

7/22/46

# Royal Service



*Miss Margaret Applegate*  
MORNING DEVOTIONAL PERIOD

*Dr. John L. Hill*  
GIVING OUR VOLUNTEERS  
FACING THE LIQUOR SITUATION

HOME AND FOREIGN  
*Missionaries*

*Mrs. Frank Cheek*  
MUSIC

*Dr. George Sadler*  
S.M.B. SECRETARY FOR  
EUROPE, AFRICA AND  
THE NEAR EAST

*Southwide*  
W.M.U. OFFICERS  
AND LEADERS

*Dr. Duke McCall*  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
S.B.C.

*Mrs. W. J. Cox*  
TREASURER, W.M.U.

*State W.M.U.*  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES  
and OTHER LEADERS

*Dr. Courts Redford*  
MEMBER MISSION BOARD

W. M. U. CONFERENCE  
*Kidgcrest, N.C.*  
August 8-14, 1946

*Miss Carrie W. Littlejohn*  
PRINCIPAL OF OUR  
W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL

*Dr. F. Crossley Morgan*  
BIBLE STUDY

*Dr. J. Clyde Turner*  
PREACHING TWICE SUNDAY

# ROYAL SERVICE

Succesor to OUR MISSION FIELDS

OFFICIAL ORGAN of  
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

AUGUST, 1946  
VOL. 41 NO. 2

## In This Issue

|                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Announcements                       | 1, 3, 6-9, 14, 21, 32 |
| Bible Study                         | 13                    |
| Book Reviews                        | 14, 15                |
| Boxes to Europe and Asia            | 8                     |
| Business Woman's Circles            | 20                    |
| Calendar of Prayer                  | 17-18                 |
| Circle Programs                     | 19, 24                |
| Current Events                      | 31                    |
| Editorial                           | 3                     |
| Family Altar                        | 16                    |
| From Missionaries                   | 5                     |
| Japanese Schools, Pictures          | 10, 11                |
| Leaflets                            | 30                    |
| Mission Study, Reading              | 14, 15                |
| Offering for Relief, Rehabilitation | 4, 32                 |
| Our Young People                    | 9, 12                 |
| First Year                          | 18                    |
| Programs—B.W.C., Circle, Plans      | 19-30                 |
| Ridgecrest Announcement             | 2                     |
| Ridgecrest                          | 1, 3, 6, 7, 21        |
| State Addresses                     | 30                    |
| Stewardship                         | 4, 8, 32              |
| Training School                     | 12                    |
| Volunteers, Call for                | 5                     |



As the Blue Ridge Mountains will lift the eyes and hearts of those attending the W.M.U. Conference at Ridgecrest, August 8-14, so will ROYAL SERVICE lift up your eyes to the fields while unto harvest as each month it inspires and informs thousands of Baptist women. See directions elsewhere on this page for subscriptions and renewals.

Printed at the press-office at Birmingham a second class mail matter. Acceptance for mailing in a special rate of postage provided for in Section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917, authorized June 26, 1919.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICES  
50c a Year—Single Copy 8c  
No Club-rates

1111 Comer Building  
Birmingham 3, Alabama

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY  
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION  
AUXILIARY TO THE  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Mrs. George R. Martin, *President*; Miss Kathleen Mallory, *Executive Secretary*; Mrs. W. J. Cox, *Treasurer*; Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, *Recording Secretary*; Mrs. J. Furniss Lee, *Assistant Recording Secretary*; Miss Juliette Mather, *Young People's Secretary*

## EDITORIAL STAFF

Miss Kathleen Mallory (*Managing Editor*), Mrs. George R. Martin, Mrs. W. J. Cox, Miss Juliette Mather, Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Miss Mary Christian, Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Mrs. W. C. James, Mrs. W. H. Gray, Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Mrs. Irvin Lawrence, Mrs. Edgar Godbold, Dr. W. O. Carver, Miss Rachel Colvin, Miss Thelma Brown

## When Ordering

Please remit by money-order made payable to Woman's Missionary Union. Do not send stamps unless unavoidable. Do not enclose money unless letter is registered. In order to secure prompt delivery please write name and address plainly, stating whether subscription is a new one or a renewal and with what month the subscription is to begin. No removal or new subscription can be accepted for less than a year at 50 cents a year. Please remit with order, sending it to Royal Service, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Ala. Kindly send new address before moving and also give old one.

# EDITORIAL

## "Assemble Together"

**A** BOUNDING in the Bible is advice about assembling people to worship God. Among the most impressive of the Old Testament stories of great assemblies is that of the Children of Israel gathering at the door of the tent of meeting for the consecration of Aaron and his sons. Another wondrous story is of the dedication of the temple when Solomon prayed for the great assemblage and also for any foreigners who might resort to the temple to offer prayer. Yet another never-to-be-forgotten story is of the people as they listened to Ezra reading from the law of Moses while the temple was being rebuilt. Early in the New Testament is the story of the thousands who listened to the teachings of Christ. Then in the beginning of the "Acts of the Apostles" is the assembly that repented when Peter preached. Yes, the Bible admonishes "the assembling of yourselves together".

Accordingly at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, the W.M.U. Conference will be held commencing with the night service on Thursday, August 8, and closing on Wednesday night, the 14th. The front page of this magazine gives the names of many of the guest-speakers. Each of them is a consecrated Christian, each is a deep student of his or her particular phase of Kingdom activity. Miss Margaret Apple-earth is from the Northern Baptist Convention; it was my privilege to hear her at Northfield one summer and I have longed for the opportunity which the Ridgecrest program offers to hear her again. Dr. F. Crossley Morgan is the son of Dr. Campbell Morgan who truly "served his generation according to the will of God" as a Bible lecturer; as I listened this past spring in my own church to his son's vivid descriptions of New Testament stories I realized that he is truly a worthy son and that Presbyterians as well as all Christians have just cause to be proud of and grateful for his definitely Christian interpretation of the Word of God. Gratefully do southern Baptists and total abstinence leaders in general know the dauntless way in which Dr. John I. Hill has fought the liquor traffic; his discussion of this evil will surely stir us for constant vigilance as we go back from Ridgecrest to our homes and voting places. Even so do we anticipate being urged on to more definitely missionary service as we hear Dr. Duke K. McCall, Dr. Courts Redford, Dr. George Sadler and many women missionaries of the Foreign and Home Boards. Naturally, especial thought has been given to Sunday's program; the preacher for the day will be the impassioned Dr. J. Clyde Turner, pastor for over a third of a century at First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina. The music that Sunday and for all of our conference will be led by the talented soloist, Mrs. Frank Cheek, of First Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Each day except Sunday there will be many study classes and conferences. Planning for these and in many instances leading them will be Mrs. George R. Martin, Miss Juliette Mather, Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, Miss Ethel Winfield, Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Miss Mary Christian, Mrs. Edgar Godbold, Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, Mrs. Irvin Lawrence, Miss Rachel Colvin and the women missionaries. For many if not all of the vesper services there is the high hope of having Mrs. W. J. Cox as the inspiring speaker.

Thus we shall rejoice to be assembled together at Ridgecrest August 8-14 inclusive. According to our faith we can experience there many blessings similar to those described in God's Word where His earlier followers assembled together.—  
Kathleen Mallory, W.M.U. Executive Secretary

## STEWARDSHIP

Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, Virginia  
Southwide Stewardship Chairman

### Stewardship of Life Duke K. McCall

**W**E do not need to develop an exaggerated religion of numbers as did Pythagoras in order to see that there are certain fixed factors in life. Certain elements seem to revolve around the figure 8 to which we attach no religious significance. There is the octave of music; there is the octave of the atom. Always the outermost shell of the atom contains eight electrons. There is an octave of light.

It would seem that God has written into the constitution of the universe certain divisions. He always divides possessions into tenths. His commandment is: "But unto the place which Jehovah, your God, shall choose out of all your tribes to put His name there, even unto His habitation shall ye seek and thither ye shall bring your . . . tithes" (*Deut. 12:5-6*). He writes the figure 10 as the denominator of things and then asks that the least possible fraction, one-tenth, be returned to Him as an evidence of His ownership and our stewardship.

This division of possessions should not be too difficult for a Christian to recognize. Indeed the United States Government through its income tax laws recognizes that it is not too much to expect a man to give fifteen per cent of his income. Concerning those who had tithed but had omitted the weightier matters of the law—judgment, mercy and faith—Jesus said: "These ought ye to have done and not to have left the other undone" (*Matt. 23:23*).

Some one has indicated the various levels of giving as follows:

*The tip level:* where you drop in a nickel or a dime as a gratuity to the Lord

*The entertainment level:* where you pay when you go to church as you pay when you go to the ball park

*The emotional level:* where you give only as and if you feel like it

*The Bible level:* where you give your tithes and offerings.

Southern Baptists adopted in Miami, Florida, a goal of one million church members who give on the Bible level. The Woman's Missionary Union agreed to accept one-third of this goal of one million tithers. In 1945 there were 177,871 tithers who belonged to the Woman's Missionary Union. Indeed there were 847 churches which reported every resident woman member as a contributor to missions. This is but the beginning, however, if God's division of possessions is to be adopted by southern Baptists with the least, one-tenth, being invested in the work of His Kingdom.

God divides time into sevenths: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, as Jehovah thy God commanded thee. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath unto Jehovah thy God" (*Deut. 5:12-13*). The division of possessions into tenths had worked so well that after the French Revolution an attempt was made in France to establish a ten-day week. It simply would not work. From creation on, God has divided time into sevenths. With the seventh as the denominator, He asks for the least possible fraction of our time though we are free to give Him more.

Jesus observed this division of time. We find Him on the seventh day "in the synagogue according to His custom".

The curse of the church of our day is the effort to keep our time for ourselves and to pay somebody else to do our share of the Lord's work. One-tenth of our possessions does not release us from the stewardship of our time.

When we come to love, loyalty and devotion God says these things may not be divided. He places one as the denominator of devotion: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might" (*Deut. 6:5*). Jesus said: "No man can serve two masters, for he will hate the one and love the other".

(Concluded on Page 21)

## From MISSIONARIES

**F**ROM time to time, missionaries are asked: "Just how did you decide that God wanted you to be a missionary?" or "How did you know He wanted you to work among a special group of people?" It is hard to single out one factor or influence in my background, early training and later preparation and contacts and say that just this or just that made me know. Yet, taken all together, it would have been impossible to have done anything else.

My parents and grandparents knew and loved our Lord and His Kingdom and were happy to have a part in the work He gave His churches to do. They not only believed that we should attend Sunday-school, the worship service, Training Union and the missionary organizations of our church, but they went with us. Maybe it isn't the custom anymore, but the memory of our family sitting together in the worship service is a precious one indeed!

Our Christian friends and denominational leaders were dear to us and I am happy that I never heard my parents or grandparents say: "No, I am sorry we cannot entertain the missionary or denominational leader. We are simple people and what we have isn't good enough" or "I'm sorry, I just wouldn't know what to talk to them about". To us missionaries and other leaders were "just folks" . . . but the most interesting, the most outstanding people we knew and their visits were the most cherished of our acquaintance. When "they" came, we were granted the privilege of "staying up" and listening while they told of other children, dear to the heart of God, who were not so fortunate as we but whose hearts were hungry for the message of Jesus and His love. They also told of adults whose lives had been transformed by the power of His love. Our hearts were thrilled and our spirits stirred and quickened as we hung upon their words.

My Sunday-school teacher, Sunbeam leader and G. A. counselor did not allow me to forget those high moments with our guests for they continued the missionary teaching and emphasis throughout the years. It was my Sunday-school teacher in whom I confided my desire to share the message of Jesus with other children who did not know Him. And it was my G. A. counselor (after one of the visits of Dr. W. D. Powell, veteran missionary to Mexico) to whom I told of my longing to tell Spanish-speaking boys and girls of Jesus. It was not a question of home missions or foreign missions but of sharing with Spanish-speaking boys and girls the story of God's love.

Then I heard a state W.M.U. secretary describe to my mother's society "House Beautiful", its needs and its great contribution to the Baptist world—my world. I do not know what that message did for the others who heard it but it awakened in my heart a longing to go to the Training School and prepare myself to share with others "The Story", for did we not sing: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"?

All these were little girl dreams, desires, ambitions . . . Sunbeam and G. A. yearnings to serve the Master. I still wonder what happened to that Y.W.A. girl in high school and in college. She forgot for awhile her plans, her dreams. The Master's voice was so small and still and there were others that spoke more loudly in her ear.

It was not until I was a Sunday-school teacher, a G. A. counselor, a Training Union director that I heard the Master's voice again. As I earnestly attempted to present to other youngsters the challenge that had gripped my heart, I knew. There was no doubt, no question. There would be teachers and leaders and to spare for our Baptist children and young people in the southland . . . but those who had not heard, those Spanish-speaking young people who did not know God's love, who had never heard "the story of truth and light" were still hungry to know our Savior. So, I stopped teaching and went to "House Beautiful". I received my M.R.E. Degree in 1936 and for the past ten years have had the joy of sharing the glorious message of God's love in Argentina and now in our own great southwest,

(Concluded on Page 20)

## Home Mission Board Conference, Ridgecrest

August 1-7

Dr. Courts Redford, Assistant Executive Secretary

**T**HINGS are now different in the south. The population has grown rapidly. Industry and business have entered to increase the average income and raise the standard of living. Cities have grown up over night. Race relations are again receiving major consideration. A new emphasis has been given to scientific farming and to operator-ownership. We have a new south with new problems and more of them.

Home mission leaders and friends will take inventory and lay new plans to meet these challenging changes when they gather at Ridgecrest August 1-7. This meeting comes at a most opportune time in our denominational life.

The morning messages are planned to present in a clear concise way the challenges of our Christ for such a time as this. Such subjects as "Look upon the Fields", "Let Us Possess the Land", "Christ Sufficient for Our Day", "Christian Potentialities" and "The Baptist Message in a Changing World" will be discussed by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. W. H. Knight, president of the State Secretaries' Conference, Dr. Duke McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Mr. R. G. LeTourneau, a great industrialist and Christian layman.

The Editorial Conference of the Sunday School Board and the Conference of the Brotherhood of the South are meeting at Ridgecrest at this same time. Dr. Ralph Herring of Winston Salem, North Carolina, will bring the evening messages to a joint meeting of all the conferences.

Evangelism will receive a major emphasis. Dr. Fred Eastham has arranged for the vesper service each evening a series of messages on timely and practical subjects concerning evangelism. Conferences on evangelism are also arranged and the subject will receive major consideration in the conferences of rural workers and city superintendents.

Most of the rural field workers and the city superintendents of missions throughout the south will attend this meeting. Separate conferences have been arranged for several of the afternoons at which time these workers will discuss their respective programs and plans. Rural pastors are urged to attend these conferences on the rural church.

Practically every phase of home mission work will be presented and discussed at the general conference periods each morning. An open forum on each department of work will give friends an opportunity to ask questions and to offer suggestions. The members of the Home Mission Board will meet on Monday afternoon to discuss the problems and challenges of this new day and to review the policies and program through which they may most effectively serve.

One of the very best features of the program will be the discussion of Christ's power to transform human life. This will be given by such missionaries as Rev. Carlos Paredes from the Mexican field, Mrs. Minelle Graves who is a Good Will Center worker, Miss Vena Aguillard who is a French worker and Rev. R. Pucciarelli from an Italian mission. Ample time will be given each missionary in a devotional period for a soul stirring message.

Baptist women and Baptist laymen are most cordially invited to enjoy this program with the host of pastors and missionaries who will attend. Good music, delightful associations, the splendid service and hospitality of the Ridgecrest staff and an opportunity to spend these days in the beautiful mountains where God speaks to man—these delightful prospects, added to a wonderful program, should attract hundreds of Baptists to this Home Mission Conference at Ridgecrest August 1-7.

(Concluded on Page 7)

## Foreign Missions Conference

Ridgecrest, August 15-21

**T**HE Ridgecrest Foreign Missions Conference August 15-21 will be a "family" affair. Men and children as well as women will find inspiration, stimulating fellowship and a fresh glimpse of God's plan for His world in the program planned by Personnel Secretary J. W. Marshall, the Board's chairman for the 1946 conference.

Three internationally known Christian laymen will make one address each. A southern congressman, Brooks Hays of Arkansas who toured Europe last year, has been a highly successful teacher of a men's Bible class in Little Rock. His leadership in Washington has been on the side of Christian action.

Dr. Walter Judd, also a congressman, is a medical missionary with twelve years' experience in China. Forced out of his hospital by the invasion, he came to America to use his influence and oratorical ability for a better foreign policy in the United States. Until he can return to his mission, Dr. Judd is "missionary to Congress", as he calls himself.

The third and most illustrious layman scheduled to speak during the conference is Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, former governor of the state and a United States representative at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco. He served on the staff of Admiral William F. Halsey for two years, being released from the navy in November, 1945. A Baptist layman and president of the International Council of Religious Education, he is one of the most promising young men in American life.

The most scholarly man scheduled to appear on the conference program is Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, professor of missions and oriental history at Yale University. He is author of the seven-volume *History of the Expansion of Christianity*. A Baptist preacher, Dr. Latourette will make the first hour of every day worth-while for the hundred missionaries who will attend the conference this year and for all other students of the Christian mission enterprise.

These four men have a unique contribution to make to a week's conference on the general theme of world evangelism. Each day's program will present one method or type of Christian ministry: healing, relief, teaching, preaching, writing and missionary education at the home base.

Parents with children may include the Foreign Missions Conference in their vacation plans. A fully graded Vacation Bible School will be conducted during the week, with missions volunteers and new appointees in charge. Supervised play every afternoon and big festival of the nations for adults and children on Saturday will be attractive features for the boys and girls.

In the absence of Dr. M. Theron Rankin and Dr. Baker James Cauthen, who expect to be in the orient by late summer, and Dr. Everett Gill Jr., who is still in South America, Dr. George W. Sadler will be acting executive secretary of the Board. Dr. Marshall, Dr. E. C. Routh, Miss Mary M. Hunter, Miss Nan F. Weeks, Miss Gene Newton and Miss Marjorie E. Moore will be in charge of the conference.

How better can alert members of Woman's Missionary Union observe the first anniversary of the use of atomic power than to bring their families to Ridgecrest in August for a week of prayer and study of world evangelism?—*Marjorie E. Moore, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia*

## Home Board Conference (Concluded from Page 6)

Go, praying that God will use the fellowship and counsel of these days to effect a more efficient and fruitful mission program throughout our Convention territory. Go, expecting God to speak to your own heart and make you a more consecrated and efficient Christian.



**"I was hungry and ye gave Me to eat.  
I was naked and ye clothed Me".**

First news of boxes reaching Yugoslavia came in a cable which said in part: "Parcels received in good order. Thanks. Greetings". Later a letter stated that everything thus far received had been distributed, "everyone received according to his need, especially those who work and who were in greatest need". Many expressions of thanks were given. It is impossible that individual notes of appreciation be written as all packages thus far have been handled by the Belgrade pastor and the contents of each are divided among many. Know that the hearts of these people are filled with gratitude toward those who have come to their relief by sending life-giving boxes. In future please send parcels to:

Franjo Klem  
Baboniceva 5711  
Zagreb  
Yugoslavia.

You readily realize that the title of this notice is taken from the immortal words of Jesus (*Matthew 25:34-36*). The opening paragraph is from Mrs. John Allen Moore on enforced furlough from Yugoslavia. The Belgrade pastor is Mr. Drobny whose address was last winter furnished through this magazine. The same suggestions as given then are now to be followed, please, in sending packages of food and clothing for distribution through Mr. Franjo Klem to suffering Baptists in Yugoslavia.

Please continue also sending the boxes of food and clothing to Miss Miriam Rosa who will distribute to other needy Baptists in central and south Italy; her address is Piazza in Lucina 35, Rome, Italy. Also any such 4-pound or 11-pound boxes of food or clothing will be immeasurable blessings to Baptists in north Italy if sent to Dr. Enrico Paschetto, via Tiraboschi 2, Turin, Italy. Likewise there is the appeal for clothing, bedding etc., in unlimited quantity to be sent to any one of the three following addresses, the only requirement being that the clothing etc. be clean and usable, "mended as for one's own use": *United Church Service Center* at New Windsor, Md., or at 1735 South Vandeventer Street, St. Louis, Mo., or at Modesto, California. The *Center* in any one of these places is equipped to assort, re-package and ship to the needy people of Europe or Asia; if the donor desires, it may be indicated on the package "For Europe" or "For Asia" according to preference. Meditate again, please, upon the Scripture that is the title of this article.

## Our Young People

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

### Two Majors for August

SUMMER days must be busy ones this year; the King's business cannot be permitted to slump. Life is too crucial for relaxing in His work.

The emergency of hunger keeps clamoring for our \$3,500,000 gift and our young people want to be led to share worthily and generously in this effort. How will you feel if your young people—R.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s, G.A.'s, and Sunbeams—fail to grow in understanding the meaning of sharing, even of sacrificing now while others look to them, praying for food that will be life? Suggestions for posters to urge giving, for a story to be acted out, for continuous packing of boxes, for growing food-stuffs, for helping to harvest crops, for making and using a reminder box on the table at home are found in our young people's magazines which give much emphasis to this effort in their summer numbers.

Another emphasis in *World Comrades* is in behalf of our Sunbeam Bands. Are we talking more about the importance of educating our children to Christian world attitudes than we are doing to achieve such results? This month brings Sunbeam Band Focus Week (11-17) and, if your society and your church have been neglecting your children of four to nine years, this month you could begin to set them "in the midst" as Jesus did. Perhaps you need to organize a Sunbeam Band in your church. Perhaps you need to vitalize your Sunbeam Band organization with more leaders, with enlistment of more children, with supplies of equipment. Perhaps you need to increase the efficiency of your missionary education by dividing your Sunbeam Band into age-circles, that pre-school children may do simpler things without handicapping the six to nine-year olds. What do you need to do to speed the unselfish stretching of the minds and hearts of the children of your church?

In August *World Comrades* you will find accounts of what some Sunbeam Bands have done during Focus Week in other years and suggestions of what you can do this year. Have you read these? There is a clever simple play for your Sunbeams to present, "Famous Sixes". You could prepare this and present it to a society which has no Sunbeam Band and so stir them to desire to give this needed privilege to their children.

If you need proof of the value of early missionary education, you will read the testimony from Dr. Robert G. Lee of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and of Mrs. Shad Medlin, Missouri W.M.U. president, or the greetings from Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling, executive secretary of W.M.U. of China, with reference to Elizabeth Hale. There can be no doubt but that Sunbeam time is a listening time when children hear the voice of God if you provide the Sunbeam Band leadership for them.

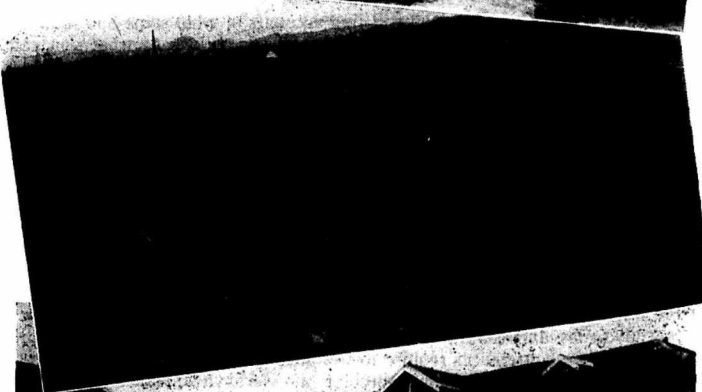
A starving world on our doorstep pleads for food. This undernourishment will mark the world's population for years; and our growing children need to know that they may give now and that they may be sympathetic in their world thoughts in years to come when conferences require forbearance and understanding. "One world" we are in food supplies and we must become one world in missionary endeavor.

*At the W.M.U. meeting in May at Miami the following motion was carried. It is herewith published so that the constituency will know that the proposed amendment is to be voted upon at the Union's meeting next year but that the change, if adopted, will not be effective until 1948:*

**That a change be made in the third sentence of item 2 of Article VI of the W.M.U. Constitution (effective with 1948 in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the W.M.U.); making it read: "Each state shall be entitled to sixty delegates, including the vice-president".**



SEINAN JO GAKUIN, KOKURA, JAPAN: photos taken Christmas Day, 1945, by Chaplain Harold Menges, USNR. Top to bottom: a missionary home; President Hara, who was head of the school throughout the war; Union Hall, erected 1938; Administration Building, gardens to supply food



## Baptist Women's Schools in Japan

Chaplain Harold Menges  
U. S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

**S**OUTHERN Baptist women will be especially interested in visits I made to two of our institutions in Japan. (For pictures of them see pages 7 and 30 of the July issue of this magazine and page 10 of this issue.)

Last December, the week before Christmas, I spent a most interesting afternoon visiting the W.M.U. Training School at Fukuoka. In spite of the terrific bombing which wiped out most of the business section, Baptists lost only one church building and pastor's home. The Training School building was in no way damaged.

It was a rather surprising experience after driving for an hour or so through the bomb devastated section of the once great city to drive up to the Training School and hear someone playing Christian hymns on a piano. The afternoon was bright and cold when I parked the jeep in the driveway. When the motor stopped I heard the music floating beautifully, clearly out to greet me. Asking Professor Kawano what it was, he replied: "O just some of the girls practicing on the piano".

When we entered the building we learned that the lady in charge had gone out to procure provisions. There were about ten or twelve young ladies around. In talking with them I learned that they had foregone their Christmas vacation to remain at the school and care for the war orphans being kept there. During the war a large number of babies were thus nursed back to life. Most of the girls were under 20. I remember photographing three who were under 18 with tiny babies only a few months old in their arms. The school had an enrolment of something over sixty when I visited it.

My contact with the girls as well as the boys there in our college at Seinan Gakuin drove home the fact that these Japanese young people mean business. They are keen minded, alert young men and women who are deeply serious about life. If we are, if Christ is to command their respect, allegiance and faith we must send our finest missionaries to preach the Gospel.

On Christmas Day I drove from Sasebo to Fukuoka to attend Christmas service at the Seinan Gakuin Baptist Church. After church I drove about a block to Professor Kawano's house and left the children Christmas presents of warm clothing and candy. Leaving about 12:30 I drove to Kokura to interview President Hara of Seinan Jo Gakuin, our only southern Baptist girls' school in Japan.

Parking on the hill by the Rowe Memorial Auditorium I began to look about. Camera in hand, I went from one building to another to find them deserted except for a few workers who were repairing the auditorium windows. Following the direction of a Japanese I found President Hara sitting in his office writing. Beside him in the cold damp room was the familiar charcoal burner, over which he warmed his hands. When I introduced myself he received me most cordially. Going from one building to another to make pictures we talked about the school, missions in Japan, possibilities for the future and all the other things one would expect at such a meeting.

Prior to the actual outbreak of war the Japanese Political Society had caused the school much trouble, going so far on one occasion as to place signs on all prominent street corners, denouncing the school and urging parents to withdraw their daughters. When the war did come the Japanese army took over the plant for the Western Defense Headquarters. President Hara and the school authorities were forced to rent other building in which to carry on. A Buddhist temple, a primary school building and some warehouses were used. At one time when the problem seemed more than could be borne the little president said he was ready to give up and close the school. When the parents heard of his intention they insisted the school remain in session. In his words, "They whipped me and made me keep on". Though many difficulties were encountered the school continued holding classes. The enrolment dropped about 300 but never went below the 500 mark.

(Concluded on Page 21)



## Training School

—Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal, 2801 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Ky.

### Field Work—an Avenue of Growth

ONE of the most outstanding features of my first year at the Training School was the advantages offered by field work. The term "Field Work" carries a variety of meanings to the students because of the many spheres in which field work can be done.

Many of the field work assignments are entirely new to the girls; for example, the work at the community houses and in the Negro Bible schools. The Negro Bible school work enables each girl to see that all men are the children of God and that a colored child should be treated with the same regard as a white child.

My assignment was work with the children in one of the community houses in Louisville. The simple routine of visiting a community house is an education to one who has never known how a community house functions, the opportunities it makes available to the youth of the community and the service it renders the parents.

Part of the field work assignment for every girl at the Training School is a program of visitation. Through this channel one learns something about the background and home environment of the children in her group. To discover the crowded conditions in slum districts gives the worker a new understanding of her children and a new appreciation of the needs of humanity. To learn that the child with whom she has had the most difficulty is a member of an unruly gang helps the worker to see that her job of influencing the child is indeed an important one.

Field work at the Training School offers to each girl an opportunity to impart to others something of what she has learned in the classroom. In a practical way, it qualifies her to work effectively in varied situations.—*Olive Powell, Maryland*

My field work this past year gave me three new and enriching experiences: leading a Sunbeam Band in a needy mission area, enlisting, working regularly with two Chinese children. Before this assignment, I had worked directly with all of the W.M.U. organizations except a Sunbeam Band and I had not had the opportunity to work in a mission area before. Getting to know the Chinese family was a new and abiding experience with our foreign-speaking people.

Working with these boys and girls, visiting their homes and getting to know their parents were real inspirations as I had my eyes opened to many needs for religious training in the home which I never before realized. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve and know better what Christian workers can do to help meet such urgent needs.

Through this Sunbeam Band I know better the meaning and importance of the song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me". I know in a new way those people who are actually hungry for the Gospel which will transform and lift up.—*Carol Leigh Humphries, North Carolina*

When Wendell Willkie made popular the phrase, "One World", he expressed an attitude that is prevalent in the Training School. This attitude is the thing that impressed me most about the institution. Never before had I seen so much missionary interest and emphasis; never before had I been so encouraged to take a world view and get out of my own little shell of existence.

Before entering the School, I imagined that the southern girls (*I am from Missouri*) would be filled with racial prejudice, but I found this to be almost entirely absent. In fact, until I was at the School I had never completely realized how much young Baptists desire racial justice and how eager they are to help the Negroes.

(Concluded on Page 22)

## BIBLE STUDY

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

### Isaiah 49:8-13, 59:19; Luke 13:29 (Cf. Matthew 8:11)

THIS month we think of the orient. Our God has thought of the orientals from of old and Jesus did not forget them. The orient includes a large part of the earth. Orientals constitute more than half the human race. In this we do not include Africa nor any of the countries usually grouped under the term "The Near East".

Now that the world has been forced into a geographical neighborhood we are forced to think of the possibility of one world in spiritual neighborliness. Ways and means must be found and followed to unite the world in brotherhood, else it will be a cockpit of contending enemies making it a shambles of unspeakable slaughter issuing in "chaos and old night". God "formed the earth and made it", established it and created it to be the home of a righteous order. He speaks righteousness, declares things that are right (Isa. 45:18-19).

The most ancient existing peoples, cultures and civilizations are in the orient, China and India preeminently. The prophetic outreach of hope and of redemption's plan again and again included remotest lands, from the point of view of Jerusalem and the little land of the people of God's universal plan of loving grace. When He called—"Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else"—He meant that to include all men, and the vast majority of men were even then in "the east", beyond Palestine.

The forty-ninth chapter of Isaiah begins with one of the most definite of all Messianic paragraphs in the Old Testament (1-7). The Christ is described as a definite person, God's particular, supreme "servant, prince of God (translation of Israel) in whom God is to be glorified". His temporary, discouraging failure is pictured in verse 4, with which we should compare the extraordinary situation and soliloquy of Jesus in Matthew 11:20-30.

Next we have God's assuring answer to His discouraged Servant (verses 5-7). He is not only "to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the remnant of Israel", He is also to be "a light to the gentiles", even God's "salvation to the ends of the earth". Simeon applied this passage to the Infant Jesus, combining it with Isaiah 52:10 (see Luke 2:29-32); and Jesus definitely appropriated it as authorizing His commission to His disciples (Luke 24:46-49, Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 1:8).

Then, in Isaiah, God addresses this Savior Servant of His with detailed promise of successful support in His work (8-11). Then in verse 12 He gives this all-comprehending assurance: "Lo, these shall come from far; and lo, these from the north and the west; and these from the land of Sinim". The "land of Sinim" is a term not found elsewhere. It is best understood as being "the land of the Chinese". (There is not space here to discuss it. See Davis or any Bible dictionary.) The name Chin is connected with a ruling dynasty that came into power over most of China not so long after Isaiah; Chin is one of the hundred family names of the Chinese. Their traders were known in western Asia in Isaiah's time and much earlier. When he wished to mark the saving outreach of God's redemption through His Redeemer in all directions and looked eastward the remotest land from Jerusalem was China, land of Chin. Its people were, in Hebrew, Sinim.

It may or may not be significant that in his dramatic picture of the ends of the earth coming to the Savior the prophet places the north and the west first and the Sinim last. Chronologically that is how it is working out. It is through the missionary movement from the west that the orient's people are coming in growing tide to the Redeemer.

Jesus warned the Jewish leaders of their wailing grief and humiliation of

(Concluded on Page 15)

## "GIVE ATTENTION to READING"

Miss Thelma Brown, Book Consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board

### Attention Please!

**I**F you haven't already done so, will you get the two little books referred to below? They were suggested by the Southwide Mission Study Committee during its annual meeting in Miami, Florida, May 11, as appropriate for the Reading Course. They also will furnish timely and urgently needed material for programs, talks, current event announcements and also heart-touching information for all of us.

**Messages from Europe.** Yope Bartels and Philippe Maury, Friendship Press, paper, 25c. The two main chapters in this booklet were written by European church leaders. Mr. Bartels from Holland is the son of a prominent Dutch minister and a leader among Christian students. His principal emphasis is the part which Christians, during Nazi occupation, played in the underground movement; he also encouragingly shows that the persecution and danger to which the Dutch churches were subjected brought them closer to God, to each other and back to the Bible. Philippe Maury, who was a leader of the Christian students in France before the war, was imprisoned for months because of his conscientious objection to war. He is now secretary of the World Student Christian Federation with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. He has written graphically of the severe testing of his people during five years of war, defeat, occupation and resistance. We can better understand the French Christians, especially evangelical French protestants, after this glimpse into their problems and into their attitudes.

**The Return to Japan** is the report of a Christian deputation to Japan, October-November, 1945, Friendship Press, paper, 25c. Just as soon as possible after V-J Day four leading representatives of various church groups in America flew to Japan for a conference with Japanese Christians. This unusual mission was at the request of Tsunetaro Miyakoda, former secretary of the Japan Christian Council, and with the approval of our state and army departments. Their associations with loyal Japanese Christians who welcomed their Christian brothers brought emotions that touched deeply and show how the Gospel overcomes national differences and man-made barriers. Their rich experiences will thrill all who rejoice in evidence of the Spirit and will help us better to understand the wonderful opportunities that are ahead if we will avail ourselves of them.

Both of these books ring with the heart-hunger as well as the physical needs of war-torn Europe and Asia. They are brave messages, testifying to the saving and preserving power of Christ. In both books are directions and directories for definite help to both areas.

When we read  
we know  
When we know  
we care!  
When we care  
we give!  
Therefore let us read!!!

1947 annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, May 4-6. The opening session will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 4; the closing session will be on Tuesday night, the 6th, before the Southern Baptist Convention opens its sessions on Wednesday.

## BOOK REVIEW and STUDY SUGGESTIONS

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

### Prayer

**T**HIS is a housetop book; that is to say, it is one of those rare books which prove so helpful that one should like to stand on the housetop and shout aloud: "Don't miss this book!" To all, who are not satisfied with their understanding of prayer and with their praying, I commend it as teacher, tonic and guide. To those, who for reasons of misguided loyalty or of self-distrust have pushed back those inevitable questionings which have arisen in their minds concerning prayer, I would say: "Here is help, here are satisfying solutions". To any, who have contented themselves with too shallow concepts and too easy acceptance of conventional ideas of prayer, I would suggest that they expose themselves to the challenge of this book's fresh, enriching, deepening insights.

Dr. George A. Buttrick, the author of "Prayer", is a British born and educated philosopher and preacher who for almost twenty years has been pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. He has not written an "easy" book which can be mastered in a casual reading—if indeed it can be "mastered" at all. He ranges the world of ideas and of men and digs deep into the fundamentals of Scriptural teachings on prayer. His findings he expresses in beautiful English. His every page is started with vivid, quotable sentences and fresh, gripping insights into the nature of prayer. His every paragraph—almost his every sentence—is worth pondering. His whole book provokes one to sharing and discussion with kindred spirits.

Although the book is not suited to a mission study class within the usual meaning of the term and though no award is offered for its study, it is admirably organized for small group discussion as well as for individual study and meditation. Its twenty brief chapters are gathered into four general categories: Jesus and Prayer, Prayer and the World, Prayer and Personality, A Way of Prayer. Each chapter is broken into several clearly marked sections dealing with different aspects of the chapter's theme. Each section is suitable for one day's consideration and may well be studied individually before the group comes together to talk about the chapter as a whole.

The book takes the experience and teachings of Jesus concerning prayer as its point of departure and of frequently recurring reference. It turns the spotlight of reason and faith on such general problems as these: defective theories of prayer; problems of petitionary prayer and of petitionary prayer and natural law; problems of intercessory prayer; the bounds and boundlessness of prayer; prayer and wandering attention; prayer, suggestion and faith; prayer, memory and the subconscious; prayer and conscience; personality and prayer moods and forms; personality and group prayer; a way of private prayer and of group prayer; prayer and the new world. Its tone is sane, healthy, positive, reverent; its searching reasoning is convincing.

The temptation to quote one vivid, searching, piquant sentence after another is very great, but space forbids. One can only say that the book will inevitably reward hard work and earnest thought with deepened understanding, enriched mind and heart, reinvigorated faith and an irresistible impulse to pray. Surely no one will want to miss this book!

(Prayer, George A. Buttrick, 1942, New York-Nashville, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Pages 353, Price \$2.75. Order from your State Baptist Bookstore.)

### Bible Study (Concluded from Page 13)

anguish when they should see the peoples of east and west, north and south taking seats in the Kingdom of God, along with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob "and yourselves thrust forth on the outside". Surely the orient had a large place in the heart and hope of Jesus. For its people now is God's "acceptable time" to answer His Servant's cry (verse 8). Now is the era for the "glory of Jehovah from the rising sun".



# FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

## TOPIC: The ORIENT

"He shall save His people".

1st Day—Matt. 1:17-21; Ezek. 20:10-20  
2nd Day—Mal. 3:1-6; 4:1-3; Mark 2:23-28  
3rd Day—Matt. 10:1-4; 8:10; Mark 1:21-28  
4th Day—Matt. 18:1-14; Psa. 92:1-8  
5th Day—Matt. 19:13-15; Luke 2:41-52  
6th Day—1 Tim. 1:15; Job 1:1-5  
7th Day—Jude 1:1-3; 17-25; Matt. 18:1-6

"Thy Salvation"

8th Day—Gen. 3:15; 49:18; Matt. 7:9-12  
9th Day—John 10:1-18; Mark 7:6-13  
10th Day—John 12:44-50; Luke 15:11-24  
11th Day—John 15:1-15; Psa. 138:1-3  
12th Day—John 16:7-13, 31-33;  
Matt. 5:21-24  
13th Day—John 17:1-10, 20-23;  
Matt. 5:38-48  
14th Day—Gal. 1:1-24; Matt. 10:39-42

"Thou art the Christ".

15th Day—Mark 1:1-11; Matt. 18:10-14  
16th Day—Mark 1:12-22; Luke 9:51-56  
17th Day—Mark 6:1-13; Matt. 12:9-14  
18th Day—Mark 8:27-38; Rom. 13:7-14  
19th Day—Mark 9:1-29; Matt. 7:13-27  
20th Day—Mark 9:30-42; 10:52-34;  
Phil. 4:4-9  
21st Day—Mark 16:9-20; 1 Thess. 5:4-11

"For the Kingdom is the Lord's".

22nd Day—Psa. 22:23-28; 24:1-10  
23rd Day—Psa. 24:1-10; Prov. 15:26-33  
24th Day—Psa. 51:10-17; Gal. 5:16-25  
25th Day—Psa. 93:1-5; Eph. 6:10-20  
26th Day—Psa. 95:1-11; Micah 6:6-8  
27th Day—Psa. 96:1-13; Matt. 5:38-42  
28th Day—Psa. 100:1-5; Matt. 6:25-33  
29th Day—Psa. 130:1-8; Luke 19:1-9  
30th Day—Psa. 136:1-16, 25, 26; Mark 14:3-9  
31st Day—Psa. 150:1-6; 40:1-9

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"

- That every Christian W.M.U. member will seek to win souls
- That every Community Missions Committee will plan and direct activities that lead to soul-winning and that develop Christian characters
- That reports on community missions activities will awaken redeemed souls to zeal for the lost
- That W.M.U. organizations and members will teach and adhere to the moral standards as upheld by Woman's Missionary Union
- That the bi-racial institutes as held this summer with southern Baptist Negro women will yield definitely Christian results
- That summer camps for W.M.U. young people will lead many to dedicate their lives for definitely Christian service
- That Baptist parents will encourage their sons and daughters to listen for God's call to definite Christian service
- That the three mission conferences at Ridgecrest this month will (1) sound a clear call for mission volunteers (2) greatly increase the number of southern Baptist tithers (3) give assurance of sacrificial promotion of the denomination's effort for the \$2,500,000 Relief and Rehabilitation Offering



Questions in this magazine from the American Standard Edition of the Revised Bible, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, are used by its permission.

# CALENDAR of PRAYER

August, 1946

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

THEY are slaves who fear to speak for the fallen and the weak; They are slaves who will not choose hatred, scoffing and abuse Rather than in silence shrink from the truths they needs must think— They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three.

—James Russell Lowell

## 1—THURSDAY

Home Missions Week, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 1-7  
Let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ —Phil. 1:27

## 2—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Snuggs, Miss Mary Alexander, Miss Catharine Bryan, educational evangelistic work, Shanghai, China; also Harold H. Sougen Jr., Margaret Fund student  
Let the Lord do that which is good in His sight —1 Chron. 19:13

## 3—SATURDAY

Rev. Joe Flanagan, Dr. Ridder, Rev. A. N. Murray, St. Joseph, La., rural evangelistic work  
There hath not failed one word of all His good promise —1 Kings 8:36

## 4—SUNDAY

Miss "Marie" Conner, "Leota" Blanche Corcoran, Emily K. Landrell, Mary Hastings Sampson, "Ruby" Wheat, appointees to China  
The law is fulfilled in one word, even this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself —Gal. 5:14

## 5—MONDAY

That the need of new missionaries may be faithfully presented by pastors and leaders of young people in all churches of S.B.C.  
Come, I pray you and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord —Ezek. 33:30

## 6—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Davis, Fortaleza, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tomblin, Natal, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work, also for sacrificial giving to S.B.C. Relief and Rehabilitation Offering  
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much —Jas. 5:16

## 7—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. Caprio, Taguayabon, Rev. and Mrs. D. Hernandez, Guines, Cuba, evangelistic work  
Keep mercy and judgment and wait on thy God continually —Hosea 12:6

## 8—THURSDAY

Woman's Missionary Union Conference, including Business Woman's Circle, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 8-14  
That ye may approve things that are excellent —Phil. 1:10

## 9—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Hipps, educational evangelistic work, Shanghai, and Mrs. E. L. Hill, and Mrs. F. T. Woodward, evangelistic work, Canton, China; also Adell, Glenna and Betty Woodward, Margaret Fund students  
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? —Rom. 8:35

## 10—SATURDAY

Rev. R. L. Cannon, Durham, Rev. D. M. Larkins, Raleigh, N. C., Rev. F. K. Brasington, Baltimore, Md., Rev. C. E. Vermillion, Spartanburg, S. C., city-evangelistic work  
Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves —11 Cor. 13:5

## 11—SUNDAY

Sunbeam Band Focus Week, August 11-17  
Your children bring them up in the admonition of the Lord —Eph. 6:4

## 12—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Enette, Rio de Janeiro, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Porter, Sao Paulo, educational evangelistic work, Miss Edith West, evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; also Noble D. and William W. Enette, Celeste Margaret Porter, Margaret Fund students  
With Thee is the fountain of life, in Thy light shall we see light —Psa. 36:9

## 13—TUESDAY

Miss Amelia Diaz, Miss Esperanza M. Ramirez, San Antonio, Mrs. Sara Jimenez, Houston, Miss Esperanza Martinez, Pharr, Miss Sarah Criegas, Uvalde, Texas, educational evangelistic work among Mexicans; also for sacrificial giving to S.B.C. Relief and Rehabilitation Offering  
Jesus Himself drew near and went with them —Luke 24:15

## 14—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Bryant, evangelistic work, Antofagasta, Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, educational-evangelistic work, Temuco, Chile  
He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me, —John 14:21

## 15—THURSDAY

Foreign Missions Week, including Young Men's Mission Conference, August 15-21  
Labour not for the meat which perisheth but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life. —John 6:27

## Calendar of Prayer for August

### 16—FRIDAY

Spanish-American Woman's Missionary Union of New Mexico  
That ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding —Col. 1:9

### 17—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Corujedo, Matanzas, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Ferrer, San Antonio de los Baños, Rev. and Mrs. E. Pina, Colon, Cuba, evangelistic work; also Daniel Corujedo and Eunice Ferrer, Margaret Fuad students  
Let us put on the armor of light —Rom. 13:12

### 18—SUNDAY

[Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper Jr., Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Misses "Mildred Lovetson and Fay Taylor, appointees to China  
Fear not for God is come to prove you and that His fear may be before your faces —Ex. 20:20

### 19—MONDAY

That soul-winning may be stressed in summer camps and assemblies  
That we might be made the righteousness of God in Him —II Cor. 5:21

### 20—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Allen, evangelistic work, Miss Pauline White, educational-evangelistic work, Belle Horizonte, Miss Ray Butler, educational-evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; also for sacrificial giving to S.B.C. Relief and Rehabilitation Offering  
Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty where with Christ hath made us free. —Gal. 5:1

### 21—WEDNESDAY

All-China Woman's Missionary Union  
Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion! —Psa. 103:22

### 22—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Frazer, Coolidge, Rev. and Mrs. L. Johnson, Bapchule, Mrs. H. L. Hardman, Selu, Ariz., evangelistic work among Indians  
Be of good courage and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people and for our God. —I Chron. 19:12

### 23—FRIDAY

Rev. A. Gutierrez, San Jose, Costa Rica, Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Morgan, Almirante, Bocas del Toro, Panama, evangelistic work  
We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God —Acts 2:11

### 24—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Connely, Miss Olive Lawton, evangelistic work, Miss Bertha Smith, educational-evangelistic work, Taining, China, Miss Rebecca Stewart, evangelistic work, Harbin, Manchuria  
I have not concealed Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth from the great congregation. —Psa. 40:10

### 25—SUNDAY

xxRev. W. M. and Dr. Martha J. Gilliland, evangelistic-medical apostles, Dr. Roberts J. Cox, Lagos, Mrs. Frances Hammett, Shaki, medical-evangelistic work, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. McGee, evangelistic work, Iwa, Nigeria  
They took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus —Acts 4:13

### 26—MONDAY

Rev. S. T. Mayo, Jess, Rev. S. Rogers, Bernice, Rev. J. D. Scott, Many, Rev. S. P. Smith, Ruston, Rev. H. A. Sylvest, Amite, La., rural-evangelistic work  
Let everyone of us please his neighbor for his good to edification —Rom. 15:2

### 27—TUESDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. L. D. Wood, evangelistic work, Santiago, Misses Georgia Mae Ogden and Oleta Sadl, Santiago, Misses Ruby Howe and Susan Roberta Ryan, Temuco, Chile, educational-evangelistic work; also for sacrificial giving to S.B.C. Relief and Rehabilitation Offering  
That we might be fellowhelpers to the truth —III John 1

### 28—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. King, Okerechober, Rev. and Mrs. S. Smith, Dania, evangelistic work among Indians, Rev. and Mrs. A. Pasari, Rev. and Mrs. T. H. York, evangelistic work among Italians, West Tampa, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Silva, evangelistic work among Cubans, Tampa, Fla.  
Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering —Heb. 10:23

### 29—THURSDAY

Women's Missionary Union of South China  
Let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably —Heb. 12:28

### 30—FRIDAY

xxMiss Clifford Barratt, Pochow, xxMiss Katie Murray, Kweich, evangelistic work, xxMiss Harriette King, Pochow, xxMiss Ola Lee, Kalfeng, educational-evangelistic work  
The trial of your faith being much more precious than gold that perishes —I Pet. 1:7

### 31—SATURDAY

Rev. N. R. Green, Bayanville, Rev. R. A. McKay, Watenedge, Rev. J. E. Hite, Harriestown, Maryland, Miss Evelyn Mills, Washington, D. C., special missions  
If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally. —James 1:5

xxAttended W.M.U. Training School

xxAttended Southwestern Training School

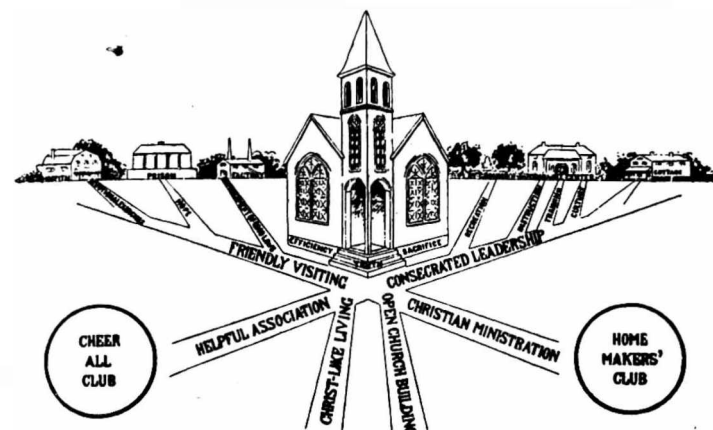
xxAttended New Orleans Baptist Theol. Sem.

xxFormer Maryland Food Student

xxOn Furlough

## Circle Program

BY ALL MEANS SAVE SOME



### THE GOLDEN RULE AT WORK

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; *World Comrades*, \$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 43 of 1946 W.M.U. Year Book and page 20 of this magazine.)

### Circle Program Topic: No One Excused

(Community Missions)

Devotional Theme: Joyful Reaping—Psalms 126:5, 6

World Evangelism (See article in August issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Community Missions in Foreign Lands (Use incidents of soul-winning and Christian kindness as told in late issues of *The Commission*.)

Springtime for Lovers and Life (See article in August issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*.)

He Leadeth Me (See article in August issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*.)

Little Brother (See article in August issue of *World Comrades*.)

Cookies in America (See article in August issue of *World Comrades*.)

Training School (See page 12 of this magazine.)

From Missionaries (See page 5 of this magazine.)

Stewardship (See page 4 of this magazine.)

The Helping Hand (See article in August issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

## Business Woman's Circles Miss Mary Christian W.M.U. Representative

**T**HE program suggestions this month were prepared by Miss Evelyn Oakley who is program chairman for Shelby County B.W.C. Federation, Memphis, Tennessee. We are grateful to her.

**Aim:** For every Christian to realize as never before the importance of taking Christ to Japan and Hawaii because the needs and opportunities are unusually great

**Preparation:** The place of meeting should be appropriately decorated with flags, world maps and a globe to create a missionary atmosphere and to serve as a background for the program. Write to your State Baptist Bookstore as to prices etc. of flags. A large cross placed above the flags and globe will help to bring out the purpose of the program, too. On poster board or black board draw (or make with crepe paper) two roads: one running diagonally across from upper left-hand corner to lower right; the other running from upper right-hand corner to lower left. Just above where the roads cross place a large cross and just beneath place the name and flag of Hawaii. At the beginning of the road in the upper left-hand corner place name and flag of Japan; on the road in lower left-hand corner place name and flag of China; on the road in lower right-hand corner place name and flag of United States. Mimeograph individual programs. Copy on program cover a few Chinese "characters" or make program in the shape of a teacup which might be from any of the countries to be discussed.

**The Program:** For the devotional period use the hymn, Bible study and prayer suggestions as on page 13. See pages 23-30 for material for following talks.

**Introduction—The Orient** (by program chairman)

**Talk—Mending China** (by one in Chinese costume)

**Talk—Consider Japan** (by one in Japanese costume. If possible secure from your State Baptist Bookstore the song, "Beautiful Japan", to be sung at close of this talk. Or a returned service man or woman who saw Japan's need of Christ might discuss briefly "What of the Future?" Then another B.W.C. member could tell what southern Baptists are now doing in Japan.)

**Talk—At the Cross-roads to the Orient** (Have an Hawaiian costume for this assignment. When the discussion is finished have some one play on a guitar "Aloha"; while this is being played have silent prayer for the Hawaiian Islands that they may truly be cross-roads for Christ.)

\* \* \*

**To the Program Chairman:** Every B.W.C. member will want to have a worthy part in reaching the goal for the S.B.C. Relief and Rehabilitation Offering as set by her church and Woman's Missionary Society, unless perchance the church's goal has already been reached. The program for this month gives opportunity to stress sacrificial giving. After each talk a poster might be held up, showing the goal for the W.M.U. women and the young people. The circle could discuss what goal it would like to set. It is urgent that every B.W.C. member see that there is a starving world, that there is vast need for relief and rehabilitation. (See pages 4 and 32.)

### From Missionaries (Concluded from Page 5)

in New Mexico, where sixty-five per cent of the people are Spanish-speaking. The great majority of these Spanish-speaking people have never had a Bible in their hands, have never heard "The Story" we love so well. They, too, are hungry for the bread of life, the water of life, the light, the truth, the way.

O, women of the southland, will you not pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His vineyard? And what is even harder, will you not "give of your sons to bear the message glorious"? There are so many who have not heard and the laborers are so few!—*Martha Thomas Ellis, Albuquerque, New Mexico*

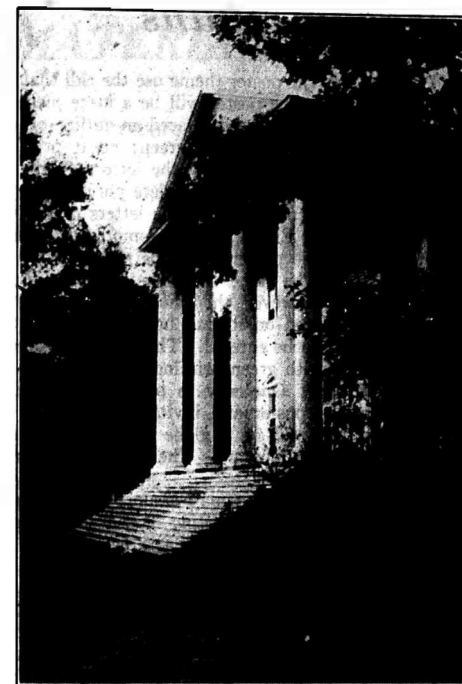
**Ridgecrest—**with its uplifting scenery, its many modern buildings, its excellent meals, its air-conditioned climate, its Christian fellowship—awaits your arrival for

W.M.U. Conference

Including

B.W.C. Conference

August 8-14.



### Stewardship (Concluded from Page 4)

There is something ridiculous about the monument to the leg of Benedict Arnold on the Saratoga battlefield, where his leadership helped in the winning of an important battle of the Revolutionary War, October 7, 1777. He lost a leg in this engagement. Now some one has sought to honor this leg lost in the cause of freedom, while ignoring the rest of him which later, in treachery, deserted the American cause. It is a foolish effort, for we cannot divide our devotion.

Some of us would like to give the Lord only a hand or a foot or a small place in our love. God answers: it must be all or none, for love cannot be divided.

### Japanese Baptist Schools (Concluded from Page 11)

When I asked about the future of Seinan Jo Gakuin Mr. Hara's eyes brightened as he explained that the school was now self-supporting but that he had plans for a much greater school—one which would require a number of missionaries and additional funds. I sat for an hour and listened to him describe the Seinan Jo Gakuin of tomorrow with an enthusiasm which surely belied his age. He has a vision of a great middle school for girls with over 800 students and an additional college to give young women a higher education.

I think the little man's eyes never sparkled quite so brightly as when he described the revival meeting just closed. I remember his saying: "And you know, Chaplain, I baptized last Sunday nine of those twelve young women who came for church membership. How I wish you could have been here!"

Surely southern Baptists have not wasted the money invested in Seinan Jo Gakuin. Surely southern Baptist women will not forget to pray and pay for this school, one of the brightest spots in Japanese mission history.

## Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Sara Hall  
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

**Poster:** For the poster theme use the call that the orient is making to us today. The background for the poster will be a large piece of white poster paper. On this in the upper left corner may be placed an outline of a bugle, trumpet or cheer-leader's horn. This horn may be light green; on it print the words, "The Call of the". To the right print longitudinally the letters, "Orient". This would be coming from the horn. Thus you have the complete phrase: The Call of the Orient. Next, write in the form of an acrostic beside the letters of the word "Orient" these words, Our Response Influences Every Nation Tomorrow. This may be in green or black ink. At the bottom of the poster write the place, date and time.

**Invitation:** The same theme as used for the poster may be carried out in miniature form. However, the whole invitation may be in the shape of the cheer-leader's horn. Printed on it may be "The Call of the Orient". Name, place, date and time should also be entered. The invitation should be green with white or black printing or white with green printing.

**Presentation:** One way to present this program would be to continue the theme used in the poster and invitations. At the front of the room should be a large map on the wall or a globe on the table to which the program chairman may refer during the program. There should be a radio in the room. (For program material see pages 23-30.)

The program chairman may assume the manner of a high government official. She may explain that this meeting of the society is very important because during the meeting she expects to have a direct report on conditions in the orient. She should emphasize the fact that after these reports it will be necessary to decide upon some definite course of action.

It would be fitting for the program chairman to continue to discuss the known facts about the present status of the orient by giving the first part entitled "The Orient". At the close of this part a member of the society may enter the room and say that she has just received a cablegram from China reporting existing conditions. She will then give the part "Mending China".

For the report from Japan which includes the parts "Consider Japan" and "What of the Future" give these either as a radio address or a special delivery letter. If it is given by radio a screen should be arranged in one corner of the room. Persons giving these parts will be behind the screen.

To tie the program together the part "What of Today" which should be in the form of an appeal may be given by the program chairman. The last part "The Crossroads of the Orient" could come in the form of a long distance telephone call from Hawaii.

After the program some member of the society should offer some practical ways in which the members of the society can answer the call of the orient, as for instance by being eager for their sons and daughters to go as missionaries if called of God.

Another way that the conditions of the orient may be brought to the attention of the members is to have three people who have been in China, Japan and Hawaii in recent years tell the society of the needs of these countries. There may be a missionary, a chaplain, a service man or woman who is a consecrated Christian, glad for an opportunity to speak to women they know really want to understand and help rebuild the orient. (See also page 32 of this magazine.)

### Training School (Concluded from Page 12)

While in Louisville, my greatest personal blessing was the weekday Bible School in which I worked with juniors in a Negro church. Just to observe their quick minds absorb facts about the life of Jesus is a challenge to the best that is within me. If one's call is determined by his vision of the greatest need, surely my life work will be at least to some extent with these colored people who so greatly need our help and our love.—Mary K. Pittman, Missouri

## PROGRAM MATERIAL

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

**THEME for YEAR:** Let Us Now Prepare to Build  
**TOPIC for MONTH:** The Orient

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

Watchword for the Year—Isaiah 45:22

Bible Study—Isaiah 49:8-13; 59-19; Luke 13:29 (Cf. Matthew 8:11); (See page 13.)

Prayer that this program may open our eyes to the needs and opportunities of the orient

Hymn—Send the Light

The Orient

—Mending China

Prayer that the time will soon come when all missionaries for China may be on their fields

Hymn—Ye Christian Heralds

Consider Japan

Prayer for a greatly enlarged missionary work in Japan

At the Crossroads to the Orient

—Hymn—O Zion, Haste

Prayer for all southern Baptist work in the orient

### The ORIENT

A FEW years ago the orient was a far-away mysterious part of the world, about which the average American knew little and never expected to learn much by personal contact. Today the orient is a near neighbor about which the average American knows much because his son or his friend's son is or has been over there, because he hears over the radio voices from the orient, because he reads daily the happenings in oriental countries, because he can reasonably expect some day to fly to these lands to spend a summer's vacation, because he has learned that what happens in China, Japan and India affects his own way of living. Yes, east and west have met. We know the orient as we have never known it before, and the knowing shocks and grieves us. Here is a part of the world, now very near to us, that is appallingly needy and problematic. Here are neighbors of ours whose physical, mental and spiritual suffering calls for all the compassion of our Christian hearts.

Half of the world's people live in the orient. In India, China, Japan and Korea are almost a billion people. Most of these people have lived through a terrible war. Some of them have seen eight years of it. "The wail of the air-raid siren, the crashing of bombs, the roar of burning cities and the cries of refugees have been the order of the day. Vast areas have been devastated, old and young slaughtered, millions made homeless".

Even in times of peace the people of the orient live near the hunger line and now they have been plunged by war into a state of starvation. They sell their homes, land, furniture, clothing, even their children, in order to buy a little food; then, having sold all, they slowly starve to death. This is the situation with literally millions of oriental people.

However, as great as is the physical suffering, the soul suffering of the people of the orient is even greater. Their greatest distress is not hunger but spiritual darkness. Their greatest need is not bread but the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Their pagan religions do not satisfy the longings of their souls. In this time of their great need they have no spiritual power to sustain them; they know no God who can hear their cries and satisfy their soul hunger.

If the world is to be rebuilt, the orient must be rebuilt and the only power which can rebuild the orient is the Gospel. Only Jesus can satisfy the longing of oriental

hearts. Only Jesus can give peace to their souls. Only Jesus can dry their tears and give them real joy. Only Jesus can solve the problems of the orient. Only Jesus can assure permanent peace. "If we do not lead the orient to Christ the orient will lead us again to war". We have sent bombs to the orient, now we must send Bibles. We have sent military forces, now we must send missionary forces. The half of the world, which lives in pagan darkness, must know of Jesus the Light of the World. The half of the world which is hungry must be fed with bread and with the Bread of Life. This half of the world, which is broken, must be rebuilt and the building must start on the firm foundation of faith in God and in His Son, Jesus Christ.

#### MENDING CHINA

**Broken China**—China is broken! The bodies of the people are broken, their homes are broken, their lives are broken, their hearts are broken, their spirit is broken. Eight years of war have left China in this terribly broken condition. The suffering of her people cannot be described. Millions of them have died from falling shrapnel and hunger. Millions of them have been refugees, driven from their homes, forced to trek to far-away places in search of safety. Now they are returning hungry, weary, heart-broken, to find their homes destroyed, their property all gone and themselves with no means of livelihood. This is the condition of millions of Chinese people.

Of course Chinese Baptists have shared in the desolation which war has brought. Missionary John L. Galloway of Macao describes the situation of one group of Baptists as follows: "On account of the enemy occupation the bulk of the church members and workers fled to free China, losing all their property and business, many of them becoming destitute. Not only were their homes looted and their families outraged, but many of the houses belonging to our Christians have been practically razed to the ground and even the material carried away. Those who remained during the occupation have suffered in the same way. The mission buildings, churches, institutions and homes have been stripped clean, shattered by bombs or demolished. As a consequence, our Chinese fellow workers have been reduced to utter destitution. Even in the old, well-established, independent churches, the few members left have been unable to take care of their workers or even of themselves for that matter".

We are told that the school buildings of Pingtu have suffered great damage with doors and windows gone, floors torn up and burned and all buildings stripped of every movable thing. The church building there also suffered heavily with loss of doors and windows, the inside walls blackened by fires of occupying soldiers. At Laichow the hospital buildings have been pretty well destroyed, some burned, all the buildings of the compound have been occupied by the Japanese and the doors and windows are gone. This gives us some idea of the condition of missionary property throughout China.

**Means of Mending**—The mending of broken China has already begun. In the words of Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Foreign Board secretary for the orient: "From destruction to reconstruction, from devastation to rehabilitation, from terror to triumph, indomitable China is making her way. The bombs which burned her buildings have cemented her national loyalties; the losses which impoverished her people have enriched her international relationships; the rough path of distrust is leading to the highway of confidence and good-will. Thus from the somber ruins of seven years of undeclared war there rises a stronger, a more united and a more impressionable China".

The greatest means of mending China is the Gospel given to and received by her people. Many things make this the greatest day of missionary opportunity in China that we have ever known. First, the broken spirit of her people makes them eager to hear a message that promises life and hope. Their old religions have failed them. They are hungry for something better. Their suffering has prepared their hearts to receive the good news of salvation through Jesus.

The faithfulness of Chinese Christians through the war era has been a wonderful

testimony to the power of Christianity. Amid all their sufferings they have grown spiritually. They have loyally carried on the work of their churches and by word and deed have borne effective personal witness for Christ. The work of schools and churches has been kept going even though sometimes they had to be moved to new locations. One group fled to the mountains, built mat-sheds and reopened their Bible schools. In another area church leaders had to live on the leaves of trees but they continued their work.

Christian men and women, fleeing from the Japanese areas of eastern China, have carried the Gospel with them, and so there has been established a frontier missionary movement entirely Chinese in its origin and development. We are told that in one place an idol temple has been transformed into a Christian center and hospital. Since the war the Chinese are making progress in reorganizing their work. Their conventions have established relief committees and they are seeking to meet urgent need. The war has helped to develop a national leadership which promises well for the future.

A means of mending China is found in our work of relief and rehabilitation. We cannot, we must not be deaf to the cries of China's millions of starving people. As we help to feed them we will be demonstrating the Christian spirit of compassion and love and preparing the way for the preaching of the Gospel.

Then, of course, we must rebuild our missionary property. Church buildings, hospitals, schools and missionary residences, which are "either piles of rubble or scarred, ugly derelicts", must be reconstructed and made ready for use. Equipment for hospitals and schools must be replaced. This work of relief and rehabilitation will require vast sums of money; for such work southern Baptists are now seeking to raise \$3,500,000 (see pages 4 and 32).

Missionaries will be a means of mending China. For the period of the war few of our workers have been able to remain in China. As this is being written there are 114 missionaries from China still on furloughs. All of these are eager to return to their fields. We are eager to see them return. The Chinese Christians are eager to have them return. Because of transportation difficulties both to and in China and because of lack of housing facilities in some areas the return of these has been delayed. But as fast as possible they will be going back to their fields. And with them will go a group of new missionaries. There are now thirteen new missionaries ready and waiting to go and recently fifteen others were appointed. So as the way is opened there will be a large group of southern Baptist missionaries entering China—but not nearly enough to meet the needs and opportunities of that large mission field. Missionaries will be the great menders of broken China and the more we send the faster will China be mended.

**Beginning to Mend**—Already the work of mending China is going on. There are now thirty-six southern Baptist missionaries in China with three others on the way. All through the war there were a few who were able to stay and work in certain sections. At Macao the work continued and in Chungking a new center of Baptist activity was opened. Dr. Cauthen evaluates this war-time work as follows: "A group of missionaries did notable service in connection with the armed forces. They trained Chinese interpreters, and they also served as liaison officers. In this work they found opportunity for witness to many people who would not otherwise have heard the Gospel, and their efforts resulted in many professions of faith and in establishing helpful contacts for missionary service".

Soon after hostilities were ended the Foreign Mission Board began to plan a reprojecion of a full missionary program in China. It was decided to return only a few missionaries at first to be a spearhead, surveying the land and reporting conditions to the Board. Accordingly these were sent and even while they were going those in China were moving back to their fields. So, today in many of the old fields the work of rehabilitation is beginning. Already in Canton schools have been reopened. Eight missionaries are in north China "where clinics and evangelistic work are being resumed". The group at Chungking has returned to Shanghai where they found many encouraging things. The True Light Building was intact, the work of the

Publication Society and the Baptist Bookstore going on. The university was also in operation under Chinese leaders. The churches were opened with Chinese pastors preaching to large crowds. In other places, also, Chinese Christians are beginning to rebuild the work.

Back to Wuchow to reopen their medical work have gone Dr. William Wallace and Nurse Lucy Wright, together with the staff and equipment which they had carried with them when they were forced to flee from the approaching Japanese. Miss Wright gives the following interesting account of their return: "We left Nanning on a little cargo boat, piled into the bottom of it all the things Dr. Wallace and his staff had been able to take with them last year. They had left Wuchow just three days before the Japanese got into it last year. We put bed-springs and wooden planks on top of our baggage to make a sort of floor for the boat, spread out our straw mats and settled our little colony sardine fashion on the floor. We each one had room to stretch our full length, and improvised the best we could for our mutual comforts. We were four days coming down the river. On the morning of the 4th of September we got off the boat in Wuchow. Such a sight is this city in its wreckage! Hardly a whole house is left standing along the water front. Our hospital suffered some but very little in comparison with all the other places round about us. Our roof is about off and that is a little inconvenient when it rains so much, but we can get along for a time since the floors are all reinforced concrete. There were far more things left here than we had expected to see, though we are sadly lacking in almost everything. Our operating room is about ready for use. We have tables, stools, sterilizers etc., that Dr. Wallace and the nurses saved. There is a little cloth to make sheets etc. We have some soiled gauze that has been refuting for a year. We need screening here in this malarial country. Flies are very bad and rats are awful. It is hard to know what to do because of these various pests and then not be able to get the very simplest things to prevent them. I made a fly-brush (like Grandma used to have) out of some Japanese newspapers and have developed a fly-brush rhythm during our meal-times. Dr. Wallace certainly did a fine work in keeping this grand group of hospital personnel together. We are so thankful to be back in Wuchow even if we have come to a very badly abused building".

So are our missionaries returning and the mending of China is well begun. But, oh, the need is so great! There is so much mending to be done and so many menders are needed. A chaplain who recently visited China makes the following appeal in *The Commission*: "I have traveled over many hundreds of China roads and through hundreds more of villages where no missionary has ever been, where no white person has ever lived to preach the Christian Gospel. I have made it my business to go out into the villages with an interpreter and have been told that I was the first white person in some of these villages. I have flown over areas of China that are still marked with a question sign on our best maps, areas unexplored and unknown to white men. I have looked down on these villages from the air and wondered how much longer it would be until they knew of the more abundant life in Christ. Does this mean anything to the churches in the United States? Does it mean anything to young American Christians who have a lifetime of opportunity before them?" Surely we must pray that many will respond to the call of China and go as menders to this great broken land.

#### CONSIDER JAPAN

**THE** Japanese are brutes. Nothing can be done with them. They are hopeless". The speaker of these words is a member of a church in America who considers himself a Christian and thinks there is nothing un-Christian in his remark. Without doubt his estimate of the Japanese is that of many people in America, even of many Christians. However, it is not the Christian attitude toward the Japanese or toward any other people. No race is hopeless. No people are beyond the reach of the redeeming grace of God. To be sure some Japanese have acted like brutes but we must remember that war is a brutal thing. The Japanese are victims of century old religious and national ideologies that have made them a people of

many undesirable characteristics and have produced some vicious characters among them. But they also have many desirable qualities of character. Certainly not all Japanese are brutes and they are not, as a race, degraded beyond the hope of redemption.

Since 1889 southern Baptists have had missionaries among the Japanese. While, because of their religious and national ideas, the work of Christianizing them has progressed slowly, *it has progressed*. At the beginning of the war there were thousands of Christian Japanese as loyal, as consecrated, as sweet and as lovable as any Christians in the world. Our missionaries lived with them, enjoyed fellowship with them and found that there was nothing so ugly and degraded in the Japanese character that the love of Jesus could not change.

#### WHAT of the FUTURE?

The question in our hearts today is: "What of the future of Christian work in Japan?" Former missionaries, chaplains who are with the army of occupation in Japan and others acquainted with the facts are ready to answer that question. They are unanimous in the opinion that the prospects for Christian progress in Japan are brighter than ever before.

A reason for believing that the future of Christian work in Japan is hopeful is found in the faithfulness and courage of Japanese Christians. Dr. Tucker Callaway, a missionary appointee for Japan now in Hawaii, says: "Many so called Christians have fallen away during these years but those who have held fast have been tempered into spiritual steel . . . Men have tried Christ against the keen edge of crisis and have found Him sufficient. The Japanese are ready for the Gospel because they have seen it work". A chaplain writes: "In spite of the destruction of buildings the Japanese Christians have not been discouraged and have been meeting in private homes, business buildings and school buildings . . . The few are keeping Christianity alive during these days that the churches are torn and scattered. These few are to be depended upon".

Another hopeful condition in Japan is found in the destruction of the national religion. As we know the basis of Shintoism, the national religion of Japan, is emperor worship and the belief in the racial superiority of the Japanese. Military defeat, the first which modern Japan has ever known, has disillusioned the people regarding their superiority. Moreover, Emperor Hirohito has announced that he is not God and that it is false to believe that "the Japanese people are superior to the other races and fated to rule the world". This is a revolutionary change. It means that the god of 60 million is dead, that the Japanese are without a religion and so their hearts are open as never before to receive Christianity.

Another factor which promises well for the future in Japan is found in the Japanese reception of the American army. Our American boys have won the respect and confidence of the Japanese. In the days before the occupation there was fear in the hearts of these conquered people, and when the soldiers came they barricaded their doors and many fled to the hills. They expected violence but no violence came and instead only a pleasant friendliness. They were surprised and delighted. We are told that some are even saying that they are glad they lost the war to the United States, for now they are having their first taste of real freedom. So while we might have expected that they would not have been willing to accept anything from their captors they are willing and even eager to accept anything that America has to offer. Dr. Callaway says: "The Japanese are looking with hopeful expectation to their conquerors for leadership in building a new and better life". A Japanese Baptist explains the situation in these words: "The Japanese have been taught and believed they had the finest fleet, the most powerful army and the greatest nation on earth. Now we have been defeated and the illusion is shattered. Everywhere the people are asking about America. They reason that if America defeated Japan, then the Americans have the answers. The Americans know better than we—let's find out how they do it in America. Because of this attitude almost every Japanese, especially the younger people, will listen to any American who will talk to them".



This attitude will be a great help to missionaries as they return to give Japan the best thing that America has to offer—the Gospel.

#### What of Today?

As yet southern Baptists have no missionaries in Japan. There are fifteen under appointment, some former missionaries who will return to their fields and some new ones. A part of these are in Hawaii rendering service there while they wait the opportunity to enter Japan and the others are still in this country. All stand ready to enter Japan at the earliest possible moment.

Since the cessation of the war we have learned that Baptist work goes on in Japan. Chaplains who have visited schools and churches give most favorable reports. One who visited Seinan Gakuin, the boys' school at Fukuoka, found Japanese educational leaders on the job with around two thousand boys enrolled in all departments of the school. During the war the buildings of Seinan Jo Gakuin, the girls' school at Kokura, were occupied by the Japanese army as the center of an air defense force of western Japan. The school work was carried on in other places but now the school is back in its own buildings with an attendance of five hundred girls. A large per cent of the students of these schools are not Christians, so they offer great opportunities for evangelism. (See pages 10-11.)

Japan presents many needs today. The school and church buildings need to be repaired and refurnished. Equipment of all kinds is needed by schools, churches and pastors. There is great need for literature, books and magazines and especially Japanese New Testaments for the use of pastors and evangelists. But the greatest need is for missionaries. Quoting the president of the boys' school, "By all means send missionaries as soon as possible. . . . They will find an open door such as they have never seen before in Japan. . . . If a missionary could be placed in every Baptist church in Japan he could fill the building nightly, simply by announcing that Bible classes in English were being taught. Likewise a woman missionary could make hundreds of contacts if she but started classes in cooking—in English with the promise that those attending would learn how to prepare American dishes. Just now every American missionary available should be sent to Japan. The next two years are the important ones. Tell southern Baptists to come at once".

One chaplain says that five hundred missionaries should start to work in Japan at once. Another chaplain pleads: "If southern Baptists ever faced an open door in foreign missions they do now in Japan. The opportunity is simply appalling. I hope that we, as Christians, will see this opportunity, stop being dilatory about the task. . . . If we neglect this field when it is so ripe, so ready, so receptive, we will forever forfeit the right to ask God's blessings on any of our mission enterprises".

#### At the CROSSROADS to the ORIENT

THE war, which has brought such havoc to our missionary work in China and Japan, has opened up for us a new field—Hawaii. For long earnest people who greatly desired that the evangelistic message should be given to the people of the islands had been praying that southern Baptists would send missionaries to Hawaii. But our Foreign Mission Board had not felt ready to open this new field. However, when missionaries were compelled to leave China and Japan, some of them stopped at Hawaii and began work there. So did the ill wind of war blow the good of a new mission field for southern Baptists.

There are seven inhabited islands in the Hawaiian group and all of them together are slightly less in area than the state of Massachusetts. Lying one-third of the way from America to China and Japan the Hawaiian Islands are rightly called "Crossroads of the Pacific". Their political, social and religious importance is daily increasing. On the islands live about half a million people. A very small per cent of them are native Hawaiians; the others represent many nations. Missionary Tucker Callaway, on his first Sunday as pastor of a church in Honolulu, found that he was preaching to Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Filipinos, Caucasians, Spaniards, Negroes,

Hawaiians, Okinawans and a combination of these races. What an opportunity to reach those of many nations with the Gospel! And what an opportunity to demonstrate that those of all races can worship and serve God in unity of spirit!

Hawaii's need for the Gospel is great. While we read in an encyclopedia that most Hawaiians are Christians, it is far from being true. A majority of the people are of Japanese descent and for years the mother country has conducted language schools and has encouraged the erection of Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples to hold the people to the Japanese religions. Then there is a strong Catholic element, some Mormonism and various isms and false teachings which confuse the minds of the people.

Southern Baptists have now thirty-one missionaries in Hawaii. However, only five of these are appointed as permanent workers for the islands. To that number will be added two others recently appointed. All of the others expect to go to China and Japan and are serving in Hawaii while they are waiting for an opportunity to enter these lands. Of course the presence of this large group of missionaries has given a splendid start to the work in Hawaii. But soon many of them will be gone. Then there must be more missionaries especially appointed for Hawaii, planning to give their lives in service there.

The work in Hawaii has progressed rapidly. We now have churches or mission stations on five of the seven islands. Some of the churches have large congregations and are well organized for Sunday-school, Training Union and Woman's Missionary Union work. Olivet Church in Honolulu has Sunday-school enrolment of five hundred, had a Vacation Bible School last summer enrolling 215 and has besides a Woman's Missionary Society, two Young Woman's Auxiliaries, three Girls' Auxiliaries, one Royal Ambassador Chapter and one Sunbeam Band. This church gave to missions last year \$3500. There are two other churches in Hawaii with well developed programs of work. These three churches are planning to erect new buildings in the near future.

The report of last year's work shows conversions and baptisms in all the churches and mission stations in Hawaii. The Baptist Bible School at Honolulu had 130 part time and five full time students. The Baptist bookstore has had phenomenal growth and renders great service in providing Bibles, the best Christian books and other literature for the people of Hawaii. The Hawaiian Baptist churches are organized into a convention which last year sent out its first missionary couple to open Baptist work on the fifth island to be entered.

Altogether this new Baptist mission field at the crossroads to the orient promises to be a strong spiritual influence on these islands. Since it is at the crossroads it will doubtless be felt east, west, north and south and among the many races whose people make up the population of Hawaii.

#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Tell something of the condition of oriental peoples.
2. What is the greatest need of oriental peoples?
3. Discuss China as a broken nation.
4. Mention some means of mending China.
5. Tell of the work of our missionaries in China during the war period.
6. Tell of our missionary work in China today.
7. What conditions in Japan promise well for the future of Christian work there?
8. What do we know of the condition of our Baptist work in Japan?
9. Discuss the need of missionaries in Japan.
10. Tell of Hawaii's need of the Gospel.
11. How did southern Baptist work begin in Hawaii?
12. Tell something of the progress of southern Baptist work in Hawaii.

## 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 on this page.

The Window of Y.W.A. .....—World Comrades  
State Denominational Papers .....—The Commission  
Last Report of the Foreign Mission Board

## Suggested Leaflets—Supplemental Helps for W.M.S. Program

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Chinese Bible Now Complete.....                       | 2c |
| Pride Justified .....                                 | 3c |
| The Book He Bought for an Egg.....                    | 3c |
| The Boy Who Enjoyed Danger.....                       | 3c |
| The Great Bright God of Self-Restraint.....           | 3c |
| The Lamp on the Waters.....                           | 3c |
| The Man Who Came to the Rescue.....                   | 3c |
| Tsing Low's Trust and the Famine.....                 | 4c |
| What Shall We Do? (Playlet: 7 Women, 15 Minutes)..... | 6c |

Please send remittance with order to  
W.M.U. LITERATURE DEPARTMENT  
1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala

## State Executive (or Corresponding) Secretaries: State W.M.U. Headquarters

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Mrs. R. S. Marshall.....         | 127 South Court Street, Montgomery 2, Ala                   |
| Mrs. Milton E. Cunningham.....   | 384 N. 1st Ave., Phoenix, Ariz                              |
| Mrs. C. H. Ray.....              | 209 Radio Center, Little Rock, Ark                          |
| Mrs. W. C. Howell.....           | 243 Holland Building, Fresno 1, Calif                       |
| Mrs. Carleton M. Long.....       | 4441 Yuma St., N.W., Washington 16, D. C                    |
| Miss Josephine Jones.....        | 207 Rogers Building, Jacksonville 2, Fla                    |
| Miss Janice Singleton.....       | Baptist Building, 201 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta 3, Ga |
| Mrs. John Hathaway.....          | 2113½ 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. Truett.....           | 1023 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Mo                        |
| Miss Eva Inlow.....              | Box 485, Albuquerque, N. M                                  |
| Mrs. Foy J. Farmer (Acting)..... | 214 Recorder Building, Raleigh, N. C                        |
| Mrs. Bill V. Carden.....         | 223½ West First Street, Oklahoma City 2, Okla               |
| Miss Vonnice Lance.....          | 1301 Hampton Street, Columbia 20, S. C                      |
| Miss Mary Northington.....       | 149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tenn                  |
| Mrs. R. L. Mathis.....           | 302 Baptist Building, Dallas 1, Texas                       |
| Miss Blanche Sydnor White.....   | 1 West Franklin Street, Richmond 20, Va                     |

W.M.U. Headquarters.....1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.

## Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Reports from the fifty-second annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America as held this past spring show that the leaders of one hundred and twenty-three boards and agencies of protestant churches represented have no thought of retrenching or retreating. Their central thought, according to one writer, is: "We must deepen and strengthen our missionary enterprise now—the golden opportunity is now".

The following resolution from the business committee in the above-mentioned meeting manifested the same spirit: "Resolved that the Foreign Missions Conference join the Federal Council in approving in principle the proposal that the American people be given an opportunity to provide the funds for the establishment of a Christian university in Japan. Such an opportunity would express our sense of Christian fellowship and our confidence in Japanese Christian scholarship to do its part in directing scientific achievement to the welfare of mankind and in laying the foundations in knowledge and character essential for lasting peace".

Apropos of the above item we quote one from today's (June 11) press: "Episcopal Bishop Frederick D. Goodwin reported to the Richmond (Va.) Ministerial Union that Dr. T. T. Brombaugh, executive secretary of the Detroit Council of Churches, has been employed to organize a campaign to raise \$8,000,000 in the United States for the erection of a Christian university in Japan to atone for the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the atomic bombs".

World Dominion, published in London, commenting on General MacArthur's declaration abolishing in Japan state Shintoism—"The compulsory religious ideology which led the nation into war and defeat"—speaks of the declaration as an epoch-making announcement which alters the whole outlook for the spread of Christianity in eastern Asia.

Dr. Bernard E. Read, professor of physiological sciences at the Henry Lester Institute of Medical Research in Shanghai, writes of his internment in Japanese camps: "I was in Lunghua Camp for fifteen months with 2000 people, all kinds and sorts—society ladies and street women, bank managers and beach combers—all reduced to a common level, in the same dire need which brought out in the most transparent way people's real character. There the missionaries were a fine example to the rest in their ability to face hardship, work hard and keep smiling through it all". He adds: "My voice should be lifted in praise and thanks to God for all His goodness during these past years. To have lived and known that though one walks through the valley of death one need fear no evil is a never-to-be-forgotten experience".

Miss Irma Highbaugh, Methodist missionary to China, advocates the establishment of service centers for the study and improvement of family life in China and other mission lands. She states that there are approximately eight million uprooted families in west China waiting to return to occupied area and that there is implicit in this situation an unprecedented opportunity for Christian missions.

From Soochow, China, comes the following: The church in this area is very strong. Medical, educational and evangelistic work continued through the war. The churches have advanced in self-support and are spiritually alive. There is a feeling of independence but missionaries with a cooperative spirit will be welcomed back.—Presbyterian Survey

## Reminding W.M.U. Members to Give Sacrificially to Relief and Rehabilitation Offering

By personally made boxes or other simple methods W.M.U. members will remind themselves of the \$3,500,000 goal of southern Baptists for the Relief and Rehabilitation Fund of the Foreign Mission Board. In this summer's effort Woman's Missionary Union has promised to try to raise \$1,200,000, the combined goal of the state Unions being \$1,163,740. In setting its goal the Virginia W.M.U. arranged to ingather its offering on July 21 with the final limit of July 31. Perhaps all other state Unions will keep their books open until the general limit of September 30. Certainly all are agreed that W.M.U. young people and women should sacrifice this summer, because "the great world's heart is aching".

