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The women of YESTERDAY had no ROYAL SERVICE but today her granddaughters in Woman's Missionary Union have ready access to this monthly missionary magazine. See directions on this page for renewing or subscribing.

Editorial

Thinking Together

FOR such a purpose the S.B.C. Executive Committee rather recently met in Nashville. Much thought was then given as to whether or not to hold this fall a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. When transportation and hotel congestion last winter made necessary the cancellation of the enthusiastic plans for the Centennial Celebration in Atlanta during the historic week of May 8 the Atlanta hotels and auditorium authorities generously agreed to take care of the Convention if it could be held later on. However, early in September the ODT ruled unfavorably on the request for the Convention to be held this fall, so the Atlanta hotels and auditorium authorities were released from their generous promises. Scarcely had this been done when the public press announced that the government had removed all restrictions against conventions of any size. Immediately S.B.C. representatives contacted about eight large southern cities in an effort to secure adequate hotel and auditorium accommodations for the dates in this month which had been ascertained as not conflicting with any state convention but none of those cities could thus arrange for a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Accordingly it was voted to abandon the cherished hope of a Centennial Convention in 1945 but to anticipate confidently a meeting at the usual time next May.

Another thing which called for serious *thinking together* by the S.B.C. Executive Committee was the rehabilitation and enlarged operations of the Foreign Mission Board. As a member of Woman's Missionary Union you have immediate occasion to rejoice that the 1945 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be a vast help in such advance. The causes as listed on pages 30-32 of this magazine represent only half of the million dollar goal. Would you like to know an easy way to reach the goal? Since the 1944 offering amounted to \$902,703, the one this December will easily reach the million mark if every person who gave last year will contribute one-ninth more! If perchance you cannot do this, then please enlist others to give with you toward the much needed million.

The last item on page 32 includes a new but well-known name. With the consent of the First Baptist Church of Macon, Georgia, it was decided by the Foreign Mission Board and the Georgia W.M.U. to include the name of Dr. T. W. Ayers in the title of the hospital as originally built by the Macon congregation in honor of its pastor about the time that Dr. Ayers went to Hwanghsien to inaugurate medical work there by southern Baptists.

Thinking together concerning the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, it is also cause for great rejoicing to be able to announce that a certain eagerly anticipated mission study book is now on sale in the State Baptist Bookstores. It was reviewed on page 5 of the October issue of this magazine; along with the review were given many practical plans for the teaching thereof. Any W.M.S. or Y.W.A. that promotes the study of this book before December will surely find its members praying more passionately and giving more generously during the Week of Prayer. The title of the book is "From Victory unto Victory". The price is only 25c; at such a reasonable rate all of the 50,000 copies are apt to be used. You will be interested to know that, in order to get the printing done for delivery by October first, the Sunday School Board purchased an extra press: surely such a story will stimulate study!

Among the causes upon which W.M.U. members will be *thinking together* in preparation for and during the December Week of Prayer will be the Pool In Bible Training School of south China. Word has recently come that the school was able to function all last year, even though it had only three teachers and though it was refueled in a mountain village for half the year. Such fidelity, such victories are also typical of other groups!

Certainly heroic characters are and have been influencing such work. Among

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Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention

I LIKE that name. It is a bit long but I don't know how you could cut a word out without making it bleed. If I were to attempt to improve on it I would have to lengthen it and call it "Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to Every Southern Baptist Cause". And I speak from personal knowledge reaching back almost to the beginning of the organization.

When I was a barefoot boy, Mother often took me with her to the Woman's Missionary Society; for forty years I was a pastor; for nearly as many years I served upon denominational committees and boards; and for the past nine years I have been giving all my time to the promotion of the program of southern Baptists. I have had every opportunity of knowing. I testify, without equivocation or mental reservation, that the W.M.U. has been a tried and true helper to me and to every Christian cause I have tried to promote.

In the churches, where I was pastor, the Woman's Missionary Society responded to every call promptly, gladly and effectively. They not only kept our women and young people interested and enlisted in mission study and giving but they also helped by calling upon the sick, the strangers, the unenlisted and the disgruntled. They helped in the Hundred Thousand Club, in the Every-Member Canvass and in promoting special days and seasons. I could count upon them for 100 per cent cooperation in promoting the Cooperative Program.

Of course, they had and still have their own goals and special offerings, and they keep records and make reports just as they ought. They know that to set goals, keep records and make reports encourage and stimulate giving and enable them to set higher goals with hope of success. How could they know they had reached their goals if no records were kept or reports made? Let's give them full credit for all they do and bid them Godspeed. They understand women and know how to use and enthuse them. If we men understood men as well and worked as hard we would do better, much better.

Then, how these women come to the help of our denomination in times of emergency! How in the world could our mission work have been carried on in those dark days of debt if it had not been for the W.M.U.? And how could our Home Mission Board even have survived if it had not been for the contributions of the W.M.U.? You will recall that the Home Mission Board in refinancing its debt had to apply its regular receipts upon its debt. The W.M.U. Annie Armstrong Offerings enabled it to carry on.

Will any southern Baptist ever forget or cease to be grateful for the help the W.M.U. rendered our denomination through the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club? It actually contributed more than one-third of the Club receipts for payment on our southwide debt. It has also contributed over \$10,000,000 through the Lottie Moon Christmas and Annie Armstrong Offerings for foreign and home mission work. The W.M.U. has the record of having contributed nearly \$80,000,000 to southern Baptist causes, including the above mentioned offerings, since its organization fifty-seven years ago. What a record!

And would you believe it? The W.M.U. has voted enthusiastically to raise one-third of our Centennial Crusade financial goal of \$20,000,000 to "Crown the Century for Christ", that is \$6,666,666.66. What a goal for one year! And the women and their young people will raise it too!

Then bear in mind the fact that the W.M.U. turns over all the money it raises to the Convention boards for disbursement. It is certainly an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Yes sir, I like the name the women chose and put in the preamble of their constitution, and I like the way they live up to that name "Auxiliary". Now let us "help these women" (Phil. 4:3).

—Dr. J. E. Dillard, S. B. C. Director of Promotion

W.M.U. Weeks of Prayer and Schools of Missions

From Dr. M. T. Rankin

I think the desire of Woman's Missionary Union that the Foreign and Home Mission Boards avoid holding or encouraging Schools of Missions during the December and March Weeks of Prayer is entirely justifiable. Certainly these two weeks should be given over fully as weeks of prayer and should not be complicated by any other program promoted by the two Boards. The Foreign Mission Board will make no plans for Schools of Missions during these two weeks. If we are requested by churches or other local organizations to furnish missionaries for programs of Schools of Missions during these two weeks, we will explain that we are making no assignments for this time.

From Rev. W. B. Johnson, Foreign Board Director of Schools of Missions

I heartily concur in the idea that churches should not schedule Schools of Missions during the December and March Weeks of Prayer. We shall ask the churches not to schedule Schools of Missions during those two weeks. We are also suggesting to our missionaries that they arrange their schedules in such a way to be able to participate and cooperate in the Weeks of Prayer programs. We have received already two or three requests for Schools of Missions during those weeks. We shall call to the attention of the churches making these requests that the time they suggest would conflict with the Weeks of Prayer and shall suggest they choose some other date.

World-wide Bible Reading

November 22-December 25

DURING a similar period last year fourteen million people had access to the book-mark as distributed around the world by the American Bible Society to encourage the men and women in the Allied Forces to read during those five weeks the same Scriptures as were then being read by their home people. This winter there is the added urge of hearts thankful for "peace on earth" to encourage the pursuit of a similar plan for world-wide Bible reading. Anyone wishing one or more copies of the book-mark may secure them from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.; in requesting such, enclose postage and indicate number desired personally or for circle or society; there is also the V-mail form which may be secured similarly.

The following thirty-four readings, as listed on the above-mentioned book-mark, have been selected by a like number of service men and women. The general theme for this period of united world-wide Bible reading is "Marching Orders for a New Day". "Everyone is talking about plans for the new world. Has the Bible a contribution to make to the planning of the world's future? All the principles upon which men and nations should seek to rebuild the world are found in this Book, and only in so far as we follow its direction is there hope that we shall not build in vain".

Thursday, Nov. 22.....Joshua 1	Sunday, Dec. 2.....I Cor. 13	Friday.....Philippians 4
.....Psalm 121	Monday.....Psalm 24	Saturday.....John 15
Friday.....Psalm 23	Tuesday.....Hebrews 11 and 12:1, 2	Sunday, Dec. 16.....Psalm 1
.....John 10:1-18	Wednesday.....Matthew 6	Monday.....Psalm 27
Saturday.....John 14	Thursday.....Romans 8	Tuesday.....I Corinthians 15
Sunday, Nov. 25.....John 3	Friday.....Matthew 7	Wednesday.....Psalm 46
Monday.....Matthew 5	Saturday.....Psalm 91	Thursday.....Matthew 28
Tuesday.....Romans 12	Sunday, Dec. 9.....Galatians 6	Friday.....II Timothy 1
Wednesday.....John 1:1-14	Monday.....Colossians 3	Saturday.....John 17
Thursday.....Exodus 20:1-17	Tuesday.....Ephesians 4	Sunday, Dec. 23.....Rev. 21
.....I Timothy 2:1-8	Wednesday.....Philippians 3	Monday.....Rev. 22
Friday.....James 1	Thursday.....I Corinthians 3	Christmas, Dec. 25.....Luke 2
Saturday.....Ephesians 6		

Book Review and Study Suggestions

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

The Larger Stewardship

THIS second book by Charles A. Cook offers an enriching spiritual experience to its readers. It is not just another book about giving. Rather, it deals with the inner spirit and motives from which all worthy giving and serving must spring. Its study by any appreciable group may well lead to a genuine revival in any church. Certainly, if it is well taught, it cannot fail to deepen the consecration of those who study it and to increase their participation in Christian service and giving in and through their church. The prices are only 35c and 50c from State Baptist Bookstore.

Session One—Chapter 1. Show a poster on which you have pasted the picture of a person and of a bank-check. Raise the questions: "Which is easier to give to God—self or substance? Which is easier in our church—to get someone to help or to give?" Read II Corinthians 8:5. Note the Christian order—first self, then substance. Present and mark outstanding thoughts on pages 1-6. Lead a discussion of author's idea, "It is harder to live than to give". Combine sections 4 and 5 to climax the lesson. Close with a study of selected passages from Section II of *Original Sources*, facing first page of chapter 1.

Session Two—Chapters 2, 3. It seems unwise to try to separate personality and the talents through which it may express itself, so combine informally the thoughts of the two chapters as they fit into the discussion. Lead the class to discuss what personality is and what goes to make an attractive personality. Compare the ideas "personality" and "soul". See what the class thinks of Bruce Marshall's idea of "the new hypocrisy" of "trying to seem worse than one really is", as over against the old one of "trying to seem better than one really is". Ask three members of the class to discuss the three ideas involved in the stewardship of personality, drawing on the first four sections of chapter 3 as needed. Sum up the discussion in the word "consecration". Discuss the last three sections of chapter 3 in connection with selected passages from Section V of *Original Sources*. Close with sections 4, 5 of chapter 2. Appoint four committees, one each to study the activities of the Sunday-school, W.M.U., B.T.U. and other activities of your own church to see if all its activities are fruitful and if there is other work it ought to undertake and if there are unused talents in the membership which should be utilized in such work. Ask the committees to be specific in reports and recommendations to be made in session five.

Session Three—Chapters 4, 5. Speak of one's life-work as partnership with God, whether it be in the home or out of it. Discuss how this is applied to individual callings represented in the class and what it implies as to aim, zeal, achievements. Note, also, the possibilities of deterioration from lack of consciousness of such stewardship. Illustrate the need for stewardship in one's calling by the various aspects mentioned under stewardship of influence. Prepare and give out slips seeking to measure influence for God in the home, in business relationships, in social activities and in the church. Ask each to mark her own slip, prayerfully, as a personal check up. Close the exercise with a prayer of confession and consecration. Study selected passages from Section VI of *Original Sources*.

Session Four—Chapters 6, 7. Time and opportunity can hardly be separated; teach them together. Begin with the multiplied opportunities of life itself in our time. Speak of time as an entrustment, the moments as well as the hours. Ask a student to present the idea of our debt to the past and the necessity for inflow from God and outflow to men as the basis of our stewardship of time and opportunity. Illustrate this on the blackboard. Let another student present the thought of flying opportunities and the use and misuse of time in connection with them. Give out

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"Give Attention to Reading"

Miss Thelma Brown, Book Consultant
Baptist Sunday School Board

REMEMBER when you first read the romantic story of Adoniram and Ann Judson? And the exciting adventures of David Livingstone? Years ago there were only a few biographies written about missionaries and, unless your church had missionary-minded leaders, these were perhaps the only missionary stories you had a chance to read.

This generation has had a much better opportunity to learn of the way God uses men and women who give their lives to His service, for even the world has begun to recognize the influence of missionaries both here and overseas. Each Saturday evening at 10:30 there is a radio program sponsored by protestant lay-men called "Victorious Living". These swift, skillfully enacted episodes from the lives of modern heroes and heroines of the faith are as thrilling as any imaginary drama. Within the last four or five years publishers have been sensitive to the public's interest in spiritual achievements and in the quiet though often dramatic power found in God's men and women in many strange cross-roads or lonely outposts.

It would be interesting to set up a *Missionary Round Table*, selecting for a year's "menu" some of the fascinating biographies by or about modern missionaries. Be sure to write your state W.M.U. secretary for the free leaflet on *The Missionary Round Table*; this leaflet gives full information and instructions; the state secretary can also give you the revised list of books to be used in this interesting plan. The following are books from these lists and will be appropriate for a *Missionary Round Table* that wants to feature biographies:

Missionary Biography for Missionary Round Tables

In *Heaven Below* (Prentice-Hall, \$3.75) Dr. E. H. Clayton shares his rewarding experiences as a missionary teacher in China for the past twenty-five years. Three other books introduce us to missionaries in China. *The Gobi Desert* (Macmillan, \$3.50) is a beautifully written account by two pioneers, Mildred Cable and Francesca French, sent out by the China Inland Mission. Their victorious years spent among Mongolian tribes make a compelling narrative. Another consecrated China Inland missionary is depicted in *Light and Shadow in China*, by Edith Dreyer (C.I.M., \$1.25). When Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence read this book, she exclaimed: "It sounds like another story of Lottie Moon!" However we are delighted to know that the incomparable story of *Lottie Moon* (Broadman, 75c), written by Mrs. Lawrence, has been brought back in print and is a *must* book for all who have not read it lately. *His Golden Cycle*, Catharine Bryan (Broadman, 75c), is another graphic story of one of southern Baptists' great missionaries whose fifty years in China will not soon be forgotten.

Continuing our interest in the orient we turn to India. You will find *Wardens of India*, written by his wife, (Wilde, \$3), a delightful chronicle of a remarkable surgeon who has spent a life among the village people of western India. You will enjoy the entertaining adventures of the robust Dr. Gordon Seagrave which he tells in *Burma Surgeon* (Norton, \$3).

There is a strong call to the middle east in autobiographies by two capable yet selfless medical missionaries: *Doctor in Arabia* by Dr. Paul W. Harrison (Day, \$3.50) and *Doctor's Holiday in Iran* by Dr. Rosalie S. Morton (Funk and Wagnall, \$3). These read like novels.

Two women have found medicine an opportunity to heal sick souls as well as bodies. One is Mary Cushman, an already successful surgeon, who decided at the age of fifty to carry out her long desire to go to Africa; she tells of her experiences in *Missionary Doctor* (Harper, \$2.75). The other is Dr. Katherine Neel Dale, whose achievements as a wise doctor and lovable missionary are described vividly in *Doctors in Mexico* by Olive Floyd (Putnam, \$3.50).

Another biography that should find its place in your *Missionary Round Table* is the delightful account of the life of F. F. Soren, brilliant Brazilian missionary to his own people. This is told by L. M. Bratcher in *The Flowering of Foreign Missions* (Broadman, 60c).

By all means treat yourselves to these select volumes. Thus you will set forth to the discovery of a great company of gallant men and women whose lives have gone from victory to victory.

From Missionaries

The 23rd of June, 1945

HOW long has it been since some organization of your church has given you an offering envelope for a special day? What did you do with it?

Last spring I was given a brown envelope about the size of our S.S. envelopes. It had on the front a picture of the main building of the Baptist College in Rio with *The 23rd of June* at the top and *Christian Education* at the bottom. I had been here long enough to see the needs of our schools, so I had decided to make a good offering and I kept my envelope before me until the day arrived. I had received many invitations to the College Church for the Christian Education Day Program and my plans were made to attend. But the surprise came when I saw the excellent presentation that evening. You would like for me to tell you, wouldn't you? It was so interesting that I forgot that it was in Portuguese—and that's a big statement from one who does not know the language well enough to speak it yet.

The W.M.U. sponsored the program. Miss Minnie Landrum, the W.M.U. secretary for all Brazil, is a member of this church and was present as the introductory speaker. On a large flanelgraph board she placed the letters "The 23rd of June". They were made of colored pictures of faces of women, young people and children. In a few words she told that this date marked the 37th anniversary of the W.M.U. of Brazil. With more pictures she told different objectives which the women had reached through prayer, Bible study and service and that today their objective was the Christian education of their sons and daughters.

Already I was amazed at the up-to-date methods of the organization here, but the facts were more concrete when I saw thirty girls from the Rio Training School stand and sing two lovely anthems as they were directed by one of our missionaries, Mrs. J. Cowser. After this special music the local W.M.U. president, a charming Brazilian mother, had a pretended long distance call with a woman of another state. They were discussing the possibility of sending a new girl to the Training School. From their conversation I learned the total expense for one girl for one year was \$80 and that in this school a girl could receive her high school, college and seminary training in seven years. It was a most attractive way to present facts.

Again my heart was stirred with the reality of this school when the present director, Miss Edith West, asked if any girl present would like to tell what the school meant to her. About ten girls told of the blessings they had received. Some of them had found Christ here, others had given their lives to special service as home missionaries. This school and the one at Recife have eighteen alumnae as home missionaries. After the testimonies of the girls Miss West placed on the board underneath "The 23rd of June" a flanelgraph of the Training School; different girls came and placed the phases of work done by the school: nine professors, one hundred and fifty students, fifty-one workers preparing for home missions and the subjects taught in the Training School division.

For the closing of the evening these same girls gave a playlet which had been prepared by our missionary writer, Miss Ruth Randall. In this playlet a beautiful Brazilian girl was trying to decide what she wanted most to do with her life. "Pleasure" entered and offered her all types of real fun and excitement, but "Future" handed her a telescope and she saw that pleasure did not last long nor give eternal happiness. "Beauty" entered and showed her the power of pretty clothes, pretty figures and pretty faces, but "Future" handed her the telescope and again she saw that beauty faded and could not give happiness of itself. "Service" entered and made her appeal which was the most challenging but the Brazilian girl wanted to know if others had ever given their lives in service. So "Future" handed her the telescope and before her eyes and ours passed Miriam, Rebecca, Ruth, Naomi, Deborah, Elizabeth, Mary, Lydia, Ann of Ava and Lottie Moon. But the Brazilian girl asked what

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Praying at Chungking

DECEMBER 8th, 1944, in Chungking—the Japanese were driving through toward Kweiyang, Tunshan had fallen, our missionaries were evacuating Tsunyi, some of the merchants in Chungking had become nervous and had already sold out their stock of goods and were considering evacuation, every one was anxious, the situation was desperate, friends met on the street and talked in little groups, each asking the other, "What about the situation? What are you going to do?", rumors were running wild, confidence in the government had been shaken, there was talk of the banks evacuating, the foreigners had been unofficially advised to leave China—it was one of the darkest days in China's long history! But twelve women, all members of the Baptist churches back east, met in Chungking at the home of Mrs. Marion Chow to observe the Day of Prayer around the World. I shall never get away from the blessing of that occasion. Mrs. Chow Pan, Joy Chow's mother, presided and brought the devotional message.

She read Isaiah 42 and then Psalm 103. Commenting on Psalm 103 she said that we had much for which to praise God. All of us had been brought through dangerous roads to Chungking, fleeing from the enemy. We had been given this day, a day of peace and quiet in which to worship God; truly, we should be thankful. There were tears as each woman recalled her own experience in coming to Free China. One woman had lost a lovely daughter through illness; others had been hungry along the road. All of them had walked many miles, many had been held by the Japanese for questioning when they went through the lines. God had been near to them. They could testify to the truth of Psalm 91. Mrs. Chow said that for three weeks she had been praying about the meeting and asking God to give her a message for us. As she knelt to pray, God had said to her: "Esther, Esther, Esther!" She had read the book again and again to get God's message for her and for us. She could not ignore the seriousness of China's present situation, so she spoke to us personally. She told briefly of Israel's desperate situation when Esther went in to the king. Then she said that, while Esther went in to the king, all of the people prayed. "We are children of the King; we can go in to the King; but we must all pray; and, if we pray with believing hearts, God will hear us in our hour of need as an audience was granted to Esther and her people were saved", she said.

The fellowship-hour at noon meant much to all of us. There were three Shung Tak students, two women from Yangchow, one from North Gate Girls' School, three from Eliza Yates, two from Wuchow Bible School and I was the only foreigner. After seeing the fine spirit of these women who have been trained in our schools, I am more convinced than ever of the importance of Christian high schools on foreign fields. These women spoke of their teachers, asked questions about many of you who are at home.

In the afternoon, we followed the regular program, the ladies translating from English into Chinese and stating clearly the objects of prayer. They knelt for prayer after each item, when three of them carried the specified objects to the Throne of Grace. The most earnest prayers were prayed for the Japanese and Germans. One of the ladies begged God not to lay the sins of the Japanese to their charge, that they had been committed because of their ignorance of Christ and His purpose for the world.

This was truly a prayer-meeting when there were far more prayers than speeches. Mrs. Chow said that she liked to think of this Day of Prayer as a cord reaching around the world, binding the hands uplifted in prayer all round the world and drawing them all to the Throne of God.

An offering was taken (\$3000 in Chinese currency) and it was decided to give it to the "orphaned" missions. This meeting meant so much to the ladies that they voted to organize a Missionary Society and hold their meetings monthly. Mrs. Chow is the president, I am the vice-president, Mrs. Marion Chow the secretary, Mrs. Liu, treasurer, Mrs. Wong the program chairman. We will meet the first Friday of every month.—Miss Lorene Telford, Chungking

Publications in the River Plate

THE story of missionary endeavor is a story of sowing and reaping. Our missionary pioneers sowed the precious seed and those coming after share in the blessed privilege of reaping souls for Christ's Kingdom. More than 20 years in publications, the sending forth of "the printed word" has given many illustrations of this blessed sowing and reaping by the River Plate Baptist Convention in South America.

Volumes could be written about the wonders wrought through that magic wand of Woman's Missionary Union, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Hundreds of missionaries carry afar the message of salvation because southern Baptist women and young people gave sacrificially through that marvelous channel of blessing. That blessed channel moves the "working wheels" for other missionaries after they reach the field; many paeans of thanksgiving are raised to the divine Father for the buildings going up in the far corners of the globe, mute but powerful testimony that southern Baptist women and young people gave liberally because they loved much.

The Argentine Baptist Publishing Board, actually furnishing much of South America with Christian books, tracts, wall-texts etc., has reason to join the hymn of praise because southern Baptist women and young people informed themselves of the need and because their love led them to satisfy that need. Through your generosity, dear friends, we were able to launch out in publications and thus the readers of our worth-while books, Scripture calendar, tracts and other literature are able to tell many of the love of God that inspired your sacrificial gifts.

Now a new publication, "Sendas de Luz" (*Paths of Light*), has opened up a gold-mine of talents being developed for the Master's use. Only eternity can reveal the extent of the blessing this latest venture in publications will give. A fine young man was won to Christ through his interest in drawing; another artist, whose difficulties had caused faith to grow dim, may be drawn back into an active Christian life through this doorway of art; a third is earning a library through his work in furnishing illustrations for our little Sunday-school paper. Art also opened wide the door of special Christian service for a talented girl. A fine boy is developing his talent in translations through his contributions to our paper. "Sendas de Luz" is proving a real open forum for these young Kingdom-builders; how we do rejoice in the prospect of abundant worth-while literature for the coming generations. Do you not rejoice in the privilege thus offered you to have a part in this far-reaching Kingdom enterprise?

Now we are daring to dream of the great library and reading-room to be made possible through the future "home" for the Argentine Publishing Board, for which you have begun to provide the funds. Last year the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering brought us two-fifths of the desired amount and this year we hope to receive another part; we have faith in God and in our beloved W.M.U. of the southland to believe that soon the longed-for building will be a reality. Cannot your eyes of faith see future multitudes of children, lovers of learning blessed because you gave to this phase of Kingdom work? Withhold not the helping hand to those pleading for the thirst-quenching waters that lead to eternal life!

Plan for your gifts as you would plan if the nail-pierced hand of the Prince of Peace were extended to receive your gift. As once again you break the alabaster-box of sacrificial giving through your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the sweet fragrance of your devotion will give joy to the heart of the Christ who gave His life that we might thus proclaim His message of love and life to lost and dying humanity.—Miss Minnie D. McIlroy, Buenos Aires, Argentina

For Lottie Moon Christmas Offering list
see pages 30-32 of this magazine.

Calendar of Prayer November, 1945

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

LET me not hurt, by selfish deed
Or thoughtless word, the heart of foe or friend;
Nor would I pass, unseeing, worthy need
Or sin by silence, when I should defend.
However meager be my worldly wealth,
Let me give something that shall aid my kind:
A word of courage or a thought of health,
Dropped as I pass, for troubled hearts to find.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

1—THURSDAY

Rev. L. M. Gonzalez, Artemisa, Rev. and Mrs. C. Lima, Remedios, Cuba, evangelistic work; also Samuel Lima, Margaret Fund student
Ye shall observe to do therefore as the Lord your God hath commanded you. —Deut. 5:32

2—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Jackson, evangelistic work, Gobernador Valadarez, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Biffey, educational-evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
The Lord, before whom I walk, will send His angel with thee and prosper thy way. —Gen. 24:48

3—SATURDAY

Rev. L. P. Maynard, Mobile, Ala., & Miss Lottie Stephens, Morgan City, La. (with workers), educational-evangelistic work among Negroes
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. —1 Chron. 16:10

4—SUNDAY

Royal Ambassador Focus Week, November 4-9
Show them the way wherein they must walk and the work that they must do. —Ex. 18:20

5—MONDAY

State W.M.U. annual meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 5-6, also California meeting
Ye shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him and keep His commandments. —Deut. 10:4

6—TUESDAY

That a great conviction for soul-winning may come upon God's people in the closing months of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade
Having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth and to every nation and kindred and tongue and people. —Rev. 14:6

7—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. Reid, Eagle Pass, Rev. J. Grilava, Seminary Hill, Rev. D. Trevino, Brownwood, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans
We Thy people and sheep of Thy pasture will give Thee thanks forever. —Ps. 79:15

8—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Brantley, educational-evangelistic work, Benin City, Dr. and Mrs. H. D. McCassey, medical-evangelistic work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria
The Lord shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken. —Prov. 3:16

9—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Lopez, evangelistic work, Calbarren, Cuba
I will mention the loving-kindness of the Lord. —Isa. 63:7

10—SATURDAY

Baptist believers in Manchuria
Be not afraid of their fears: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. —Jer. 1:8

11—SUNDAY

Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Davis, educational-evangelistic work, Natal, Brazil, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. McMurray, appointees to Uruguay
Keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes. —1 Kings 2:3

12—MONDAY

For righteous decisions in occupied countries
Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power. —Rev. 4:11

13—TUESDAY

State W.M.U. annual meeting, Texas, Waco, November 13
Remember His marvelous works that He hath done, His wonders and the judgments of His mouth. —Ps. 105:5

Calendar of Prayer for November

14—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton, publicational-evangelistic work, Shanghai, xxi Miss Alda Grayson, medical-evangelistic work, Laiyann, China
All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord.
—Psa 86:9

15—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Prado, Rev. V. T. Yearwood, evangelistic work, Panama City, Panama
There is none other Name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.
—Acts 4:12

16—FRIDAY

Rev. W. D. Baker, rural-evangelistic work, Ft. Worth, Rev. C. G. Carter, El Paso, Texas, Rev. T. L. Sasser, Greensboro, N. C., city-evangelistic work
Let brotherly love continue.
—Heb. 13:1

17—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Belote, Miss Grace Wells, evangelistic work, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii
Love your enemies, bless them that curse you.
—Matt. 5:44

18—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Bryan, Miss Paye Taylor, Miss Ruby Wheat, appointees to China
Whosoever He saith unto you, do it.
—John 2:3

19—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Cassidy, Galveston, Rev. and Mrs. Andres Cavaas, Laredo, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans
As the mountains are round about Jerusalem so the Lord is round about His people.
—Psa 125:2

20—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Miss Ruby Howe, educational-evangelistic work, Temuco, Chile
Thy right hand, O Lord, has become glorious in power.
—Ex. 15:6

21—WEDNESDAY

Rev. C. H. Brown, Columbia, S. C., Rev. C. L. Bowen, Rock Hill, N. C., Rev. O. J. Moore, Fitzgerald, Ga., educational-evangelistic work among their own Negro race
In all things show thyself a pattern of good works.
—Titus 2:7

22—THURSDAY

That this day may be observed as a day of humbling of hearts in thanksgiving unto God, for His blessings and tender mercy
Thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee.
—Deut. 26:11

23—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Pereira, Cumansyana, Rev. and Mrs. E. Vasquez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, evangelistic work
Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.
—Eph. 5:1

24—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Rubio, Clovis, evangelistic work among Mexicans, Mrs. Effie C. Meroney, Isleta, New Mexico, evangelistic work among Indians
In Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ.
—Eph. 2:12

25—SUNDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. U. Moss, Miss Frances Todd, appointees to Colombia, South America
Be filled with the Spirit.
—Eph. 5:18

26—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Hitcher, evangelistic work, Stilwell, Oklahoma
Ponder the path of thy feet and let all thy ways be established.
—Prov. 4:26

27—TUESDAY

Miss Margie Shumate, Sunhing, Miss Lydia Greene, Canton, evangelistic work, Dr. J. H. Miller, medical-evangelistic work, Canton, China
The Lord liveth in truth, in judgment and in righteousness.
—Jer. 4:1

28—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Tijerino, Brownsville, Rev. G. Perez, Alpine, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans
One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren.
—Matt. 23:1

29—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Stover, Miss Oak Vineyard, educational-evangelistic work, Macao, Brazil
To be spiritually minded is life and peace.
—Rom. 8:4

30—FRIDAY

That faithful preparation may be made for the Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, Dec. 3-7
Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, as offering of the Lord.
—Ex. 35:5

1 Attended W.M.U. Training School
* Attended Southwestern Training School
† Attended Baptist Bible Institute
xx On Furlough

Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: God at Work on Foreign Mission Fields

"The Gospel must first be published among all nations".

1st Day—Mark 13:10, 33-37; Acts 4:32-35
2nd Day—Mark 14:1-9; John 1:10-14
3rd Day—Mark 14:12-26; Heb. 2:9-12
4th Day—Mark 14:27-42; 1 Cor. 1:4-9
5th Day—Mark 14:10, 11, 43-52;
Neh. 8:1-3
6th Day—Mark 14:56-15:5; Psa. 148
7th Day—Mark 15:16-38; 1 Kings 3:6-9

"A light to the gentiles that thou mayest be My salvation"

8th Day—Isa. 49:6-13; II Chron. 7:11-18
9th Day—Isa. 51:4-8; 6:1-5
10th Day—Isa. 53:1-12; 1 Cor. 11:23-26
11th Day—Isa. 55:1-13; Psa. 111:1-4
12th Day—Isa. 56:1-8; Acts 11:19-26
13th Day—Isa. 61:1-11; Eph. 4:11-16
14th Day—Isa. 66:1, 2; Acts 12:24-13:4

"Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord?"

15th Day—Rev. 15:3, 4; Rom. 15:1-7
16th Day—Deut. 10:12-14, 17-22;
II Cor. 8:1-7
17th Day—1 Sam. 12:23-25; John 1:35-42
18th Day—Psa. 113:1-9; James 1:19-27
19th Day—Prov. 3:1-8, 11, 12;
Matt. 25:37-40
20th Day—Prov. 16:1-6; John 17:20-23
21st Day—Mal. 3:16-4:3; Acts 10:9-16

"My Lord and my God"

22nd Day—John 20:24-30; Phil. 2:12-18
23rd Day—John 21:1-25; 1 Cor. 3:4-9
24th Day—Phil. 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 16:13-18
25th Day—Phil. 4:4-8; Matt. 5:13-16
26th Day—1 Thessa. 1:1-10; Deut. 8:11-18
27th Day—1 Thessa. 2:1-20; Psa. 50:7-11
28th Day—1 Thessa. 3:1-18; Acts 19:23-29
29th Day—1 Thessa. 4:9-18; Mal. 3:8-10
30th Day—1 Thessa. 5:12-24; Luke 12:13-21

Note: The above 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.



"Pray Ye"

Give thanks always that the Pilgrim Fathers founded America as a place in which to worship God.

Thank the Heavenly Father that the national Thanksgiving Day originated in the Pilgrim Fathers' gratitude to God for abundant crops.

Give thanks that each fall Christian Americans remember to praise God for the harvest.

"Give thanks and sing" praise to God for the cessation of World War II.
Intercede that nations may realize that peace is a "fruit" of the Holy Spirit of God and that righteousness precedes peace.

Pray for truly Christian statesmanship in post-war plans.
Intercede for observance of December 3-7 Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

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Bible Study

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-4

THERE are no limits to God's love. "He will have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth". To this end His Son "is the propitiation for our sins . . . but also for the whole world". But we sinful human beings prescribe limits and erect barriers which restrict and restrain our efforts to carry to men "the good news of their salvation". How hard a time God in Christ has with us in making His Gospel universal is illustrated in every generation. It begins with the first. Acts records several steps in the Holy Spirit's leading and urging these first Christians to comprehend that their Savior was the Savior of all men.

The lesson began on Pentecost where men of all races were made to hear in their own tongues the wonderful works of God (Acts 2:5-11). Even the twelve and others who had heard the oft-repeated commission of the now ascended Lord did not get the lesson readily.

When persecution scattered them and the Christians preached the Word wherever they went they still kept up their guards of race and tradition. In Samaria the Spirit moved Philip to accept Samaritans as subjects of saving grace, but the race-barrier remained.

Then in a series of breath-taking experiences Peter was forced to see in Cornelius and his company that "God is no respecter of persons" and that "he should call no human being common or unclean". Yes, Romans could be saved; but only very cautiously and grudgingly did the Jerusalem church admit that an apostle might pass back and forth through the middle wall of partition with the Gospel.

We come thus to our first passage for this meditation. Some of those who fled the persecution "traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the Word". But they spoke it "to none save only to Jews"—so little did they know the "wideness of God's mercy" or the wholly human heart of Jesus. But some unnamed ones came from Cyprus to Cyrene and "spoke unto the Greeks also". To outright pagans they "preached the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them" so that "a great number" were saved.

At Jerusalem this called for investigation. How truly providential that Barnabas was the investigator; for he could "see the grace of God" and forget all the scruples of race and religious tabu. He could be used by the Holy Spirit to build up a great mission church of converts from heathenism as well as from Judaism. So great was the work that Barnabas must have a helper of like openness. Thus Saul of Tarsus enters the picture. At Antioch "the disciples were first called Christians". Had they really deserved to be called after the name of the universal Christ until they could forget their prejudices and their provincialisms? By a great fellowship-offering from the gentile believers to the Jewish brethren the Holy Spirit made easier the acceptance of His work.

Now, in Acts 13, the Holy Spirit makes clear whither He has been leading all the way from Pentecost. He inaugurates the foreign missionary enterprise. For that is the full meaning of this incident in which Barnabas and Saul are "separated" for the Spirit. He claimed the two ablest, most experienced of their prophets and teachers for this great forward step. "Being sent forth by the Holy Spirit" these two men went forth to the heathen. Foreign missions had begun as the great expanding form of the church's calling.

From here on Acts tells the story of "God at work in foreign fields". The Spirit had still His work to keep the door open out from the church into the foreign fields, but He demonstrated that He had set before the witnesses of the Christ an open door which no man can shut (Rev. 3:8).

Acts is the first chapter of this story of God at work on foreign fields. The book has had many chapters down through the ages. It will not be finished until for the Gospel and the church of Christ there are no longer any foreign fields. What sort of chapter will the Holy Spirit write in the doings of southern Baptists in this our day?

Circle Program

EXPLANATORY NOTE: The following program is submitted for use by the circles this month. Its suggested articles will be found in the following monthly missionary magazines: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, \$1 a year from the same Birmingham address; *The Commission*, 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia; *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta 3, Ga. Each one participating in the following program should have access at least to the magazine in which her article appears. (See also page 39 of 1945 W.M.U. Year Book and page 16 of this magazine.)



Circle Program Topic: Heroes and Heroines

(Our Christian Heritage—World-wide Missions)

- Devotional Theme:** Joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together—*Romans 8:17*
- From Missionaries** (See pages 8-10 of this magazine.)
- The Flower of Chile** (See article in November issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)
- My New Outlook on the World Task of Christianity** (See article in November issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)
- My Church and Post-war Missions** (See article in November issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)
- What the War Taught Us about Missions** (See article in November issue of *The Commission*.)

Business Woman's Circles

Miss Mary Christian
W.M.U. Representative

Aim: To see the growth of foreign missions in the past 100 years as we review some of the difficulties overcome in the foreign mission effort, to look anew at some of the pioneer missionaries and to glance at the fields today

Preparation: Use for the devotion the Scripture suggested in the program which tells of foreign mission work as it was begun by the disciples (page 14).

Read November *World Comrades*, *The Window of Y.W.A.* and *The Commission* along with *Royal Service* program material and incorporate helpful facts from these. Note the special references to these in suggestions for the different talks. Refer to the excellent mission study book of short biographies, *Outriders for the King* by W. Thorburn Clark, for additional material about the pioneer missionaries discussed in the program material. Order from your state Baptist Bookstore pictures of twelve southern Baptist pioneer missionaries under the title, *Heroes of Faith*, Series II. These pictures are in sepla, size 9½ x 12, price \$1 for the set which includes pictures of those mentioned in the program.

It would be appropriate to carry out the Thanksgiving motif in the decorations. Prayers and hymns of thanksgiving are certainly appropriate as we praise our Father for His leadership in S.B.C. mission work the past 100 years.

Presentation:

Worship Period

Talk—A Century of Foreign Missions (Page 18)

(Suggest to her who gives this discussion that she carefully enumerate the difficulties faced by the Foreign Mission Board at its first meeting, May 20, 1845, and that she then show how these difficulties have gradually been overcome. Blackboard or posterboard might be helpfully used by her.)

Series of Brief Talks—Introducing Some Early Missionaries to Foreign Lands

(After each of these short biographies the program chairman will tell briefly of the work in those fields today, thus showing that the work of those pioneers lives on.)

1. Missionary to China—J. L. Shuck

(See Junior R.A. program *World Comrades* in addition to material on page 20 of this magazine.)

2. Missionary to Japan—J. W. McCollum

(See page 21 of this magazine, also pages 127-153 of *Outriders for the King*.)

3. Missionary to Africa—Thomas J. Bowen

(See page 22 of this magazine, also page 37 of *Outriders for the King* and Junior R. A. program *World Comrades*.)

4. Missionary to Europe—Dr. George B. Taylor

(See page 22 of this magazine, also pages 61-80 of *Outriders for the King*.)

5. Missionary to Brazil—W. B. Bagby

(See Junior R.A. program *World Comrades*.)

Talk—Helping to Carry On Today through the Christmas Season of Prayer and Gifts

(See page 24 of this magazine. Refer also to the program in *The Window of Y.W.A.* for discussion of religions and people of the world that call us to this season of prayer and offering.)

Benediction

Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Mary E. Yancey, Alabama
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Purpose: To review the work of the past century of S.B.C. foreign missions; to present some of the mission fields of today; and to lead us to approach the December Week of Prayer with a prayerful interest and a desire to give sacrificially

Poster: On a sheet of poster paper and with black ink outline, not too vividly, maps of different countries. This forms the background, which should be printed in colored ink, for the thought:

"MAP"—ing our MISSION PROGRAM of

YESTERDAY . . .

TODAY . . .

TOMORROW . . .

Below these words announce the W.M.S. meeting, giving the time, date and place.

Personal Invitation: From black construction paper cut a book the shape of a Bible. On the outside print with white ink: *Our Guide Book*. At the top or on the side print *Holy Bible* in smaller letters. At the top of the inside page write in white ink "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" at this Thanksgiving season. Below this announce W.M.S. meeting, time, place and date

Atmosphere: Have three tables, the middle one being smaller, on the platform. On one arrange an attractive display of *Guides*—a copy of *Community Missions Guide*, devotional books, mission study, historical and other current books giving information about our mission fields; also have copies of *Royal Service*, *The Window of Y.W.A.* and *World Comrades*. Let the Bible have the predominant place. On a sign-post made from poster-paper print: "GUIDES that help MAP the way".

On the small table display fruits etc., representative of the harvest of material blessings. The unicorn may also be used. Just back of the fruits etc. place the globe. Then use a large cross standing from the floor, extending above the globe.

On the third table stand a large sheet of poster-paper on which are sign-posts of different sizes and drawn at varying angles revealing these facts: (1) S. B. C. Foreign Mission Board, 1845 (2) Richmond, Virginia (3) 1303 Missionaries

(4) **F**ield (5) The Near East (6) Europe (7) Hawaii (8) South
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Presentation: Carefully assign the first topic, "A Century of Foreign Missions". Use several women to present the different mission fields included in the topic, "Working with God in Many Lands". In presenting the part, "The Christmas Season of Prayer and Gifts", call attention to God's guidance in our national affairs and His desire and promises to guide us into the way of true peace. Then, let a small child enter and kneel on one side of the cross with hands folded in an attitude of prayer. An older child dressed in the costume of another country will enter and stand with outstretched hands on the opposite side. Very earnestly impress upon the hearts of the women the personal application of Jesus' commands: "Pray ye" and "Give ye". The program material is on pages 18-25.

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Facing Tomorrow with God

TOPIC for MONTH: God at Work on Foreign Mission Fields

Hymn for Year

—Watchword for Year

Bible Study—Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-4 (See page 14.)

Prayer that we may have a new vision of foreign mission needs and opportunities

Hymn—Jesus Saves

A Century of Foreign Missions

Prayer thanking God for southern Baptist foreign mission achievements of a hundred years

Foreign Missions Today

Working with God in Many Lands

Prayer for all southern Baptist foreign mission work

Hymn—We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

The Christmas Season of Prayer and Gifts

Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Prayer that the Christmas season may this year be observed by Baptist women and young people around the world with more earnest prayer and larger gifts than ever before

A CENTURY of FOREIGN MISSIONS

IN the century of southern Baptist history just completed foreign missions has played an important part. The supreme motive which led to the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention was the purpose of preaching the Gospel in foreign lands; one of the very first actions of the new Convention was the formation of the Foreign Mission Board to carry out this purpose. On May 20, 1845, less than two weeks after the organization of the Convention, this first Foreign Mission Board held its first regular meeting in the city chosen as its headquarters, Richmond, Virginia.

It is hard for us, in this day of southern Baptist prosperity and success, to realize fully the difficulties and discouragements which our fathers faced one hundred years ago, when they launched the foreign mission enterprise of the Southern Baptist Convention. There was no foreign mission secretary and no one seeking the position. There were no foreign missionaries and no one applying to be sent. There were no mission funds and no plans for obtaining them. There was no means of reaching the churches with an appeal for men and money. There was little missionary experience to guide in the forming of policies. Moreover, there was not "any too much" missionary spirit among southern Baptists.

In the face of all these difficulties the new board went to work. At the end of the first year Dr. J. B. Taylor accepted the position as secretary and so became the first of six great southern Baptists who have served as secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board during the one hundred years of its history. Gradually the enterprise was organized on a firm basis and the work of foreign missions began to take definite form and developed.

In the very first year the Board appointed missionaries to China. These established two stations—one at Canton and the other at Shanghai. As years have passed by other missions were opened in China until there were five major stations. Five years after the formation of the Board a missionary couple was sent to Africa, thus adding another land and another continent to the foreign mission field of southern Baptists. After another thirteen years Italy was entered, adding still another country on still another continent. Then, when the Convention was thirty-five years old Mexico, on our own continent, was added; a year later the first missionaries were sent to Brazil, thus adding another continent to the list. With the passing of years

Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay and Colombia have become South American fields of southern Baptists. Soon after the opening of Japan to the world southern Baptists sent four missionaries to that land, but they were lost at sea and it was not until 1889 that missionary work began there. In 1921, after World War I, Palestine, Syria and four European lands—Spain, Rumania, Hungary and Jugoslavia—became mission fields of southern Baptists. After the beginning of World War II Hawaii was added to the list. So has the foreign mission work of southern Baptists spread to nineteen countries on every continent except Australia.

In these hundred years southern Baptists have sent out 1303 missionaries. It is impossible to estimate the value of these lives, consecrated to the cause of world-wide missions. They have followed the example and commands of Jesus in their methods of work as by preaching, teaching, healing and the use of the printed word they have sought to make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. The prayers they have prayed, the meetings they have held, the sermons they have preached, the homes they have visited, the sick they have healed, the books they have written, the institutions they have built, the lives they have touched—these and thousands of other uncounted activities make up the glowing history of a century of southern Baptist mission work. To this should be added the devoted service of those at the home-base as they have poured millions of dollars into the foreign mission treasury, following their gifts with their prayers and their devoted interest in the cause of winning the lost world to Christ.

The only true measure of the achievements of this century of foreign missions is found in lives touched and souls won to Christ, a measure which only God can know. Thousands of those of many nations are today in Heaven singing the praises of their Redeemer because southern Baptists carried to them the Gospel. Other thousands are today living testimonies to the power of the Gospel, as given to them by our foreign missionaries, to save and to transform human lives. Thousands of lives, thousands of homes, thousands of communities have changed from darkness to light because of the foreign mission work of southern Baptists. This is the brief story of a century of foreign missions to thrill our souls and to make our hearts rejoice and be thankful because God has so richly blessed us as we have gone into much of the world, preaching the Gospel to many nations.

FOREIGN MISSIONS TODAY

AFTER a hundred years southern Baptists find themselves with a large and growing foreign mission work, presenting many opportunities and many needs, many possibilities and many responsibilities, much to gratify and much to challenge. Using three words beginning with F we consider our foreign mission work of today.

Field—The foreign mission field of southern Baptists comprises the nineteen countries entered during the past century. In these lands live over 900,000,000 people of many tribes and tongues, of many nations and many races. In all these lands are Baptist constituencies, the result of a century of missionary work. Some of these are very few in numbers, but others count up into the thousands and have not only organized native churches but have also formed associations and national conventions. Many of the Baptist church buildings, schools, hospitals and publishing houses which have been built through the century stand today (except where the changes of time or the ravages of war have destroyed them) as great assets for the extension of the Kingdom. Truly, the southern Baptist foreign mission field is wide, needy and challenging!

Force—Our foreign mission force can be considered in two groups. In a beautiful headquarters building located in Richmond, Virginia, is the first group, the executive staff which manages the tremendous foreign mission enterprise. At the head of this staff is the executive secretary, Dr. M. T. Rankin. Early this year Dr. Rankin was elected to succeed Dr. Charles E. Maddy and thereby became the seventh secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Rankin served fourteen years as a missionary in China and for almost ten years as secretary for the orient, so he is unusually well

prepared for the responsibilities to which southern Baptists have called him. Associated with him are three regional secretaries and a personnel secretary. These, with other departments and their secretaries, make an executive staff numbering thirty-two. Dr. Rankin tells us that, even with this large executive staff, less than six per cent of foreign mission receipts is spent on all the home administration, including promotional work. The second part of the foreign mission force is made up of the 536 active missionaries. These are the ones that represent southern Baptists on the nineteen foreign fields. These are the army which we have sent to the front to fight the battle against sin. Due to conditions resultant from World War II only about 238 of the 536 missionaries are now in actual service on thirteen fields. The other 298 are in America. Of these 185 are from the orient, kept from their fields by the war, while most of the others are here on regular furloughs. Some of the missionaries on forced furloughs have accepted temporary positions of service in this country but most of them are doing most effective field work for the Foreign Mission Board, speaking and teaching in Schools of Missions. We are proud of our missionary force and rejoice in the wonderful work they have done and are doing today. But their number is inadequate to meet the need of the present situation. Dr. Rankin says that at least two hundred more missionaries should be ready for the immediate postwar period. **Funds**—Finances are a very important part of the foreign mission enterprise. The missionary force cannot operate on the missionary fields without missionary funds. And the five and a half million southern Baptists must provide the funds. Dr. Rankin, in discussing our present financial situation says: "As compared with past years, it is remarkably good. As compared with future needs it is inadequate". The Board expects to receive in 1945 at least \$3,000,000 exclusive of relief funds. Practically all of this is needed to provide the current budget for the year. In the treasury is an emergency fund of \$2,000,000 intended for replacing destroyed mission property and equipment whenever possible. Another emergency fund is needed to be used only under circumstances which would compel the Board to borrow money from banks if there were not such a fund. A still larger yearly current fund is needed to finance the growth and development of Baptist groups which we have helped to found in our foreign mission countries. So we can see that much more money than we are giving at present is needed for the support of our foreign mission program. Surely five and a half million southern Baptists can give more than fifty cents per person per year for world-wide missions.

Faith—Another word beginning with F is necessary for the successful operation of our foreign mission program, and that is **faith**. The faith of our fathers has brought us to this time of glorious achievement. The hosts of southern Baptists of today must have that same faith and even more of it. We must have faith in the integrity and operative wisdom of the home force, faith in the consecration and ability of the missionary force, faith in the missionary program launched by Jesus, faith in His promise to be with us as we go to the ends of the earth in obedience to His great commission. Too many southern Baptists, even after a century of missionary history, are still not missionary in spirit and practice. These need the faith that will lead them to consecrate themselves to the cause of world evangelism.

WORKING with GOD in MANY LANDS

In the Orient—In 1835 J. Lewis and Henrietta Hall Shuck set sail as America's first missionaries to China. Since both were from the state of Virginia, both were southern Baptists, and thus did it happen that southern Baptists lined up with the work in the orient a decade before the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. At the time of the organization of the Convention Mr. Shuck was in this country; Mrs. Shuck had died in China and he had come home bringing his children with him. So it was a natural thing that China should be chosen as the first mission field of southern Baptists and that Mr. Shuck should be among the first appointees of the newly organized Foreign Mission Board. In the very first year Mr. Shuck and Rev. I. J. Roberts* of Tennessee were designated for missionary work in China, thus

*He was also closely associated with Kentucky and Mississippi.

becoming the first foreign missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. During this century of foreign missions more S.B.C. missionaries have served and more southern Baptist work has been done in China than in any other land.

At the last time when reports were available there were over 70,000 members of about 300 churches in our five main stations in China. Today, although the war caused a cessation of most of our missionary activities, China still remains the largest and in many ways the most important of our southern Baptist mission fields. Two-fifths of our present missionary force are appointees to China. As this is being written (*August*) only twelve of these are on the field but it is hoped that, since war has ended, others will soon be going—some to the task of rebuilding the work on old fields, others to work in the new fields which were opened up by the fleeing of refugees into western China.

Never in the hundred years of our mission effort in China have opportunities been so challenging and so promising as now. To be sure, much mission property has been destroyed, the missionaries had to leave and the Christians were scattered, but the work went on just the same. Churches continued to minister to the people, schools and hospitals which had to move to escape the invading army carried on their work in new locations. Thousands of Christians, driven from their homes, witnessed to the saving power of Jesus. Chinese Christians, in the absence of missionaries, assumed responsibilities of leadership. The suffering of the Chinese opened their hearts to the Gospel. There is a wide-spread knowledge of the facts of Christianity and there is also an eagerness on the part of the people to hear the Gospel. All of these encouraging facts make it imperative that southern Baptists shall send more missionaries to China than ever before.

Since 1889 southern Baptists have had missionaries in Japan. A letter, written by the secretary of the Foreign Mission Board to Rev. J. W. McCollum of Alabama, one of our first missionaries to Japan, advised: "Remember, my brother, that you are to lay the foundations of an eternal work. Look a hundred years ahead. Be content to make haste slowly". Missionaries have been compelled to "make haste slowly" in the Sunrise Kingdom, where religious ideals and the nationalistic spirit of the people have made Christian work very difficult. But until the war brought cessation of work splendid progress had been made. We then had twenty-five churches with almost 3000 members; two influential schools and one seminary had been established; and a publishing work was carried on. We can know nothing of these Japanese Baptists today but we believe that our missionaries laid the foundations of an eternal work and that, when we can again enter Japan, many faithful Baptists will be found. No S.B.C. missionaries are in Japan today, but seven are on the list assigned to that land. Among new missionary appointees are some for Japan, eager to show the Japanese that Christian love forgives and gladly shares, even with a former enemy, the blessed Gospel message.

In Hawaii—When the war drove missionaries from Japan and China some stopped on the Hawaiian Islands and established southern Baptist work there. Today we have on the islands a most flourishing and promising work. Twenty-three missionaries are there—twenty of those assigned to China and three of those assigned to Japan.

Our work began at Honolulu, largest and most strategic city on the islands, and has extended until today we have churches and missions on four of the islands with prospects of opening a mission on another island soon. The churches in Hawaii are very evangelistic in spirit and many are being saved. The Baptist Bible School in Honolulu had an enrolment of 87 last year. The churches have made a special effort to minister to the armed service personnel and war-workers on the islands. Many of these men are entertained in missionary homes and in the churches, and some have been won to Christ and have been baptized into Hawaiian churches.

At least one-fourth of the population of Hawaii is of Japanese descent and many of the adults do not understand English. So, in this period when we are not able to do work in Japan, we can be particularly glad that our missionaries in Hawaii are ministering to Japanese people. Rev. Edwin Dozier, who was born in Japan, and his

mother, Mrs. C. K. Dozier, are working among Japanese on all the principal islands with the result that there are Japanese-speaking groups among the members of all our Hawaiian churches. Who knows but that some of these may become Baptist missionaries in the Japanese homeland some day?

In Africa—At the time of the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention, David Livingstone had been in Africa only four years, so that was still the great "Unknown Continent". However, even before Livingstone went to Africa, there had gone Lott Carey from a little Negro Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, to establish a Baptist mission in Liberia. In the first report of the Foreign Mission Board as made to the Convention in 1846 are found expressions of concern for Africa and a wish to send missionaries there as soon as possible. Four years later Rev. T. J. Bowen of Georgia was sent as southern Baptists' first missionary to Nigeria. Mr. Bowen and subsequently appointed missionaries established missions at several points in Nigeria. Then there was a period of seven years when there were no southern Baptist missionaries on the Dark Continent, but in 1874 the hearts of southern Baptists turned toward Africa. Since that time there has been continuous S.B.C. work in Nigeria. Today we have in that land over 21,000 members in about 250 churches. Our missionary force numbers 76. A good per cent of these are on the field and the work has never been more promising. Schools, the hospital, dispensaries, work for lepers, Woman's Missionary Union and Sunday-school and Training Union work—all report remarkable progress.

When Dr. G. W. Sadler visited Africa two springs ago he was besieged by individuals and groups to use his influence that more missionaries might be sent. If our missionary force were doubled, we should not be able to meet all the needs of this vast and fruitful mission field.

In Europe—Eleven years before the Southern Baptist Convention was organized John G. Oncken, the pioneer in the modern Baptist movement in Europe, was baptized and a year later became a missionary under the American Baptist Missionary Society of the Triennial Convention. Largely through his efforts little Baptist groups sprang up in many European countries. Southern Baptists began work in Europe in 1870 when Dr. George B. Taylor, son of the first Foreign Board secretary, was sent to Italy. For over fifty years southern Baptist European work was confined to this one land. Then, after World War I, which had revealed the fact that there were small groups of Baptists in every European land and that these very much needed help from larger Baptist groups, southern Baptists added to their foreign mission fields four other European lands: Spain, Rumania, Hungary and Yugoslavia. Since then the Baptist growth in these lands, especially in Rumania, has been remarkable.

Today the Foreign Board has twelve missionaries listed for Europe. Mrs. N. J. Bengtson is at her post in Spain where she was able to remain during the entire war period. From her letters we are led to believe that in that priest-ridden country more converts are being baptized now than ever before. Dr. Dewey Moore, who made a trip back to Italy last spring, has given inspiring accounts to us concerning the Baptists of that unhappy land; their courage and devotion amaze us. They have been greatly helped by cartons of food and clothing which have gone to them from societies and members of Woman's Missionary Union. Dr. and Mrs. John Allen Moore and Rev. J. D. Hughey Jr. are associated with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and are working among Yugoslav refugees in Egypt. They hope soon to go to needy areas of Europe.

The best news from Europe is that the Baptists of Rumania have been recognized as a "cult", which gives them the same legal status with the Greek Orthodox Church and other so-called "historic cults". We hope that this means a new day of religious liberty for Rumanian Baptists.

In the Near East—More than forty years ago modern Baptist work began in Palestine and Syria. A young Syrian by the name of Jureidini, while in this country in connection with Syria's exhibit at the first Chicago World's Fair, heard and received the Gospel, then went back to Syria as a missionary supported by Illinois

Baptists. At the close of World War I southern Baptists saw the open door of opportunity in the Near East and decided to enter. In 1922 the first missionaries were sent. Then the Foreign Mission Board began helping Mr. Jureidini with his work. As years have passed by other missionaries have gone and pioneer work has been done in Jerusalem, Nazareth, Tel-Aviv, Haifa and in two points in Syria.

World War II made it necessary for all missionaries to return home. Last year Miss Kate Ellen Gruver went back to the field. Since then she has lived in the mission quarters at Jerusalem and has done what she could to conserve the work, while giving much time to language study. Soon after her return she spent some days in Beirut, Syria, and was encouraged by the progress of the work there. She found Brother Jureidini, though very feeble, still holding services every Sunday, with a younger man, Salim Sharouk, conducting night services in his own home.

Two new couples, Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Callaway and Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Hagood, have recently gone to join Miss Gruver. They too are living in the mission house in Jerusalem while studying the Arabic language. Mr. Callaway has been preaching in English in the church in Jerusalem. Mr. Hagood goes each Sunday to preach in the church in Nazareth. Both of these couples have been assigned to work in Syria, the Callaways to Beirut and the Hagoods to the ancient city of Damascus.

In Mexico—The oldest of our Latin American mission fields is Mexico. Texas Baptists sent the first missionary to Mexico, John Westrup who began his work November 1, 1880, and on December 21, 1880, was murdered by Indian bandits. Rev. W. D. Powell, a young man just graduated from Union University in Tennessee, went to Mexico to investigate this tragic death and was inspired to offer himself to the Foreign Board to take up the work of the murdered missionary. With Dr. Powell served a splendid group of missionaries, laying a good foundation for Baptist work in Mexico.

In 1917 Mexico adopted a constitution practically prohibiting all religious work; so since that time not many foreign missionaries have been able to stay in the country. Much of the S.B.C. work for Mexico has been carried on across the border in El Paso, Texas. There we have our Mexican Baptist Seminary and Training School and the Baptist Publishing House for Spanish-speaking people. Of the twenty-nine students, enrolled in the seminary last year, ten were from Mexico. Fifteen S.B.C. missionaries for Mexico are at work in El Paso and in Mexico. The members of our churches in Mexico number about 3000. These churches are evangelistic in spirit and report each year a remarkably large number of conversions and baptisms.

In South America—Wonderful has been the growth of southern Baptist work in South America. Starting 64 years ago with one missionary couple in one country, Brazil, the South American work has extended to five other lands—Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay and Colombia—where our missionary force numbers about 200. When the work began, so far as was known, there was not a Baptist among the people of South America; today the number of members of Baptist churches founded by southern Baptist missionaries number over 80,000. Four conventions have been organized: two in Brazil, one in the north and one in the south; one for Chile and one for Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, known as the River Plate Convention. These conventions conduct work similar to that of our own Southern Baptist Convention, promoting Sunday-schools, Training Unions and Woman's Missionary Unions, supporting Baptist schools, publishing Baptist literature and doing some home and foreign mission work.

Remarkable has been the growth of our work in Colombia, our newest South American field. Though only four years old, the Mission now includes 16 missionaries, three Colombian pastors who work in the five churches and mission stations which have been established in the three principal cities. One school has been established, a monthly Baptist paper is published and at noon each Sunday a "Baptist Half Hour" is broadcast over the radio.

The relationship between North and South America is closer than ever before. While there has been recently an effort on the part of the Roman Catholic Church to

prohibit the entrance of evangelical missionaries, it has not been very successful and all South American countries are now open to missionaries. The people are turning away from Catholicism and their hearts are hungry for the Gospel message. Now is the strategic time for southern Baptists to enlarge their work on this neighborhood continent. Every field already occupied should be strengthened and new fields should be entered.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON OF PRAYER and GIFTS

THE beloved Christmas season of prayer and gifts for foreign missions draws near. Each year southern Baptist women and young people welcome this season as an opportunity to express their love for the Christ who came at Christmas, by helping to extend His Kingdom to all people. The view of our southern Baptist mission work, as given briefly in this program, helps us to realize how vast is the need of a lost world, how impelling is the necessity of spreading the Gospel of the Christmas Christ and how fruitful is the missionary work of southern Baptists. Such a realization inspires us with a desire and determination to have a larger part in world missions and prepares us to enter enthusiastically into all the plans of this Christmas foreign mission season.

Let us remember that this is first a season of prayer. The Foreign Mission Board needs our prayers; Dr. Rankin and those who work with him in the Richmond office need our prayers; our missionaries need our prayers; Baptist constituencies in foreign lands need our prayers; the lost world needs our prayers. Surely it is not expecting too much that in the very first week of the Christmas month members of the Woman's Missionary Societies will meet for a short period every day for four days and for several hours on Friday to pray for foreign missions. If every member of Woman's Missionary Union, both women and young people, would make this really a season of prayer it would mean unmeasured blessings to the foreign mission cause and an unusually happy Christmas in thousands of southern Baptist homes.

Then this is also a season of gifts. With our Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings we will make our first Christmas gifts of this year to the Christ Child and, since they are for Him in commemoration of His birthday, they should be large gifts. Our goal this year is one million dollars. Much of this will be a part of the three million dollars which the Foreign Mission Board expects to receive for its current work. Many important phases of our foreign mission program depend on this gift. This will be our last big financial effort of the Centennial. Giving this million dollars for foreign missions will help greatly in reaching our Centennial goal of \$6,666,666.66. Let us crown the Centennial and give Christ first place in our Centennial Christmas by making the largest Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to foreign missions in the history of Woman's Missionary Union.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Give a brief history of southern Baptist foreign mission work.
2. Discuss the present field of foreign missions.
3. Who is our foreign mission executive secretary?
4. Tell something of the executive staff in the Richmond office.
5. How many foreign missionaries do we have today?
6. Tell something of the present financial situation of the Foreign Mission Board.
7. Discuss encouraging features of our work in China.
8. Tell of mission activities in Hawaii.
9. Discuss Africa as a promising mission field.
10. What do we know of present Baptist work in Europe?
11. Tell something of our work in the Near East.
12. Tell of the beginning of Baptist work in Mexico.
13. Give encouraging facts about our work in South America.
14. How can we make the Christmas season of prayer and gifts this year the most fruitful we have ever had?

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 help may be found in this listed material and in leaflets as suggested below.

World Comrades	—The Window of Y.W.A.
The Commission	—Southern Baptist Home Missions
Some Denominational Papers	
The Word Overcoming the World	E. C. Routh

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large twenty-four hour clocks and suggest that each member of the class fill in what she did with her time yesterday; note the opportunities for service found. Were there unseized opportunities? Was there wasted or misused time? Close with a Bible study from Section III of *Original Sources*.

Session Five—Chapter 8 and Reports. Urge that the pastor, chairman of the Board of Deacons, Sunday-school superintendent and Training Union director be present. Present, briefly, the relative importance of the gift of self and of money and what the consecration or stewardship of money involves. Draw here on Section I of *Original Sources*. Allow ten minutes for the presentation and discussion of the report of each of the survey committees appointed earlier in the week. Give a brief résumé of the activities needed, the opportunities they offer and the talents, time and money necessary to undertake them. Ask for personal commitments to each task. Ask the pastor to close with prayer of rededication.

Any book reviewed or otherwise recommended in this magazine may be purchased from your State Baptist Bookstore.

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service she could do now. Before the telescope came small children . . . red and yellow, black and white, singing a little mission hymn. So the decision was made to give her life for the Master's service.

The offering was taken during a beautiful offertory; the goal was reached and more than doubled. My heart quoted: "Freely ye have received, freely give!" That night on the way home Miss Landrum told me that the total Christian education goal for this year was \$1,000. From it the following distributions are made: 85% for yearly scholarships and 15% for the Annie Bagby Memorial Fund which is an endowment fund for Training School Aid. Two and a half thousand dollars will complete the endowment. Thus two girls a year will receive scholarships for years to come.

Truly the Baptist women of Brazil are afire with the spirit of missions. It is a deep and lasting joy to be in their midst and work with them.—Miss Dorine Hawkins, Rio de Janeiro

Our Young People

Miss Juliette Mathew
W.M.U. Young People's Secretary

Royal Ambassadors in Review

Focus Week, November 4-9

ROYAL Ambassador Focus Week is in many ways Anniversary Week for R.A.'s around the world. We celebrate it very much as other institutions or organizations by re-thinking Royal Ambassador values, studying our progress in such work and considering needs for the future. It is a time for focusing our attention and the attention of others on this organization of our churches. Royal Ambassadors are on parade and our thoughts stand in review for them to pass by.

Reviewing the Purpose of the Order of Royal Ambassadors—It is an organization whose component parts are boys and missions. These two are so vitally welded together in the purpose of the Order that, if either is lost, then the chapter no longer exists. R.A. Chapters do not exist to give the Woman's Missionary Society something to foster nor to utilize the leadership of the church. Our motive for organizing should not be to make our Woman's Missionary Union A-1 nor to serve as a means of enlisting men in the cause of missions, as important as this is. It is an organization to give boys a missionary experience so vital that they can never get beyond its influence.

Reviewing the Progress of Royal Ambassadors—Thirty-seven years officially, Royal Ambassadors have been at work. Today missionaries on mission fields, pastors and laymen testify to the mission inspiration received in R.A. Chapters. Nationals in mission lands point with pride to mission projects helped by Baptist boys of the south. Look how we have grown in these years: six thousand organizations in the Southern Baptist Convention territory and work among the boys of fourteen nationalities! There is a year-round force of six men and a summer force of fifteen men serving as paid Royal Ambassador workers in the south, not to count the thousands of volunteers who are local, associational and state counselors. Two countries have requested men missionaries to organize and lead their boys in missionary activities as full-time Royal Ambassador secretaries. With growing interest among pastors and leaders, watch the ever enlarging army of arm-banded boys signifying mission interest and knowledge.

Reviewing the Needs for Royal Ambassador Chapters—The war is over, but the peace is not won. A lasting peace will be determined by the boys of today in places of responsibility tomorrow. They need mission background to build for Christian relationships among the peoples of the world. Christianity faces its most trying period of history in its opportunity for progress and in overcoming hate and prejudice generated by years of war and bloodshed. Large numbers of recruits and millions of dollars in gifts are needed to take advantage of these opportunities. Certainly the recruits must come from the youth of today.

Reviewing the Needs of Your Local Chapter—How long has it been since you looked in on your chapter? Do you know if it is still going or not? How many members are attending? Is Johnny, the boy across the street from you, a member? If so, is he a page, squire or knight in his rank? Perhaps the chapter in your church is the best it has been for years. Focus Week is a time to check up and see the good points as well as the needs of your chapter. Perhaps the boys need their own meeting place fixed up for them. New R.A. Chapter flags are available, made up in royal blue and gold with a large R.A. insignia in the center. These flags are 3'x5' in size and made from moth-proof defiance bunting, an ideal anniversary gift for your chapter (\$8); other things for the chapter rooms are: new charters in blue and gold (ready for framing, 25c); Standard of Excellence charts (10c on paper, 25c on cardboard); order all such from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala. Swords and shields can be used in giving the meeting place a distinctive appearance. A Father-Son Banquet or Brotherhood-R.A. Supper may be just the stimulant your boys and men need to start them on a long road of missionary experiences together. This may also serve to get additional leaders. Your chapter may need more recognition by your church. Plan with the pastor for Focus Week Recognition Service, special sermons and Knightly Deed projects.

If your church does not have an R.A. Chapter, this article is especially for you. See that you have a chapter to review next year by starting the organization in your church this Focus Week.

Training School

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Another Year Is Dawning

NEW years are not confined to January first. For individuals there are the birthdays and other anniversaries. For the school there is the annual opening in September. For every teacher and student in our School every opening in the autumn is indeed the beginning of a new year. It is an investment in Christian living that one must take seriously. It furnishes an opportunity for growth and service that will not come again.

We assembled in the chapel on Tuesday afternoon, September 11, with gratitude in our hearts. The war was over! As a nation we could now work for the things that make for peace; as a part of the world family of Christians we could come back to our unique mission of working together with Christ to bring in His Kingdom; as a denomination we could find more perfectly our own place in His divine "Plan of the Ages"; as individuals we could rededicate ourselves to His way of life and begin another year of study to find that way more perfectly.

In Habakkuk 1:9 (A. R. V.) we find these words: "The set of their faces is towards the east". The east brings the morning, the new day. Now we should look toward that new day that will give us an opportunity to help build a decent world. If the new day comes, however, the "set of our faces" must be toward a new day in our own lives.

The session has opened with a full house. To date one hundred and twenty-eight boarding and eighty-four day students have enrolled. There has been a very gratifying increase in numbers from some of our states which have had somewhat small enrollments in recent years. Among the boarding students North Carolina leads with an enrolment of eighteen; Kentucky and Virginia have fifteen each; South Carolina fourteen; Georgia thirteen; Alabama twelve; Mississippi, Missouri and Texas seven each; Florida six; Tennessee five; Arkansas and Oklahoma two each; Louisiana, Maryland and New Mexico one each.

The following students come from *Alabama*: Ann Huguley, Ava Jordan, Verbie McIntosh, Doris McKay, Anna Gene Norris, Hewlett Packman, Sarah Rowe, Marjorie Stith, Virginia Thompson, Sara Williams, Cathyrne Ward. *Mary* Ellen Yancey; *Arkansas*: Martha Knorr, Jean Prince; *Florida*: Edith Arrington, Doris Headley, Ella Klarer, Betty McCord, Elsie Rives, Frances Sparkman; *Georgia*: Mevis Barron, Frances Hairston, Sara Hall, Frances Horne, Miriam Jardine, Margaret King, Agnes McCabe, Mary McCall, Hazel McKinnon, Martha Morrison, Catherine Walker, Adeline Zachert; *Kentucky*: Margaret Adams, Florence Baird, Roberta Clason, Mary Davenport, Christine Fogle, Lucy Hoskins, Dorcas Mason, Virginia Olds, Opal Osborne; *Louisiana*: Edith Davenport; *Maryland*: Roberta Kella; *Mississippi*: Marie Crane, Eleanora Hobby, Maxine King, Nella Dean Mitchell, Olive Powell, Nell Taylor, Zelma Van Osdol; *Missouri*: Irene Brannum, Mary Flanagan, Harriet Groesbeck, Eunice Hayes, Nina Belle Holaday, Mary Pittman, Dorothy Roberts; *North Carolina*: Esther Adams, Mary Lee Ernest, Evelyn Garrison, Frances Hale, Carol Humphries, Betty Kirkpatrick, Anna Locklear, Anne Queen, Olene Sinclair, Pearl Sledge, Jean Stamper, Elizabeth Stinson, Rachel Thompson, Eleanor Vereen, Kathleen Vestal, Gwendolyn Ward, Elizabeth White, Sara Yates; *New Mexico*: Nina Lee Cavener; *Oklahoma*: Maxine Campbell, Louise Tadlock; *South Carolina*: Nell Anders, Kathryn Bigham, Cassie Crowe, Mary Isla Crumpler, Frances Haddon, Mary Nell Hardin, Pitts Hughes, Joyce Lee, Mary McLeod, Carolyn Mosley, Frances Roberts, Dorothy Sears, Anne Thomas, Mary Willis; *Tennessee*: Mildred Dickerson, Aileen Lintz, Margaret McKinney, Fay Sides, Margie Whisner; *Texas*: Jeanne Allen, Mildred Crabtree, Martha Franklin, Gloria Griffin, Mildred Kimbrough, Eunice Parker, Marilyn Sanders, Virginia; *Marjorie Aikstock*, Ann Byrd Atkins, Virginia Beall, Martha Burnette, Nell Collins, Doris Davis, Hettie Flint, Trumon Grasty, Nancy Haymes, Martha Mason, Gladys Moody, Lucille Riner, Kathleen Sanderson, Edith Vaughn, Mary Elizabeth Wrenn; *Argentina*: Ruth Garcia; *Chile*: Georgina Mae Orburn (missionary).

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Following a conference early in September of twelve of our Foreign Mission Board's personnel for the orient, Dr. M. T. Rankin announced that at least five missionaries would be sent to China within the next six months to make a survey of our four missions on the mainland of Asia, to reestablish relations with our Chinese Baptists and make temporary arrangements for churches, schools and hospitals. Dr. Rankin also announced that preparations were being made to reopen our mission work on the islands of Japan at the earliest opportunity. To that end two or three missionaries will be sent to make a survey of conditions on Kyushu at Fukuoka, Nagasaki and Hiroshima where we had mission stations before the war.

It was announced in September by the secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference that the resumption of foreign missionary activities in Japan will depend upon the extent to which Allied occupation authorities permit travel and upon the desire of the Japanese themselves. The Committee on Cooperation in Japan formed last year by representatives of protestant denominations, which carried on mission projects in Japan before Pearl Harbor, will doubtless have met this past month to decide what future steps should be taken.

According to a recent report from the National Christian Council of China there are now known to be in missionary service in Free China 234 protestant pastors and teachers and medical missionaries from the United States, 221 from Great Britain and 59 from Canada. In addition there are 438 missionaries from protestant agencies on the continent of Europe. We note too that Dr. Frank W. Price, a Presbyterian missionary to West China, who recently served as assistant to the Chinese delegation attending the World Security Conference in San Francisco, reported a few months ago that there are nearly seven hundred Student Dedication Movement volunteers in China. "This movement," says Dr. Price, "is essential to the future of the church. It is a ray of sunshine in the dark sky and is firing many discouraged leaders with new hope for the church."—*Presbyterian Survey*.

The *World Outlook*, quoting the Chinese delegate to the first meeting of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, published the following which is indeed a grim picture: "Of the total estimated population of China 200,000,000 have been living under Japanese occupation, 220,000,000 in Free China and 40,000,000 may be displaced persons. Of the population living in occupied China it is estimated 60,000,000 will need relief. Of the displaced persons 24,000,000 will need relief, thus making a total of 84,000,000 needing relief." Dr. Rankin of our S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board is quoted as saying that the Board has a relief fund for Asia and Europe of \$1,300,000 to be placed at the disposal of the missionaries who return to war devastated areas but that the needs require a minimum of \$2,000,000.

In honor of the eleven missionaries and one young boy who were executed by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society of the Northern Baptist Convention has published a memorial booklet, "Through Shining Archway", while the Foreign Boards of the Northern Convention are planning to appoint eighteen new missionaries for service in the Philippines to replace these late additions to the long list of missionary martyrs and to return six of those who were imprisoned by the Japanese in Santo Tomas prison camp.

An article in *The Methodist Woman* closes with the following paragraph in which we may well substitute or add the word, "Baptist"—"As we look out upon the world, the verse from the *Psalms* may well be the inspiration of Methodist (Baptist) women: 'Thou hast set my feet in a large room, for the tasks that loom ahead are huge. Let us be about our Father's business'."

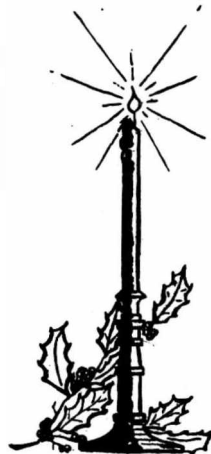
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those to whom we would now pay memorial tribute is Miss Mary E. Moorman who in 1904 went from Kentucky to central China. As W.M.U. members are *thinking together* in gratitude for her sacrificial life, it is fitting to give thanks also for another who likewise but in a different capacity wrought mightily for missions, Dr. J. McKee Adams. As the long-time professor of "Biblical Introduction" at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary he was used of God to prepare for missionary service many a student at the Seminary and at the W.M.U. Training School. There is yet another of close missionary ties who has entered into a rich reward in Heaven. Concerning him Mrs. W. J. Cox writes:

In the annals of World War II no more glorious and heroic record will be recorded than that made by Lt. Col. Dwight M. Deter. Dr. Deter was head surgeon at Corregidor. After Pearl Harbor he with 2000 others was imprisoned on Mindanao. The *Baptist Standard* says: "For almost three years through loneliness, suffering, starvation and finally death he cured men's bodies and pointed them to God. He poured into those awful years more of love and Christian service than many give to the world in a long lifetime." The men were dying of malaria and he found a cinchona tree and brewed quinine of the bark. He made operating instruments of tin cans and saved lives. When the teeth of the men were falling out he found a palm-nut which supplied the necessary vitamins to sustain life. Letter after letter to members of his family in America expressed this thought: "Col. Deter was the one reason why not a man among us cracked up during those awful years. He pointed us to God!" Col. Deter was the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Deter who were appointed S.B.C. missionaries to Brazil in 1901. Col. Deter attended Baylor University and Baylor School of Medicine; he matriculated in 1920-21 and was a Margaret Fund student for six years. His father, writing of Col. Deter's death on a Japanese prison-ship sunk by submarine action, says: "When we see him over on the other side, then we will be able to sit under the shade of the trees on the banks of the River of Life and talk about the years of suffering and starvation and service to his fellow-men".—*Kathleen Mallory, W.M.U. Executive Secretary*

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Mrs. W. C. Howell	243 Holland Building, Fresno 1, Calif.
Mrs. Carleton M. Long	4443 Yuma St., N.W., Washington 16, D. C.
Miss Josephine Jones	207 Rogers Building, Jacksonville 2, Fla.
Miss Janice Singleton	Baptist Building, 291 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta 3, Ga.
Mrs. John Hathaway	211 1/2 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, Ill.
Miss Mary Winborne	127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Ky.
Miss Hannah E. Reynolds	Box 12, Shreveport 80, La.
Mrs. Samuel R. Barnes	307 Professional Building, Baltimore 1, Md.
Miss Edwina Robinson	Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss.
Mrs. C. M. Truex	1023 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Mo.
Miss Eva Inlow	Box 485, Albuquerque, N. M.
Mrs. J. S. Farmer (Acting)	214 Recorder Building, Raleigh, N. C.
Mrs. Berta K. Spooner	223 1/2 West First Street, Oklahoma City 2, Okla.
Miss Vonnice Lance	1301 Hampton Street, Columbia 29, S. C.
Miss Mary Northington	149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tenn.
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Miss Blanche Sydnor White	1 West Franklin Street, Richmond 20, Va.
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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

As an innovation this year the list is being published in several sections so as to show the many ways in which each country will be helped. There are three items which could not be thus listed because they are to be used for all the countries as their need may be; these items are:

Missionaries' Salaries	\$112,500
Education of Missionaries' Sons and Daughters (<i>Margaret Fund</i>)	16,000
American Bible Society	5,000

European and Near East Causes Included in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial (\$28,500)	
Woman's Bible Training School, Budapest, Hungary	\$ 2,500
Mrs. W. C. James Memorial Training School, Bucharest, Rumania	4,000
Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields (\$21,100)	
Italy	500
Palestine-Syria	2,000
Rumania	
Hungary	
Jugoslavia	1,200
Church and Good Will Center, Jerusalem, Palestine	2,000
Rehabilitation of the Five Countries in Europe	9,000
Repairing Damaged Church, Civitavecchia, Italy	4,000
Rebuilding Damaged Churches, Reggio Calabria, Florence, Italy	10,000

Includes \$200 for W.M.U. Literature in Jugoslavia

Latin American Causes Included in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial (\$28,500)	
Current Expenses, Woman's Training School, Rio, Brazil	\$ 4,000
Current Expenses, Woman's Training School, Recife, Brazil	2,500
Woman's Training School, Buenos Aires, Argentina	2,300
Woman's Training School, Rosario, Argentina	900
Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Santiago, Chile	1,300
Mexican Woman's Training School, El Paso, Texas	1,000

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Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields (\$21,100)	
Argentina-Uruguay	3,000
Brazil	3,400
Chile	2,200
Mexico	500
Evangelistic Work by Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, Brazil	300
Operating Expenses of Launch, Amazon River, Brazil	300
Mexican Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Texas	3,000
Traveling Expenses, Secretary of Brazilian Home Mission Board	600
Publications and Literature (\$2,100)	
Argentina-Uruguay	350
Chile	1,000
Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile, Current Expenses	2,000
Good Will Center, Mendoza, Argentina	150
Publishing Work, Buenos Aires, Argentina	1,000
Expenses for Institute, Curitiba, Brazil	800
Publishing House, Rio, Brazil	5,000
Rent and Student Employment Fund, Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina	300
Building, First Baptist Church, Temuco, Chile	10,000
Expenses, Industrial Institute, Corrente, Brazil	800
College Church, Rio, Brazil	10,000
Don Pablo Besson Memorial Church, Buenos Aires, Argentina	5,000
Building, First Baptist Church, Valparaiso, Chile	5,000
Building, Second Baptist Church, Santiago, Chile	5,000
Seminary, Recife, Brazil	5,000
New Building, Seminary, Rio, Brazil	10,000
Good Will Center and Medical Activities, Antofagasta, Chile	600
Christian Service Center, Rio, Brazil	350
Chihuahua Baptist Church, Mexico (<i>Missionary A. P. Pierson</i>)	5,000
New Clinic, Barranquilla, Colombia	5,000
Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina	5,000
Publishing House Building, Buenos Aires, Argentina	5,000
Caballito Baptist Church, Buenos Aires, Argentina	2,000
El Rey Jesus Church, Buenos Aires, Argentina	2,000
Tiro Suizo Church, Rosario, Argentina	1,500
San Martin Church, Cordoba, Argentina	2,000
Floresta Church, Buenos Aires, Argentina	2,000
South District Church, Rosario, Argentina	2,000
Colegio Baptista, Recife, Brazil	5,000
Maceio Girls' School, Brazil	2,000
Property Repairs, Boa Viagem, Brazil	500
Printing Press for Field Missionary, North Brazil	1,000
Beberibe Church, Brazil	1,000
Olinda Church, Brazil	1,000
Automobile for Resident Missionary, Recife, Brazil	2,000
Nurses' Institute, Rosario, Argentina	1,300
Home Board of Brazil	1,000
Parana Church Lots in 4 Centers, Brazil	1,000
Volta Redonda Church, Brazil	5,000
Sao Christovao Church, Brazil	5,000
Brazilian Literature Department, Rio, Brazil	2,000
Library Fund, Seminary and Training School, Santiago, Chile	200
Clinic, Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile	2,500
Good Will Center, Avellaneda, Buenos Aires, Argentina	9,000
Girls' School, Dining and Kitchen Repairs, Rio, Brazil	9,000
Rio Training School, Brazil	10,000

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Training School Property, Rosario, Argentina.....	12,500
Bello Horizonte School Building Needs, Brazil.....	15,000

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African Causes

Included in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields (\$21,100)	
Africa	\$ 2,800
Girls' School, Abeokuta, Nigeria.....	3,500
Operating Expenses, Two Launches, Nigeria.....	1,100
Publications and Literature (\$2,100)	
Africa	350
Equipment, Baptist Academy and Primary Schools, Lagos, Nigeria.....	1,000
Elam Memorial Bride's School, Building and Current Expenses, Shaki, Nigeria.....	2,000
Current Expenses, Seminary, Ogbomosho, Nigeria.....	1,500
Girls' School, Eastern Province, Nigeria.....	2,000
Reagan Memorial Property, Lagos, Nigeria.....	3,000
Ward for Tubercular Patients, Ogbomosho, Nigeria.....	4,000
Secondary School, Oyo, Nigeria.....	7,500
Missionary Home, Lagos, Nigeria.....	6,000

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Far East Causes

Included in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial (\$28,500)	
Pooi In Bible Training School, Kweilin, China.....	\$ 10,000
Woman's and Girls' Department in North China Baptist Seminary and Bible School, Hwanghsien	1,000
Bible School, Hawaii.....	1,300
W.M.U. Training School, Kaifeng, China.....	500
*W.M.U. Training School, Japan.....	1,000
Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields (\$21,100)	
China	3,000
*Japan	2,000
Hawaii	500
Whilden-Graves Memorial Mo Kwong Endowment Fund, Macao, China.....	2,000
Current Expenses, Mo Kwong, Macao, China.....	2,000
Kwong To Bible School, Sun Hing, China.....	500
Evangelistic and Woman's Work, Waichow, China.....	500
Shih Yu Institute, Kaifeng, China (Annie Jenkins Sallee School).....	1,000
Bible School, Wuchow, China.....	500
*Seinan Jo Gakuin, Japan.....	2,000
Emergencies at Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China.....	2,500
Publications and Literature (\$2,100)	
China	400
Church and School Site, Wusih, China.....	5,000
Mission at Hawaii.....	3,500
New Mission in West China.....	5,000
Current Expenses, Seminary, Hwanghsien, China.....	1,000
Literacy Literature for China.....	3,000
China Baptist Publication Society.....	3,000
John Lake Leper Work, China.....	5,000
Warren-Ayers Hospital, Hwanghsien, China.....	35,000

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