find a suitable man for this place and would take great pleasure in doing so, *if only they could hope to pay him what such a man is really worth. But when the Seminary can secure barely enough funds to keep its doors open, how can we elect a great and worthy man as president without a dime in sight with which to pay his salary?*

2. *The Seminary Greatly Needs to be Rid of Debt.* For we must remember that, for the first nine years this Seminary was operated, the National Baptist Convention sent in only a few hundred dollars each year, when several thousand dollars were urgently required. This policy soon ran the school in debt. So that, at the close of the session in June, 1934, the Seminary owed about \$14,000—some \$10,000 of this being due from the National Baptist Convention, and almost \$4,000 being due from the Southern Baptist Convention. *To pay off this debt is the greatest and most urgent need the Seminary has today!* To this end appeals for help are being made, and should have immediate and liberal response.

3. *The Students' Aid Fund Needs Immediate Enlargement.* During the nine years when the National Baptist Convention sent in very little money for the Seminary, Dr. O. L. Hailey kept this school from going on the rocks and closing its doors by calling on his many good friends to make gifts to the Students' Aid Fund. Many of his white friends and a few of his good colored friends came to his rescue and made a beginning of a real Students' Aid Fund. This kept the young ministers here in the Seminary when nine-tenths of them would have had to go home; and it kept the doors of the Seminary open when the National Convention, weighed down with other great obligations, did not send in the needed funds.

But we have called on and used this fund, now known as the O. L. Hailey Student Aid Fund, and kept calling on it during these terrible years of depression, until it can not last much longer unless other friends and fellow-helpers will come to our rescue and send us more funds for our worthy Negro preacher boys who not only have no funds, but have no way of raising any funds.

If I had \$1,000 or \$10,000 that I could spare at this time, I would freely give the half of it to the O. L. Hailey Student Aid Fund of the Seminary, regardless of the desperate needs of our three Southern Baptist Seminaries! For our white boys in the Southern Seminaries have ten times the opportunity to secure the aid which they need that these colored boys have. And I tell you that we have boys in the American Baptist Seminary at this time who are going to make their mark in the world!

4. *The Seminary Needs 500 Scholarships, Worth \$250 a Year, Needs Them Now!* For if we could now send out the good news to the colored Baptist churches of the nation that we have 500 scholarships at the Seminary, worth on the average \$250 a year, we could have 500 of the finest and best young Negro Baptist preachers in this nation with us here in Nashville when the Seminary opens its doors for the next session in the fall of 1935! And we would have applications from three times that number, for there are scores and hundreds of young preachers in the colored churches in the other colored schools, and everywhere over the nation! But by offering them scholarships, we could have the privilege of selecting the very best of all the applicants! Then, we would not have to call upon our precious Student Aid Fund to keep them here!

And why may we not have 500 scholarships? I know 500 laymen among Southern Baptists who could give \$250 a year to this cause, over and above their regular gifts. Most likely also there are 500 white B.Y.P. U.'s and 500 colored B.Y.P.U.'s in the nation which could send in \$25 per month for ten months, for such a cause as this! Then think how many good Woman's Missionary Societies could provide a scholarship every year, if they would! Oh, when will we realize how great is the service which we can render the cause of Christ, if we will!

5. *The Seminary Needs Food and Coal as Well as Money.* But some will say: "We are farmers and do not get very much cash. How can we help the Seminary?"

The answer is that the Seminary needs all kinds of foods and coal, as well as money. You can ship, by express or freight or bus, to the American Baptist Theological Seminary, White's Creek Pike, Nashville, Tennessee, any sort of table food raised on the farm, also dressed chickens or turkeys or any kind of fresh meats in proper season. And these articles of food will be received and will serve the needs of the Seminary, the same as cash. If you can not pay the charges on the shipments, give us a chance to pay them!

6. *The Seminary Needs a Mode of Transportation to the City.* The Seminary being located three miles out from the downtown section of Nashville, and there being no

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Miss Willie Kelly, Shanghai, China

CAN you imagine anything more beautiful in its sacred sweetness than a missionary reaching the ripe old age of seventy-two, and then very soon after, still in the vigor of consecrated service, celebrating her fortieth anniversary in China, loved, honored, respected and admired by all who know her, both Chinese and foreign? On the first day of December, 1934, Miss Willie H. Kelly rounded out forty busy, fruitful years of service in this part of the Lord's vineyard, and on that day, and on several preceding ones, Chinese and foreign friends alike, in many ways, showed their appreciation of her.

Miss Kelly's first voyage to China was very different from the "de luxe" manner in which we come now. The journey from Tacoma, Washington, to Yokohama took thirty-one days. She was in a severe storm lasting several days during which time water stood in her cabin as well as in many others. She arrived at Shanghai on Saturday and the next day worshiped in the North Gate church. This began a connection with that church which has been uninterrupted to the present time.

Many plans have the Chinese made to honor Miss Kelly. One is to make a statue ("brass likeness" is the Chinese for it), to keep her memory ever before them; another, to celebrate with much ceremony her fortieth anniversary in China. She was so strenuously opposed to much ado that she resolved to keep the exact date a secret, but in some way, some of her friends learned when it was, and were not willing to let the day pass unobserved. Their loyalty to her and deference to her wishes, kept them from going to extravagant extremes, spending a lot of money, but they would celebrate.

On Wednesday previous to December first, the women (who call her their "Spiritual mother," an appellation quite fitting, for so she is to many of them) of the W.M.S. of the church gave over the time of their regular meeting to a service honoring her. Appropriate recognition of her forty years of untiring work in their midst was given, their appreciation expressed, and loving gifts presented to her. At the close of the meeting all gathered in the dining-room to have a feast of "Long Life Noodles." There is no one whom these women so delight to honor as Miss Kelly.

Forty Years A Missionary

Missionary Pearle Johnson, Shanghai, China

*Miss Kelly is ever filling from her own another's cup,
With love is ever laying down and taking up;*

*She's smoothing the rough paths from day to day
That other feet may tread at ease the smoother way.*

*Her love is not blind but looks ahead through Christ's dear eyes
And asks not, "Must I give" but "May I sacrifice?"*

*Miss Kelly hides her griefs that other hearts and lips may sing,
And burdened walks that other lives may buoyant sing.*

—Rose Marlowe.

She has been, all these years, their counsellor and adviser, sometimes reproving them, sometimes encouraging them, but always helping.

There is no phase of the North Gate work with which Miss Kelly has not been associated. But the three schools have been the objects of her special care and concern. On Friday morning, November 30, the day schools—the Tsing Tuh and the Ming Tuh schools—devoted their morning-chapel hour to a program in her honor. A song in praise of her was composed by one of the teachers. This was sung to the tune, "Come, Women, Wide Proclaim." The first verse emphasized her love for Christ, and her effort for forty years to evangelize the Chinese. The second spoke of her sacrificial love for her fellow-man which made her climb mountains and cross seas going to strange lands to lead others to know Jesus. The third sang of her love for her church as she sowed seed in the country and in the city, fearing not fierce storms if she might lead others to the church. In the fourth verse stress was laid on her love for China, her second home, where she has lived gloriously so many years that China might turn to Christ. Beautiful tributes were paid her by Miss Wu the Tsing Tuh principal and Mr. Wong the Ming Tuh principal. Both these young people have been under her tutelage. The two schools also invited her and some close friends to Shanghai's finest and best restaurant to a very delicious Chinese feast at noon.

The family circle which includes Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Britton, Misses Rose Marlowe and Pearle Johnson, greeted Miss Kelly at breakfast Saturday morning with tokens of their love and esteem, and appreciation for the home she makes for them.

Saturday afternoon, members of the Shanghai and the University of Shanghai stations gathered in Miss Kelly's home to celebrate. Old friends and new were all pleased to show her honor. The "Elect Lady" was her own charming inimitable self as she graciously moved about among her guests receiving from all congratulations and good wishes. They were unanimous in declaring her faithful as a missionary and loyal as a friend.

While Miss Kelly has done missionary work in Quinsan and at some other places, however, the greater part of her labors have been in Shanghai and with the Old North Gate Church which now has a membership of 950. This church with its manifold activities is a splendid monument to her many years of service. Therefore, it was fitting that the climax of celebrations should come on Sunday morning,

December 2, just forty years to the day from the time she first worshiped with the church. A special service was arranged for the morning worship hour. Words of appreciation of her long years of work in and for that congregation were spoken by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Ching, and Miss Wu Kyoen Yung, a deaconess of the church. Miss Wu has been closely associated with Miss Kelly in the work for many years and knows more about what she has done than almost anybody else. She made especial mention of Miss Kelly's work for the Eliza Yates School in its beginning and early years, of her help in establishing the Tsing Tuh and Ming Tuh schools, and of her zeal for the Woman's Missionary Union which she has diligently helped to bring to its present wonderful state of efficiency.

A monument more lasting than marble has Miss Kelly built in the hearts and lives of these, her many friends. May the Father bless her with many more years in the land of her adoption, and among these whom she so loves!

Meet My Friend, The Mount Fuji Pilgrim!

Missionary Hermon S. Ray, Tokyo, Japan

WE met him a few weeks ago on a third-class train going from Tokyo toward the sacred mountain of Japan, affectionately called "Fuji San." It's a great place to meet—in a train. I met my wife on a train! We were talking about that romantic day when an old Japanese pilgrim entered. He was dressed in white with red and black seals stamped on his coat, a bell dangling at his belt, a long staff in one hand, and a package, which I later learned contained an offering for the shrine, in the other. Much to our delight, he sat down across from us. Here was another kind of romance for a young missionary couple!

In a little while we were talking, the spry old pilgrim and I. He was about to climb the snowy mountain (*See picture, page 16*) for the thirty-seventh time, his annual winter climb. Why? It was a pilgrimage of thanks for healing he had received when a young man. Last year he had carried up a "torii" or sacred arch with two men helping him, to place the red wooden gateway at the shrine in honor of the gods who had healed his body. But this year, being poor, all he had to offer to the deities who presided over the sacred mount were a floral piece and some "mochi," or rice cakes. He hoped they would see the greatness of his gratitude in spite of the smallness of his gifts. But he would prove his zeal by climbing up, up through the snow, as far as his legs of seventy years would carry him.

I congratulated him on his earnestness. "Oh, no," he declined the compliment. "I have to express my thanks to the gods in some way." I caught the wistful tone in his voice. It was not a full-hearted satisfaction he was receiving. Deep down in his soul a still small voice seemed to be troubling him. Just a little! Or more than he realized, after all these years of devotion to the best he knew, the best that wasn't good enough!

If it were, why was he asking me so earnestly where I lived and when I would be at home, and if he could go with me to my church? I had taken no initiative, except in being friendly with a natural Japanese accent which my

boyhood in this land gave me. Yet, he was asking me all sorts of questions. Or was it the Holy Spirit working?

I gave my simple testimony; that my experience was not so different; that I had received healing of heart and soul through faith in Jesus Christ, my Saviour; that that joy had brought me to Japan to share my good fortune with the people of my boyhood; yes, I too must express my gratitude to God, my heavenly Father, by doing what he told me to do, telling others of him, his love, his healing of bodies and souls.

We parted like old friends.

He rang our doorbell the next Sunday morning, radiant, expectant, dressed no longer as a Buddhist pilgrim; no rosary, but reverent. In his hands was another floral offering, not for the gods of the shrine this time, but for us, just a young missionary couple. He came into our home, his first foreign home; he went with us to church, his first Christian service. He sat on the edge of his seat, leaning forward to catch every word of the message. He was ready for the offering, and smiled as he heard his coin fall into the collection plate. There seemed to be a full-hearted satisfaction somehow, about his new experience.

After church he invited me to Tuesday dinner. I had to accept, and am glad I did. It did my heart good, and it tasted delicious. His eight grandchildren, all from the same young mother, played around on the floor. They have promised to come to Sunday school. My pilgrim friend runs a flower shop, to furnish offerings for "the god-shelves" which one finds in almost every non-Christian home in Japan. Yes, business was picking up with the New Year's Festival.

I couldn't keep him from giving me another lovely bouquet. He showed me how to mash the ends of the stems to keep the flowers drinking water many days. Yes, he would be so glad to help me with my garden this spring. I did succeed in declining his repeated attempt to give me a framed picture of himself climbing Mount Fujiyama with a part of the "torii" on his back. Up through the snow he was climbing! "I have to express my thanks to the gods in some way," he had said.

With the promise of another visit from him soon, and repeated bows of appreciation for the Christian literature I gave him, my old friend accompanied me to the station, bought a platform ticket, and saw me off on the electric elevated train for home. Bowing goodbye, he assured me that he would be over in a few days.

Oh, no, I'm not interested in making him give up his pilgrimages. He has promised to take me with him on his next climb up Mount Fuji. He may need me this time, for he'll be seventy-one. But I am praying mighty hard that he may become a Christian pilgrim and climb Mount Calvary in faith. I know when he does, he'll be climbing for Christ with a lot of zeal which I wonder if we have. And I'm sure he'll find a better way to express his thanks to God.

Just a little old Mount Fuji pilgrim? Meet *my friend!* His name is Suzuki. All he needs is Jesus! And I believe he's already begun that great pilgrimage.

And I ask myself these days, "Hermon Ray, are you climbing up through the snow, bearing an offering for him who carried not a torii, but a wooden Cross up the rugged slope of Calvary?"



Orient and Occident Photo
Fujiyama in the distance. Read the story (page 15) of a recent pilgrimage to this sacred mountain shrine



Junior Bible class on way to the Dead Sea for an outing they earned because of excellent behaviour and work, and faithful attendance



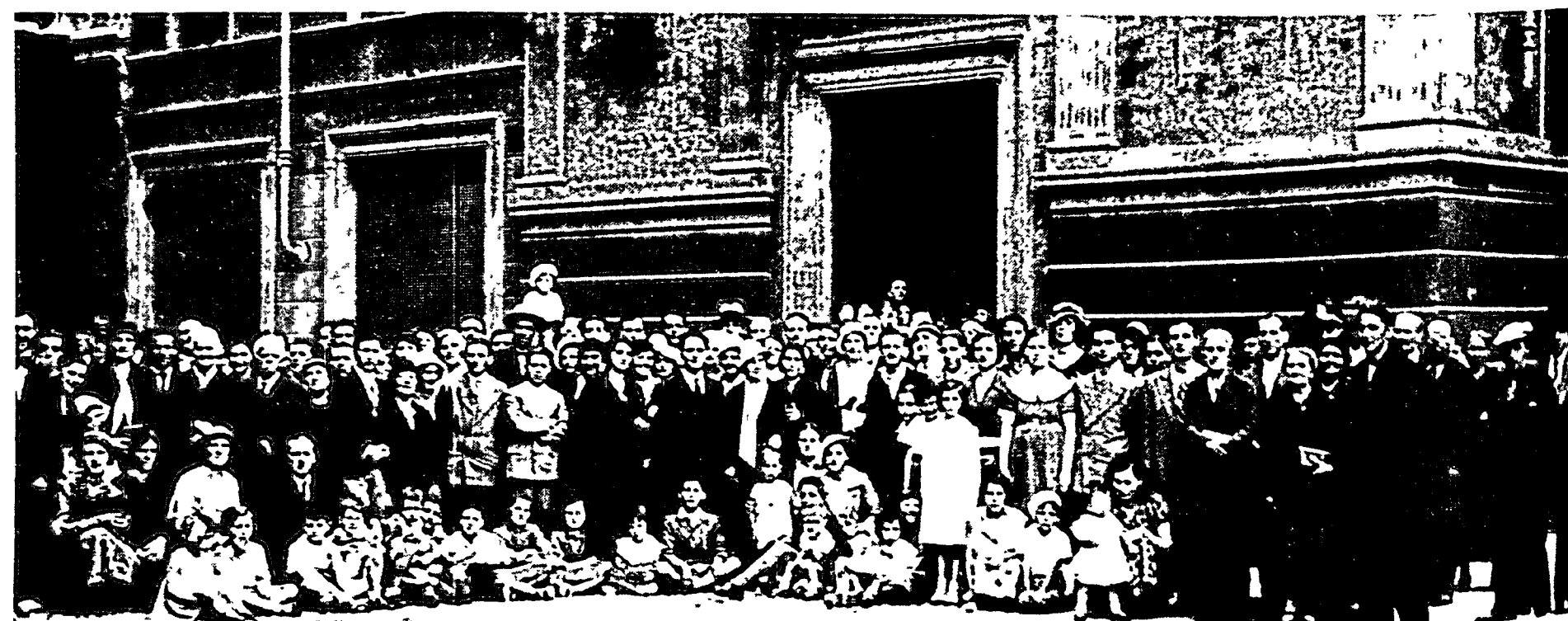
First Croatian Baptist Chapel built in Yugoslavia without help from Southern Baptists. (X) indicates the pastor, Rev. F. Lenhard

"In 1918 Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bottoms, of Texarkana, Arkansas, long the faithful friends of foreign missions, gave to the Foreign Mission Board \$100,000 with which to purchase a headquarters building"



Mrs. George W. Bottoms, Texarkana, Arkansas. Those friends of Mrs. Bottoms who will recall her long illness a few years ago will rejoice to know that Mrs. Bottoms is well again and her same, lovely, interesting, thoughtful self

Headquarters of the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Southeast Corner of Franklin Street at Sixth, Richmond, Virginia



Congregation of First Baptist Church of Torino, Italy. Southern Baptists own this church house



PERSONS AND PERSONALITIES

BLANCHE SYDNOR WHITE, Corresponding Secretary, Virginia W. M. U.

Ten Notable Missionary Women of the Year



PEARL CALDWELL
Notable Woman Evangelist

IN selecting the "Ten Notable Missionary Women of the Year," one finds great difficulty in choosing. There are so many who fill every requirement. How can we choose only one?

Another difficulty arises in properly classifying those ten. Are they not all "Noble women"? Who can say that the "Notable Mother" is not also the "Notable Wife" or "Homemaker" or "Evangelist"?

These ten are presented to you as types. From your own knowledge of our 400 missionaries on foreign fields, select the ten women whom *you* would present, and send to Doctor Hill their names and your reasons for selecting them.

I salute them all. The closer one comes to our missionaries, the more "notable" they become. "Why is it," I asked a group of North China missionaries on furlough, "that of all home contacts you enjoy most association with one another? I should think that after seven year of such close intimacy you'd be glad of one year of separation." "Sometimes on the field," he replied, with twinkling eyes, "we think so too. But we find, when we are separated, that no other folk in all the world are so precious as our North China missionaries. Perhaps, it's because we know each other so well."

If the ten women whom I have selected do not prove to be your choice, and if you, my dear reader, are led by your objection to my decision to a fuller knowledge of these friends and others, I shall be happy. As for me, if you present other names, I shall follow the advice of Tryon Edwards, when he said, "Between two evils, choose neither; between two goods, choose both."

NOTABLE WOMAN EVANGELIST, PEARL CALDWELL, HWANGHSIEN, CHINA

A preacher should have the skill to teach the unlearned simply, roundly and plainly; for teaching is of more importance than exhorting.—*Martin Luther.*

In the Pingtu field, with its host of unlearned village women, she has proved herself a preacher of great ability. Is it because the Pingtu field has developed her talents by the very magnitude of its opportunities, or because her evangelistic talents are so outstanding that the village work 'round Pingtu is a model field? It is wonderful when exceptional talents and unusual opportunities so meet that one cannot tell which has contributed more to the other. Calm, capable, consecrated daughter of Mississippi; born at Cherry Creek, she fell heir to the fine traditions and cultured atmosphere of Blue Mountain College. Her teaching talents were sharpened at Mississippi State Normal, and her knowledge of God's Word broadened at the Woman's Missionary Union Training School. During these twenty-four years she has found or made the opportunity to use it all in her great field. Ask her co-laborers to name *the* Woman Evangelist of North China, and they will present Pearl Caldwell, of Pingtu.



AGNES GRAHAM
Notable Woman Educator

NOTABLE WOMAN EDUCATOR, AGNES GRAHAM, TEMUCO, CHILE

Those who educate children well are more to be honored than even their parents, for these only give them life, those the art of living well.—*Aristotle.*

The year 1888 was generous to Southern Baptists. It gave to them the organization of Woman's Missionary Union and added the precious gift of a little girl, born in Yoakum, Texas. A graduate from the University of Texas and our Woman's Missionary Union Training School, she went out in 1920 to our three-year-old Baptist Mission in Chile. In Temuco, the headquarters of the Mission at that time, since it was the home of the pioneer MacDonald, Agnes Graham began to build a school for girls. For fifteen years she has continued to build till now she looks out over her 400 students and sees another line outside,—those who must be turned away from her great school for lack of dormitory and classroom space within. Both boys and girls are enrolled in this school, and in the country two other schools look to the Temuco school for guidance and support. Graduates of her school are found in every walk of life in Chile. Recently, a graduate pastored the leading church in Temuco during the absence on furlough of the missionary pastor.



RUTH KERSEY
Notable Missionary Nurse



MRS. J. E. DAVIS
Notable Missionary Wife



MRS. WILLIAM CAREY NEWTON
The Notable Missionary Mother

During these fifteen years, she has been re-enforced by two fine young women from America, but upon the capable shoulders of Agnes Graham, our Board still places the responsibility of our educational work in the nation of Chile.

There comes to us a rumor, which will be confirmed, we trust, in May that out of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, born that same year of 1888, there will be forthcoming a fund which will be used in the enlargement of this great school known as the Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile.

THE NOTABLE MISSIONARY NURSE, RUTH KERSEY, OGBOMOSO, AFRICA

And when Jesus had called unto him his disciples, he gave them power to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.—*Matthew, the Apostle.*

As these disciples went out, they must have met many of the diseases which Ruth Kersey encountered when she went out to Africa with the command upon her, too, to "Go . . . teach . . . heal." I can see her now as she donned her crisp white uniform and cap and presented herself for duty that first day in 1920. Remembering the order, the cleanliness, the equipment of the hospital rooms and corridors in her own "Retreat for the Sick" in Richmond, I wonder how she felt when Doctor Green introduced her to the grass-covered huts which were to be her hospital in Africa. Inside those rude buildings, there were diseased, suffering men and women. There were no beds for them; they lay on pallets on the floor. If her brave soul flinched, no one ever saw the evidence. The Master had said, "Go . . . teach . . . heal."

On her knees besides those pallets she went. With gentle hands, she tended the sick. With tireless energy she smoothed away their pain, and soothed their agony.

During these years, hospital buildings have been erected; hospital beds have been provided; equipment has been installed; a building in which motherless babies can be saved has been added; a training school for nurses now multiplies the healing hands prepared to nurse the sick; other missionary nurses have come to Ogbomoso. There are many hardships even yet for a nurse in Ogbomoso, West Africa. But when hardships are mentioned, I imagine Ruth Kersey smiles, for she remembers that first day fifteen years ago when she was introduced to the diseases of the Dark Continent and given little more than her two hands and that never-to-be-forgotten command, "Go . . . teach . . . heal." She has never asked for recognition; she has never demanded modern equipment. Enough for her that she has had the privilege of healing the sick in the name of Christ.

THE NOTABLE MISSIONARY WIFE, MRS. J. E. DAVIS, EL PASO, TEXAS

"A wife, to be truly happy . . . must forget self."

August, on the border-line between Mexico and Texas, presents heat which drives most of us to seek cooling drinks and occupations requiring a minimum of activity. Some ten or twelve years ago, with my friend Amy Goodman, then W.M.U. Secretary of New Mexico. I visited the border city of El Paso, Texas. Having received so much of my denominational training in Foreign Mission Board atmosphere, my steps turned naturally to the Foreign Board Publishing House for Spanish-speaking peoples, located in that interesting Texas city. Under handicaps which were outstanding, we found Missionary J. E. Davis, the director of the Publishing House. We talked together for a while, and then I confessed to him that I was a Virginian. (He had acted upon the principle that it was unnecessary to inquire concerning my native state, since it is never very long before the Virginian breaks down and admits her birthplace.) "Mrs. Davis," I said "is a Virginian also, and I should love to meet her." Then he led us into the crude, hot, noisy department in which our printing presses were then housed. There she was, Mary Gamble Davis, supervising the transformation which would set upon white pages of paper letters which proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

I was shocked to find her there, this missionary wife, but she thought it quite natural that she should help her husband in this manner. She knew how to set type; the Publishing House needed this mechanical knowledge; her husband's work was set forward best by this service; it was the thing to do.

Later, I thought it through. I thought of the great volume of work which made our Mexican Baptist Publishing House so notable; I remembered that only one missionary was responsible for all of this work; I marveled that I had heard so little concerning this good woman. Hidden away here in such unwholesome quarters this resourceful servant of Jesus was giving what she had to the Cause so dear to her heart, and was happy in the giving. Then I read what King Solomon,—that wise man,—said concerning the perfect wife, and realized that "The Notable Wife" rejoices most when "her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land." In forgetting herself; in using her talents for the glory of God and for the advancement of her husband's great work, Mary Gamble Davis was as happy a missionary as I have ever met.

THE NOTABLE MISSIONARY MOTHER, MRS. WILLIAM CAREY NEWTON

No language can express the power and beauty and heroism and majesty of a mother's love. It shrinks not where man cowers, and over the wastes of worldly fortune, sends the radiance of its quenchless fidelity, like a star in heaven.—*E. H. Chapin.*

We have not been told the story of how they met,—that sensitive son of missionary parents, William Carey Newton,—and the gentle Vassar College girl,—Mary Woodcock. He bore the scars on his soul which the death of mother, father and sister had burned there when they laid down their lives that Christ might walk among the bush paths of Nigeria and win the hearts of his needy children there. In the Rochester Seminary, in preparation for foreign service, his path crossed hers,—and so they were married.

As pastor's wife in North Carolina, quiet Mary Newton won her place in the hearts of the Greensboro saints. Then to North China they went. What it means to mother nine children on the mission field, she must tell you. If it is true that "children are what their mothers are," then Mary Woodcock Newton is, indeed, a queen among mothers. Let me present her children.

Rachel, the eldest, is a missionary of beautiful Christian character and devotion; Edith and Helen are safe in the affection of their husbands; tall, handsome Philip, is in business, and just married to a fine young woman; Roby, the flower of the flock, some one says, is dependable, independent, devoted; Carey, Junior, is the sweetest nature one could ever ask to know; Gene, the lovely child just graduated from college, won from the faculty the wish that all girls were like "Gene"; Roy, just beginning his college work, bids fair to be the same fine student that others have been.

There was another child, so gentle that her compassionate soul could not bear the ills of China. Her mother says that the beggars would flock after her and she would innocently lead them to her.

TO BE CONTINUED

In the next issue of HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS we will consider the other five "Notable Missionary Women of the Year." There will be the Pioneer, the Builder, the Noblewoman, the Heroine, the Homemaker.

We invite you to join us in this difficult task. Give us a list of the ten whom you wish to nominate.

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Christ's Practice of Prayer (Continued from page 11)

Prayer was more important than the *working of miracles*, for instead of working a miracle to deliver Peter he said, "I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not" (Luke 22: 32).

Prayer was more important in securing workers than either *money or machinery*, for he said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 9: 38).

Prayer was more important to be taught than preaching for he taught men to pray but we have no record that he ever taught them to preach" (Matt. 6: 5-15).

Prayer is as important as his other ministries, for "he ever liveth to make intercession for [us]" (Heb. 7: 25).
—*Selected.*

Our Magazine of Inspiration

Missionary Christine Garnett, Guanajay, Cuba

Three Souls for Christ

THE Philathea room is gay with its plants, its posters, its members, its visitors, for it is the night of the monthly business meeting. The devotional part of the program is dedicated to World Missions for HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS has brought great tidings from other countries, and many of them have been translated into Spanish that those of another tongue might know of the power of Christ in other hearts, in the lives of missionaries and natives of China, Japan, Africa, South America and other parts of the world.

Stories of sacrifice, stories of triumph, find echo of joy in the hearts of many listeners. Then one young fellow (a reader in the tobacco factories in town), a young man with many fine gifts, having loved formerly drinking and gambling, but who two months before had become a member of Philathea, stood before us to give his talk on "The Benefits that a Member Receives from the Philathea Class." Concluding, these were his words:

Lastly, the greatest benefit that the class has brought me is that I have found Jesus, and my desire tonight is that my teacher, for her own satisfaction, might open my heart and see there the altar that is raised to my Lord.

And now Albertina is ready to talk on, "Why I Became a Member of the Class." Closing her remarks she said:

And the other motive was that I might find the Saviour, and I have found him.

Then Jesus (pronounced *Hay-soos*), tells why he is a member. He had been immersed in a river near by some six months before by the leader of "Gideon's Army" who came through our town baptizing people for their salvation and curing physically. This young fellow had been left as president of the band of followers, and though forbidden to come to our church, he had come. He concluded thus:

I became a member of the Philathea Class because I realized that I was not saved and I wanted to hear all the teaching possible that could lead me to Christ, and I am glad to say tonight that I have given him my heart.

Was it surprising that we unanimously rose to our feet to have prayers of thanks, and to sing "Joy, joy in my heart"?

Could any one deny that those "heart-throbs" from our workers on other fields played a great part in enabling the Christ in the hearts of these three to burst out through these words of joy and peace?

So let us continue to rejoice in HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS, and to use it so that its influence will bring souls to Christ, and help others to consecrate their lives to his service.

One Sunday Night in Guanajay, Cuba

AT first glance one would have thought he were in a picture gallery instead of a church, for the walls were simply filled with pictures cut from HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS, and beneath each was a slip of paper explaining in Spanish what each represented.

We saw our African brothers as they beat their drums against the march of the dreaded spirits. Great hosts of Baptist boys, girls, men and women among the Chinese greeted us from their mission schools. There was our beloved Mrs. Bottoms' church in South America, its members rejoicing in their salvation. How the children of Japan, in their lovely kimonos, pleased our Cuban children, and almost seemed to be talking to them! And there was our Lord's country too: beloved Palestine, with Miss Clor in the lead!

And so, on and around the world we traveled, realizing that it is girdled with the love of Christ wherever he is preached.

What an inspiration were these pictures for prayer that night!

Interesting facts from Miss Coleman's interesting column had been translated and given to different people to read or tell, and songs of praise were sung as we responded to the fervor of the hour.

Doctor Lawrence and Doctor Maddry were presented again to the folk, and we prayed for them as they labor under their heavy responsibilities.

Letters from missionaries were translated and read, as we looked into the faces of many of our workers whose pictures HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS so graciously gives us from time to time.

It was truly a night spent on home and foreign fields through HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS; one of those occasions when our people here go into all the world and see how the gospel is being preached, and so rejoice also; one of the times when through small gifts, your Cuban brothers and sisters and little children (although Cuba still struggles under its heavy yoke of political and economical slavery) link hands and hearts with yours and with people of many climes, and thus take their place among the nations, praising him who gives us the harvest, and the magazine that tells us about it.

THE WITNESS OF A RUBBISH HEAP

Missionary A. B. Langston, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

THE following story is told from memory, and as nearly as possible, just as it was told to me some twenty-odd years ago. The man who told me the story was a Baptist preacher, who had been preaching for some time prior to my arrival in Brazil in 1909.

One of the first preachers that I came to know and love, soon after my first arrival in Brazil, was Brother Antonio Moraler Bittencourt. As the name would indicate, Brother Moraler is not a Brazilian by birth but is of Spanish origin. However, he had been in Brazil for many years. Like most people of Latin America he was at least a nominal Catholic. He also belonged to the laboring class, being a farmer either by profession or by necessity.

Hoping that he might better his situation, he decided to move to another locality. But before moving he made a tour of inspection of his new premises. In looking over the house he found in one corner of the room a pile of rubbish left there by the former owner. Thinking perhaps he might find something useful in this pile of rubbish he began to examine it more closely. Among the things he found was an old discarded book, but with many of the first pages lost. As books were rare articles in his house

he decided to take this old piece of a book home and read it at odd times.

When he began to read the book he discovered that it was the Bible. He began his reading on the first page that remained and read straight through to the end. As his reading advanced his interest increased, so by the time he had read the book through he was very anxious to get the whole story. He wanted to know how it all began, as well as how it ended.

Then he began his search for an entire Bible. Because of the scarcity of Bibles in Brazil it was some time before he succeeded in locating one. However, through perseverance, and because of his intense or burning desire to know the whole story, he never gave up until he was rewarded with the possession of the object of his search.

Once in possession of the entire Bible he began again to read it from beginning to end. The more he read the more interested he became. After the first reading he went back over it again more carefully, noting especially the kind of people that the Bible described and the kind of lives they were expected to live. When he had finished reading his Bible through the second time he was a changed man. He had a desire to do something, as well as a longing for fellowship with people like the ones described in the Bible. So Brother Moraler began another search, not for another book but for a people who lived as the Book taught.

It is customary in Brazil for a church to have anywhere from one to ten or fifteen preaching places in its territory. The church carries the gospel to the people and does not wait for the people to come to hear the gospel. Well, right near Brother Moraler's home was a preaching place established and maintained by Methodists. With the characteristics of a Bible Christian in his mind, Brother Moraler went over to see if those people were like the ones described in the Book. There were many things that pleased and encouraged him. He attended regularly all the services for some time. But in the end he decided that while in many respects this group was like the ones found in the Bible, yet in certain things he thought he saw a difference. So he decided to try somewhere else.

His next attempt to find a people like the people described in the Bible was in connection with a preaching place run by Presbyterians. As in the former case he saw much that pleased him, and for a while he thought that he had found the people for whom he was searching. He then began thinking of uniting himself with the church. But after further investigation and continued reading of the Bible, he finally came to the conclusion that this group in some respects differed from the people and church of the Bible. Therefore he decided to extend his search further.

His third attempt was with a group maintained by Baptists. After attending worship for some time, and by faithful comparison of what he saw with what he had read in the Bible, he came to the conclusion that these were the people most like the ones described in the Book. Being thoroughly convinced that he had found the people for whom he had been searching, he presented himself for membership and was accepted. The Bible made him first a Christian and then a Baptist. This is the New Testament order; any other order makes for error and confusion. Baptists must first be Christians. Soon God called him to preach, and he has been a faithful witness not only of Jesus Christ but also of a faith as we Baptists believe it.

Stranger Than Fiction

CHARLES E. MADDY

Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board

Editor's Note: Dr. Everett Gill, Southern Baptists' superintendent of their European mission work, has kindly contributed this column for this issue.

DID YOU KNOW

That our new missionary work in Europe is fifteen years old—that is, from 1920-1935?

That our field extends 3,000 miles east and west and 2,000 miles north and south—from Southern Yugoslavia and Southern Russia on the Black Sea to the Baltic?

That this field included four great racial groups—the Teutons, Latins, Slavs and Hungarians—each group being confidently sure of its superiority over all the rest?

That we have Baptists in every country of Europe, except Albania and Greece—though there is an evangelical group in Athens which holds Baptist views though not assuming the name?

That Baptist work in Europe (modern, not counting the Apostle Paul, Lydia and others) is one hundred years old—(The Oncken Centenary was celebrated last year)?

That the Baptist work in southeastern Europe has been largely indigenous, springing up here and there from reading the New Testament?

That Russia probably has the second most numerous Baptist groups in the world—the Soviet authenticists estimating them about 2,000,000?

That in eastern Europe we have three seminaries and training schools, and that we are planning two others?

That so great is the need and call for Bible Course (seminary) work among the church leaders that the present missionary force could be used constantly in this phase of work alone?

That the Foreign Mission Board is sending out in the near future at least two fine missionary couples to seek to meet the needs?

That you can help this *and all our work, with your interest, sympathy, prayers, and gifts?*

That for the last fifteen years the baptisms reported from Europe constituted approximately two-thirds of all those reported by the Foreign Mission Board though the amount of money spent there was about one-tenth of the total spent on foreign fields?

That Bessarabia has been one of the most fruitful fields in all the world since the World War? There were at the close of the World War only about one or two hundred converts, while now there are over 10,000?

That the trouble in our European work is not the difficulty in gaining converts, but in training leaders who understand the message and mission of the New Testament?

That the spirit of sacrifice of the New Testament Christians may be seen in the lives of many of these brethren in Christ—recently two Russian brethren walked one hundred miles to attend the Bible course held by the writer in Bucharest in January of this year?

That the fate of Europe and the world probably hangs on the answer to the question: "What will Europe do with the gospel of Christ?"—accept and live it; or reject it and perish?

FACT FLASHES

R. S. JONES

Field Representative, Foreign Mission Board

The receipts from the Co-operative Program for January showed an increase of 30 per cent over January, 1934. The increase for January, 1934, was 17 per cent over January, 1933.

The sale of the property in Rome netted the Foreign Mission Board \$290,000. The sale of this property does not mean that we are in any sense withdrawing from Italy. The property was not necessary for our work. It only means that the Foreign Mission Board is going out of the real estate business as this was commercial property which the Board was renting. The reduction in interest on the debt as a result of this transaction will enable the Board to strengthen the work in Italy as needed.

The W.M.U. of Virginia under the leadership of Miss Blanche Sydnor White, secretary, gave to Foreign Missions during 1934 the magnificent sum of \$117,227.42.

In the Foreign Mission report to the Convention in Fort Worth the debt was shown to be \$1,150,183.78. It is hoped that this will be reduced to less than \$600,000 by the time of the Convention in Memphis. Interest reported paid at Fort Worth was \$65,191.29. Less than one-half of this amount will be paid for interest next year.

President M. E. Dodd captured the hearts of all who heard him speak in Richmond. His message was declared to be one of the greatest missionary addresses ever delivered there. How fine it would be if every Baptist in the Southland could hear his message!

Doctor Dodd, with many others, is praying that the Memphis Convention will be a great missionary convention.

He suggests the following slogan: "*March to Memphis in May for Missions.*"

AS WE JOURNEY

GEORGE W. TRUETT

President, Baptist World Alliance

As we journey on, may we be given an ever-enlarging reverence for the sacredness and the indefeasible rights of every human life, everywhere. May we wisely realize, that the way of selfishness is like a blind alley which gets narrower and darker the longer it is traveled. May we turn from all broken cisterns wherein there is no water, to him who is the Living Water, and within the sanctuary of whose heart there is ever an adequate shelter for all baffled minds and burdened hearts. May we go on in the confident faith that he has a gracious purpose for our little lives, and that he will bring such purpose to

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NEWSCASTINGS from AROUND the WORLD

INABELLE G. COLEMAN, Editorial Secretary, Foreign Mission Board

Sailings

To China—On February 8, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw sailed from San Francisco, California, on the *S. S. President Wilson* for Yangchow, China, where Dr. Mewshaw will reopen the Baptist hospital.

Arrivals

From Europe—Dr. Everett Gill of Bucharest, Roumania, arrived on furlough, January 31, 1935. He is with his son, Rev. Everett Gill, Jr., at 424 Millaudon Street, New Orleans.

Deaths

On February 26 *Associate Press News* reported death by drowning of Martha and Ruth Bailey, the daughters of our missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. J. Mansfield Bailey, of Kweilin, China. When cable sent to China by Dr. Bailey's parents, of Nashville, Tennessee, brought no details of the accident, they appealed to Speaker Joseph W. Byrns with the result on March 2, as given below:

State Department has just received the following report from the American consul:

According to Americans who witnessed the tragedy, the Bailey family was traveling in an ambulance from Wuchow toward Kweilin in Kwangsi Province. Dr. Bailey was driving and Mrs. Bailey was in the front seat with him. The two children were asleep in the closed rear compartment of the ambulance. When attempting to drive down a steep incline onto a ferry at the Hingshei River, the car skidded in the mud and slipped sideways into the water, the top of the car just showing above the surface. Dr. Bailey and his wife escaped through the open windows of the car and reached the shore and then sought to rescue the children. However a half-hour passed before the children were extricated and all efforts at resuscitation failed. The bodies were taken by Dr. Bailey to Kweilin for burial.

May I extend to you my very deepest sympathy.—*Joseph W. Byrns.*

The Board sorrows deeply with these bereaved parents and loved ones.

Illness

Rev. T. Neil Johnson, now in San Francisco, California, was recently struck by an automobile while he was crossing the street. He received two fractures and a concussion. Friends will gladly hear that news comes saying that he is "getting along nicely."

Little Betty Taylor, twelve-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor of Garanhuns, Brazil, who had just arrived at Mars Hill, North Carolina, for furlough, fell and fractured her leg the first part of February. She is in a hospital in Asheville, North Carolina. Friends will be glad to know that she is resting well.

LETTER FROM DR. MADDRY

"I preached yesterday (January 20) at 11:00 A.M. The weather was rough and the sea was running high. For two nights and a day we were shut in and could hardly walk the decks. The boat was tossed about a good deal,



Martha and Ruth Bailey who were drowned in China on February 26

but none of our group was sick. It is back to normal today, except it is colder. We have on the heat in our cabin. For twelve days there was no heat turned on on the boat. Just three days now and we will land at Kobe. May the Lord give us wisdom and guidance for what awaits us out there!"—*Charles E. Maddry, S. S. President Johnson, en route to Japan.*

ITALIAN PROPERTY SOLD

"A cablegram from D. C. Whittinghill, representative of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Rome, Italy, announces the sale of the splendid piece of property owned by the Foreign Mission Board known as Piazza Barberine. This property brought \$290,000 American cash, all of which will be applied on the debt of the Board, thus reducing the debt to \$624,500. A year ago it stood at more than one million dollars. The prospects are that the debt will be cut to \$575,000 by May 1, 1935."—*Jessie R. Ford, assistant to executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board.*

FINANCIAL FACTS

"Total receipts for January, 1935, were the largest for any month since January, 1926, when regular receipts were greatly augmented by the special Love Offering taken during the month of December, 1925.

"A gratifying increase of 30 per cent over January, 1934, is shown in the Co-operative Program receipts for January, 1935.

"An increase of more than \$30,000 in receipts from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for January, 1935, over the January, 1934, figures will be hailed with joy by our good women throughout the Southland.

"A cause for universal rejoicing will be the splendid total of \$260,000 received for application on the debt of the Foreign Mission Board, all of which has already been distributed among the banks who hold our notes.

"Next to the actual reduction of the debt itself, the chief significance of this payment on outstanding notes will be the reduction in interest charges for the year 1935 of nearly \$15,000."—*E. P. Buxton, treasurer.*

JANUARY FINANCIAL RÉSUMÉ

Foreign Mission Board—Southern Baptist Convention

Receipts for the Month of January, 1935

Co-operative Program	\$ 47,820.43
Designated Gifts	20,327.02
On Debt Account	260,135.08
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	134,182.14
Miscellaneous Income	1,228.30
Total Receipts	\$463,692.97

GRATITUDE

The magnificent sum of \$204,492.02 has been reported for the Lottie Moon Offering. We thank God for this spirit of love that prompted such giving, and to the women of our Southland, we express our deep gratitude for their prayers and gifts that mean so much in our foreign mission work.—*R. S. Jones, Field Representative.*

BOOK SPECIAL

For the next six months *Europe and the Gospel* by Gill, has been reduced to 25 cents.

Dr. Charles E. Maddry's new tract, "Mightily Grew the Word of God," priced five cents, is ready.

These pages give a résumé of Dr. Maddry's survey of Southern Baptist work in these seven countries last summer. Every Baptist will want to read these pages; many will find them a useful supplement for programs on Europe and Palestine; some will use them in midweek prayer meetings; others will claim them for a special program on Europe; some will use them in current missionary event reports; others will want to adapt them to a new study course on Europe, using Dr. Everett Gill's *Europe and the Gospel*, as a source book and this new, fresh, up-to-date booklet as a supplement, bringing the study up to the current moment. This little booklet contains an excellent up-to-date map of Europe and Palestine. Many will want to make a poster-sized copy for the wall of their mission room and use it in studying present-day Europe and Southern Baptist work there. Copies of this booklet may be ordered from the Book Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

RED LETTER DAYS

Every missionary-hearted Southern Baptist will want to mark *today* a red circle around each of the days of August 11-18 inclusive and write in the margin: "Reserved for Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest, North Carolina."

From a W.M.U. Corresponding Secretary who attended the conference last year, there came the following significant letter:

To mingle freely with kindred spirits for a week is a privilege

any Christian would crave. Such was the joy of seven hundred people who spent Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest.

There is a tie that binds all Christians together, but this tie is perhaps stronger with missionaries than with others, and the thirty-eight present seemed to enjoy this fellowship to the fullest. The forty-one children of missionaries had many common interests that made their associations most pleasant.

The workers from the States had the finest opportunity to grow personally acquainted with the missionaries, to dine with them, to have personal conversations and to ask them many questions they have long desired to have answered.

Along with the social contact there was real seriousness of purpose manifested in the crowds that listened to the addresses and attended the classes. Excellently helpful was it to hear those who have been on the field teach books on their own countries.

In the round table discussions one's fund of information was increased and vision broadened when the missionaries gave their point of view on evangelism as they have witnessed it through educational, publication and medical work.

The devotional life of each one was greatly strengthened in the Morning Watch and Vesper Services. As Dr. W. E. Denham, of Saint Louis, spoke each evening on the Holy Spirit, many must have determined to yield their lives more fully to his leadership.

I am returning to my work with a notebook full of valuable information, interesting stories, memories of a happy fellowship, a new resolution to live a life more consecrated to the one great task, and a determination to return next year for Foreign Mission Week.—*Ida M. Stallworth, corresponding secretary of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama.*

THANK GOD FOR HOUSE OF HEALING

Dr. Louis J. Bristow, at the Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest last year, invited missionaries needing medical care to come and be guest patients at the Southern Baptist Hospital. In response to his invitation, I went and spent a few days there recently. I want to express my appreciation for what he and the whole staff did for me. They treated me royally, and gave the very best medical care. A few years ago it was a question in the Southern Baptist Convention as to whether we should continue in hospital work. We are grateful that the hospital has found its place in our hearts and that it is no longer a question. Thank God for this "House of Healing," and especially that it has thrown open its doors, as well as the hearts of its staff, to the foreign missionaries who need medical care.—*F. P. Lide, missionary on furlough from Hwanghsien, China.*

AS WE JOURNEY

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a glorious fruition, if we will follow where he leads. Let us evermore dare to live for the supreme things of life, faithfully remembering that in the long last, nothing counts but character, integrity, love, sacrifice, service. If life's trail shall sometimes take us into the night, may we know that it is better to walk with him in the dark, than to walk alone in the light. Anchored to him, may we go bravely on, triumphant in the faith that the trail of our mortal years runs out at the threshold of the House of Many Mansions. And when the trail dips down into the Valley of Shadows, may we fear no evil because he shall company with us, our Redeemer, our Pilot, our Companion forever.

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Prayer pulls the rope below, and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell, for they pray so languidly; others give but an occasional pluck at the rope; but he who wins with heaven is the man who grasps the rope boldly, and pulls continuously with all his might.—*C. H. Spurgeon.*



Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. L. Mewshaw, Yangchow, China

RENEWING OUR ACQUAINTANCE WITH THESE MISSIONARIES

Dr. Robert E. L. Mewshaw, born on November 13, 1883, at Garland, Dallas County, Texas. Dr. R. E. L. Mewshaw is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Mewshaw, pioneers and early settlers in this community.

He was reared to attend Sunday school regularly and accepted Christ as his personal Saviour in 1898. He was baptized by Rev. H. T. Morey, and since that time has been active in church work, finally surrendering to God's call to China.

His preparation for college was received in the public and high schools of Garland. He received his medical degree from the University of Texas in 1908.

Doctor Mewshaw married Miss Dell Spencer on July 3, 1907.

He practiced medicine in Texas until June 14, 1916, when he was appointed as a missionary to the Baptist Hospital at Kweilin, China.

Arriving on his new field in October, 1916, Doctor and Mrs. Mewshaw gave ten years of faithful and efficient service. But during 1926, they together with other missionaries of that vicinity, had to vacate their home and field and flee for their lives. War and bandits combined to make the danger so great that the Consul ordered all missionaries to leave Kweilin.

By order of the Foreign Mission Board the Mewshaw family returned to America, and Doctor Mewshaw has been practicing medicine at San Benito, Texas, ever since.

But never has he given up the hope of returning to China. During the past few months the way has been opened, and Doctor and Mrs. Mewshaw, and their two youngest children, sailed on February 8, 1935, for Yangchow, China, where Doctor Mewshaw will reopen the Baptist Hospital, which has also been closed since the revolution of 1926.

The Mewshaws have four children, Nell, Joe, Mary Helen and Dorothy Ruth.

Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw was Dell Spencer, the

daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Spencer. Her father was one of the pioneer preachers of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Texas.

She was educated in the public schools of Tehuacana and Garland, Texas, and took two years' training at the Sam Houston Normal, of Huntsville, receiving her diploma in 1904. For one year she taught at Calegio Morelos, Aguascalientes, Mexico, and for two years in the public school at Garland.

She was married to Dr. R. E. L. Mewshaw on July 3, 1907, at Garland, Texas, and served with him in Kweilin, China, from 1916 until 1926, when they were forced out of their mission field by war and bandits.

Reappointed October 16, 1934, Doctor and Mrs. Mewshaw sailed on February 8, 1935, with their family for Yangchow, China.

He said that he would come again,—
His word is sure:
And many hearts look up and say,
"Perhaps the King will come today!"
Therefore the need to watch and pray
So much the more!

—Henry T. Le Fevre.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO OUR MISSIONARIES Birthdays in June

Date	Name	Address
1	Miss Olive Riddell	Kweitch, China
3	Mrs. F. T. N. Woodward	Kweilin, China
4	Mrs. W. Q. Maer	Casilla 185, Temuco, Chile
7	Mrs. Hugh P. McCormick	Ogbomoso, via Lagos, Africa
10	Rev. L. E. Blackman	Shanghai, China
10	Rev. Jas. H. Ware	Shanghai, China
11	Rev. P. H. Anderson*	Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana
11	Rev. Lewis M. Bratcher	Caixa 2844, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
11	Dr. John Lake	Canton, China
12	Rev. Thos. B. Stover	Caixa 352, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
12	Mrs. Macey G. White*	4017 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri
14	Rev. W. Q. Maer	Casilla 185, Temuco, Chile
15	Mrs. Ivan V. Larson	Laiyang, China
16	Mrs. J. M. Bailey	Kweilin, China
17	Mrs. John L. Bice	Maceio, Brazil
17	Mrs. F. P. Lide*	1825 East Madison, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
17	Rev. Loren M. Reno	Victoria, Brazil
18	Mrs. F. Catherine Bryan	Shanghai, China
20	Rev. W. Maxfield Garrott	Fukuoka, Japan
20	Mrs. Harley Smith	Caixa 118, E de R.G. Do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil
21	Rev. Arthur S. Gillespie	Kaifeng, China
26	Dr. C. A. Leonard*	1201 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, North Carolina
26	Rev. S. J. Townsend	Kweitch, China
27	Mrs. O. P. Maddox	Rua Pousa Alegre, 602, Belle Horizonte, Brazil
28	Miss Ruth Walden	Abeokuta, via Lagos, Nigeria, Africa

* At present in this country.

SEVEN TIMES IN NINETY YEARS

THE new headquarters of the Foreign Mission Board, located on the Southeast corner of Franklin Street and Sixth, was dedicated at the simple and impressive service on February 22, 1935, at 3:00 o'clock. (See picture, page 17.) L. Howard Jenkins, president of the Board, presided over the hour. Kerr Boyce Tupper, D.D., LL.D., minister in charge of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, delivered an appropriate message on "Christianity's Social Message and Christian Missions." The prayers of dedication were led by Dr. R. Aubrey Williams and Dr. John L. Slaughter.

From four to six on this same afternoon an informal reception was held for all the Baptist pastors, congregations, and friends of the Foreign Mission Board. The wives of the local Board members were hostesses to the many guests who called during the afternoon.

The members of the Board are:

Local members—L. Howard Jenkins, president; W. A. Harris, secretary; Mrs. Simeon Atkinson, Jesse H. Binford, Wade H. Bryant, C. C. Coleman, Solon B. Cousins, Miss Alta Foster, R. E. Gaines, B. M. Gwathmey, J. G. Loving, S. T. Matthews, Hill Montague, Mrs. Carrie W. Moore, John L. Slaughter, Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Mrs. John J. Wicker, Jr., R. Aubrey Williams.

State members—J. H. Anderson, Knoxville, Tennessee; C. R. Barrick, Clayton, New Mexico; Walter Binns, Roanoke, Virginia; C. B. Bobo, Laurens, South Carolina; J. C. Dance, Casa Grande, Arizona; Francis A. David, Baltimore, Maryland; O. P. Estes, Bogalusa, Louisiana; H. M. Fugate, Valdosta, Georgia; F. F. Gibson, Louisville, Kentucky; W. E. Holcomb, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; J. M. Kester, Wilmington, North Carolina; I. E. Lee, Harrisburg, Illinois; T. W. Medearis, Miami, Oklahoma; S. J. Porter, Washington, D. C.; J. F. Vines, Kansas City, Missouri; J. L. White, Miami, Florida; W. R. White, Fort Worth, Texas; Otto Whittington, Little Rock, Arkansas; W. P. Wilks, Opelika, Alabama.

This special occasion was staged in honor of the new offices and Board room on the third floor of the headquarters building given the Foreign Mission Board in 1918 by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bottoms of Texarkana, Arkansas. The Foreign Mission Board moved into these new rooms at 601 East Franklin Street, on January 18. Previous to this date the Board occupied offices on the third floor of the Presbyterian Building at Eight North Sixth Street.

In 1922 the Board bought the building on the corner of Sixth and Franklin Streets. Since that time the Board has both rented and sold the building. But recently "finding it necessary to foreclose on the mortgage which it held on the property at Sixth and Franklin Streets, the Foreign Mission Board decided to move its offices into this building," says Miss Jessie R. Ford, assistant to the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

"In order to keep the affairs of the building and of the Foreign Mission Board separate, it was deemed wise to form a holding corporation, the stock of which would be held by the Foreign Mission Board. The officers of this new corporation will be members of the Board. The stock is a part of the investment of funds belonging to the Bottoms' fund and other valuable securities. The net returns received on this building will be used for the payment of salaries of a considerable number of missionaries in accordance with the terms of the gift. While the Board will pay the same amount of rent as formerly, this rent will now come back into the treasury of the Board instead of going to an outside concern, and at the same time we have secured larger and more suitable quarters."

This is the seventh abode of the Board offices since its organization. From the first page of the Board minutes one reads: "Pursuant to the appointment of the Southern Baptist Convention, held in Augusta, Georgia, May 8-12, 1845, the Board of Foreign Missions was convened in the

library of the Second Baptist church at the call of the president" (May 20, 1845). Jeremiah R. Jeter, pastor of the First Baptist church, Richmond, Virginia, was the president, having been elected in Augusta the week before by the Convention.

Present at this initial meeting of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, were J. B. Jeter, president; M. T. Summer, recording secretary; Archibald Thomas, Treasurer; C. T. Wortham, auditor; and E. Ball, H. Keeling, J. Snead, J. Talman, Sr., R. Ryland, W. H. Gwathmey, T. W. Sydnor, T. Thomas, Jr., A. Snead, and William Crane.

On January 4, 1847, the Board "Resolved that the Board accept the offer of the First Baptist Church of the use of the rooms in the basement of their meeting house as the office of the corresponding secretary, and for the meeting of the Board."

From the "First Century of the First Baptist Church," one reads: "The Rooms of the Board of Foreign Missions were in this building for more than twenty-five years."

In 1872, the headquarters were moved from the First Baptist church to the upstairs rooms over Ellyson's store on the north side of Main Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, next door below the present Travelers' Building.

From this location the offices were moved to Wilkinson Hall on Ninth Street next door to Ninth and Franklin Streets.

In 1888 the Foreign Mission Board took up headquarters on the third floor of the Merchants National Bank Building, where they remained for thirty years, moving to the Presbyterian Building in 1918.

During the ninety years of the Foreign Mission Board services to the Southern Baptist Convention, it has been headed by only six secretaries, namely: J. B. Taylor, 1845-1871; H. A. Tupper, 1872-1893; R. J. Willingham, 1893-1914; J. F. Love, 1915-1928; T. B. Ray, 1930-32; Charles E. Maddry, 1932—.

The present new headquarters contain the rooms of the executive secretary, Dr. Charles E. Maddry; the assistant to the executive secretary, Miss Jessie R. Ford; the field representative, Dr. R. S. Jones, and their assistants, Misses Ruth Yeamans and Phoebe Payne; the treasurer, E. P. Buxton and his assistant, Everett Deane; the publicity department, Miss Inabelle G. Coleman and her assistant, Miss Mary Waugh; and the book department, Miss Mary Hunter and her assistant, Moffatt Booker.

The large library will serve as the Mission Room for all Board meetings.

The additional space afforded by these new headquarters has enabled Miss Mary Hunter, custodian of curios, to make a more comprehensive and attractive display of the many and divers souvenirs and treasures from all the nations of the world. Tapestries and silk handwork from the Orient, carved woods and jewels, moulded gods and goddesses, paper idols and brass symbols, together with many and divers souvenirs from lands afar, combine to make this one of the most varied, valuable and unique exhibits anywhere in the South.

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Prayer is a golden key which should open the morning and lock up the evening.—*Bishop Hopkins.*

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

KATHLEEN MALLORY

APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. By February 13 the Foreign Mission Board had received for the (1934 December) Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$174,005.51. However it is known that there is more yet to be forwarded by the state offices to the Foreign Mission Board, because on January 31 the state W.M.U. corresponding secretaries reported to the Birmingham headquarters an undesignated total of over \$188,000. Surely "praise waiteth for thee, oh God" but words fail us to express our gratitude to "the Giver of every good gift" and also to every W.M.U. member and others who contribute to the offering.

Annie W. Armstrong Offering. With exceptional faithfulness let every W.M.S. and every organization of W.M.U. young people ingather and forward its March Week of Prayer "Annie W. Armstrong Offering of Home Missions." Be very sure that every treasurer who handles the offering is very careful to designate it as indicated above, so that it will be most accurately forwarded in each instance. The goal for the offering is \$103,500. Please continue to pray daily that the goal may not only be fully reached but far surpassed. The offering is practically the only income that the Home Mission Board has for its direct missionary work.

"Winning the Border." On February 15 the Home Mission Board was enabled to ship to the State Baptist Bookstores copies of the new home mission book as written by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence. The title is *Winning the Border*, the theme being work among Mexicans in the Southwest. Your circle will find it highly profitable to study this book right away. The price is 25 cents a copy from State Baptist Book store.

May Meeting in Memphis. From Mrs. M. L. Martin of Memphis, Tennessee, who is the W.M.U. publicity chairman for the May meeting in that city, comes the following cordial invitation:

Tennessee has invited the forty-seventh annual meeting of W.M.U. to convene in the largest and one of her most historical cities in the week beginning May 12, 1935. Hospitality is a habit of sunny Tennessee and Memphis—enthroned high on historic Chickasaw Bluffs from which intrepid De Soto first beheld in 1541 the majestic Mississippi, "Father of waters"—is rich in historic memory: queen of a vast alluvial empire; capital of a cotton kingdom; center of a hardwood realm, modern Memphis typifies the spirit of the New South. Intertwined with storied yesterday—progress added to glory—great cathedrals of commerce dot the horizon, jut heavenward and the Age of Industry vies with the Age of Romance to capture the eye and the heart of the visitor.

Not upon a romantic basis alone does Memphis deserve the W.M.U. annual meeting ever so often but rather because this is a "City of Homes," therefore a city with a heart. Every care for the comfort of guests may be had

in the modern facilities of our many justly famous hotels and provisions can be made for ample accommodations for the largest national conventions. It is familiar history to us that, in May 1888, thirty-two delegates from twelve states met in Richmond, Virginia, and there organized that auxiliary body which is today our Southern W.M.U. Perhaps it may not be so generally known that on May 10, 1889, the first annual meeting of this new organization convened in Memphis. You have met with us more than once, the last time being in May, 1929.

The same capable woman, Mrs. R. L. Sanders, is again general chairman for the annual meeting. I have no hesitancy in assuring you that every detail is being worked out for your comfort, pleasure and benefit.

As I think of the annual meeting, I cannot but remember the purpose of your coming and who you are: a company of citizens of royal birth, children of a King, members of a distinguished lineage, destined to be priests "holding forth the Word of Life" to those who have it not. How gladly do we labor for your coming!

We covet for our citizenship the blessing to be derived from your stay in our city. The information and inspiration coming from such a meeting cannot but be a blessing.

As we of Tennessee go about making plans for your coming, we ever keep before us and in our hearts our watchword for the year: "In the name of our God, we will set up our banners." We do not want to forget him whom, after all, our labors are to honor.

The romance of the old South, the progress of the new mingle in modern Memphis on-the-Mississippi. So in the name of the undying spirit of Southern hospitality, we bid you come to our city for this May meeting.

RESULTS IN CHINA

OFTEN I want to share with you some of the encouraging news that comes to me as to work in China. I am deeply grateful that, through God's enabling, the *Chinese W.M.U. Quarterly* is now entering its sixth year and that, growing up with it, are a few good mission study books which enable Chinese Christians to be much more fruitful "workers together with God." As I receive letters from leaders of our young people in China, there is an added surge of thanksgiving for what God has done for China through the W.M.U. of our Southland.

For instance: a letter from Charlie Chi, who has helped me edit the *Quarterly* for young men and young women, says:

When I attended the meeting of the North China Association, I met delegates from Manchuria and made inquiry about the missionary work of Baptist young people's organizations there. They told me with gladness that our organizations had thrown a great light in Manchuria. I also heard the Manchurian delegates give a report about this in the associational meeting, and the audience was very much delighted.

(He is referring to the Chinese missionary whom the Chinese Baptist young people are supporting in Manchuria.)

It is indeed a source of thanksgiving to me that Baptist young people's organizations in China are evangelistic and missionary, giving the gospel to the people around

about them and giving to the support of their own missionaries in places where they cannot go. More of our young men are organized and are more whole-heartedly interested in giving the gospel to their own people perhaps than the young women. Pastors and men teachers are welcoming, encouraging and helping in these young people's organizations. The missionary women from Southern Baptist Convention are working "off the stage" encouraging Chinese leaders, teaching, helping. It does not matter if they or even the Chinese W.M.U. do not get the credit if the Saviour is made known to the millions who do not know him.

But there is growth in the four Woman's Missionary Unions of China (and a fifth if we number the one on the Swatow field which was initiated by Northern Baptist workers in that field). This growth is seen in numbers and in the fact that the numbers are developing in the stature of Christ and are rejoicing in having a plan of work which enables *them together* to be "*workers together with God*" in a stupendous, glorious undertaking.—*Lila Watson, Shanghai.*

CHILEAN THANKS

THE Women's Missionary Union of the Baptist Churches of Chile in session in Temuco voted unanimously to send you greetings for this new year, praying God's richest blessings on you and your work.

Our women's work has grown and been deeply strengthened this past year and all of the messengers tell of prayers answered, souls won and faith strengthened. All of the societies joined in the observance of the Day of Prayer and many societies had continual prayer from six in the morning until ten at night. The leader of one group in the country had a sore foot so that she could not wear her shoe, but she walked nine miles bare foot in order that her society might not miss the blessings of the Day of Prayer.

As we face the new year our purpose is to do more towards the training of the young people and to strengthen our offerings for missions and education. We also plan a campaign towards changing the homes of our members into true Christian homes, giving emphasis to family worship, better health and education for the children, and improvement in hygiene and morals of all the family.

We assure you of our deep gratitude for your interest, prayers and sacrifice in behalf of our churches and societies and the evangelization of Chile.

Your sisters in Christ Jesus,

UNION MISIONERA DE SENORAS BAUTISTAS,
MARY MOORE, *Secretary*

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Making Life Worth While

May every life that touches mine—
Be it the slightest contact—
Get therefrom some good;
Some little grace; one kindly thought:
One aspiration yet unfelt;
One bit of courage
For the darkening sky;
One gleam of faith
To brave the thickening ills of life;
One glimpse of brighter skies
Beyond the gathering mists—
To make this life worth while
And heaven a surer heritage.

—George Eliot.

PROGRAM FOR AN APRIL MEETING

THEME—THE GOSPEL IN EUROPE

Hymn—"Faith of Our Fathers"

Prayer—of thanksgiving that "our fathers, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free"

Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation"

Scripture Lesson—Early European Promoters of the Gospel: Acts 16: 11-15; 18: 1-4, 7-11; 2 Corinthians 8: 1-11; Ephesians 3: 14-19; Philippians 1: 9-11; Colossians 1: 3-6, 23; 1 Thessalonians 1: 3-10; Romans 12: 1-17, 21

Sentence Prayers: (1) of thanksgiving for Bible proofs of the progress of the Kingdom through faithful witnessing by individual Christians; (2) of intercession for similar fidelity

Hymn—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Talk—Startling Situations in Europe (Help for this talk will be found in articles on pages 22, 24.)

Rendering of Leaflet—For My Part I Will Not Go to War (Order leaflet for 2 cents from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

Season of Prayer for better international relations in Europe

Talk—Baptist Progress in Europe (Help for this talk will be found in articles on pages 8-11, 22.)

Sentence Prayer: (1) for S.B.C. missionaries in Europe; (2) for all Baptist nationals, especially those who are "persecuted for righteousness' sake"

Hymn for Year—"Fling Out the Banner" (See inside of front cover page of *W.M.U. Year Book* for music with words.)

April Announcements—(See page 27.)

Talk—First "Chief Aim" of W.M.U. (See *W.M.U. Year Book*, pages 16, 29, 99. Other ideas concerning prayer will be found in this magazine, pages 11, 24, 28.)

Rendering of Leaflet—Thoughts on Prayer (Order leaflet for 3 cents from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

Silent Meditation on power and privilege of power

Business Session—Reports and Plans for Participation in: (1) Mission Study; (2) Personal Service; (3) Enlistment; (4) Stewardship of Tithes and Offerings; (5) W.M.U. Young People's Work

Watchword for Year (in Unison)—"In the name of our God we will set up our banners." (Psalm 20: 5)

Prayer by Program Chairman

MILLY

Lou Wilkins, Home Board Missionary to Negroes, Fort Worth, Texas

IN 1929 while selling Bibles in North Fort Worth, I spied Milly, one of the prettiest mulattoes that you ever set eyes upon. She was graceful, clever, intelligent, stylishly and elegantly dressed. But underneath it all, I discovered a broken heart. I yearned for her soul, and went out after her, and soon through sympathy, I found the key to her heart, and she told me all. She had married a man who had proved false. Her ideal fell, and she began the downward road. In the midst of her degradation and heart anguish (*for sin never satisfies*) she longed for a friend to lead her out to a better way. The loving

Father, who loved Milly, let me be his opportunity to give her one more chance. He began pleading (*using me*) for her soul. So week by week, I sought out, talked, and prayed with Milly, and wondered that she could longer withstand the pleadings of my Lord. One afternoon, I felt disgusted, yet I resolved not to give up; I began reading the last chapter of Proverbs, the model for women; and I said,

"Milly, would you love to be this verse, and this verse?" and on I went being led of the Spirit. "It is possible for you to be just as good as you have been bad; because where sin abounds, grace much more abounds. You have been long enough in the sin-current, have you not? Will you step out and wade into the billows of God's fathomless love? Come, give me your hand?"

She screamed and fell in a heap by the side of my chair, sobbing, "Yes, Jesus, if you will cleanse my heart, mind, body—cast out all—the seven devils, like you did out of Mary, I'll serve you a thousand times better than I have ever served the devil."

Next afternoon found me again to see Milly, because I knew Satan's arts to get her back again. She smilingly greeted me, in a plain white dress. I encouraged her to be true to her convictions, and burn all bridges, and step out into the sunlight of God's love and grace. Then I began to teach Milly how to win souls—what joy! She was such an earnest pupil.

Sunday found Milly in Sunday school. After the lesson was over I looked and there beside the pastor of St. James' Church stood Milly, tears streaming down her face, and the folks breathless, as she confessed her sin, not shielding herself, but lifting up Jesus, and pleading for womanhood the world over. She was given a class, and soon had it running over with girls; for they were infatuated with her Christ. She went throughout the city seeking those who had gone astray.

Every Saturday we held service in a Rescue Home on Peter Smith Street. Could you have heard her pleadings, you would wonder at the power of the blood to deliver a soul from darkness, and to be translated into the Kingdom of his dear Son. She tithed; she stretched herself out; she "pressed forward toward the mark of the high calling of Christ Jesus." She learned the secret of happiness—"service to Jesus."

NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY

(Continued from page 13)

street car line and no bus line connecting the Seminary with the city, there was imperative need for the beautiful new Dodge car which Mrs. M. J. Brockway, of Oklahoma City, and the good women of the National Baptist Convention have so graciously given the Seminary. As these good women continue to make the calls for the deferred payments on this car, therefore, let every one understand that in furnishing the Seminary this splendid means of transportation, you are saving the Seminary, in one way and another, more than \$200 a year, to say nothing of days and days and days of time in getting to town and back.

SOME SMALL BUT EQUALLY REAL NEEDS

In addition to the six great needs, just enumerated, there are several minor needs about the Seminary which are very urgent.

1. We have a splendid reception room at the Seminary which greatly needs some tasteful draperies and furnishings. Some \$10 to \$15 spent here would greatly help.

2. The library room is large and well located, but greatly needs more shelving and at least three small study tables and chairs, to make it serviceable. Let us figure with you in taking care of this need.

3. The dining-room in the basement is greatly in need of some draperies for the windows, also several tablecloths, some dishes and cooking utensils. A little money would greatly relieve this situation.

4. The campus lawn is naturally well laid out, but is in great need of some suitable shrubbery, additional shade trees, blue grass sown, some flowers, and so forth.

5. The driveway leading from the pike up to the building, if it can not be laid in concrete, should at least be well graded, graveled and properly drained.

6. The whole campus greatly needs the fostering care, oversight and constructive plans of a Seminary Garden Club. It is beautifully situated for splendid development. We wonder if the good women of the National Baptist Convention in Nashville will not organize such a club and let it begin its work as soon as spring arrives?

BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

J. T. HENDERSON

LAYMAN'S DAY

In our notes for last month we called attention to "Layman's Day," which is to be observed on April 14. As the Brotherhood does not have salaried workers in the several states, it is suggested that the arrangements for the observance of this day be entrusted to either the Executive or Promotion Committee in each association. However, where there is an *Associational Brotherhood*, this organization is the proper agency to promote this movement.

It is highly proper to confer with each pastor, as the first step, and learn whether he and his church wish to cooperate in this effort. The Committee would also select

and assign speakers that are agreeable to the pastors, furnish the speakers literature, and make the engagements. If there should be any lack of capable speakers, the same layman might serve two churches, one at 11 A.M. and the other at the evening hour.

The Brotherhood Committee recommends that tithing as well as Missions be stressed in this service, and the Headquarters will be glad to furnish suitable literature on application. It is hoped that the Committee Chairman in each association will learn how many churches will observe the day and let all literature for speakers be sent to him for distribution.

It is hoped that both pastors and laymen will give their hearty co-operation in promoting Layman's Day.

NEWS NOTES

Charlotte, North Carolina—

By a readjustment of schedule, the General Secretary was able to accept the invitation of the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, to speak at their monthly meeting, which was held on Friday evening, January 18. The occasion was rendered the more attractive by a delightful supper and by a special Program of inspiring music. The devotional feature was also properly observed.

This Brotherhood is composed of a large number of representative men; perhaps as many as one hundred twenty-five were present at this session and gave the speaker a sympathetic hearing as he talked on "Men and the Kingdom."

Dr. Luther Little has been pastor of this great church of nearly four thousand members for many years, grows in prestige and influence as the seasons come and go, and is strongly re-enforced by a large number of choice men.

A group of representative men from the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church of Hickory drove down, a distance of fifty miles, to attend this meeting. One of the largest orders for *Brotherhood Quarterlylies*, received this year, came from this Brotherhood in Hickory.

The Secretary carried twenty *Annals of Programs* and four copies of "The Office of Deacon" to Charlotte; these were all promptly taken by members of the Brotherhood.

Shreveport, Louisiana—

"The Spiritual Life Bible Conference," conducted in the First Baptist Church of Shreveport Louisiana, January 20 to 27, under the direction of Dr. M. E. Dodd, was a very significant occasion and is to be continued as an annual event.

In the first place, its attendance was representative, including men and women, pastors and deacons, Caucasians and Negroes, people from country and village, town and city, and included a few Baptists from Texas.

In the second place, there was real class study for men and women, there were lectures on Ephesians, on some of the Prophets, and on select Bible themes, together with thrilling sermons.

In the third place, some of the lead-

ing talent of the denomination made up the list of speakers. Dr. John R. Sampey, Louisville; Dr. Warren L. Steeves, Waterloo, Iowa; Dr. E. F. Haight, New Orleans; Dr. G. W. Truett, Dallas; Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis; Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Kansas City; and Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor and president of the Southern Baptist Convention. John S. Ramond, associate of Pastor Dodd, was a valuable factor in the success of the conference; he made a large contribution in directing the fine service of song.

This writer was assigned a class of pastors and deacons in the study of "The Office of Deacon," and one address.

As announced beforehand, the program proved to be "practical, inspirational and spiritual." It was highly educational and at times the spiritual tides ran high. Dr. Dodd's closing address each evening, illustrated by Missionary Moving Pictures, was a fitting climax to the varied and attractive program that had gone before.

The design of the conference, as announced in advance, was "to provide food and drink for those who crave to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; to strengthen faith, brighten hope, increase knowledge, enlarge vision, intensify purpose, quicken spirituality and multiply joy." This purpose was fully realized.

Nothing enlisted our admiration more than to note the absorbing interest of the dozen or more Negro preachers who attended with striking regularity and gave most earnest heed to every speaker.

Associational Brotherhood—

In harmony with the action of the Knox County Association, Tennessee, authorizing the organization of an Associational Brotherhood, the Committee on Constitution and Nomination of Officers, called a meeting of Baptist men at Broadway Baptist Church for Sunday, January 27, 2 P.M.

In the face of the fact that the weather was cold and the roads icy, one hundred twenty-six men, representing seventeen churches, were present; among these were fourteen preachers and thirty-nine deacons.

The Constitution presented by the committee was slightly amended and adopted by a hearty vote.

The committee nominated T. H.

Haynes for president, W. L. Warters for vice-president and H. H. Cox for secretary and treasurer; these nominations were approved by unanimous vote. The men recommended for the four important committees were duly elected.

The Brotherhood, in co-operation with the Promotion Committee of the Association, of which Rev. T. C. Wyatt is Chairman, hopes to perform a valuable service of enlistment. One of its objectives is to induce every church to adopt a worthy budget, to cover it with solvent pledges, to be paid as the Scriptures teach, "on the first day of the week. This Brotherhood enters upon its mission under most favorable auspices.

Following the business session, the General Secretary in a talk of thirty minutes presented some other lines of useful service in which the Brotherhood may engage.

Mississippi

To attend the Men's Conference, which was scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, in the First Baptist Church of Jackson, was the primary object of this visit to Mississippi. Attractive invitations, however, came for the Sunday and Monday immediately preceding.

Sunday morning, February 3, was spent with the Calvary Baptist Church of Jackson, of which Dr. H. M. King is the popular pastor. He is now in his twenty-fourth year and there seems to be no disposition on the part of either pastor or people to dissolve this union. Doctor King had been disabled, because of a stubborn case of influenza, for a month; he attended the morning worship but sat quietly in the audience.

Deacon A. D. Godbold, brother of Doctor Edgar, of Missouri, presided in a very acceptable manner.

In addition to speaking at 11 A.M. to a fine congregation on The Baptist Situation and Outlook, we attended the Men's Bible Class, heard an able discussion by the teacher, and followed him with some remarks on the life of Peter.

This church has a membership of 1,750, had 905 in Sunday school February 3, and has erected one of the most attractive buildings in the country.

Crystal Springs—

In the afternoon we ran down to Crystal Springs and received a

hearty welcome on our arrival at the railway station from Pastor Talkington and Rev. A. F. Crittendon, enlistment secretary for Mississippi.

The town has a population of only 2,500 and yet the Baptist Church claims a membership of 858. Most of these members consider it entirely orthodox to attend the evening worship. We had a fine Sunday night audience and they were responsive to a discussion of "Some Things God Expects of Christian Men."

The pastor is fortunate in having the loyal support of a choice company of deacons. It is therefore no wonder that he finds himself more happy in his work at the end of his seven years' pastorate than he was at the beginning.

Brookhaven—

On February 4, we spoke to an unusual Monday evening audience in the Baptist church of Brookhaven. Rev. A. F. Crittendon, who had been the successful pastor for six years, had resigned only a few days before to accept a position with the State Board.

This church has a membership of 1,276 and although Sunday, February 3, was an unusually cold day for this climate, there were 600 in Sunday school.

For two years this church has led the state in its gifts to the Co-operative Program and also has the distinction of holding first place in the number of members that have joined the Hundred Thousand Club.

In these three churches we found the leading men deeply interested in the work of the Baptist Brotherhood.

Men's Conference—

This conference met in the magnificent building of the First Baptist Church of Jackson and held both a morning and an afternoon session.

While the promoters had little time for publicity, the *Baptist Record* speaks as follows of the attendance: "The Men's Conference in Jackson, Tuesday, brought representatives from George County on the southeast to Tunica County on the northwest, and from Walthall County in the South to Tippah County in the north. While there was plenty of

room for more, the attendance was well distributed and representative."

Space forbids a reference to each speaker and feature of the program. The topics were practical, the discussion of a high order, and virtually all the speakers were laymen. The General Secretary was the only speaker from outside the state. The fine singing of gospel hymns added to the spiritual tone of the conference.

With Secretaries Gunter and Crittendon, also the *Baptist Record* cooperating most heartily with a committee of live laymen, a great company of Mississippi Baptist men should be gathered for a similar meeting next year.

Secretary Gunter in particular and Mississippi Baptists in general are

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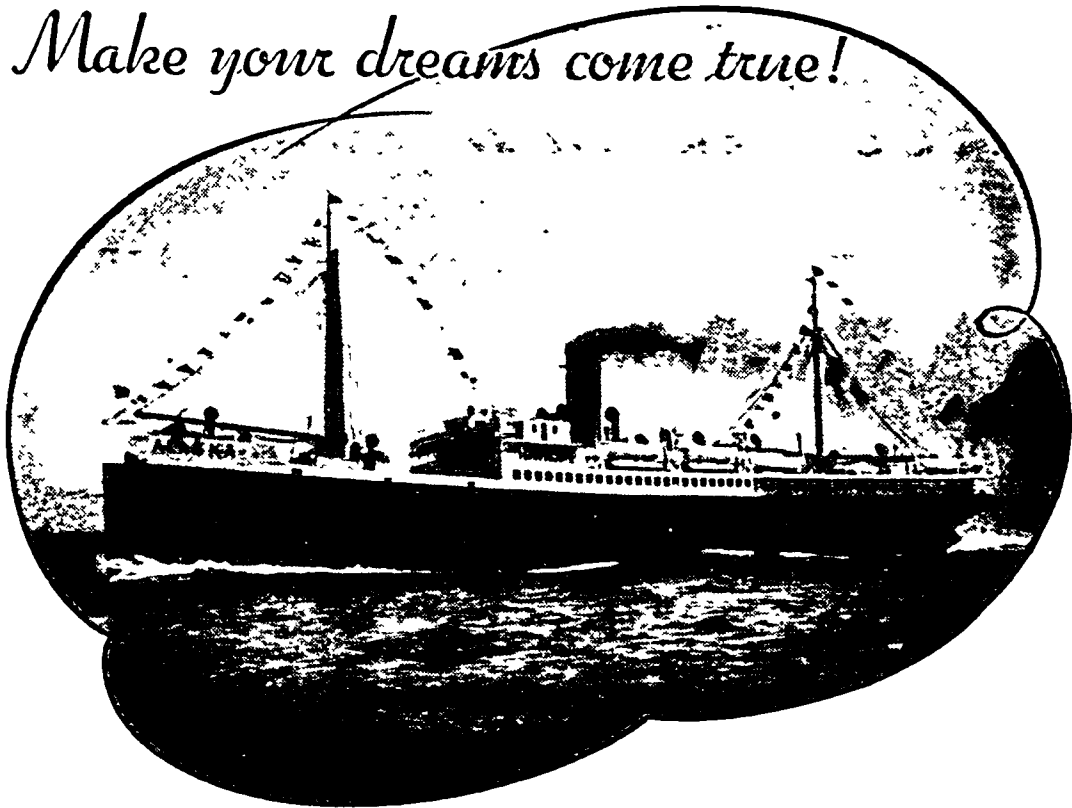
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Brotherhoods

The Brotherhood office has notice daily of the organization of new Brotherhoods. On the evening of February 8, we drove out to Powells, a small town twelve miles distant, to participate with Pastor Hodges and some elect men in the organization of a Brotherhood.

The Brotherhood of the Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, which was organized about a month ago, held its first meeting February 15, with an attendance of eighty, and with Dr. C. L. Bowden as speaker. This Brotherhood bought 75 copies of the *Annual* of Monthly programs. This church has a membership of 1650; we regret that it was our mistake in reporting 1400 in our last notes.

The *Annual* of monthly and the *Quarterly* of weekly Programs are proving an untold benefit in creating and maintaining interest in Brotherhood meetings.

Elizabethton, Tennessee—

This thrifty industrial city of ten thousand people has two enterprising Baptist churches and two missions.

Dr. C. L. Bowden, pastor of the First Church, has been conducting a very successful revival with the Broadway Baptist Church of Knoxville during the past two weeks and requested the General Secretary to speak for his people at the morning hour on February 10.

The attendance was large and the spirit of the people responsive. This church has 1,100 members, a great building, and rallies to the aggressive policies of Pastor Bowden. In the afternoon we met the deacons and trustees, and steps were taken to launch a Brotherhood.

The Second Church has just finished a commodious building; we were informed that it likewise has a worthy program and is making good progress under the ministry of Pastor E. A. Cox.

Virginia General Association—

We counted it a rare privilege to run up to Bristol and attend even two sessions of this distinguished body of

Baptists. While it met in an extreme corner of the state, nearly six hundred messengers were registered. The report and discussion of the work in Virginia under the auspices of the Board of Missions and Education, made a fine showing for Secretary Waite and his associates.

Following a fervent devotional period, a few matters of business, and a talk at the evening session on "Men and the Church," Dr. Geo. W. Truett

delivered a thrilling address to a packed house on "Baptists and World Conditions." This deliverance was also heard by a multitude of people over the radio.

It was a matter of satisfaction to some of us to see B. F. Moomaw, a capable layman of Roanoke, in the chair. The laymen of the state should appreciate such recognition and rally with more loyalty to the denominational program.

OUR EXCHANGES

IDEALS of New China—"I assure you that the leaders of the Central Government today are in earnest to help the people. We realize that we cannot live forever. We cannot take beyond the grave riches we may gather here, even if we live to be a hundred. But the country should last forever, so it is necessary to build a sound foundation. I am deeply impressed by the story of the house that was built on the sand and that which was built on the rock. The leaders of today are eager to build on sane spiritual and economic lines. Is it economy that is most useful? We have often seen how nations have thrived, but have decayed in the day of prosperity. If we seek only material welfare, the nation cannot last. Things of the spirit last."—Madam Chiang Kai Shek, Christian Wife of the Christian President of China, in *The Missionary Herald*.

NEW Invention Gives Bible to Blind—After years of research, the American Foundation for the Blind has perfected a new invention to aid the sightless. It is called the "Talking Book"—a combination of electric phonograph and radio. It is the most striking invention in behalf of the sightless since the introduction of Braille, one hundred years ago. Three-fourths of the blind lost their sight too late in life to master the Braille method. Arrangements have been completed with the Library of Congress to begin immediately to establish "Talking Book" libraries throughout the United States. The records will be loaned without charge to the blind. The Foundation is launching a movement to raise a fund

of \$150,000 to place 5,000 talking machines in the hands of blind people. Machines may be bought outright from the Foundation, at cost of manufacture, by the blind individuals, or by those who will give them to the blind.

The New York Bible Society has assumed the responsibility for recording selected portions of the Bible into "Talking Books." The Psalms and the four Gospels have already been completed and are now available through the Library of Congress to any blind person. Dr. Millard Robinson, general secretary of the Society, personally recorded the Psalms and the Gospels. Through a recent act of Congress, postage is free on these books and other Talking Books to and from the library to the readers. They may also be purchased direct by the blind for their own permanent use and by churches for the use of the blind. Churches are forming Christmas committees for the purchase of these parts of the Bible and also the talking machines. Several churches are planning to set aside a small room where such a Talking Book machine will be available for the blind of the community. A \$50.00 contribution will get twelve records and a reading machine. In the \$50.00 unit there can be several Psalms and the four Gospels. At present, there are twenty-six Bible disc records for the blind.

Full information may be had from the New York Bible Society, 5 East 48th Street, New York, or the Protestant Episcopal Committee on Literature for the Blind, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York, or direct from the American Foundation for the Blind. —*Federal Council Bulletin*.

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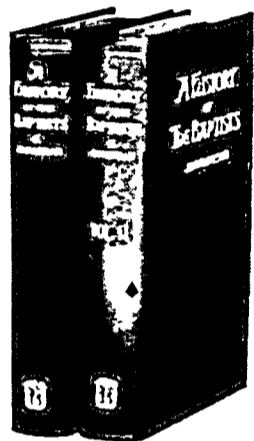
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