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Editorial

"THEY PRESENTED unto HIM GIFTS"

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, President W.M.U.

THE year is almost gone. There are many things that yet need to be done. The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions occupies just now first place in the thought, life and activity of Woman's Missionary Union. Its theme verse emphasizes the ever-loved story of the wise men who traveled far, seeking the infant Jesus. Having inquired in Jerusalem where He might be found they said: "We have seen His star and are come to worship Him". This announcement caused no little excitement in the court of King Herod but they were finally directed to Bethlehem of Judea. When they came in pomp and splendor to the little village its wondering residents doubtless followed in eager interest as they sought out the house where was found the young child with Mary, His mother. The sacred record reveals that they did worship Him and that "they opened their treasures and presented unto Him gifts". The expression of their adoration would not have been complete without this gift of their treasured possessions. You and I would be like these wise men of old: we too would bring rich gifts, the best that we have as an expression of our love. How shall we obey this holy impulse? Seek diligently and patiently and persistently as did the wise men of old!

First, we shall bring our best gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We may think that so many doors are closed, that so much work is disrupted that there is no good reason for giving largely. The great hearted secretary of the Foreign Mission Board has called attention through articles in the denominational papers and *The Commission* to the many pressing opportunities that call for greatly enlarged forces. Bring to the Christ of Christmas your best: open your treasures, however great or small, and present unto Him gifts that are a worthy expression of your love. The dire needs of the peoples of the world, the sure knowledge that the Prince of Peace is the only hope of the world will move us each one to give as we pray and to so present these needs to others that they too will be led to open their treasures and present unto Him gifts.

It was in Baltimore in the last annual meeting that W.M.U. members joined heartily in expression of purpose to pay one million of the approximately three million dollar debt on southern Baptist mission boards and other southwide agencies by 1945. It was deemed expedient to make during 1940 a great forward movement toward this goal. It was planned that the total payments of W.M.U. members would be twice that of 1939. This means that each organization is expected to secure in 1940 either from individuals or groups double the amount paid in 1939. W.M.U. is accustomed to keep its pledges. The closing weeks of this year offer opportunity to secure memberships in the Hundred Thousand Club or to secure pledges for debt payment according to the plan followed in your state. These debts represent in large measure investments on which good returns are being realized. Their payment is equivalent to releasing the capital for further profitable investment. Secure pledges and payments and it may be truly said of W.M.U. members: "They presented unto Him gifts".

Gifts of self and service are our richest treasures and are valued above all gifts. These closing weeks of the year offer opportunity for checking ideals and purposes against actual accomplishment in enlistment. May it be said of each organization when the year's record is complete: "They opened their treasures and presented unto Him gifts!"

Preparing for Prayer Week

W. M. U.

Program
for

Week of Prayer

December 2-6

NOTE: The pages herewith used for the outline program of the first four days of the Week of Prayer are perforated, so that they may be easily detached for use in preparation for the week. All page references refer to W.M.U. Folder of Week of Prayer, two copies of which were issued for each W.M.U. See also pages 1, 8-14, 36 of this magazine.

Program for MONDAY—December 2, 1940

SUBJECT—*Tidings of Peace through Healing—A Study of and Prayer for the Hospitals and Other Means of Healing on Foreign Fields*

—LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

HYMN: "We Praise Thee, Oh God"

TALK by PRESIDENT: Explanation of Week's Plans, Theme, Goal etc. (Pages 1-6)

APPEAL of FOREIGN MISSION BOARD (Page 28)

DEVOTIONAL: Peace, the Message of the Prophets of Old (Page 9)

TALK: Healing in Nigeria (Page 10)

—TALK: Healing in China (Page 11)

SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. Medical Work in China and Nigeria

HYMN: "The Great Physician Now Is Near"

STORIES: "Holding Forth the Word of Life" (Use three interesting stories from September issue of *The Commission*, price 50¢ a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.)

STORIES of a MISSIONARY HEROINE (Cull three from chapter I of biography, *Lottie Moon*, priced 60¢ in cloth, 40¢ in paper from State Baptist Bookstore.)

ADDED REASONS for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Have several members to participate. Pages 11-12)

—INGATHERING

PRAYER for the OFFERING

—PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Program

Program for TUESDAY—December 3

SUBJECT—Tidings of Peace through Preaching—*A Study of and Prayer for Evangelism as Promoted on S.B.C. Foreign Fields*

HYMN: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

PRAYER by PASTOR

DEVOTIONAL: Peace, the Message of the Angels (Page 13)

TALK by PASTOR: Why send preachers to foreign fields?

HYMN: "Send the Light"

TALK: "By All Means Save Some" (Pages 14-16)

TALK: My Hope for Grace Church (Page 16)

SEASON of PRAYER for Preachers and Churches on S.B.C. Foreign Fields

HYMN: "Throw Out the Life-Line"

TALK: Baptist Work in Wusih (Page 16)

TALK: Manchuria Pleads for Prayer (Page 17)

SEASON of PRAYER for All Such Problems and Opportunities

TALK: Evangelism in the State of Rio, Brazil (Page 17)

STORIES: "Holding Forth the Word of Life" (Use three interesting stories from October issue of *The Commission*, price 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.)

STORIES of a MISSIONARY HEROINE (Cull three from chapter 2 of biography, *Lottie Moon*, price 60c in cloth, 40c in paper from State Baptist Bookstore.)

PRAYER for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

INGATHERING

LORD'S PRAYER (in Union)

—ANNOUNCEMENTS



Program for WEDNESDAY—December 4

SUBJECT—Tidings of Peace through Teaching—*A Study of and Prayer for S.B.C. Educational Program on Foreign Fields*

HYMN: "Lord, Speak to Me"

—PRAYER

DEVOTIONAL: Peace, the Message of Christ to His Disciples (Page 19)

STORIES: "Holding Forth the Word of Life" (Use three interesting stories from November issue of *The Commission*, price 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.)

TALKS: "Teaching Them to Observe All Things" (Have several members to participate Pages 20-21)

SEASON of PRAYER for Educational Work in Foreign Fields

STORIES of a MISSIONARY HEROINE (Cull three stories from chapter 111 of biography, *Lottie Moon*, price 60c in cloth, 40c in paper from State Baptist Bookstore.)

TALK: In My Work as a Teacher (Pages 21-22)

ADDED REASONS for Giving to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Use more than one person to give this information, pages 22-24.)

SEASON of PRAYER for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

INGATHERING of OFFERING

HYMN: "Jesus Saves"

—ANNOUNCEMENTS

—PRAYER



Program for THURSDAY—December 5

SUBJECT—Tidings of Peace through Publication—*A Study of and Prayer for S.B.C. Publication Work on Foreign Fields*

HYMN: "O Zion, Hasten"

—LORD'S PRAYER (in Union)

DEVOTIONAL: "Peace, Our Message to the World" (Page 25)

TALKS: Lighthouses of Peace (Have several members participate. Pages 26-27)

STORIES: "Holding Forth the Word of Life" (Use three interesting stories from December issue of *The Commission*, price 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.)

HYMN: "Joy to the World"

TALK: God's Word in Argentina (Page 27)

TALK: Mexico Pleads for Prayer (Page 28)

SEASON of PRAYER for Such Situations and for Publication Work on All S.B.C. Foreign Fields

HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation"

STORIES of a MISSIONARY HEROINE (Cull six stories from chapters IV and V of biography, *Lottie Moon*, price 60c in cloth, 40c in paper from State Baptist Bookstore.)

PRAYER for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Day of Prayer Program

HYMN: "Jesus Saves"



Program for FRIDAY—December 6

THE program for Friday, December 6, is on pages 29-38 of the week's W.M.S. folder. Each W.M.S. is entitled to two free copies of the folder. If your W.M.S. has not received its two copies of folder, please write promptly to your state W.M.U. headquarters, address on page 2 of this magazine.

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LOTTIE MOON MEMORIAL MARKER

THE long-cherished hope of honoring the memory of Miss Lottie Moon with an appropriate memorial was realized by Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia October 7, 1940, in the First Baptist Church, Cartersville. Both location and date for this memorial service were fittingly chosen. Here Miss Moon definitely dedicated her life to service in China when her listening heart heard God's call through the pastor, Dr. R. B. Headen, a call which she said "was as clear as the crystal tones of a bell". It was on October 7, 1873, in Shanghai that she—"The Foreign Lady with the big Love-Heart"—began her forty years of love-led and love-glorified life. The initial step in this memorial movement originated in Maple Street Baptist Church, Rome, Georgia, during 1939 Foreign Mission Week of Prayer, directed by Mrs. E. M. Bailey. Cooperating committees from mission societies of Rome and Cartersville planned for the erection of a memorial marker of Georgia granite on Cartersville church grounds, the bronze tablet bearing the inscription: "Erected by Georgia Baptist Women's Missionary Union to the memory of Lottie Moon who went from the First Baptist Church of Cartersville in 1873, serving as missionary to China until her death in 1912. 'In losing her life did she find it eternally in thousands of lives of Chinese brought to the Savior'". The stone was unveiled by Mrs. Robt. Kennard and Mrs. Sam Price, daughters of Dr. R. B. Headen. Preceding the unveiling ceremony there was held in the church an impressive program commemorating the life and missionary service of Miss Moon, Mrs. Frank Burney, president of Georgia W.M.U., presiding. Among those taking part on the program were Mrs. Anna S.

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From Our Missionaries

"LOTTIE MOON" STUDIED in BRAZIL

THE book—Lottie Moon—came off our Portuguese press here in Rio de Janeiro, October, 1939. One of the plans recommended for the observance of the 1940 Day of Prayer around the World was that classes be organized to study about the life of this S.B.C. missionary who was instrumental in bringing about the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

We know of several individuals, including pastors, who read the book but thus far we have heard of only two organized classes that studied it during the Week of Prayer. One of them was promoted by the Recife W.M.U. and the other was composed of young women who enrolled in the W.M.U. Field Workers' Institute here in Rio de Ja-

neiro. Arith Drummond, the W.M.U. office secretary, made a very capable and efficient teacher; it was a mountain-top experience for the girls; and we know that missions has a richer and fuller meaning for them since studying about one who was not afraid to sow the Word of God beside many waters. The study was concluded at 10 A.M. on the Day of Prayer at which time the picture as shown herewith was taken. Talks about Miss Lottie Moon's sacrificial life and burning love for the lost stirred the hearts of many audiences during the summer holidays and all wish to extend thanks to Woman's Missionary Union for making possible the publication of this valuable book.—Miss Minnie Landrum, Brazil

Young Brazilian Baptist women who studied last December the Portuguese edition of the biography, Lottie Moon



For ITALIAN WORK

Pray—

1. *For Italy at War*—Our young men have been called to the colors. Many of them are now (August) serving "somewhere at the front". As evangelicals it will not be easy for them to stand for their faith, perhaps against great odds. Our women and girls have also been called to the colors, but their

part is to "stand and wait". It is difficult to imagine the great hardship and suffering of these women as they will try to fill the places of their men in field, in commerce and in the home. Their life is hard at best—but harder now. Their days and nights are filled with anxiety and sometimes terror. This past summer, we were allowed by the government to nominate a chaplain—

one of our own Baptist pastors from Rome, who will serve with the forces. We feel sure he will fill a great need among evangelical soldiers—at least those whom he will touch. Pray for him and for our Italian evangelical Christians—soldiers and civilians, men and women—that in these times they may have the courage to face what comes, because of their assurance that God is love, that He is near and that His purposes will be worked out to His glory even through or in spite of war, suffering and hardship. Pray for peace in heart and mind even though war rages among the nations. Pray for the plans we are making for next year to carry on in a bigger way, in spite of conditions.

2. *For self-supporting churches and for the continuation of the awakening already manifest toward the new responsibilities given to Italian Baptists as a result of the reorganization which turned over to them the management of our Italian Mission.* During the past year there has been an increase in giving in spite of rising costs of living, railroad fares and prices in every line. This is a sure evidence of the Spirit's working in the hearts of these people, calling them to assume greater responsibility for Christ's work here. The progress made is gratifying indeed but more of our pastors and people need the courage and conviction that it takes to make the venture of stewardship on faith. We feel definitely that we should have enough self-supporting churches so that, if necessity should arise, the work here could be carried on temporarily without the financial aid of the Foreign Mission Board. This is imperative. We cannot tell what may be the condition of things when you read these lines. The situation changes from day to day and only God knows what tomorrow may bring—or may not bring!

3. *For God's definite guidance in the preparation of adequate literature in all departments; and for pressing material needs in church buildings.* Churches, W.M.U.'s, Sunday schools and B.Y.P.U.'s. all have need of literature. As

last year we asked you to pray for this purpose so, also, we plead again this year. Progress has been made: several books and tracts have been prepared or translated and are ready for distribution. But the cost of printing, of supplies and of paper is so high as to be almost prohibitive. Lack of literature and program materials hinders more than any other one thing our progress in extending the work here. What would you do without program helps, study books, lesson materials and methods manuals? The yearly gift of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering helps greatly in filling this need to a certain extent. Then there is our same plea, year after year, that God will raise up some one or some means whereby we may have help in providing churches for the congregations at Naples and Milan—two of the greatest cities in Italy where our people still meet in hired halls. Perhaps in the near future there will be some fund to help Italian Baptists to meet this great need.

Italy—rich in the heritage of its ancient history, on the threshold of a new era—needs now the riches that come through the grace of God in the hearts of men who crown Him Lord of all.—Mrs. W. Dewey Moore, Rome, Italy

At KAIFENG

THE Woman's Missionary Union Training School of the China Baptist Theological Seminary at Kaifeng was established in answer to the prayers of many Baptist women who through a period of more than ten years have realized that one of the greatest needs of our work in China is God-called, Spirit-filled, well-trained Chinese workers. Through the years much prayer has ascended to our Father's throne about this matter, and in each section of China worthy efforts have been put forth to meet the need. In 1936 at the organizational meeting of the China Baptist W.M.U. there was earnest discussion of the need and possibility of Baptist women in China uniting their efforts in establishing a well-

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For an ABUNDANT OFFERING

IN PLANNING for the Weeks of Prayer we first enlist the help of our leaders. An editorial in the *Baptist Standard* and an article from the state general secretary, stressing the work accomplished through the gifts, help a great deal by showing that the leaders of the denomination believe in these seasons of prayer and their offerings to missions.

Our pastors are urged to preach a missionary sermon and give emphasis to the announcements. The prayer-meeting hour is used for the program of one of the W.M.U. young people's organizations.

Envelopes with a note explaining the purpose of the season of prayer and the great need for all to have a part are sent out early to the women of the church who do not work in the Missionary Society, urging them to attend and have a worthy part in the offering—giving each the last call of the year to make their church 100 per cent in missionary giving. A personal visit should follow to those unenlisted who do not respond.

Union Association, which has 108 churches with 98 Women's Missionary Societies and 253 W.M.U. young people's organizations, is the oldest and largest association in Texas and gives a tenth of all gifts made by the W.M.U. of Texas. Our plans for a successful season of prayer are begun at least two months ahead of the week set.

In October a letter, with the goals of the state and association, is sent each society urging the great need for prayer and the privilege of each member to have a part in soul-winning through a worthy gift to foreign missions. The society is asked to set a goal for each circle and W.M.U. young people's organizations. In November an associational Mission Institute of two or three days is held, using our missionaries on furlough.

Then another letter is sent to each society urging observance of the full week, giving emphasis to the Day of Prayer on Friday. We ask that the offering be taken each day, the women writing their names and circle on the envelope.

On Friday at the ingathering a check is made to see which circle is 100 per cent in giving and attendance and whether the goal has been reached. Following the Week of Prayer we begin to check the societies to be sure that all observed the season and made a worthy offering and that the offering has been forwarded.

This entails work on the part of the leaders; but by this method we have seen the gifts in our association grow from a small sum by a few societies to over \$7000 this past year from all but one society. That society's offering was sent by mistake of the church treasurer to the general state treasurer not marked for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.—*Mrs. Hans Busch, Houston, Tex.*

From OUR MISSIONARIES (Concluded from Page 11)

equipped, well-staffed China Baptist W.M.U. Training School for high school and college graduates, this to be an institution with a deeply spiritual atmosphere where God-called young women from all parts of China might study to "be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace" (Ps. 144:12). At the meeting of the First Triennial Conference of the China Baptist W.M.U. which met in Shanghai in 1939, the W.M.U. voted unanimously to cooperate with the China Baptist Theological Seminary in the training of young women. The W.M.U. at this Triennial Conference worked out plans for the Training School as a department of the Seminary which opened September, 1939.

Please Pray:

1st. That God may give to those in charge His plan in the further working out of every detail for the Training School. "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it!"

2nd. That many God-called young women, crying "We would see Jesus", may come to the Training School and have that hunger satisfied as they study.

3rd. That those in charge of this important work may walk so close to the Master that truly "in all things He might have the preeminence."

4th. That the greatly needed library and woman's building may be provided.—*Mrs. Lea, Interior China*

Stewardship Suggestions

Southwide Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

"CHRISTMAS for CHRIST"

"It is good sometimes to dream—to think of the things that might be—in visualizing in one's own heart the coming of things that could be."

Because I believe this, I have dared sometimes to dream, to visualize in my own heart the fulfillment of a hope long cherished.

IN the town of Hope, in the Land - of - Dreams - Come-True, we had the most glorious Christmas! Long had we talked about it—about "Christmas for Christ". Long had we said it *ought* to be, but this time we made it true. We not only sang "Let every heart prepare Him room" but we really did make "room" for Him by excluding everything else—all those things, however harmless in themselves, which had hitherto crowded Him into a corner. There was no talking about Santa Claus and the things he would bring, for he was not coming—that is, he wasn't coming at Christmas time. By common consent, his visit was to be postponed until Valentine's Day. Instead, we "spoke often one to another" of that first coming of Christ. We talked to our children about the significance of the sacred season—of the unspeakably precious gifts Christ brought to us that first Christmas.

There was no frenzied buying of presents for family and friends, which so often strains nerves and purses to the breaking point. We agreed that we would make our gifts to each other as each one's birthday came along—leaving Christ's birthday celebration for Him alone. All the presents at Christmas were to be for Him. And, what joy the giving of them brought to us! To every needy family in the town we carried food and clothing and personal gifts for the children. We discovered for ourselves the truth in Christ's words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Yes, we had some feasts, but not the selfish kind we had been having. We dared to try out the suggestion (or is it a command?) of our Lord when He said: "When thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind; for they cannot recompense thee. And thou shalt be blessed". To our great surprise we found it true and we were joyously conscious of His presence.

The crowning event of the sacred season was our "Christmas Service". In other years we had had some beautiful ones but never one like this. The church, in its white and green decorations, was never lovelier. Never did the Christmas hymns seem so sacred and meaningful. When the choir sang:

"Oh come, all ye faithful!
Oh come, let us adore Him!
Oh come, let us adore Him—
Christ, the Lord!"

our hearts were ready—our hearts and our gifts (they always go together). This time we "opened our treasures" and brought real gifts to Him—many of them costly gifts in that they represented real sacrifice. These gifts were to help in sending the "good tidings of great joy" to all the world.

But there were other gifts more precious than money. For many previous days we had been visiting the unconverted, reminding them of God's great "Love-gift" and urging them to attend our "Christmas Service" and give themselves to God. Many of them did so. At the service fathers and mothers and children (we sat in family groups that night) knelt together, reconsecrating themselves to the service of the Savior-King.

Never, never had we had such a happy glorious Christmas! Try it and prove it for yourself.—*Mrs. Carter Wright*



(For regular monthly B.W.C. program see page 15.)

The following program is based on material in the W.M.S. Folder for the Week of Prayer: all of its page references are to that folder. If your circle has not received a copy of the folder, please immediately request one from your state W.M.U. headquarters (address on page 2).

B.W.C. PROGRAM for WEEK of PRAYER, Dec. 2-6

Devotional (Select data from devotionals in W.M.S. Folder, pages 9, 13, 19, 25, 30. See also pages 1, 4-13, 36 of this magazine.)

Appeal of Foreign Mission Board (Page 28)

Healing in Nigeria and China (Pages 10, 11)

Prayer for S.B.C. Medical Work in Nigeria and China

Evangelism in the State of Rio, Brazil (Page 17)

Hymn: "Send the Light"

In My Work as a Teacher (Page 21)

Lighthouses of Peace (Pages 26-27)

Prayer for Publishers, Teachers and Evangelists on S.B.C. Foreign Fields

Hymn: "Jesus Saves"

Reasons for Giving to Lottie Moon Christmas Offer (Glean data from pages 7, 11, 22-24.)

Ingathering of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Hymn: "We Praise Thee, O God"



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Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Miss Waudine Storey, Mississippi
Student in Missionary Education Course II (1940-41)

W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

(For Prayer Program see page 14.)

Announcement Poster: In the center of white poster board paste or sketch an outline map of China and Japan. Above the map draw a cross with rays extending from it, through the clouds, toward the two countries. At top of poster print, "War — Faith — Love"; at bottom print, "Hear discussions at B.W.C. Place..... Date..... Time.....".

Invitations: Postals with Christmas seals on them might be used for individual invitations, which could be written in jingle as follows:

Come, come, come—to the church next Friday night.

The B.W.C.'s are meeting and your presence will bring delight.

We'll have a Chinese supper, followed by a program rare;

So call me up by Wednesday and say you'll be right there.

Signed.....

Plate..... Date..... Time.....

General Suggestions: Since December means Christmas with love and joy to us, we want to make this a special meeting, helping each to see the need for Christ's love everywhere, especially in Japan and China. It is suggested that this be a supper meeting using a Chinese menu, such as: soup, chow mein, pig ribs, steamed rice, hot tea without cream or sugar, tangerines or some other fruit for dessert.

The room could be attractively decorated with Chinese and Japanese lan-

terns, umbrellas and curios. Small Japanese umbrellas stuck in gum drops and placed at each plate would make attractive favors.

The program material (pages 21-30) is quite interesting but perhaps can be most effectively presented if only two members give it. For that reason the following program outline is suggested:

PROGRAM

Hymn —Prayer

Introduction: By circle chairman using topic, "Christmas and the East" (Page 21)

Discussion: "China", by a member giving concisely and interestingly the following material—"Steadfast for Christ in China" (Page 23), "Difficulties in China" (Page 22), "Blessings from Dispersion" (Page 25)

Discussion: "Japan", by another well prepared member using as basic material, "Steadfast for Christ in Japan" (Page 27), "Difficulties in Japan" (Page 26)

Worship Service: By one using "His Star Again in the East" (Page 29) as her topic

Hymn: Joy to the World

Prayer: For China and Japan. Give to each one present the name of a missionary to Japan and of one to China and have a season of silent prayer for these. (For names etc. see *The Commission*, price 50c a year from P. O. Box 1595, Richmond, Va.)

Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Note: The references in italics are furnished by the "Committee on Improved Uniform Lessons of the International Sunday School Lessons". The references in heavy type are in keeping with the month's missionary topic and with the denomination's emphasis on soul-winning in 1940.

TOPIC: Pressing On through Difficulties (Orient)

"Then spoke Jesus".

1st Day—John 8:12-19; Mk. 10:35-40
2nd Day—John 8:20-27; Lk. 10:25-37
3rd Day—John 8:28-36; Lk. 4:22-30
4th Day—John 8:37-47; Gen. 4:3-10
5th Day—John 8:48-59; Acts 3:1-10
6th Day—John 10:1-6; Rom. 13:8-10
7th Day—John 10:7-16; Lev. 19:9-18

"I AM"

8th Day—Ex. 3:13, 14; 1 Cor. 10:23-33
9th Day—Psa. 24:1-10; Lk. 11:1-10
10th Day—John 14:6-20; 1 Tim. 2:1-8
11th Day—John 14:21-31; Lk. 18:1-8
12th Day—Rev. 1:18; 2:26; John 17:9-20
13th Day—Rev. 3:14-22; Matt. 15:21-28
14th Day—John 11:25-27; Lk. 18:10-14

"He was oppressed".

15th Day—Isa. 53:7-12; Psa. 130:1-8
16th Day—Zech. 12:9, 10; 13:6, 7; Lk. 2:1-7
17th Day—Matt. 20:17-19; 26:2; Lk. 2:8-12
18th Day—Mk. 8:31; 9:31, 32; Lk. 2:13, 14
19th Day—Mk. 10:33, 34; Lk. 2:15-20
20th Day—Lk. 9:18-25; 2:25-35
21st Day—Matt. 26:39; 2:1-12

"He is able to succor".

22nd Day—Heb. 2:16-18; 4:14-16; Matt. 1:21-25
23rd Day—Lk. 22:28-30; 12:35-40
24th Day—Matt. 1:18-25; Lk. 12:41-48
25th Day—Matt. 2:1-23; Lk. 16:1-12
26th Day—Matt. 4:1-11; 1 Cor. 4:1-5
27th Day—Lk. 1:1-45; Jas. 1:2-8
28th Day—Lk. 1:46-80; Heb. 11:1-10
29th Day—Lk. 2:1-52; Rev. 2:8-11
30th Day—Heb. 12:5-17; Lk. 13:1-9
31st Day—Heb. 12:18-29; Lk. 13:10-17

"Pray Ye"

Giving thanks that the Christmas angels proclaimed peace

Intercede that "the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall guard the hearts and thoughts" of Christians throughout the world.

Pray that Christians may be successful in teaching that "the Kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" and that "the mind of the Spirit is life and peace".

Intercede that Christians may "be at peace one with another, giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace".

Pray for all Christian missionaries, giving thanks that each of them "publisheth peace".

Pray that the Dec. 2-6 Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions will be faithfully observed and that its \$220,000 goal will be far surpassed so that the feet of countless people may be guided "into the way of peace".

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Calendar of Prayer December, 1940

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

GLORY to God that reigns above,
That pitied us forlorn!
We join to sign our Maker's love—
For there's a Savior born.

—Isaac Watts

1—SUNDAY

Mrs. E. F. Tatum (*Mona Bell*), emerita missionary from China
The upright shall dwell in Thy presence
—Psa. 143:13

2—MONDAY

W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Dec. 2-6
Help us, oh God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name—Psa. 79:9

3—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. Rodriguez (*María Otello*), Arrete, Cuba, evangelistic workers
I know that my Redeemer liveth
—Job 19:25

4—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Patterson (*Pauline Gilliland*), publicational workers, Mexico City, Mexico
I will set My glory among the nations.
—Isa. 42:11

5—THURSDAY

Mrs. Fern Harrington, Pingtu, "Miss Grace Wilson, Linyang, China, evangelistic workers
God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us.—II Cor. 7:6

6—FRIDAY

That the Day of Prayer around the World may bring great glory to the Name of the Lord
Sing forth the honor of His Name, make His praise glorious.—Psa. 66:2

7—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. D. Kelley, Atlanta, Ga., Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Tilday, Raleigh, N. C., educational workers to their own Negro race
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.—Psa. 143:8

8—SUNDAY

That world peace may become the desire of all nations
The desire of all nations shall come.
—Eg. 2:7

9—MONDAY

Miss Helen Lambert, East St. Louis, Ill., evangelistic worker among foreigners, "Miss Teetie Lavender, Kansas City, Mo., evangelistic worker among Italians
Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
—II Pet. 3:18

10—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Cavazos (*Celia G.*), Laredo, Tex., evangelistic workers among Mexicans; also Nelson and Oliver Cavazos, Margaret Fund students
He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.—Psa. 32:10

11—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. I. O. Vetch, evangelistic workers among Jamaicans, Red Bank, Canal Zone
I would seek unto God and unto God would I commit my cause.—Job 5:8

12—THURSDAY

Miss Hannah Plowden, evangelistic-educational worker, Shanghai, "Miss Cleo Morrison, evangelistic-educational worker, Chinkiang, China
Be Thou my strong habitation whereunto I may continually resort.—Psa. 71:3

13—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Mireles, Del Rio, Tex., evangelistic workers among Mexicans; also Lydia Mireles, Margaret Fund student
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.—Philemon 25

14—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Lopez (*Leonilda Perez*), Caibarien, Cuba, evangelistic workers
I have chosen thee, saith the Lord of hosts.
—Eg. 1:23

15—SUNDAY

That a debtless denomination by 1945 may become the purpose of every southern Baptist
The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts.—Eg. 2:8

Calendar of Prayer for December

16—MONDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. H. D. McCamey (*Georgia Cantrell*), xxDr. and *Mrs. J. P. O'Neal (*Mela Lotadile*), medical-evangelistic workers, Ogbomoso, Nigeria
He that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.—Job 36:4

17—TUESDAY

Rev. and *Mrs. C. S. Ward (*Gertrude Craig*), evangelistic workers, Canton, China
It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.—Lam. 3:27

18—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Perry, evangelistic, educational workers to their own Negro race, Langston, Okla.
The Lord God is my strength; and He will make my feet like hinds' feet.—Hab. 3:19

19—THURSDAY

That every member of Woman's Missionary Union shall have part in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies and not to covetousness.—Psa. 119:36

20—FRIDAY

xxMiss Ruby Jackson Howse and xxMiss Edith Eline Wiggins, evangelistic-educational workers, Ogbomoso, Nigeria
The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.—1 Cor. 1:25

21—SATURDAY

Rev. L. Flores, Cedar Creek, Rev. D. Trevizo, Brownwood, Tex., evangelistic workers among Mexicans
The Word of our God shall stand forever.—Isa. 40:8

22—SUNDAY

That Christ may be exalted in Christmas celebrations in Good Will Centers and Mission Sunday Schools. Pray also for Miss Mary Headen, Good Will Center worker, West Frankfort, Ill.
Remember His marvelous works that He hath done, His wonders and the judgments of His mouth.—Psa. 105:5

23—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Culpepper (*Ruth Cockrane*), evangelistic-educational workers, Kaileng, China; also for Charles Lee Culpepper, Margaret Fund student
Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.—II Pet. 1:2

24—TUESDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. M. E. Brantley (*Louise Doyle*), evangelistic workers, Sapele, Nigeria
I will rejoice in the Lord. I will joy in the God of my salvation.—Hab. 3:18

25—WEDNESDAY

That the song of the angels may be given to a heart-hungry people by Christian people
Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace, good-will toward men.—Luke 2:14

26—THURSDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. J. D. Belote (*Martha Bigham*), evangelistic workers, Chikiang, China
I will not be afraid of ten thousands of the people that have set themselves against me round about.—Psa. 3:6

27—FRIDAY

Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, educational worker, Santiago, Chile
Be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless.—II Pet. 3:14

28—SATURDAY

xxRev. and *Mrs. J. A. Lunsford (*Lois Jewel Comday*), evangelistic workers, Ogbomoso, Nigeria
Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.—Rom. 4:8

29—SUNDAY

That many hearts be lifted up in devout worship and earnest prayer around the world
The Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.—Hab. 2:20

30—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Gray (*Marian Foster*), Chefoo, Miss Velma Frances McConnell, Shanghai, China, evangelistic workers
Love not the world.—I John 2:15

31—TUESDAY

Faithful ingathering of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that it may far exceed the goal of \$220,000
O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.—Psa. 104:24

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*Attended Southwestern Training School
xAttended Baptist Bible Institute
xxOn Furlough

Bible Study

Elia Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

LOOKING unto JESUS—Matt. 2:1, 2; Heb. 12:1-3, 11; 13:8, 20, 21

THE Wise Men in the East read a message in the stars, that a new king was born far over in the land of Judah. How astonished they would have been, kneeling with their gifts at the baby's feet, if they had been told what kind of a kingdom was His. Even His mother and Joseph did not know, nor the shepherds, nor old Simeon and Anna in the temple. "A light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel!" The promised Messiah—how could any of them know that His was to be a spiritual Kingdom? But we know. The Gospel of John is an argument for the divinity of Christ; the Epistle to the Hebrews is another. And that thought makes an earthly throne negligible.

I saw last summer a huge new stadium nearing completion at one of our Baptist colleges. Is not the unfailing lure of college games for the public as well as the alumni that, when they were boys, they took part more or less in these same contests? Such is the picture in the opening verses of Heb. 12, a great cloud of lookers-on who themselves have striven in the race and been victors, including all the heroes in chapter 11. And now it is our turn to run, "looking unto Jesus". *Patience* is really *steadfastness*, the thought we have tried to keep before us all this year. And look! Jesus Himself endured the shame of the cross, looking through to the joy set before Him at the right hand of God. He who waits to crown His faithful servants has Himself run this course; and He will give us courage not to "wax weary or grow fainthearted". He (v. 2) is the source of our faith, and He will see us through. No wonder Milton exclaimed:

"See how from far upon the eastern road
The star-led wizards haste with odours sweet!
O run, prevent* them with thy humble ode
And lay it lowly at His blessed feet!"

For Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. We have not seen Him in Bethlehem or on Calvary or in the Upper Room. Yet we know Him. "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed". Even so, Moses "endured as seeing Him who is invisible". The God of Peace, who brought our Savior from the dead, offers us—notice this last verse—a chance to do His will and power to do it perfectly, because He works in us.

The God of Peace, with war all round the world! The Prince of Peace is one of the titles of the Messiah, but He warned His disciples of an impending sword. (And the Christian life is a warfare as well as a race.) But some day there will be peace round the world again, as on that blessed day when the Magi came:

"Nor war nor battle sound
Was heard the world around;
The idle spear and shield were high uphung!"

*i. e., precede

Program Plans

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IN PREPARING this program the committee should confer as far in advance of the society's meeting as possible in order to study carefully and prayerfully all the material given on pages 21-30. A beautiful effect could be achieved by using Christmas decorations such as evergreens and candles and by having all the room, except the front where the speakers stand, darkened throughout the program. A large lighted star placed at the front will add to the effectiveness.

Individual souvenirs may be handed each person as she enters. These may be stars made from gold paper with small Dennison stickers of Japanese and Chinese children in the center. On the back write, "May the Christmas star light our way as we study the orient". It is suggested that the hymns and Scripture given in the program outline be used (page 21).

In presenting the program the chairman may use as her introduction the topic, "Christmas and the East" (page 21). This will be followed by a speaker dressed in a Chinese costume coming from the right of the room and picturing to the audience the conditions that now exist in China, as given in the topic "Difficulties in China" (page 22).

As the "Chinese" finishes her talk, one dressed in a white robe and wearing a placard on which is written "Christmas Spirit" appears at the left and says, "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ". As these leave, two women come in and take their seats at a table. In their informal conversation they bring out the fact that they are "missionaries" in China. They discuss the work of southern Baptists there as given in the topic, "Steadfast for Christ in China" (page 23). At the close of this discussion the "Spirit of Christmas" appears again saying, "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word". This seems to remind the "missionaries" of the good coming out of the distress, and they discuss the topic, "Blessings from Dispersion" (page 25).

After a prayer for the work in China let a person dressed as a Japanese give a talk on "Difficulties in Japan" (page 26). After this the "Christmas Spirit" will appear again saying, "Be ye steadfast". A map of Japan will be helpful as the topic, "Steadfast for Christ in Japan" (page 27), is presented. Let this speaker show how southern Baptists have been steadfast in this mission field through supporting schools, a Good Will Center and evangelism. A picture of a school building may be used to represent education, a picture of a Japanese child to show the work done in the Good Will Center, a Bible to represent the evangelistic work.

The "Christmas Spirit" appears again saying, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life". The leader may use the stories "Faith Triumphant" (page 28).

This brings us to the last part on the program, "His Star Again in the East" (page 29). The "Christmas Spirit" will appear for the last time saying, "When they saw the star they rejoiced". It is suggested that this part be carried out as given on pages 29-30.

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creamer, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Steadfast Purpose in a Changing World

TOPIC for MONTH: Pressing On through Difficulties (Orient)

Hymn for Year—How Firm a Foundation

Watchword for Year—"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord"—1 Cor. 15:58.

Bible Study—Looking unto Jesus—Matt. 2:1, 2; Heb. 12:1-3, 11; 13:8, 20, 21 (Page 19)

Prayer that at this Christmas time we may look to Jesus with renewed love and thankfulness for His coming to the earth for our salvation

Hymn—O Come, All Ye Faithful

Christmas and the East

—Difficulties in China

Steadfast for Christ in China

—Blessings from Dispersion

Prayer for God's blessings on all of our work in China and that the Japanese war on China may cease

Hymn—Joy to the World

—Difficulties in Japan

Steadfast for Christ in Japan

—Prayer for all Christians in Japan

Faith Triumphant

He Loved Enough

He Didn't Give Up

His Star Again in the East

Prayer that we may help to make the Christmas star shine in China and Japan by doing our utmost to send them the Gospel of the Christmas King

CHRISTMAS and the EAST

"We have seen His star in the East".

WITH the coming of the Christmas month our thoughts turn toward the east. It was in an eastern land that our Lord was born. It was on an eastern hillside that shepherds heard angels singing "glad tidings of great joy". It was in an eastern sky that a star appeared, guiding wise men from eastern lands to find the Christ Child. Therefore it is appropriate that this month's program should take us to the orient, leading us to study about China and Japan — those farthest east of all southern Baptist missionary lands.

At the time of the first Christmas both China and Japan were in existence

with a civilization and customs already ancient. When the Christmas star shone in the east there were millions of people in these lands who might have seen its light had they known to look for it and had they had the wisdom to interpret its message. But they were bowing down to idols of wood and stone and living out their miserable, sinful lives, not knowing that even then a star of hope was shining in their eastern sky.

Following the star in the east, the wise men journeyed toward the west to find the new-born King. Thirty-three years afterward, when the earthly ministry of that King was finished, His Gospel took the westward way. Therefore, today the Christmas star shines in a western rather than an eastern sky and our western hearts rejoice in its

light while the large majority of the people of China and Japan still sit in the darkness of heathenism. Yes, there are today many more millions of people in these lands who are miserable and sinful and hopeless than there were when the wise men saw a star shining in the east. And we remember with great sadness that these two lands are at war with each other—that, while we are singing of “peace on earth”, there is no peace in China where the Japanese are (Sept.) daily raining showers of bombs.

However we can rejoice because we are helping the Christmas star to shine in these eastern lands. Over one hundred years ago southern Baptists began sending missionaries to China and fifty years ago to Japan. As a result of the work of these and the missionaries of other denominations, there are a million Christians in China and two hundred thousand in Japan. We are glad to remember that as southern Baptists we could report at our annual meeting last June that we had over two hundred missionaries in China and seventeen in Japan.

So, at this glad Christmas time, when we are thinking of shepherds on an eastern hill hearing angels singing from an eastern sky, of wise men in eastern lands following the leading of an eastern star, of a manger in an eastern stable cradling a babe who was King of the east and west and of the whole universe—let us turn our thoughts to China and Japan, not only to learn their need of the Christmas message but to see how we are helping the people in those eastern lands to find the light of the Christmas star. (Before presenting this program, the leader should study carefully the secular and denominational press for the latest news as to China and Japan.)

DIFFICULTIES in CHINA

Fear and a snare are come upon us, desolation and destruction — (Lam. 3:47).

HERE is much to be discouraged about in China. For over two years Japan has waged her undeclared war on China.

The atrocities committed, the destruction perpetrated, the toll of disease, death and sorrow are appalling. From the writings of our missionaries we glean the following paragraphs which help us to picture in some degree the desperate plight of millions of Chinese.

Miss Margie Shumate compares conditions in China with that in Jerusalem described by Jeremiah in Lamentations 3 and says:

“And so it is with us in this land of China today. The slain lie in the streets, the women and the maids are ravished. The young men in territory occupied by the enemy are taken for forced labor, while other millions pour out their life's blood on the battlefields. The fairest of the children are carried away to give their life's blood for transfusion for wounded enemy soldiers. Hundreds of thousands of refugees plod their weary way over the country carrying their pitiful little bundles and their small children, seeking food and shelter. Many have started out in families of six or eight but have become separated or died along the way until often only one or two are left”.

Miss Mary Alexander, after visiting Canton, described the city as follows:

“I saw Canton, once a populous and prosperous city of a million and a half souls, reduced to a ‘deserted village’ with a population of only a few tens of thousands. I saw Canton's skyline marked by the charred, gaping ruins of the post office building, department stores, theaters, office buildings and banks.

“I saw streets, that were once the busiest business sections of the city, mere ghosts of their former selves. Canton is a dead city, a deserted city, a mere shell from which have been blasted, driven or torn the culture, the life, the hopes, the happiness—the all of the million and more Cantonese people who once called it theirs.

“While in Canton, morning after morning, I saw poor, hopeless, hungry men, women and children come to the Tung Shan Baptist Church for the bowl

of wheat-bean-rice gruel provided once daily by the relief committee. I have seen these starving people lick their bowls clean inside and out lest one drop of the precious gruel be lost. The blank despair, the uncomprehending stare and the expressionless countenances of many of these people are heart-breaking”.

It is said that in Shanghai hundreds of corpses were picked up from the streets every month last year. Miss Lorene Tifford, writing in February this year, said:

“We have just had a very beautiful snow. But the beauty of the snow was overshadowed by the misery that it brought. The present population of Shanghai is more than 4,500,000 and many of this number are very, very poor. They never have enough to eat or enough clothes to wear and when the cold came they could not resist it. During this cold ‘snap’, 2,000 died of cold and exposure because of lack of food and clothing. Of this number 80 per cent were children under ten years of age”.

Mrs. H. M. Harris of Kaifeng gives the following description of conditions in the interior:

“Cities and hamlets in unoccupied areas continue to be bombed by invaders, thus causing much destruction to Baptist property. The lives of our missionaries have been miraculously spared during these perilous times. Traveling on railroads is made exceedingly dangerous by Chinese guerillas who also make raids on city suburbs and depots, causing anxiety and destruction. Bands of desperadoes, taking advantage of the present disturbed condition, swoop down on the poor farmer folk, taking their little”.

Of course all of these direful conditions are shared by our Baptist people and affect our Baptist work. It is estimated that southern Baptists have lost at least half a million dollars in the destruction of property in China. Schools, hospitals, churches and missionary homes have been destroyed. Baptists are among those who have continually

been compelled to run to places of safety during air raids, who have been killed by falling shrapnel, who have seen their homes burned and their crops destroyed. Some of those refugees to whom our hearts go out in deepest sympathy are Baptists.

Surely the condition of the Chinese people is such as to make our hearts ache and to fill us with longing to do something for them. Our hearts also go out with special love to our missionaries who are carrying on the Lord's work under these most difficult circumstances.

STEADFAST for CHRIST in CHINA

Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ—(II Tim. 2:3).

IN the face of all the difficulties of the present situation we wonder how any of our work in China could survive but we are told that it has not only survived but is going on in a greater way than ever before. We are made to marvel and to thank God that the poor suffering Chinese Baptists have been steadfast in this time of their tribulation and that they are abounding in the work of the Lord in spite of all the difficulties that surround them. We rejoice too in the faithfulness of our missionaries who have remained steadfast in their places of service in the face of great danger and distress.

Steadfast in Schools—Most of our Baptist schools in China are going on with their work. Many of the buildings have been destroyed and the schools have had to move to other locations but they are practically all open and crowded with students. Last year approximately 18,000 students were taught in the 223 schools of all grades which southern Baptists help to conduct in China. A special educational achievement of last year was the opening of a Theological Seminary and Training School at Kaifeng. Surely it took much courage to launch this new work in the midst of the terrible conditions created by the war. The property of Shanghai Baptist Uni-

versity which had been in the possession of the Japanese army for two years was returned to the Baptists in July 1939. It is hoped that this is the first step in reestablishing the University on the old location. However, as yet the Japanese have allowed only the ten foreign faculty homes to be opened on the campus. Not even the Chinese faculty can live on the campus. For four years the University has used a part of the building of the Chinese Publication Society.

Steadfast in Hospitals—The war has produced even more than the usual opportunity for medical work. Our hospitals have suffered much from Japanese bombs but the beneficent work of healing in the name of the Great Physician goes on all over China. In our eight hospitals in China last year 56,000 patients were treated, many of them broken and otherwise wounded by the war. When the hospital at Kweilin was destroyed by fire, at which time much medical equipment and supplies were lost, the missionary doctor and nurse did not give up in despair but began treating from a dispensary opened in another building the many sick and wounded around them. The work in the Chengchow Hospital goes on in spite of the fact that hardly a day passes when the hospital staff does not have to run to the trenches two or three times when the air raid alarm signal is given. When there are many raids through the day the surgical operations have to be performed late in the evenings, mostly by kerosene lights, for the electricity furnished by the city is dim and unsatisfactory. There is a wonderful story told of one of our missionary doctors in another hospital who refused to leave a patient on whom he was operating and stayed to finish the operation with perfect calm during an air raid.

Steadfast with the Printed Word—In spite of all the difficulties caused by the war the Baptist Publication Society (located at Shanghai) had in 1939 its most successful year. February 28 was the fortieth anniversary of this organization. In commemoration of this anni-

versary two special editions of the Bible were printed. Miss Juanita Byrd, writing of the publishing work, says:

"There is, at present and has been ever since the beginning of the war, an unprecedented demand for the Bible and other Christian literature. This seems to be one of the blessings in disguise which the war has brought to the Chinese people. In recent months, the demands for the Scriptures have been so great that it has been practically impossible to supply them".

Steadfast with the Broadcasted Word—In Shanghai there is a Christian broadcasting station not owned by southern Baptists but used by one of our missionaries in broadcasting the message of salvation not only throughout China but to Japan, New Zealand and Australia. "Each week about sixty messages are broadcast". In answer to requests, which are mailed to the studio, approximately 8,000 bulletins with Christian messages are sent out annually.

Steadfast in Churches—Although buildings have been damaged and destroyed and members scattered, the work of the Chinese churches goes steadily on. Mrs. D. F. Stamps says: "In the midst of war, with its ravages about us and with so much distress and sorrow everywhere, the work of God's Kingdom in our midst is in the most flourishing condition that I have ever known it to be. Our Sha Jah Chiao Church, where my husband and I work, has outgrown its church building and we have to worship in the auditorium of the Julia McKenzie Girls' School until such time as we can build a new church adequate for our large congregation. More than 200 people were baptized into the two churches here in Yangchow last year and there is the finest Christian fellowship I have ever known".

What is true of this church is true of many others—not only are the old churches progressing but new ones are being organized—and new buildings are being erected. In Pingtu last year a new church was organized, two new

church buildings and two new chapels erected and four residences converted into places of worship.

The Cantonese Church in Shanghai paid last year a debt of \$8,200 on its wrecked building. This is especially remarkable because the members are not worshipping in the building and not a single one of them has seen it in over two years.

The opportunity for service has been increased in many of the churches by the presence of refugees. This is particularly true in Macao, where every Sunday the building is filled to capacity with a large overflow. In spite of the fact that the cost of living has been greatly increased by the war, the gifts of the churches are increasing.

Steadfast in Evangelism—Through this stressful war period the number of baptisms has steadily increased. Last year approximately 7,000 people were baptized. In the church at Hwang-Hsien 148 were baptized at one time.

The year 1940 has been marked by an all-China evangelistic campaign. It is too early to have full reports from this campaign but we know that the China Baptists are working earnestly for the salvation of souls and this year will doubtless break all records in the number of baptisms.

All honor to the Chinese Baptists who in this time of stress and distress, of privation and starvation, of danger and death and destruction are not only steadfast in their faith but press on, abounding in the work of the Lord. Surely their labors are not in vain but will prove to be a mighty factor in preserving the national life of China and in making her a strong, prosperous and Christian nation.

BLESSINGS from DISPERSION

"They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word".

PERSECUTION in the days of the early Christian Church proved a blessing by scattering the Christians and thereby spreading the Gospel. Even so has the war

in China become a power for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Refugee Camps—Thousands of Chinese have been driven from their homes and are huddled together for safety and sustenance in refugee camps. These camps have furnished wonderful opportunities to our missionaries and Christian Chinese for the spread of the Gospel. Funds for relief sent by southern Baptists to their missionaries have been administered by them in the name of Christ, thereby opening a way into the hearts of the people for the Gospel message. Thousands have heard of Jesus who probably would never have heard His name had they remained in their homes undisturbed by the war. Many are converted and as they return to their homes become evangelists of the cross, spreading the Gospel news through hitherto unreached territory.

The eight churches of Canton have been centers from which 3,000 to 5,000 people have been fed every day. In Shiuchow the direction of the relief has been placed in the hands of our missionaries. Over 1,000 adults were cared for in a refugee camp while 400 children, most of them war orphans, are being cared for in the orphanage. A missionary says: "These little ones are often brought to us in a pitiable condition, cold, hungry and frightened. Their cries for their parents are distressing to hear, but the hearts of those who minister to them are filled with joy when, after a few days in the orphanage, they see these little ones comforted and fed and their little faces happy once more".

The following, written by Miss Katie Murray, gives some idea of the pathos and opportunity for refugee work:

"Thousands and thousands of refugees have passed through Chengchow, staying for a few days in the camp the government has provided until they get orders to move on. This has given another door for telling the good news. One afternoon seven of our Christian women and I met at the church for prayer and went to the camp. At the camp gate were hundreds of people sit-

ting there with a little roll of bedding waiting to get in. We passed on inside the gate and divided in two groups. In the hundred or two who gathered around to hear there were many who had never heard of Jesus. The first thing Mrs. Feng taught them was a song—"The true God loves you, He wants all of you to believe in Jesus and be saved and to understand the true doctrine". Mrs. Hsiung spoke and I followed. See, the Chinese do not mind long messages like westerners! As we came out of the camp the refugees sitting outside the gate looked so pathetic that I gave them tracts. Some of them had waited all day and others several days until those in are sent on and room is made to take them in. By the time I had given a few tracts I was surrounded by people grabbing the tracts and pulling my arms, thinking that the papers were bread tickets. I did not know how I was going to get out of the mob for my Chinese friends had gone ahead. The Lord gave me a thought so I said: 'Not all of you can read but you all have ears, so just stand back a little distance and I will tell you the good news'. They obeyed and gave me a circle of two or three feet in diameter. Then it was a joy to tell them of a God who loved them and of a Savior who died for them and of a Home above where there are no air raids, no floods, no sickness and no war. One woman in amazement said, 'No war?' Poor people! It makes me weep to go to the camp and see them. There is this consolation: in their trouble they may seek the Lord".

Interior Villages—Because of the way the Gospel has been carried into many interior villages. In a recent copy of *The Commission*, Dr. M. T. Rankin describes "The Western Trek" of the Chinese people. He says: "Bursting bombs and advancing armies have propelled fifty million Chinese people from their homes and cities in the coastal provinces and have thrust them into the far western parts of China to begin life over again. Streams of new life and new ideas are pouring into the old areas

where heretofore the millions had quietly followed the ways of the centuries".

Most of our missionary work has been confined to the coastal areas. Of the twenty-six larger cities which formed the centers of our work, twenty are now (Sept.) occupied by Japanese forces. This means that many Baptists have moved into the interior, carrying the Gospel with them. Dr. Rankin says: "Thousands of Christians have gone into the west. Christian schools, hospitals and churches are springing up where none of these existed. Already a number of mission organizations are moving with this tide of new life and are establishing new centers in western China".

Thus is God using the war for the spread of the Gospel. We must be sure that we do not fail to meet every new opportunity offered. We must continue to send funds to aid our missionaries in their relief work and thereby make it possible for them to reach more refugees with the Gospel. And we must enlarge our missionary force to take care of the evangelistic opportunities offered by the movement of the people into new territory as soon as possible.

DIFFICULTIES in JAPAN

"There are many adversaries"—(1 Cor. 16:9).

JAPAN is considered one of the most difficult mission fields in the world. This is true largely because of the nature, achievements and mental attitude of the Japanese. They are a self-sufficient, self-satisfied people. They have achieved mightily in their national development and expansion and this gives them a superiority complex. Their worship of the emperor mixes their patriotism with their religion and makes it difficult to introduce a new religion without hurting their national pride. They feel that Christianity is a western religion and, while they have been willing to accept other things western for the development of their civilization, they are unwilling to acknowledge that Christianity is superior to their own religions.

The war against China has but increased the difficulties of Christian work in Japan. In trying to justify their aggression on China the Japanese leaders have asserted Japanese superiority and have cultivated a spirit of extreme nationalism. The people have been made to feel that they are doing China a great favor by conquering her and making her a part of the Japanese empire.

The Christians are finding it difficult to reconcile the allegiance which they are called upon to render to their government with that other allegiance which they owe to their Lord. Some have even gone so far as to identify God's will with Japanese imperialism, seeing in the extension of the Japanese Empire to include China "the concrete realization on earth of the spiritual family principle of Christianity". This seems absurd reasoning to us but they are not the first to confuse God's will with their own desires.

Altogether it is a difficult situation in which to do missionary work. One of our missionaries writes:

"Due to the war in China, all of the Japanese churches have suffered from the loss of young men, many of whom were serving as Sunday school teachers before they were called into military service. By the end of the year a few were beginning to return, but others are being sent to take their places. One of our most promising young pastors, who graduated from our own Seinan Gakuin Seminary and who had been serving his church for only a year, was called recently".

STEADFAST for CHRIST in JAPAN

Be ye steadfast—(1 Cor. 15:58).

THERE is much to discourage in Japan but the steadfast faithfulness of the Japanese Christians in the face of all difficulties shines in the eastern sky like a star of hope and makes us feel that this "Island Kingdom" will yet be won to Christ. The number of Christians is small, only about 200,000. Out of every 1,000 Japanese only about four acknowledge

their allegiance to Christ. But these Japanese Christians have far more influence in the life of the nation than their number would indicate. Rev. Edwin Dozier, in *A Golden Milestone in Japan*, quotes from a Japanese editorial as follows: "The influence of Christian teaching in Japan cannot be measured, but no one can live in the country without becoming conscious of it. . . . Innumerable Japanese people who never embraced the Christian faith have absorbed its influence. The Japanese Christians are the salt of the nation". Dr. M. T. Rankin says: "On the lives of the Japanese people Japanese Christians have exerted an influence which is far above their proportionate strength in numbers. The Nipponese military leaders have been so impressed with the influence of Christians in China that they have made plans to use Japanese Christian ministers as agents of good will in the conquered areas. . . . Among the people there is a deepening hunger for a way of life that will bring peace to the hearts and souls of men. God is at work in Japan".

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of southern Baptist work in Japan. "The Southwest Japan Baptist Convention with 2,700 members in twenty-five churches, schools for boys and girls, a college for men, a school for women which stands high among the best schools for women in Japan, an effective Good Will Center work, a Publication Society and other Kingdom activities represent some of the achievements of these fifty years. A significant achievement of this year is marked by the uniting of the Japanese Baptist Convention (which includes the work of the American Baptist Foreign Missions Society) with the Southwest Japan Baptist Convention (which grew from the work of our own Board). This uniting of these separate Conventions will greatly strengthen Baptist work in Japan".

Steadfast in Schools—Southern Baptists have a school for boys in Fukuoka and one for girls in Kokura, with a

combined student body of almost 3,000. Writing of the influence of these schools Dr. W. Maxfield Garrett says: "A surprisingly large proportion of the graduates, even those who have not themselves become Christians, testify to the part played in their lives not only by the classes of Bible and Christian ethics but even more by the daily chapel services and the Christian atmosphere of the school. The most gratifying, distinctive thing a student sees after three to five years in one of our schools is its Christianity."

One of the first results of the United Baptist Convention in Japan is the projection of a seminary for all Japanese Baptists, located at Tokyo. Plans are also being made for a training school for young women. An interesting part of student work is the operation of a dormitory at Tokyo where boys may have a Christian home while attending the university. Sixteen boys lived in this dormitory last year. These have their own student prayer services every morning and on Friday and Sunday evenings Bible classes are held for them.

Steadfast in the Good Will Center—The Good Will Center at Tobata celebrated its tenth anniversary last year. Miss Naomi Schell, the founder of this institution, rejoices over the continued progress and glorious results of this work. The center includes in its activities a kindergarten with eleven children enrolled, a clinic and public health service where many sick are treated, a homemaker's cooperative club which enables women to sell their hand-work and buy needed commodities for the home, an English language night school for young men, a reading-room and lending-library, relief-work and other activities which make it a center of light in the community.

Steadfast in Evangelism—A report of 117 baptisms for last year shows that the Japanese Baptists are steadfast in the work of evangelism. The program for observing the fiftieth anniversary included plans for strengthening and increasing the number of churches by

means of an evangelistic campaign extending through 1940. On June first the Foreign Mission Board received a telegram from the president of the Girls' School at Kokura saying that 531 of the 700 students in the school had surrendered to Christ. Soon after came the news that out of the 1,380 students in the boys' high school and college at Fukuoka, 460 had surrendered to Christ. It seems that "after fifty years of sowing and waiting in Japan the time of reaping has come".

This fall the Baptists of Japan arranged to assemble for a united Golden Jubilee Celebration. While we have had no report of this meeting we are sure that if it could be held it was a season of praise to God for His blessings upon fifty years of witnessing for Christ in Japan. We feel sure also that gratifying reports were given of the results of the revival held in the churches and schools.

FAITH TRIUMPHANT

Be thou faithful unto death—(Rev. 2:10).

Leader—Many stories come from China and Japan to show the triumphant faith of the Christians during this period of trial and temptation. We choose two—one from China and one from Japan—which will suffice to show the spirit of the Christians in both countries and which will strengthen our own faith in the power of Christianity to triumph over all difficulties.

He Loved Enough

From Dr. Robert E. Beddoe comes the following story:

A certain young Chinese, who was a Christian but a rather indifferent one, objected when Japanese soldiers mistreated his comely wife. Because he objected he was ordered to grasp with his right hand a red hot iron rod. He touched it but was asked, "Do you love Jesus?" He answered "Yes". "Then grasp the hot iron". He essayed to grasp it but was told: "No, that will not do. Do you love Jesus?" "Yes". "Then grasp and hold the iron". Again he

touched it but was told, "That will not do. Do you really love Jesus Christ?" "Yes". "Then grasp the iron". He thought: "After all, do I really love Jesus? Is this the only way I can show it?" He looked at the soldier and at the iron. Then he looked up and said: "Lord Jesus, I really do love you", and then he grasped the red iron and his lips moved in prayer as the flesh of his hand was cooked to the bone! Ah, what love is this! Now this man is a flaming evangel in his district.

He Didn't Give Up

Mrs. Maude Burke Dozier tells a story of a young Japanese who has a beautiful voice which he has dedicated to the service of the Master. So proficient was he in his music that he became professor of voice culture in the Conservatory of Tokyo. Everything seemed very happy and promising for the young man, but there were dark days ahead. His country was carrying on a war in China; Japanese young men, whether they wanted to or not, had to go and fight for their country. One day while in service he was ordered by his commander to take a message; the guns of the enemy shot his right hand all to pieces. It had to be cut off; three long months in the hospital followed. While there he showed a beautiful Christian spirit and used his musical talent by teaching many of the blind soldiers there to play on the guitar. He has not given up his career but continues to use his voice to comfort others and to spread the Kingdom of his Master. Speaking of his misfortune he says: "How grateful am I that it is my left hand that is safe and well because the work on a piano can be done better with the left hand than with the right. From this time on more than ever before I must make the hearts of people happy. To go through life with only one hand is God's will for me. Helen Keller has done wonders in spite of all her handicaps. I too can overcome".

HIS STAR AGAIN in the EAST

When they saw the star they rejoiced—(Matt. 2:10).

(The verse of "Silent Night" given below is sung by a soloist; a curtain is drawn or a screen removed to disclose a manger scene. The one representing Mary should wear a light blue robe with white scarf around her head. She bends over a manger made of a crude box filled with straw. If possible have an electric star above her head which is turned on after those carrying the other stars enter. Four large stars should be cut from blue cardboard with the words **Hope, Love, Joy, Peace** printed on them in silver letters. Those carrying the stars may wear white robes or usual dress. There may be a special reader for this part of the program or the program leader may act as reader.)

Soloist—

"Silent Night! Holy night!
Guiding Star, lend thy light!
See the eastern wise men bring
Gifts and homage to our King!
Christ the Savior is born,
Jesus the Savior is born!"

Reader—Long ago a star shining in the east proclaimed the birth of one who came to bring salvation to all people. Today as we give the Gospel to the people of China and Japan we can make the Christmas star to shine again in the eastern sky, shedding its light into the hearts of these eastern people.

We can make the *Christmas Star of Hope* shine by telling of one who came to save from sin. (The one carrying the *Star of Hope* enters from right and stands to right of manger.)

We can make the *Christmas Star of Love* shine by telling of the love of God which sent His Son into the world. (The one carrying the *Star of Love* enters from left and stands to left of manger.)

We can make the *Christmas Star of Joy* shine by repeating the angel's song of glad tidings of great joy. (The one carrying the *Star of Joy* enters from right and stands to right of *Hope*.)

We can make even the *Christmas Star of Peace* to shine through the war clouds that now darken the eastern sky by singing into the hearts of the people the

Christmas angel's carol of "peace on earth, good will to men". (The one carrying the *Star of Peace* enters from left and stands to left of *Love*.)

And, led by the light of the Christmas Star to the cradle of the Christmas King, Chinese and Japanese will meet as friends, sharing the hope, the love, the joy and the peace of the Christmas Savior. (A woman dressed in Chinese costume enters from right while one dressed in Japanese costume enters from left. They meet in front of manger, clasp hands and kneel. If there is an electric star it is turned on at this point.)

Reader—(Pianist plays "Silent Night" softly while this verse is given,

then soloist sings softly the verse of "Silent Night" given below.)

Shine on, O lovely Christmas star,
Upon these eastern lands afar,
And may they by thy light be led
To find the Christ Child's lowly bed,
Wherein are hope and love and peace
And joy that nevermore shall cease.

Soloist—

"Silent night! Holiest night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light!
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Savior is born,
Jesus the Savior is born!"

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Give some reasons why it is especially appropriate to study about China and Japan at Christmas.
2. Tell something of the difficulties in China.
3. Tell how the Chinese are steadfast for Christ in the midst of difficulties.
4. Tell of work in refugee camps in China.
5. How has the movement of people to interior villages helped to spread the Gospel?
6. Why is missionary work especially difficult in Japan?
7. Tell something of the faithfulness of Japanese Christians.
8. Discuss the evangelistic work of this year in both China and Japan.
9. How may we help the Christmas Star to shine in these two eastern lands?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The following list of reference material is the chief source used in the preparation of foregoing program, and credit is hereby given for facts and suggestions derived therefrom as well as for matter quoted in whole or in part. Further interesting material and help may be found in this listed material and in leaflets suggested in this number which may be obtained for a few cents from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. See list of leaflets on page 3.

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
State Baptist Papers	—The Commission
Last Report of Foreign Mission Board	—Letters from Missionaries
Japanese Youth Faces Life	Dorothy Carver Garrett
The Golden Milestone in Japan	Edwin B. Dozier
Seedtime and Harvest	Mary C. Alexander
Up from Zero	Anna S. Pruitt

Our Young People

Miss Juliette Mather, W.M.U. Young People's Secretary

CHRISTMAS—STYLE 1940



HIS will be a strange Christmas. How can we sing out "Merry Christmas" with most of the world in agony of homelessness, sorrow of death and suffering of fear? Only the deepening of the realization of "Christmas for Christ" will save our greeting from mockery. If never before all W.M.U. young people's organizations just must be included among those who observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and who give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As W.M.U. young people's director or as counselor you will surely see that the missionary education organizations of your church do not miss this valuable occasion of prayer and giving. As mothers you will encourage your children in giving worthily.

This is no time for casual, careless praying or for heedless giving of a small offering. Christmas—style 1940—must be Christmas for Christ if it is Christmas at all.

Programs have been distributed according to your state plan, so that they will be in the hands of counselors with plenty of time for preparation in planning and giving out the envelopes. In November *World Comrades* there is a preparatory program about the prayer season and offering which will help to make the importance of the offering understood. There are so many clamoring needs beyond the \$220,000 goal that the Foreign Mission Board hopes for a large Beyond-the-Goal Gift with which to supply many causes not included in the \$220,000. The present world situation condemns us for the paucity of our gifts to missions through the years: let us give sacrificially this Christmas, praying and giving in the spirit of the yearning Christ.

Then you will want to be ready for Promotion Services which will wisely step your young people forward in the graded W.M.U. family. Suggestions for such services are found in the 1940 Year Book and in the 1941 Year Book, so a lovely service can be readily planned from one or the other of these according to your selection and previous promotions. The promotion certificates from Sunbeam Band to Junior Girls' Auxiliary or Junior Royal Ambassador Chapter, from Girls' Auxiliary to Young Woman's Auxiliary are secured free from your state W.M.U. headquarters. These certificates are among the loveliest supplies Woman's Missionary Union has for you. Be sure to welcome children who have passed their fourth birthdays and are ready to join the Sunbeam Band now.

You will want to avoid an untoward rushed feeling by "getting a good ready" for 1941 in ample time, so order your Standard of Excellence wall charts as early as possible now that they may be ready for use without delay when desired in January. If such supplies are on hand you can enjoy Christmas more, for your mind will have the satisfied feeling of "ready for the new year". That will help to make Christmas a time of real worship and an opportunity for Christ to be born anew in your heart and Christmas—style 1940—will be more actually "Christmas for Christ".

See also pages 1, 4-14, 36 for data as to Week of Prayer.

Young Women's Auxiliary

Miss Juliette Mather, W.M.U. Young People's Secretary

COLLEGE HALLS and HOSPITAL WALLS at CHRISTMAS

COLLEGE HALLS empty themselves suddenly as Christmas vacation comes but hospital walls must hear the constant sure step of quiet nurses faithfully ministering even in the holiday season. That makes counselors of Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A.'s and of Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s face quite different situations in their planning.

Both groups of counselors will see that worshipful seasons of prayer are held and that the college girls and nurses both understand the "Christmas for Christ" spirit of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In some places the idea prevails that a casual offering is adequate; this erroneous idea has arisen because the significance of the offering in our southern Baptist foreign mission work has not been comprehended. This gift of \$220,000 is expected by our Foreign Mission Board, which has no other source of funds to maintain the missionaries, schools and other work represented on the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering list of objectives. This should inspire a truly worthy gift, fulfilling the idea that no Y.W.A. will give less to Christ than she spends for any one Christmas gift or than she spends for all Christmas gifts. A wise counselor helps her girls to weigh the matter thoughtfully and prayerfully, not being content with a casual dime or quarter but rejoicing in the sacrificial amount, however small.

After the service of prayer and ingathering college girls will presently go to their homes. Be sure that they carry with them new enthusiasm for Young Woman's Auxiliary which they will infuse into the home church Y.W.A. even during their brief visit home. Clever recreational songs have been sung at college; take them home. Denominational leaders and missionary visitors have visited the college; remind the Y.W.A.'s to tell about them at home. A new understanding of the urgency for a debtless denomination and the steady gift through Cooperative Program should be shared with the Y.W.A. at home. Perhaps there is no Y.W.A. in the home church; urge the college girl to talk about organizing and help her to get a Y.W.A. started before her return to college then. During vacation help can be given to Royal Ambassador Chapter, Girls' Auxiliary and Sunbeam Bands, also. Let the college girls know you will be eager to hear of their adventures in missionary education when they return.

But most nurses must stay at their posts of duty or be gone for only very limited 36 hours or 48, so the Grace McBride Y.W.A. counselor will plan differently. Be sure that happy plans are made for those who cannot go home at all. Can they be away for Christmas dinner? To share in a family Christmas tree for a few hours? Will there be a Christmas tree for the nurses in the hospital? What can they do to help make the Christmas hours happy for any patients in the hospital? Can local Y.W.A.'s visit and help them sing carols? Should presents be provided for some in the hospital who otherwise will have nothing to open on Christmas morning? In the ministry to the sick there is rich essence of Christmas which Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s will enjoy if they do not miss it in the routine tasks. A wise counselor helps them see "Christmas for Christ" in their own hospital as well as in the gifts of money which translate into missionary service around the world.

See also pages 1, 4-14, 36 for data as to Week of Prayer.

Margaret Fund

Chairman: Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Tennessee

MARGARET FUND STUDENTS, 1940-41

THE eighty-eight students listed below have matriculated in the colleges indicated and are seeking to find that one talent which, as Milton says, it is death to hide. Like the young ruler, Jehoshaphat, they ask: "First of all, pray find out what the Eternal has to say". These earnest Margaret Fund students are not only adapting themselves to a strange new age, are not only learning the science of living and working with people but are definitely seeking first of all to find out what the Eternal has to say. You will bear them in your interest, love and prayers as they seek the will of the Eternal in their lives.—Mrs. W. J. Cox

ALABAMA

Pucciorelli, Maryona (Ala.) Judson College, Marion
Williams, Daniel S. (China) University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

FLORIDA

Day, Dorothy (Fla.) John B. Stetson University, DeLand
Moore, Robert (China) John B. Stetson University, DeLand

GEORGIA

Martinez, Maria (Cuba) Benue Tift College, Forsyth
Martinez, Esther (Cuba) Benue Tift College, Forsyth
Patterson, Charlotte (Africa) Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta
Taylors, Alfred B. (Brazil) Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta

KENTUCKY

Anderson, Theresa (China) W.M.U. Training School, Louisville
Green, Dorothy (Africa) W.M.U. Training School, Louisville
Marshall, Cora May (China) W.M.U. Training School, Louisville
Mein, David (Brazil) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville
Bratches, Robert G. (Brazil) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Maddox, John Ray (Brazil) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Maddox, Daniel (Brazil) Medical School of Louisville, Louisville

LOUISIANA

Aguillard, Paul (La.) Louisiana College, Pineville
Morgan, Carter (China) Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans

MISSISSIPPI

Jacob, Elizabeth (China) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Shepard, John (Brazil) Mississippi College, Clinton

MISSOURI

Connelly, William S. (China) William Jewell College, Liberty
White, John (Brazil) William Jewell College, Liberty

NORTH CAROLINA

Anderson, Henry Lee (China) Mars Hill College, Mars Hill
Williamson, Norman F. (Japan) Mars Hill College, Mars Hill
Ayers, Virginia (China) Meredith College, Raleigh
Caldero, Anabel (Cuba) Meredith College, Raleigh
Gree, Charlotte (Africa) Meredith College, Raleigh
Powell, Mary Hester (Africa) Meredith College, Raleigh
Rankin, Page (China) Meredith College, Raleigh
Ayers, William (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Gallimore, Robert S. (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Gallimore, Richard H. (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Hayes, John W. (Brazil) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Lide, Robert (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
McMillan, John J. (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Olive, Howard K. (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Tumbler, John Jr. (Brazil) Campbell College, Bala's Creek

Johnson, Jed (Brazil) Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee
Johnson, Wm Carey (Brazil) Shawnee High School, Shawnee

Bowdler, George (Argenssén) Columbia Bible School, Columbia

Fowler, Franklin	(Argentina)	Vanderbilt Medical College, Nashville
Craighead, Albert B.	(Hawaii)	Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City
Lowe, Erld M.	(China)	Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City
Medling, Pauline	(Japan)	Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City

LEADS	
Bryan, John M.	(China) Baylor University, Waco
Bryan, Ann	(China) Baylor University, Waco
Buldaia, Mary	(Texas) Baylor University, Waco
Buldaia, Martha	(Texas) Baylor University, Waco
Cavazos, Nelson A.	(Texas) Baylor University, Waco
Cowsett, Helen	(Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Cowsett, Esther	(Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Culpepper, Charles	(China) Baylor University, Waco
Glass, Gertrude	(China) Baylor University, Waco
Harris, Lawrence	(China) Baylor University, Waco
Harris, Richard	(China) Baylor University, Waco
Lacy, Robert W.	(China) Baylor University, Waco
Melchior, Mary Helen	(Mexico) Baylor University, Waco
Moore, Milton	(China) Baylor University, Waco
Morgan, Beulah Virginia	(Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Chaparro, Miguel, Jr.	(Brazil) Baylor University, Waco
Fielder, Golda Jean	(France) Texas College of Mines, El Paso
Moore, Martha Jane	(France) Southwestern Training School, Ft. Worth
Crouch, Margaret	(France) Southwestern Training School, Ft. Worth
Fielder, Bernice	(France) San Marcos Academy, San Marcos
Cavazos, Oliver	(China) North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington
Miteles, Lydia	(Texas) Howard-Payne College, Brownwood
Pryor, Glynn	(Texas) Howard-Payne College, Brownwood
Taylor, Willfred C.	(New Mexico) Howard-Payne College, Brownwood
Wilcox, Lucene	(Brazil) Howard-Payne College, Brownwood
Rutz, Herbert	(Brazil) Howard-Payne College, Brownwood
	(Texas) John Tarleton Agricultural College, Stephenville
	A. & M. College, College Station (2nd Semester)

Crabtree, George W. (Brazil) University of Richmond, Richmond
Hart, Sarah (Chile) Averett College, Danville
White, Nell (Brazil) Westhampton College, Richmond
Wiley, Louise (China) Westhampton College, Richmond

MISCELLANEOUS

Bequer, Angel	(Cuba)	Havana, Cuba	c/o Dr. M. N. McCall
Bouquet, Leonor	(Cuba)	Havana, Cuba	c/o Dr. M. N. McCall
Cardenas, Esther	(Cuba)	Havana, Cuba	c/o Dr. M. N. McCall
Fraguela, Esther	(Cuba)	Havana, Cuba	c/o Dr. M. N. McCall
Fraguela, Israel	(Cuba)	Havana, Cuba	c/o Dr. M. N. McCall
Hernandez, Moises	(Cuba)	Havana, Cuba	c/o Dr. M. N. McCall
Santana, Moises	(Cuba)	Havana, Cuba	c/o Dr. M. N. McCall
Santana, Josefina	(Cuba)	Havana, Cuba	c/o Dr. M. N. McCall
Bowdler, William G.	(Cuba)	Havana, Cuba	c/o Dr. M. N. McCall
Chambers, Christine	(Argentina)	Stony Brook School, Stony Brook, Long Island, N. Y.	
Hamer, Peter	(China)	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.	
Hippa, R. Ona	(China)	Chapman College, Los Angeles, Calif.	
Lee Hui Chung	(China)	Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio	
Lee Hung Chung	(Texas)	Hui Chung University, Yunnan Province	
	(Texas)	Pao To Girls' School, Hong Kong	

Pruitt and Dr. T. W. Ayers, who worked with Miss Moon in China. A portrait of Miss Moon, gorgeous dahlias, palms and Chinese banners gave appropriate setting to the service. In the audience were Dr. Ryland Knight, Georgia member of Foreign Mission Board; Dr. Harvey Clark, Japan; Miss Eunice Fenderson, Palestine, and many other denominational leaders and pastors. Telegrams of congratulation were received from Dr. C. E. Maddry, Richmond; Drs. Merritt and Gilbert, Atlanta. Conspicuous on front pews was a group of Cartersville High School students to whom Miss Robinson, W.M.U. young people's secretary, presented two copies of "Life of Lottie Moon" with request that the books be placed in their school library as missionary inspiration to Cartersville young womanhood.—Mrs. W. J. Neal, Georgia

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. Jamen, Virginia

"And the government shall be upon His shoulder and His name shall be called . . . Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6) "Go ye therefore" (Matt. 28:19)

In July of this year Lord Lloyd, secretary of state for the British colonies, in addressing the conference of missionary societies meeting in London, is reported to have said in no uncertain voice and that in the midst of war: "We profess to be trustees of the welfare of the peoples in our colonies. Inevitably we give them much that is bad in our civilization. Surely we should give them also that which is best".

In September the British foreign secretary, Lord Halifax, in response to the doubt expressed by some as to whether in time of war money should be sent out of the country for missionary purposes said: "I am myself quite clear that the support of foreign mission work in war is an essential part of the church's witness."

Says *World Dominion*: "Christianity is a rock of strength in China. Although just over 1 per cent of the population are Christians, the president and six out of the ten national leaders are Christians. Free west China of 100,000,000 is being organized largely by Christians". And from another report we learn that the *China National Christian Council* has a special committee engaged in securing and distributing funds for the relief of the "orphaned" European missions in that stricken land.

Dr. A. L. Warnhuis, secretary of the *International Missionary Council*, does not believe that the recent action of many

Japanese churches in severing relations with foreign missionaries and refusing to accept foreign financial aid will stop American mission work in Japan.

Great concern was felt by all when Kagawa, the devoted Japanese Christian leader, was arrested and imprisoned on the charge of having been responsible for an article in an American magazine derogatory to the Japanese government. The charge however proved to be without foundation and he was released in less than a month's time. It is announced that he has retired to an island in the Inland Sea where he expects to spend the rest of his life working among people afflicted with tuberculosis of whom there are vast numbers in Japan. The government is taking drastic measures for the treatment and prevention of the disease which has spread rapidly since the war against China. The known case: number 1,300,000.

The Epi-copal Church (China) is planning the evangelization of the territory along the Burma Road, while the Scandinavian Alliance Mission at Suiyan in north China reports a revival among the Chinese which is spreading to the Mongols.

The city of Shanghai, we are told, is still the greatest student center in China. Three years before the Japanese invasion there were 42 institutions of higher learning in the city. Now (Oct. 11) there are 53 with 10,000 college students enrolled. What an opportunity!

The following is an extract from an article in the school's paper written by a member of this year's graduating class of a Baptist school in Japan: "The daily chapel services have led me into deeper thoughts about life and death. Through these periods of worship I have come to believe in God and that Christ is the Light of the world. For those who follow that Light there will be no fear or despair".



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