

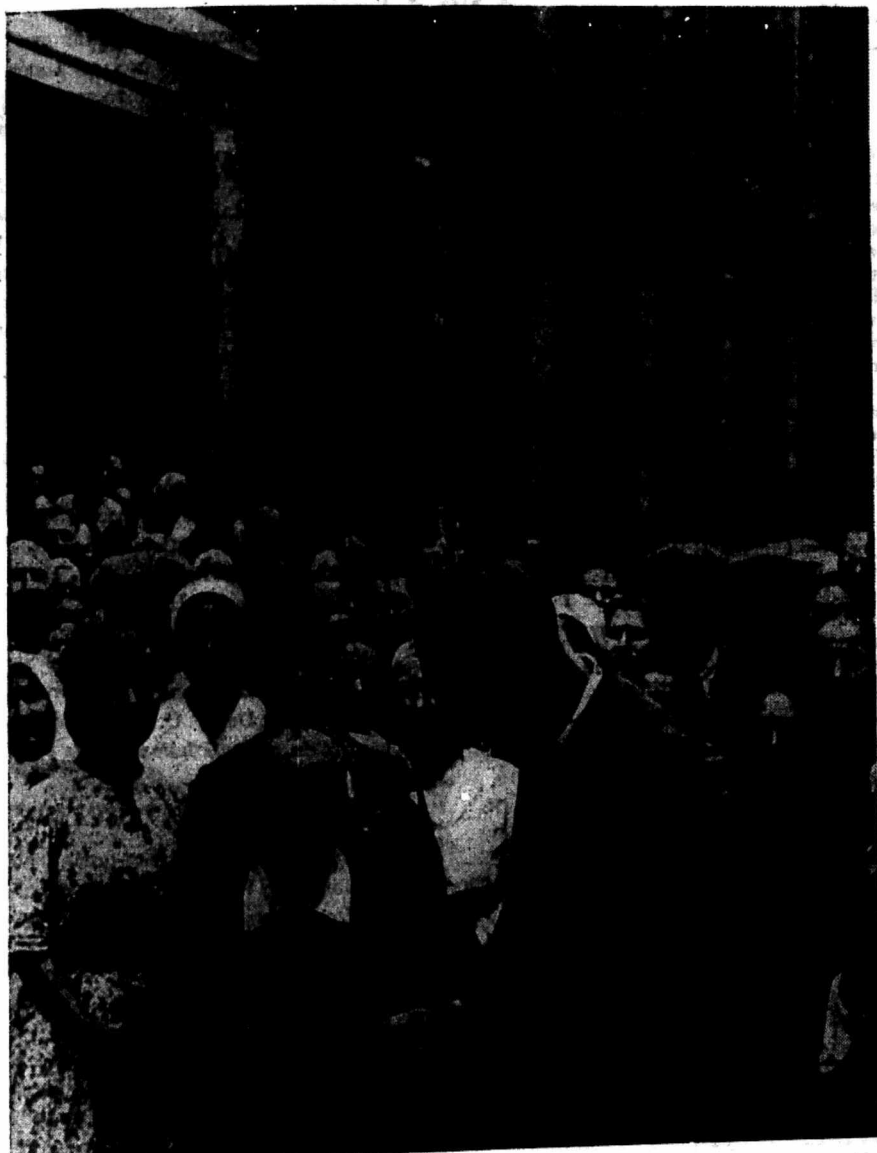
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MRS. ALEXANDER MOZAYEVA, leader of the Baptist women of Russia, is here shown receiving from Dr. Louie D. Newton a letter of greetings from the W.M.U. of his church. For other interesting details see page 5 of this magazine.

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EDITORIAL

"Harvest Shall Not Cease"

YOU may want to verify the title of this editorial as quoted from Genesis (8:22). Thus you will be reminded that God spoke these words to Noah after the flood had subsided and after Noah had built an altar unto God, offering thereon "of every clean beast and of every clean bird". Most graphically and also most gently the inspired writer then says: "And Jehovah smelled the sweet savor; and Jehovah said in His heart, I will not again curse the ground . . . seedtime and harvest . . . shall not cease".

Jesus also promised a sure harvest (Luke 8:11, 15): "The seed is the Word of God . . . in the good ground, these are such as in an honest and good heart, having heard the Word, hold it fast and bring forth fruit with steadfastness". As Isaiah (55:8, 11) records, God also said: "My Word shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it".

All these Scriptures and one's personal experiences are most reassuring when the year's harvest-time has come. All over the southland crops are being gathered . . . here cotton and there corn, here peanuts and there potatoes. Henry Drummond once said that "natural law has its counterpart in the spiritual world". Believing this statement, it is all the more reassuring to remember that during the preceding months steadfast members of Woman's Missionary Union have been having their monthly and more frequent programs, seeking to have them so very informative and otherwise constructive that the regular members would be encouraged to make far-reaching plans and that unenlisted women would catch a vision of world-wide usefulness for their lives too. All during the summer and earlier the many mission study classes have been held, community missions has led to the lost, stewardship has faithfully testified in behalf of tithes and offerings, young people have been shown that "whose trusteth in the Lord, happy is he". All during the summer and earlier the prayers of missionary-hearted women and W.M.U. young people have united in private devotions, around the family altars, by use of the Calendar of Prayer and in the organizational meetings in intercession for the lost and in petition for God's people around the world. Surely from all such prayers, all such fostering and stewardship and study "the harvest shall not cease".

Just as the farmer, however, naturally and eagerly seeks to estimate and ingather every possible pound or bushel or sheaf, so at this time of the year every wise-hearted W.M.U. leader whether of young people or women longs to ingather to the fullest. Thus she re-studied the respective Standard of Excellence and with the cooperation of the various chairmen plans for extra efforts, such as another mission study class, more definitely directed community missions, the enrolment of new members, the winning of more tithers, the securing of more renewals and new subscriptions to the W.M.U. missionary periodicals and the state denominational paper, exceptionally good program features to attract an unusual attendance and to sustain interest.

Into all such harvesting there is one element of unusual importance this autumn—namely, the Union's effort to enroll at least 333,334 of the denomination's goal for 1,000,000 tithers. Each state Union has its quota of the 333,334 which is almost twice as many as for last year; if your organization was not given or did not accept a definite goal it is not too late even now to do so in a general and yet very generous way—accept as your organization's goal twice as many tithers as you had at the close of last year; thus realizing how many new tithers must be "gathered into the fold" go forth with equally earnest coworkers in the assurance of God's Word that "the tithe is holy unto Jehovah" and with the present-day fact that Americans have twice as much to spend this year as they had six years ago.

Another wondrous opportunity to harvest now for the Kingdom of God is through the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions; the inclusive dates this year are

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(The following material has been culled from the manuscript used by Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, president of the Baptist World Alliance, in addressing the annual meeting of Women's Missionary Union in Miami last May. Deeply is it regretted that this magazine's few pages prevent the publishing in full of the address but what is herewith given is food for much thought even as one each argument, each illustration as given by Dr. Rushbrooke.)

Our Baptist World Program

CERTAINLY it is peculiarly fitting that Baptists should lay stress upon the far-reaching character of their enterprise. Dr. Latourette of Yale has called attention to the startling fact that the expansion of Christianity during the last 150 years has been greater than in all preceding centuries taken together. Inquire whether there is any one personality with which the vast expansion of the last one and a half centuries can be connected, and a single name at once presents itself: we dare not say that without William Carey the unique development of the missionary enterprise in modern times would not have taken place nor have we any desire merely to boost our own communion but facts are facts. It is simple truth that the year 1792—in which Carey called the Baptists of England to “expect great things from God” and to “attempt great things for God”, the year in which a few months later he and Andrew Fuller with a handful of others founded the Baptist Missionary Society in a Kettering parlor, taking the first collection (the equivalent of \$65), in Fuller’s snuff-box—was epochmaking. Dr. Latourette has written that the landing of Carey in India in the following year “was to create a new era in protestant missions not only for India but for the entire world”. Not for an instant do I belittle the work of Christians of other communions; within a few years (after 1792) there followed other mission societies and the founding of great Bible societies; there was an amazing awakening in evangelical churches everywhere under the influence of the Spirit of God and it was all inspired by a world outlook.

Carey’s outlook was world-wide. We may picture the village cobbler storing his mind with all the facts he could learn regarding the peoples of the earth and their religious conditions, devouring eagerly the descriptions of newly discovered lands in Captain Cook’s *Voyages* and elsewhere, until he produced his famous *Enquiry into the Duty of Christians* in the face of a world that as a whole had never heard even the name of Jesus Christ. He had no doubt about his own duty: the dignified Baptist divine who rebuked him—“Sit down, young man! If God means to save the heathen He will do it without you”—is a symbol of the attitudes against which Carey fought with his whole power. The world-wide vision of this great pioneer is deep graven in the heart of our modern Baptist missionary movement. We should be true to all our history if ever we shaped any program that was not a world program in its reference, even if the immediate application concerns only a local church or a particular field or convention or country. All plans must be shaped in the light of the universal Gospel and everything we undertake is transformed and glorified in that light.

We seek to hold and extend whatever truth our fathers have gained. We bear onward the torch which they have transferred to our hands and cherish their Heavenly vision. We glorify God in them and are grateful for the high honor of following them as they followed Christ. But, after all, our foundations are not in Carey or Judson or Rice or any other of the many heroes of our faith and order. “Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ”. The world outlook in missions is alone adequate to the Scriptural revelation of a world-Savior or, to put it in still wider terms, the world-outlook is rooted in the character of God Himself. There is one hope as we confront a world that baffles, confuses, bewilders and confounds us. Race hatreds, class struggles, insatiate greed of possessions and power, suspicion and envy, debasing lusts, unspeakable cruelties, lying and treachery—all the characteristics of the “reprobate mind” which the Apostle Paul lists in the first chapter of Romans—these abound but however vast the sum of human evil it is still finite and calculable and over against it are the incalculable, the limitless resources of the infinite God: “Where sin abounds, grace

abounds much more abound”. Therefore, we dare to labor for a transformed world, because no near-by goal and no partial conquest could satisfy God.

The Gospel is of course one and the same for every generation. The needs it meets are fundamentally the same but the particular setting in which these needs appear is not a fixed fact. The resistance to the Gospel takes new forms. Our world is not that of a generation ago: everywhere there is now challenge and ferment. Old customs in thought and action are weakened or overthrown. We are not terrified—or we ought not to be—for God is at work in the midst of change. Truth alone has survival value. The scepter of the universe will not be wrenched out of the hands of God. Jesus Christ stands—the same yesterday, today and forever and in none other is there salvation. But how are we to present Him to the present age, to the men and women for whom Christ died and who are dying without Him? That is the heart of our problem: the solution must govern all the details of a world program.

THE picture as shown on page 1 was made in front of the First Baptist Church, Moscow, on one of the Sunday mornings when Dr. Newton preached last summer in this historic church. The crowd that overflowed the church filled the street so that traffic had to be re-routed. Note the young woman at Mrs. Mozayeva’s left and the Red Army officer immediately behind her; both are active members of the Moscow Baptist Church as are all the Russians in the picture. Mrs. Mozayeva asked Dr. Newton to extend the greetings of the Baptist women of Russia to the Baptist women of America; those greetings will be published in an early issue of this magazine. Deepest appreciation is herewith extended to Dr. Newton for the privilege of featuring the group-picture this month and the greetings soon.

World-wide Bible Reading Thanksgiving to Christmas

THE following Scriptures have been selected by the American Bible Society, believing that such world-wide uniform reading of God’s Word will make Christians of all lands feel more closely knit together in thanksgiving for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Thanksgiving, November 28.....	Genesis 8:20-9:17 (Noah)
Friday.....	Genesis 12:1-9; 17:1-8 (Abraham)
Saturday.....	Genesis 32 (Jacob)
Sunday, December 1.....	Genesis 37 (Joseph)
Monday.....	Exodus 3 (Moses)
Tuesday.....	Ruth 1 (Ruth)
Wednesday.....	I Samuel 3 (Samuel)
Thursday.....	I Samuel 16; Psalm 139 (David)
Friday.....	I Kings 19:9-18 (Elijah)
Saturday.....	Nehemiah 6 (Nehemiah)
Sunday, December 8.....	Zechariah 4 (Zerubbabel)
Monday.....	Isaiah 1:1-20; 6 (Isaiah)
Tuesday.....	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (God’s Servant)
Wednesday.....	Jeremiah 1:1-2:13 (Jeremiah)
Thursday.....	Daniel 6 (Daniel)
Friday.....	Luke 1:26-56 (Mary)
Saturday.....	Matthew 3:1-17 (John the Baptist)
Sunday, December 15.....	John 3:1-17 (Nicodemus)
Monday.....	Luke 10:30-42 (Good Samaritan; Mary of Bethany)
Tuesday.....	Luke 15:11-24 (Prodigal Son)
Wednesday.....	John 13:1-17 (Jesus)
Thursday.....	John 17 (Jesus)
Friday.....	Acts 2 (Peter)
Saturday.....	Acts 6:8-15; 7:44-60 (Stephen)
Sunday, December 22.....	Acts 9:1-9; 13:14-43 (Paul)
Monday.....	II Timothy 1:1-18 (Timothy)
Tuesday.....	Hebrews 11:24-12:2 (Heroes of the Faith)
Christmas, December 25.....	Matthew 2 (Jesus)

Why I Volunteered for Mission Service

WHEN I was first asked to write this article, I felt sure that I would say no for, after all, my call to China did not come through a burning bush or by a clarion call. On the other hand there was, even from the time when I was very small, a clear small voice that said, "God wants you to serve Him in China!"

I cannot remember the time when I first thought in terms of China. It was the land of my birth. I spoke Chinese as well as I did my own tongue, and I had as many Chinese friends as I had American friends. I even thought with the Chinese mind and so it seemed the natural thing—I would go back to China! Finally however, as I grew older, it became necessary for me to clarify in my own thinking the reasons why I should be a missionary in China. It was not enough to want to go home—for China was and is my home.

First of all I knew without a shadow of a doubt that God wanted me to serve Him in some special way. There were thousands of special ways that I could serve Him in America. But there were also thousands of people in the United States who had as good qualifications for service here as I had. Maybe I flattered myself when I felt that I had some special qualities for work in China that others might not have. Why had I been born in a missionary home in China? Why did I love the people of that land and feel that they were my own? Why did I learn to speak Chinese so that it was easy for me even to think in that language? Why did I feel that China called me to come back? Might this be God's way of speaking to me?

My problem was never one of being willing. I was always afraid that I would go because I wanted to and not because it was the right thing to do. But, when the decision was made, there was peace. And for twenty-four happy years there was never a doubt—I always knew that I was in the right place.

Today I feel that I am still a missionary to China. Maybe I can't be there in body, but my heart is there and I know God called me—Valleria Greene—to serve Him there and He gave me happy years of service. As Valleria Rankin, my place is here in Richmond helping to make it possible for my husband to serve in his broader capacity.—*Mrs. M. Theron Rankin, Virginia*



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From MISSIONARIES

Abundantly Fruitful in Brazil

PART of the abundantly fruitful missionary work done by Baptists in Brazil is achieved through the agency of the two centers of training of young women, called to give their lives to Christ for service in His churches. Miss Bernice Neel and Miss Ruth Randall and Miss Edith West in Rio de Janeiro and Miss Mildred Cox and Miss Maye Bell Taylor in Recife, with gifted and consecrated comrades in service in both cities, direct our missionary cooperation with the W.M.U. of Brazil and the Brazilian Baptist Convention, in this vital task. A beautiful and commodious building is in use in Recife as a gift of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and money is on hand at least in part for construction of the building contemplated in Rio.

While in training these scores of fine young Christians work under supervision in the laboratory of church life, designated or agreed upon as part of their field of study and of learning such work by doing it. Some of the fifty-five Baptist churches of Rio de Janeiro and the forty-five of Recife reap the benefit of their services and give them training by the services rendered in these spiritual laboratories of Christian witness and activity. The W.M.U. of Brazil, under the inspiring leadership of Miss Minnie Landrum, directs and encourages the use of such workers, both during the summer holidays (*December-February*) and in permanent work after graduation, as itinerant workers among the churches in a varied kind of development of all the organizations dear to their hearts and ours, especially for women and children. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has made possible much of the property and life of these Training Schools. It is a noble work in which our stewardship and prayers are aiding.

Along with the wonderful expansion of our Baptist life in Brazil has gone also the notable advance in the production and distribution and varied use of our manifold Baptist literature in the Portuguese language. This output of books printed in 1945 was 106,917, the copies of quarterlies printed being 102,300. These reach churches and isolated readers throughout half the continent of South America and in Portugal. It is an immeasurable service to truth for which we give thanks with full assurance that we are in the will of God. A great Baptist paper every week, our varied literature for young people, Sunday-schools and W.M.U. work, a multitude of tracts, a new version of the Scriptures and an edition in current spelling of the version already most used and aid on every hand to the vital witness given by colporters are all channels of our faithful witness. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has meant much to this sacred endeavor.—*Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

God's Hindering Hand

I WANT to tell you about an interesting meeting which was held on our lawn one Saturday afternoon last May. It was a gathering of our church folk to work out plans for beginning the financial campaign for our new church. Some two hundred met together—not altogether as representative a group as we could have wished but most of the outstanding leaders were there. You know about the purchase of the land, for that was made possible several years ago through gifts from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering over a period of five years. And you know that we had the blue-prints for the church plant just about worked out when the war stopped us. We are grateful now for God's hindering hand which caused us to get these ready more slowly than we had expected, so the building had not been completed—or even begun—when hostilities broke out. We were thus saved a splendid new church plant being taken over by the Japanese, looted and abused the years they were in Shanghai and then turned back to us merely an empty shell.

In recent months our church has been filled to capacity every Sunday morning. It is an inspiring sight to sit in the back of the church and watch them come in: old and young, often the young leading and helping the old ones up the steps; rich and poor, but only a very few rich while the poor come in great numbers; the strong and well with brisk, sure step; the lame or blind with faltering, uncertain step—yes, it is an inspiring but also a most challenging sight. Every Sunday as we watch them come in there is borne in upon us the need for more work to be done for them, for a larger place in which they may gather.

You would have been greatly interested in the enthusiasm and zeal shown by the leaders at the May lawn meeting—all the more so when you realized the difficulties and problems connected with such an undertaking. We are living in such very abnormal times as China has never passed through, with an inflation which is fantastic in its proportions and with prices that have reached astronomical heights; the people are worn out after eight years of terrible warfare which has caused such suffering as people in America cannot even conceive of; many of them are left exhausted physically and with nothing left economically. Our church of more than a thousand members has a poor membership except for two or three families—some so poor as to come twice weekly for the bread and crackers given out through the ministry of UNRRA-CNRRA. But even the wealthy ones have not found it easy these last several years. The wife of the wealthiest man in our church was telling me a few days ago about how they have had to sell property in order to meet the needs of these years. She spoke gratefully of their having something to sell. While she talked I thought of the many who had had no property to sell and wondered how they had managed to "pass the difficult days."—Miss Roberta Pearle Johnson, Shanghai, China

Pioneering in Paraguay

OUR bookstore, inaugurated in May of this year, is giving splendid results. It is proving to be one of our finest means of evangelizing. I give out hundreds of tracts to people who have never heard the Gospel. Since we have no fund for the work as yet, I haven't been able to distribute as much literature as I would have liked. However, several have bought books, New Testaments, Gospels, texts etc. There are no other evangelical bookstores here, so this one is quite a rarity. It has been a joy to start the work this year as best I could with what I could put into it. We were fortunate to find a house in the center of the city with space down-stairs for the bookstore and other activities, with a nice apartment up-stairs where I live. It will be good to have Miss Frances Roberts to live and work with me.

I get increasing joy and good out of the daily experiences that come to me here. There are so many ends of the work to take hold of that one has difficulty in finding time to develop them. The child evangelism plan is getting under way and is giving splendid results. I have a class every day here and thirty or more have enrolled. The Y.W.A. is helping with this also and, besides the classes at the church, we have three other groups with whom we have classes weekly. Everyone is carried away with the flannelgraph and all during the day here in the bookstore I have opportunities to explain to all ages the stories that these figures represent. The children especially in this section call this the "casa famosa". The illiteracy work is developing slowly, but we haven't put the concentrated effort on it that it deserves. We want to use Dr. Villagra, our converted priest, in this and other phases of our work next year. He will be quite an asset to our work. English classes have been started. Other classes—in Bible, music etc.—we are hoping to start next year. Another phase of the work I am trying to develop is the lending library. Since we have no fund I am just using my own books and am finding it a great means of service. The results have been splendid. How they do enjoy reading the books! It is all so new to them. The primary schools have "book-days" when each child has to donate a book. Several have bought them here. Another attraction is the magazine table with all the evangelical magazines and papers I have been able to get.—Miss Estelle Councilman, Asuncion

Epics in West China

DR. ABRAHAM HSU, Chinese Baptist missionary to far-away Kansu Province, is in town. Thin, wind-blown and hardy looking, though actually not as hardy as he looks, this medical missionary is being enthusiastically welcomed by the churches in Shanghai. Woman's Missionary Societies and young people's missionary organizations are eager to hear their missionary to one of China's frontiers. Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling, Mrs. Irene C. Ma and Mrs. Y. C. Chang are focusing their efforts on collecting money and helping Dr. Hsu buy needed supplies. He is buying medicines, Bibles, song books, organ, tracts, clothing etc. Dr. Hsu left Mrs. Hsu and their children, also Miss Lu and Miss Rose Tung at Wu Wei, Kansu. Before returning to Kansu, Dr. Hsu will visit his mother and fellow-Christians in Shantung Province.

The above paragraph is from a Shanghai letter of last spring. You may remember the account in *The Commission* in 1941 of Dr. Hsu and Dr. Charles Culpepper making the long trip from Hwanghsien, Shantung, to the border of Tibet mapping out for "The China Baptist Frontier Mission Movement" initial stepping-stones for Chinese Baptist missionaries. You may remember too a letter which came from Dr. Hsu after Dr. Culpepper's return telling of the reuniting of Dr. Hsu's little family when he found Mrs. Hsu and the children who had taken a more direct route from Hwanghsien to West China. Like Abraham of old this modern Abraham was tested. Going out to a land he knew not he too was called to give back to God his only son, John. Like "the father of the faithful" this Abraham proved faithful. When he found Mrs. Hsu and the children, John was desperately ill with typhoid fever. The doctor's trained eye noted the danger-pointing symptoms. He and Mrs. Hsu knelt and submitted themselves, their will and their son again to God. Then they were led to pray that if it was God's will for their son to live they would rear him for the Lord's service. And just as provision was made for Isaac so deliverance appeared for John. Dr. Hsu's friend appeared saying he lived near and urged Dr. Hsu to his home where there were better facilities for doctoring and nursing the sick child. Dr. Hsu tenderly gathered the child in his arms and took him to the friend's home. John was restored to health and his grateful parents.

1941-1946? Before long I hope to know the thrilling story of the Lord's further leading and provision and His work through the Hsu family during these years I have been away from them.

Another epic is the story of Rose Tung and Miss Lu of the same city, Hwanghsien, Shantung, who went to the far southwest also as representatives of Chinese Baptists. From Kweilin in Kwongsi Province through many dangers and with many glorious opportunities they have finally joined Dr. and Mrs. Hsu at Wu Wei, Kansu.

I can imagine how eagerly and prayerfully the three women and the Hsu children are waiting Dr. Hsu's return. As I read the items on Dr. Hsu's list I knew how essential to their pioneer work were those Bibles. I could see dear Rose Tung's face as she listed the song books and some music she wanted Dr. Hsu to be certain to bring—gifted Rose Tung taught by Miss Minnie Alexander and Mrs. R. T. Bryan. She represents an investment of this generation of southern Baptists.

Clothes? I am sure that Mrs. Ling made the best selection that was available: "the most suitable, the most durable, the prettiest" would be Mrs. Ling's principle of selection. I don't doubt but that a beautiful picture to be framed for the Hsu children was packed at the bottom of the stout box chosen to make the long trip up the Yangtze River and overland. And at least one container of hard candies Mrs. Ling made certain was packed in that box of life-giving necessities—Mrs. Ling knows that the children of missionaries need to see the beautiful and taste a few sweets along with the necessities of life.

For medicines and few surgical instruments I can see Dr. Hsu making the rounds in Shanghai. How glad I am to know that Mrs. Ling, Mrs. Ma and Mrs. Chang are helping, gathering money from the women, the young people and the "brethren" to send life-giving necessities to the people so far from supplies. How glad

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BOOK REVIEW and STUDY SUGGESTIONS

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

God Can

THIS book tells the story of the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans as seen through the eyes of its superintendent, the Rev. Clovis A. Brantley. A very interesting story it is, in spite of a rather confused, kaleidoscopic telling. Indeed it is because it is so interesting that one could wish its author might have seen his way to submit his manuscript to the good offices of some experienced writer or editor who could have helped him organize his material into a really effective book which would make a strong, lasting impact on the minds and hearts of his readers. As it stands, those who teach it must try to do this, each for herself.

Perhaps the book may best be used in one extended session divided into three periods of approximately one hour each. The over-all, general objective of its study may well be: to help the students realize the need for the Gospel and Christian brotherliness not only in the great cities but also in every community and to give them some sensible, practical ideas of how to help meet these needs. As an outcome, it may be expected that interest and gifts will be increased, that more personal service will be intelligently carried on and that more earnest, prevailing prayer will be engaged in. (Order the book, price 35c, from your State Baptist Bookstore.)

Period One—History. Use, in connection with the study, copies of free leaflets from the Rescue Mission, the report of the Home Mission Board in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention and, if it is available, chapter one of the booklet "Fellow Helpers to the Truth". Begin with a devotional period based on Luke 4:18-19 (see page 29). From pages 74-78, 81, with any supplementary material available, give a brief history of the work of the Home Mission Board in New Orleans, emphasizing the close interrelationship between the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (formerly, B. B. I.), the New Orleans Baptist Hospital, the various missions and the Rescue Mission and the Woman's Emergency Home. Show the picture of the founder (page 79) and give a brief sketch of his life with special emphasis on his work in New Orleans (see "Fellow Helpers to the Truth", chapter 1). Show the picture of the author (page 5) and tell something about him (glean facts from the Introduction, pages 11ff, 53 last paragraph, 54f, 69 last paragraph, 71 last full paragraph, 73 last paragraph). Examine pictures of the mission from the book and other sources. Explain what a rescue mission is (see pages 21 last paragraph, 22, top of 23). Tell of the founding and purpose of the Baptist Rescue Mission (see preface, pages 17 first paragraph, 15 last paragraph, 21 first two paragraphs, 27 last paragraph, 78 two middle paragraphs). Tell of the founding of the Woman's Emergency Home and, if possible, show a picture (see "Fellow Helpers to the Truth" and free literature from the Home, page 78 next to last paragraph, 42 ff the section Prodigal Girls).

Period Two—Meeting Needs. Lead in a general discussion of why men and women come to rescue missions (see pages 23 last paragraph, 24 last paragraph, 25, 26, next to last paragraph, top of 27). Discuss the types of service the mission renders (see pages 28-35). Show that these same needs exist in almost any community and discuss how the class can meet them through individual service and group community mission efforts. Select a limited number of illustrative stories from the book and appoint members of the group to tell them. Make definite plans for some particular work needed in your own community and appoint community missions chairman of the society and circles to get it under way.

Period Three—God Can. Discuss the heartbreak of failure (see page 48 ff). Note that, whether individually or in organized work, no faithful Christian works alone. Even Jesus could not help those who would not be helped, but for those who want a better way God can lead the way. Give illustrations from the section God Can (pages 81 through first half of 89). Close with the story of the Good Samaritan and comment (page 89-90); have period of earnest, united prayer. Follow with a multiple choice test.

"GIVE ATTENTION to READING"

Miss Thelma Brown, Book Consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board

RIDGECREST is a high point in a spiritual as well as geographical sense for southern Baptists. One of the highest peaks during this past season was the week devoted to the program of Woman's Missionary Union.

Among the features of that week was the announcement of the new Missionary Round Table Book List (available in printed form from your state W.M.U. secretary) and the extensive display in the Ridgecrest Bookstore of these fascinating books. (All such books are also available in your own State Baptist Bookstore.)

All of you will be interested to hear that the more than one thousand women who registered that week at Ridgecrest invested \$2,685.79 in good books, most of which were Missionary Round Table selections. Incidentally, that was one of the highest amounts per capita for the entire summer.

During the Foreign Missions Conference which followed and during the last week of the season, when the first Southwide School of Church Librarians met, interest in the Missionary Round Table was sustained. Especially will you rejoice in the enthusiasm of the church librarians to Missionary Round Tables. Not only the library workers from the State Baptist Bookstores but also the one hundred and twenty local church librarians caught a vision of the opportunity this plan affords for a missionary service and a more definite link with Woman's Missionary Union. As a result many sets of the Missionary Round Table books were shipped from Ridgecrest to State Baptist Bookstores and local church libraries.

We are sure that all mission study chairmen, who haven't already done so, will request from the state W.M.U. secretary the free leaflet which describes the setting up of the Missionary Round Table. Be ready at least by January 1, 1947, to join the thousands of other alert women throughout the entire southland who are finding the Missionary Round Table an exciting new way to extend interest in missions from next door neighbors unto the uttermost parts.

So many subjects listed in the new Missionary Round Table Book List, which we hope you have already ordered from your state W.M.U. secretary, are important in the light of present events. Three hot-spots—"Russia", "Palestine and the Arab World", "China—Country and People"—flash an urgent appeal. Then the surging change in our own region—the south—suggests the need to read the books listed in "Building the New South". Certainly the topics, "The Negro in America" and "Fundamentals of Peace", offer compelling challenges. Whatever the subject chosen, we are sure it will become a vital part of your missionary interest and personal action.

From Missionaries (Concluded from Page 9)

I am their efforts are enthusiastically backed by Chinese Baptists! How I wish their money would buy a little more! How thankful I am that Dr. and Mrs. Hsu, Rose Tung, Miss Lu, Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling, Mrs. Ma and Mrs. Chang and all Chinese fellow-missionaries have been brought into the Kingdom for such a time as this!

I am thinking of a vesper service of Baptist young people from missionary organizations gathered from the far south and the far north and all in between at Hwanghsien in July 1937. Just a stripling of a lad the speaker seemed to be. He told of conditions in outer Mongolia, giving a graphic picture of how the people lived, of their diseased condition of body and of their need of spiritual health. Then very clearly and simply he told of his call to outer Mongolia while he was a medical student. That afternoon he answered the call and pledged his obedience to follow the Lord's leading. In the stillness of God's call twenty other young people went forward and took their stand by Dr. Hsu, saying they too were answering God's call to go to the frontier of their large country and beyond as His light-bearers if the Lord opened the way. "The China Baptist Frontier Mission Movement" was born. How thankful I am for the Woman's Missionary Union of our southland that made possible the literature for these young people, brought them together from far distant sections and trained and maintained such leadership for them as we have in Mrs. Ling and other fellow-Chinese Baptists today!—Miss Lily Watson, Shanghai, China

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Mrs. Edgar Godbold, Louisiana
Southwide Community Missions Chairman

Why Not a Community Missions Day?

A KING noted for his wisdom wrote: "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven: . . . a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted". Yes, there must be a specific time for all things. There is one for the W.M.S. business meeting, another for mission study, a day for a splendid program from *Royal Service*. Then why not a "Community Missions Day?"

We decided to try it in our Woman's Missionary Society and are delighted over the increase in the amount and type of work done. It is the fourth Tuesday in each month. Before we inaugurated this plan community missions work was done at over and above times; in fact much of it went by default because the women could not find that extra time.

Perhaps Christian women were never busier about their Master's work than today. The vast increase in the number who enter the business world, many of whom do double duty by keeping house also, has put more calls for Christian service upon the home-makers. Then, too, "servant" is an almost obsolete word. A state W.M.U. secretary recently remarked that no longer can Baptist women say with Paul, "This one thing I do", but "These forty things I do!" The earnest ones do not mind, it is simply a question of how to get around to the many urgent appeals for help, as their lips sincerely utter

"Had I a thousand lives to live,
Lord, they should all be Thine".

Was there ever such a time for community missions as now? The people of America are on the move. Those who have left home are lonely; how much they miss the old church! Recently, while we were guests in a home, we found two Baptist couples with church letters elsewhere. One had a child of two who needed to start to Sunday-school. The four adults were yet babes in Christ and very timid about going to the new church. And yet they were all earnest Christians. We thought of their temptations to backslide and knew that the unChristian crowd would spare no efforts to enlist them. What would the church, the pastor and the Community Missions Committee do to welcome them into the new community and church? The experience of these young people is being repeated over and over in our southland. Many could be saved to lives of valuable service if a kindly interest were shown.

As this is being written the newspaper headlines read: "Paris Peace Conference fails. France fears World War III soon". How much time should be spent in prayer at the family altar, in cottage prayer meetings, as well as at the regular midweek prayer service that people everywhere may know the Prince of Peace who alone can remove hate from the human heart! We must not fail Christ in the communities of America.

Let us have a regular Community Missions Day for our societies. Of course, there will be exceptions to this rule, for none can say when sudden illness or death may come. Perhaps someone in prison may call for help. We will not limit to only one day a month our efforts to speak to lost souls but will be ever alert to the fact that the stranger we meet may be lost and may never cross our path again. The usual work projects, however—such as hospital visitation, jail work, tract distribution in waiting-rooms, cottage prayer-meetings, mission Bible classes, visitation to strangers, new members, shut-ins, the sick and above all the unsaved—should be standing engagements and as such can be effectively done on the society's Community Missions Day each month. If a Community Missions Calendar has been prepared for the year, then

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STEWARDSHIP

Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, Virginia
Southwide Stewardship Chairman

In Loving Appreciation

A TRAINING School girl in a mid-western state, about to be married to a young minister, received a wedding gift of silver spoons. They came from a small missionary society in Fauquier County, Virginia, and with the gift was a card: "In loving appreciation of our president for many years". The bridegroom explained to his puzzled bride: "That president was my mother. She loved the cause of missions better than anything else in the world. Did I ever tell you about her turkeys?"

Some years ago, when a special effort was being made for foreign missions, one of the missionaries home on furlough came to Remington, Virginia, and made an appeal for the work that deeply touched the hearts of his hearers. When he asked for an offering three women, members of the Woman's Missionary Society, made such pledges as amazed the whole church. One of the women was president of her society, mother of a houseful of growing children whose needs seemed never to be fully met. After the service, as they walked home through the darkness, one of the children ventured the question: "Mama, how will you get the money to give that much to missions?" "Well", she answered, "you know my turkeys, Son".

How well he did know the turkeys! They belonged exclusively to his mother and from their sale she bought her own personal things and year after year provided for the extra needs of her family which the regular farm-income could not compass. "I think", she said, "that the turkeys will pay my pledge and buy our things too this fall".

Baby-turkeys are silly little things, as anybody who has ever worked with them can tell you; but through the weeks these were carefully tended and by the end of summer the flock was in beautiful condition. In her mind the missionary society president had already sold them, provided the new sweaters and books and shoes, paid her pledge and bought the new dress for herself that she needed.

And then disaster overtook them! One boundary of the farm was formed by the railroad and for some unknown reason the turkeys elected one night to roost on the rails. Next morning fully half the flock had been killed by the train. The children were shocked into silence by what seemed to them nothing less than catastrophe. Quickly their mother readjusted her calculations—sweaters and books and shoes, her own new dress; the pledge for missions. Already she knew what she would do. "We will work it out all right", she told them. And she did. They had the things they needed, she made her gift for missions and with dignity and grace she wore the old dress that she had thought past wearing again. No wonder the Woman's Missionary Society still thought of her "with loving appreciation" long after death had taken her from them.

The last thing she ever did was to fill her church envelopes one Saturday night and give them to her daughter to be taken to the church the next morning. When that morning came her family found that quietly, as she slept, God had called her home.

The bride's eyes misted with tears as she heard the story. In her heart she lifted a prayer of gratitude "in loving appreciation" for this woman whom she had never met but whose love and loyalty to her Lord were still revealed in those lives that had been touched by hers.

Community Missions (Concluded from Page 12)

only a reminder or list of names or supplies will be needed by the circles or teams on Community Missions Day. Much time will be saved in large societies if each circle or team meets at the place most convenient for its personnel; but a small society may prefer to assemble for prayer, instruction and forming of teams and then proceed without waste of time to do the Father's business.

FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: Fields Yet Untouched by Southern Baptists

"Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth".

"This is the Son of God".

1st Day—Psa. 43:1-5; Acts 10:24-33

2nd Day—Psa. 118:1-4, 14-29;

Acts 15:6-12

3rd Day—Isa. 5:20-24; 8:20; 9:2;

1 John 2:1-10

4th Day—Isa. 42:1-12; Acts 16:11-15

5th Day—John 12:32-43; Acts 16:16-18

6th Day—1 John 2:23-29; Acts 16:19-24

7th Day—Rev. 21:22-27; Acts 16:25-34

15th Day—John 1:19-34; 11 Thess. 3:6-10

16th Day—John 5:1-23; 1 Thess. 3:6-15

17th Day—John 5:24-47; 1 Thess. 5:23-28

18th Day—John 6:1-21; Acts 17:16-20

19th Day—John 6:22-34, 41-48; Acts 18:1-4

20th Day—John 7:25-34; 8:1, 2, 36;

21st Day—John 19:17, 18; 21:24, 25;

1 Cor. 1:18-25

1 Cor. 3:1-4

"And Thanksgiving"

22nd Day—Rev. 7:9-17; 1 Cor. 13:3-11

23rd Day—11 Chron. 5:1-7, 13;

1 Cor. 15:20-20

24th Day—1 Cor. 15:57, 58; Psa. 8

25th Day—11 Cor. 9:6-15; Eph. 1:15-21

26th Day—1 Thess. 3:5-13; Eph. 4:1-7

27th Day—Heb. 13:14, 15; Eph. 4:25-5:2

28th Day—Rev. 4:1-11; Eph. 5:15-21

29th Day—Rev. 5:1-14; Eph. 6:1-9

30th Day—Rev. 22:1-13; Eph. 6:10-18

"Thy Righteousness as the Light"

8th Day—Psa. 37:1-11; 117:1-2;

Acts 16:35-40

9th Day—Prov. 4:18, 23; Phil. 1:12-21

10th Day—Eccl. 12:1-14; Phil. 1:27-30

11th Day—John 3:18-36; Acts 17:1-4

12th Day—11 Cor. 4:1-6; Acts 17:5-9

13th Day—Eph. 4:25-32; 1 Thess. 1:1-10

14th Day—Matt. 6:24-34; 1 Thess. 4:13-18

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



"Pray Ye"

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

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

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

Intercede that nations may realize that peace is a "fruit" of the Holy Spirit of God and that righteousness precedes peace.

Pray for truly Christian statesmanship in post-war plans.

"Give thanks and sing" for joy that young people are called of God to do definitely Christian work; pray that their parents will encourage them to heed this call and to train for such service.

Pray that the observance of "Church Night of Stewardship" will persuade many to tithe; pray also for the S.R.C. goal of a million tithers.

Intercede for observance of December 2-5 Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

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CALENDAR of PRAYER

November, 1946

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

IN CHRIST there is no east nor west, in Him no south nor north. But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth. In Him true hearts everywhere their communion find— His service is the golden cord close binding all mankind. Join hands then, brothers of the faith, whatever your race may be! Who serves my Father as a son is surely kin to me. In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north; All Christy souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth. —John Oxenham

1—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Reed, Mustang, Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Brown, Davis, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Coffey, Parma, (Michigan), evangelistic work among Indians. Let love of the brethren abound. —Hab. 12:1

2—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Bodden, ex-D. W. L. Wallace, medical-evangelistic work, Waco, Texas. I have redeemed the work of His mouth more than my silver food. —Job 12:12

3—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown, 2100 14th Street, Montroy, apostles of the Foreign Missions Board. Whosoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men. —Col. 3:23

4—MONDAY

That young men and women may be called into missionary service and that the way for their proper training be opened to them; also state W.M.U. annual meeting—California, Oakland, Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, November 4-5. That all the blessings of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord God. —11 Kings 19:19

5—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Cretson, Leno, Rev. J. Grizzle, Secondary Hill, Rev. G. Furst, Alpine, Rev. D. Trotter, Brownwood, Texas, evangelistic work among Montezuma. God created man. —Gen. 1:27

6—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. Aguilard, Hayes, Rev. and Mrs. M. Salinas, Mustang, La., evangelistic work among French. Knows unto God are all His works, from the beginning of the world. —Acts 13:16

7—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. McMorris, evangelistic work, Montevideo, Uruguay. Teach me to do Thy will: for Thou art my God. —Psa. 143:10

8—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Molina, Potrero, Rev. and Mrs. D. Fernandez, San Jose de los Lajas, Rev. and Mrs. O. Levy, Bannock, Colo., evangelistic work. Like as a father pletheth his children, so the Lord pletheth them that fear Him. —Psa. 103:13

9—SATURDAY

ex-Dr. John Miller, medical-evangelistic work, 1100 Lytle Greene, educational-evangelistic work, Canton, 1100 Myrtle Shannon, evangelistic work, Sunning, China. One day to wish the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. —11 Pet. 3:8

10—SUNDAY

Royal Ambassadors Farm Week, November 10-16. Learn to maintain good works for necessary ones. —1 Tim. 5:14

11—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Imann, Gallup, Mrs. Effie C. Meroney, Idaho, 1100 Lela Lequire, Bernadillo, N. M., evangelistic work among Indians; also state W.M.U. annual meeting, Texas, Mineral Wells, November 11-12. Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. —Acts 2:21

12—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Stover, Canyon Grande, "Miss Ouis Vineyard, Maude, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work. Be strong, all ye people of the land, with the Lord, and work: for I am with thee. —Haggai 2:4

13—WEDNESDAY

Rev. W. J. Carywell, Savannah, Rev. J. F. Ray, Macon, Ga., Rev. A. I. Gammond, New Orleans, La., Rev. T. L. Sumner, Greensboro, N. C., city-evangelistic work. The Lord preserveth all them that love Him. —Psa. 145:20

Calendar of Prayer for November

14—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Prado, Rev. F. H. Linton, Rev. V. T. Yearwood, Panama City, Panama, evangelistic work; also Raquel Prado and Ursula Yearwood, Margaret Fund students.
The Kingdom of God is not in work but in power. —I Cor. 4:20

15—FRIDAY

Rev. J. Kios, Edinburg, Mrs. D. Lopez, Hatlingen, Texas, evangelistic work among Mexicans.
He that is our God is the God of salvation. —Psa. 68:10

16—SATURDAY

xxRev. and xMrs. R. E. Johnson, educational-evangelistic work, Victoria. xjRev. and xMrs. S. P. Jackson, evangelistic work, Mutum, Brazil.
True worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth. —John 4:23

17—SUNDAY

xxRev. and xMrs. W. C. Hunker, xMiss Kathryn Biglum, xMiss Thelma Braumum, appointees of the Foreign Mission Board.
The Lord have called thee in righteousness and will hold thine hand and will keep thee. —Isa. 41:10

18—MONDAY

That pastors of the churches may lead their members into soul-winning.
Ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth. —Acts 1:8

19—TUESDAY

xMiss Lottie Stephens (twice), evangelistic work among Negroes, Morgan City, La., Rev. C. T. Epps, educational-evangelistic work to his own Negro race, Memphis, Tenn.
Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead. —Rom. 6:13

20—WEDNESDAY

Baptist believers in Manchuria.
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. —Psa. 112:6

21—THURSDAY

Rev. Q. A. Cropper, Liberty, Rev. G. H. Jendergraph, Princeton, Ky., Rev. E. Trent, Birmingham, Ala., rural and city evangelism.
He that is perfect in knowledge is with thee. —Job 36:4

22—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Carver, xMiss Lila Watson, educational-evangelistic work, xMiss Lucy Smith, secretarial evangelistic work, Shanghai, China; also George Carver, Margaret Fund student.
He that respecteth receiveth wages and gain, with fault unto life eternal. —John 4:36

23—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. Planos, Puentes Grandes, Rev. and Mrs. A. Lopez, Calbarien, Rev. and Mrs. A. Pereira, Cumanayagua, Cuba, evangelistic work.
Do the work of an evangelist. —II Tim. 4:5

24—SUNDAY

That faithful preparation may be made for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; that no meetings or appointments shall be allowed to take precedence over these days of prayer.
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. —Psa. 95:6

25—MONDAY

Mrs. Aurelia Barz, xMiss Frances Curb and xRebecca Terry, educational-evangelistic work, Tampa, Fla.
Blessed are they that sow beside all waters. —Isa. 32:10

26—TUESDAY

Rev. and xMrs. J. L. Riffley, Rio de Janeiro, Rev. and xMrs. J. B. Underwood, Campinas, Brazil, educational-evangelistic work.
Be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. —II Tim. 2:1

27—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Chaplik, xMiss Pearl Clifford, evangelistic work among many nationalities, Baltimore, Md.
Only be strong and very courageous. —Josh. 1:9

28—THURSDAY

That humble thanksgiving may be offered unto God for His continuing mercies.
It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High. —Psa. 91:1

29—FRIDAY

Rev. H. H. Battle, Rock Hill, S. C., Rev. C. H. Brown, Columbia, S. C., Rev. O. J. Moore, Fitzgerald, Ga., educational-evangelistic work among their own Negro race.
It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. —Phil. 2:13

30—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Campos, Lima, Costa Rica, Rev. F. Zelaya, Choluteca, Honduras, evangelistic work.
Ever follow that which is good. —I Thess. 5:15

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BIBLE STUDY

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

Psalm 72:5-11, 17; Joshua 13:1f

THE Seventy-second Psalm, presumably originally about Solomon—predicting for him a glorious reign of righteousness, justice, power and humane consideration of the poor and needy, despised and neglected—very obviously was not fulfilled by that monarch in many of its better descriptions. It is far better to take it as vision of the mission and achievement of the Messiah, who was always in the plan of God and whose personality and promise rise above the surface of many a vision of glory in the Old Testament where, in the first instance, some divinely chosen human hero was the subject. The prophetic author, borne along by the Holy Spirit, was led to paint a deliverer, a royal ruler, a wise counselor so great and so beneficent that none could ever take the role and match the vision with reality except it be the very Son of God. Psalms 2, 22 and 72 are examples of this. Portrayals in Isaiah 7, 9, 11, 42, 49, 53 and 59 are outstanding instances in which the prophet knew he was describing character and accomplishment, honor and glory, even suffering and shame which no human being could ever deserve or endure.

There was One who appropriated all these and all such sacrificial and heroic, mediatorial and merciful, conquering and glorious forecasts for Himself. On this basis He did His work, lived His life, died His death and rose triumphant over sin and death. All these divine pledges and projections He incorporated in His plans. To fulfil them He set His Gospel movement going in the world and set about building His Church to be the agency of His Gospel and the expression in history of His universal salvation.

Long ago the Church saw that only in Jesus could the terms of the Seventy-second Psalm find a fit model for its descriptions. That greatest poet of Christian adoration and worship, Isaac Watts, set it in rhythm and rhyme to be one of our grandest and most abiding hymns. Every stanza and every substance phrase of "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun" are derived directly from the psalm. It is easier to thrill emotionally over the inspiring terms of its sweeping drama of vision than to take its items one by one as our program of effort and as the conditions on which we follow our Lord as He wins His realm and proceeds with His redemption.

Not yet does He reign in all the regions over which the sun pursues His successive journeys. Not yet does His Kingdom spread from pole to pole. Not yet are the woes of all His children lifted nor do children's voices everywhere lift their early praises to His name. With the author of Hebrews, "We still see not yet all things put under His feet". "But we see Jesus, who tasted death for every man" as He goes forth the Son of man, His kingly crown to gain. We see His blood-red banner stream afar, summoning us to follow in His train. Do southern Baptists see all this?

The southern Baptist leader today must call our hosts to attention and say to them what Joshua said to the tribes of Israel after years of campaigning and when they should have completed their conquest of the promised land: "There remaineth very much land to be possessed". Geographically not all the Christian forces of every name and degree have yet occupied half the world's communities. There are vast stretches of the earth's surface, whole great countries with millions of fellow-men, where no Baptist voice is or has ever been lifted to call men to the Cross and to the praise of its Redeemer.

There are extensive areas in the realm of social ethics and moral conduct yet unclaimed for our Lord. There are the regions of racial discrimination, injustice and oppression which we have made little effort to bring under the righteous rule of our common Savior. Too many of us are even unwilling to look steadily on these unclaimed moral areas. Economic wrongs and political corruption are, like the walled cities of the Canaanites and Hittites and the Jebusites of Palestine for the Hebrews, too formidable for our courage, too dangerous for our daring, too rich for our faith. We seek the easier way of comfortable compromise and leave our Christ uncrowned.

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Circle Program



**"Let Us Rise Up
and Build"**—Neh. 2:18.

Topic: Rehabilitation in Europe and China

Devotional Theme: Building Up the Walls—*Nehemiah 4:6*

Baptist Nurses Rebuild Hungary in His Name (See article in November issue of *The Commission*.)

A Missionary Want Ad (See article in November issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

A Necklace and a Boy (See article in November issue of *World Comrades*.)

Mission Mystery (See data in November issue of *Ambassador Life*.)

Battle-Scarred but Busy (See article in November issue of *The Commission*.)

Why I Volunteered for Mission Service (See page 6 of this magazine.)

Schools of Missions (See article in November issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

Baptist Youth in Cuba (See November issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

From Missionaries (See pages 7-9 of this magazine.)

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 Corner Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, *World Comrades*, *Ambassador Life*, each \$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 44 of 1946 W.M.U. Year Book and page 19 of this magazine.)

Business Woman's Circles

Miss Mary Christian
W.M.U. Representative

WHEN one plans a program for a November date she immediately thinks of Thanksgiving and the lovely decorations usually associated with that occasion. Such fall decorations will certainly be appropriate for the November B. W. C. meeting. The mimeographed programs, if made of yellow construction paper in the shape of an autumn leaf, will add color to the table, if used as place-cards.

The program material for this month, found on pages 21-28, recalls to mind Christ's commission to go into all the world, then points out places southern Baptists have gone and places they have not gone. Such a program could well be worked out with a Thanksgiving theme such as "Gratitude Expressed in Obedience".

The first discussion might be entitled "Our Task". The speaker would need to refer to the first two topics in the program material for information about that subject, for in these two topics the Great Commission is discussed as our task.

The second speaker would take the next two topics given in the program, namely, "Where Southern Baptists Have Gone" and "Where Southern Baptists Have Not Gone", as a background for a map talk. If individual mimeographed maps of the world could be in the hands of each member, perhaps in the mimeographed program, for use in this talk, it would be most helpful. A subject for this message that would fit in with the Thanksgiving theme might be, "Is Our Past Mission Endeavor a Measure of Our Gratitude?"

The third discussion leader would draw on the last two topics in the program for information. The subject for this might be "Expressing Our Gratitude through Enlarged Foreign Mission Service". The member leading this discussion should call on five others to help her. After she gives her introduction telling of the 5½ million Baptists, of Christ's command to them to go, of the Foreign Mission Board's plans for expansion, she might ask "But where may we go?" Immediately one would stand up and say: "To the Orient. In India there are 400 million people bound in Hinduism and Mohammedanism. Southern Baptists have no missions there".

Another would reply: "To the Near East. Much work is needed to be done in Palestine and Syria—a building for the orphanage in Palestine, a boarding school in Samaria, day-school in Nazareth, an itinerant medical work for the villages".

Still another would answer: "To Africa. Most of our missionary advance in Africa has been confined to Nigeria. There is a movement among the native Christians of North Nigeria for evangelizing the neighboring tribes".

Another answers: "To Europe. Let's have missionaries ready to go when doors open. The one advance in the work now is the going of a missionary couple, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Hughey Jr., to Spain".

The last one would answer: "We need to send more missionaries to Latin America. Doors have opened wide in Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru and possibly Central America. Now is the time to enter".

Then the member leading this discussion will conclude by telling what southern Baptists can do to carry out the Great Commission and to show their gratitude to our Lord and Savior. She will refer to the last topic in the program as source material for this.

The Bible study, prayer plans and opening hymn suggested in the outlined program should be carried out as given. Other beautiful hymns of thanksgiving might be read or sung also.

Of course your circle will give a basket to a needy family in your community this Thanksgiving. Boxes of food and clothing to Europe and Asia are still desperately needed, also. As a result of this missionary program study why not send another package to some foreign country? Eleven pound packages of food and clothing may

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Program Plans

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Purpose: To picture the foreign mission work now being carried on by all Christian groups and particularly by our own denomination; to present "the many lands still untouched by southern Baptists"; to challenge the members of the Woman's Missionary Society with what they can do to help make possible the enlarging of present missionary efforts and the entering of new fields by our Foreign Mission Board.

Publicity: Individual invitations may be mimeographed for each member of the society. Sketch an outline map of the world. Above the map place the words: "Fields Untouched by Southern Baptists" . . . "Which Are They?" . . . Underneath: "Find out at Woman's Missionary Society. Date . . . Time . . . Place". On the Sunday preceding the date of meeting, posters may be placed in Sunday-school rooms and in other strategic spots. On each poster draw a map of the world. Above the map place the words: ". . . Fields White unto Harvest" and "Fields Yet Untouched by Southern Baptists". Underneath the map write the question: "What Can We Do? Discuss it at our Woman's Missionary Society meeting. Date . . . Time . . . Place . . .".

Preparation: Arrange the place of meeting in keeping with the program on foreign missions. Flags from as many countries as possible will give color and an international atmosphere. A large map of the world should be placed at the front of the room. Just above it may be printed the program topic: "Fields Yet Untouched by Southern Baptists". Have four chairs grouped around a table near the map. On the table may be placed a small cross and an open Bible. (For program material see pages 21-28.)

Presentation: The program may be effectively presented as a panel discussion. The program chairman and three other members are seated as a panel around the table at the front of the room. The program chairman introduces the topic for discussion, using material in "Finished and Unfinished" and in "Obeying the Great Commission". The discussion centers in the answering of four questions asked the panel members by the chairman:

1. Where have southern Baptists already gone? Answer by first member of panel. (Use material in "Where Southern Baptists Have Gone".)
2. Where have southern Baptists not gone? Answer by second member of panel. (Use material in "Where Southern Baptists Have Not Gone".)
3. Where may southern Baptists go? Answer by third member of panel. (Use material in "Where Southern Baptists May Go".)
4. What can we do? Answers by each of the three panel members. (Use material in "What Can We Do?" If the chairman wishes, she may open the discussion of the fourth question to all members present and give opportunity for further questions to be directed to any member of the panel.)

This type of presentation requires careful planning, with the panel members meeting for discussion and practice. Strive for ease and naturalness on the part of each participant. To avoid the appearance of set speeches being made by each, plan for other members of the panel to interrupt occasionally the one speaking to ask that a particular country mentioned be pointed out on the map or to have a point clarified. This tends to keep the discussion interesting and moving. Have the chairman close with the challenging words of the last paragraph in the printed program material. After the singing of the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign", have someone lead in prayer "that we will do all that we can to help our Foreign Mission Board enlarge its work in occupied fields and to enter as many new countries as possible".

PROGRAM MATERIAL

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Let Us Now Prepare to Build

TOPIC for MONTH: Fields Yet Untouched by Southern Baptists

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

Watchword for the Year—Isaiah 45:22

Bible Study—Psalm 72:5-11, 17; Joshua 13:1f (See page 17.)

Prayer that God will hasten the triumph of the Kingdom of Christ

Hymn—Christ for the World We Sing

Finished and Unfinished

—Obeying the Great Commission

Where Southern Baptists Have Gone

Hymn—I Love to Tell the Story

Prayer for all southern Baptist work on foreign fields

Where Southern Baptists Have Not Gone

Where Southern Baptists May Go

—What Can We Do?

Hymn—Jesus Shall Reign

Prayer that we will do all that we can to help our Foreign Mission Board enlarge its work in occupied fields and to enter as many new countries as possible

FINISHED and UNFINISHED

"It is finished", cried Jesus as He died on the cross. With His death the work which He had come to earth to do was finished. "He was speaking as the Master Workman, looking with unashamed satisfaction at His finished task". He had lived a sinless life. He had revealed God to men. He had paid the price of sin. The gigantic work of the world's redemption, undertaken by Him, was finished. There was now a way by which men could approach God for the forgiveness of sin. There was now a way that the Heavenly Father could "love lost men into His eternal Kingdom without violating His holy justice".

"It is finished",

"It is finished",

My salvation full and free;

Jesus paid the debt for sinners

When He died on Calvary.

—Ellis L. Carnett

Yes, Jesus' part in the divine plan of man's redemption was finished on the cross. What He had to do alone was accomplished. Now it was time for man's part to begin. Jesus' work on earth continued as He worked in His people and through His people to give the message of redemptive grace to a lost world. From Mt. Calvary Jesus cried, "It is finished", but a few weeks later from the Mount of Olives He cried to His followers: "Go ye and make disciples of all nations". Jesus had completed the plan of redemption by His death on the cross and now His followers were to carry out their part of God's plan by carrying the Gospel of the cross to all of earth's people. That Christians were to go and give the Gospel to all nations was just as much a part of God's redemptive plan as that Jesus should die on the cross. God provided no other way whereby the lost people of the earth were to know how to be saved. If the followers of Jesus had failed to do their part, then Jesus would have died in vain.

Almost twenty centuries have passed since Jesus cried on the cross, "It is finished". Not yet have His followers finished their work of telling the world about

His work of redemption which was finished on the cross. Over half of the world's population are classed as non-Christian. About thirty per cent, including Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox members, are classed as Christians. We fear that only about ten-per cent of the world's population is really Christian.

The religious statistics of the world in 1943 were as follows:

Roman Catholics	340,000,000
Eastern Orthodox	120,000,000
Protestants and Evangelicals.....	226,000,000
Total Christians	686,000,000
Total non-Christians	1,564,000,000
Total World Population.....	2,250,000,000

The non-Christians of the world are divided as follows:

Jews	15,600,000
Mohammedans	280,000,000
Animists	160,000,000
Buddhists	170,000,000
Confucianists and Taoists	350,400,000
Hindus	238,000,000
Shintoists	90,000,000
Others	260,000,000

Total non-Christians1,564,000,000

These figures give us some idea of the great missionary task which is ours today. We can see that there are far more people to be told about Jesus now than there were when Jesus gave the Great Commission. Our Baptist statistician, Dr. E. P. Alldredge, tells us that the world is growing heathen at the rate of 6,000,000 a year, which means that the world's population is increasing that much faster than we are winning people to Christ.

A department store, opened in Nashville within the last few years and still under process of construction as it is being constantly enlarged, displays on every floor a slogan printed in large letters: "Harveys Will Never Be Finished". As we think of the ever increasing task of giving the Gospel to the world's lost people we feel like exclaiming: "Missions will never be finished!" It is indeed a task that must go on and on, for even if all of one generation were won to Christ there would soon be another generation to win.

However, the great Bible expositor, Dr. Alexander Maclaren, couples with the verse, "It is finished", another verse taken from the twenty-first chapter of Revelation. "It is done", using the two as he gives an exposition of "The Finished and Unfinished Work of Christ". He reminds us that the speaker of both of these verses is the same. One verse is spoken from the cross, the other from the throne. "The one marks the completion of the work on which the world's redemption rests; the other marks the completion of the age-long process by which the world's redemption is actually realized. The one proclaims that the foundation is laid, the other that the headstone is set on the finished building. The one bids us trust in a past perfected work; the other bids us hope in the perfect accomplishment of the perfect results of that work".

So we see that we are not set to an impossible task, that some day this work of building the Kingdom of God on earth, too, will be finished. While the world picture is dark and the advance of the cause of Christ seems very slow, we need to remember always that the task of giving the Gospel to a lost world is Christ's work which He is accomplishing through us. He is working through us as rapidly as our faith and consecration will permit to complete God's plan of the redemption of a lost world. So surely some day He who said from a cross, "It is finished", will say from a throne, "It is done". We may differ in our ideas about when and how this shall be ac-

complished, but we know that the ultimate triumph of His Kingdom is assured. We are to obey His command, claim His power and labor together with Him in this task that shall some day be gloriously finished.

OBEDIENT to the GREAT COMMISSION

JESUS' words, which we call the Great Commission, are the most dynamic, the most impelling, the most challenging and the most far-reaching that the world has ever heard. These words have made more heroes and heroines than any words that have ever been spoken. They have called men and women from selfish pursuits of life to give themselves to living for others. They have led Christians to give up all things dear to them, to travel unknown seas, to live in strange lands among strange people, to face dire dangers and to endure hardships—to live and die in total self-forgetfulness. These words have inspired education, industry, literature, art, music, philanthropy and the highest attainments in civilization. These words are the motivating power of foreign missions which is the greatest and most important enterprise the world has ever known.

Perhaps we do not realize how great is the work of foreign missions carried on by the various Christian denominations to Christianize the lost people of the world. In 1938 the International Missionary Council, with headquarters in New York City, published *The Interpretative Statistical Survey of World Missions* which presented some astounding figures. In this survey we were told that 92 countries or islands have been occupied by missionaries, that there were 27,577 missionaries at work together with 203,468 native pastors, teachers and other workers, that there were 56,891 Christian schools and 1092 hospitals in foreign mission lands and that the total contributions for foreign mission work the year previous had been \$59,677,240.

These figures include the work of all denominations, Catholic and non-Catholic. While we could wish that all these missionaries were Baptists and that all of this work was under Baptist direction, still we can be glad for every effort on the part of any denomination which aims at telling lost people about Jesus. And in this day, when we are so distressed and discouraged because so many of the world's people belong to the non-Christian group, we can take courage in the large force of missionaries who are engaged in the task of obeying the Great Commission as they work to reach the whole world with the Gospel message.

WHERE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS HAVE GONE

IN the foreign mission enterprise southern Baptists have had a worthy part. The Southern Baptist Convention was organized a century ago with the one purpose of obeying Christ's command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. The first country entered was China—that land of the largest non-Christian population in the world. During this century we have continually enlarged our foreign mission work until today we have missionaries in twenty countries, including every continent on earth except Australia and some of the islands of the sea. In these countries we have established about 2000 churches which have in their membership today about 250,000.

While we are happy over this work, which is truly great and far-reaching in its influence, we must face the fact that even in the lands to which we have gone we are reaching only a small per cent of the people. In China, with 475,000,000 people, there are only 65,000 Baptists, about one to every 7300. In Japan, with 90,000,000 people, there are only 7400 Baptists, about one in every 12,000. In Nigeria, with 20,000,000 inhabitants, there are 30,000 Baptists, about one in every 600. In Brazil, with 43,000,000 people, there are 43,000 Baptists, one to every 1000. Taking our mission fields as a whole only .03 of the population are Baptists. To reach these multitudes of people southern Baptists have only 558 missionaries, which is about one to every one and a half million people.

WHERE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS HAVE NOT GONE

A STUDY of the map of the world will reveal the fact that there are vast areas of the earth's surface where live millions of people to which southern Baptists have never sent a missionary. It must be remembered that some of this territory

untouched by southern Baptists has by agreement become the missionary territory of other Baptist groups. But, even so, we lose some of our pride in our great southern Baptist missionary program when we realize how far we are from reaching all the people of the world.

There are India and Burma—the first lands to be entered by Baptists, for we remember that William Carey went to India and the Judsons to Burma. During the early days of American Baptist history southern Baptists shared in the work of these lands. But when the division came and the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions were organized it was deemed wise to divide the mission territory, so India and Burma were assigned to northern Baptists, while southern Baptists turned to China and other lands. So has it happened that southern Baptists have never had any missionaries in these great unevangelized lands. But surely we are interested in these lands with their appealing needs and marvelous missionary opportunity. Among the nations of the world only China has a larger population than India. In India are 356,000,000 people. Only 6,000,000 of these are Christians, including Catholics. The other 350,000,000 are Hindus, Moslems, Buddhists and those of other non-Christian religions. In Burma are other millions, most of them non-Christians.

There are still other Asiatic lands: Afghanistan with 12,000,000 people; Ceylon with 5,000,000; Indo-China with 23,000,000; Iran with 15,000,000; Thailand with 15,000,000; other countries with smaller populations. Then there is the great Moslem world: the seven states of Arabia with over 7,000,000 and Turkey with 17,000,000. In none of these lands have southern Baptists had missionaries.

In Africa southern Baptist mission work has been confined to Nigeria where live 20,000,000 people. As we look at Nigeria on the map we see that it is only a small corner of the great Dark Continent. In all of Africa live about 160,000,000 people. In Nigeria live about one-eighth of them. Among all the others southern Baptists have no missionaries.

There are twenty-eight countries in Europe with a total population of 595,000,000 people. Southern Baptists have had work in only five of these. Of course it must be remembered that some of these are not considered missionary lands and that by the agreement of the London Conference in 1920 European countries needing help were assigned to the larger Baptist bodies and that to southern Baptists fell only these five countries. But we are wondering, now that another war has devastated Europe, if there may not be other European fields which should be entered by southern Baptists.

In South America southern Baptists have missionaries in six countries but there are still eight other republics to which no southern Baptist missionaries have gone. In Central America are several other republics, only two of which have been touched by southern Baptists and one of these quite recently.

Then there are the islands of the sea, those in the Pacific, those in the Atlantic, those in the Gulf of Mexico, those in the Arctic—hundreds of islands where live millions of people—doubtless most of whom are lost people, needing to hear the Gospel. The only island work ever done by southern Baptists is that in the western part of Cuba and that in Hawaii only recently started.

This brief survey gives us some idea of the vast numbers of people in the world still untouched by southern Baptists. This helps us to see how far short we are of preaching the Gospel to all nations. We are glad to know that the Gospel has been preached in all of these lands by other Christian groups, but it has certainly not been preached to every creature. There are millions of people who have never heard of Christ. So, there is still much that southern Baptists and other Christians must do to finish the work committed to them by Jesus when He said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature".

WHERE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS MAY GO

AS southern Baptists have just entered a new century a much enlarged and greatly extended foreign mission work is contemplated. We are seeing that 5,500,000 southern Baptists ought to do much more for world-wide missions

than they have ever done in the past. Christ's command to go to all people and the call of the millions to whom we have not yet gone urge us on to a program of enlarged foreign mission service.

First, our Foreign Mission Board is planning an enlarged work on the fields already entered. We have seen that, even with the wonderful work which has been done, we have just touched the fringes of need and opportunity in these lands. We must strengthen work already started, we must push on to establish new stations to reach people who have not yet heard the Gospel.

Then gradually, as the way opens and it seems wise, our Board plans to go into some of these new countries to which southern Baptists have not hitherto gone. In the last few years two new fields have been added to our list of missionary lands. These are Colombia and Hawaii. The work on these two fields has advanced so rapidly that we are eager to enter other untried territory. In a new book, published by the Foreign Mission Board, *Now Is the Day*, we are given a glimpse of plans for advancement both on old and new fields.

The Orient—In this book Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, secretary for the orient, after describing conditions in China and Japan and telling of plans to enlarge our southern Baptist work in these two lands, adds the following paragraph:

"And what shall we say of the other great lands of the orient? India, with nearly 400,000,000 people and with all of her pathetic burdens and tragedies, is a land wherein we southern Baptists have not one single missionary. We thank God that others are witnessing there but, when we see 400,000,000 people bound in Hinduism and Mohammedanism with all the ills that India knows, it makes our hearts long to be sharing in the task among these needy people. We thank God for all the witness that has been borne in the orient. We are grateful for the work which we have been privileged to do. Yet we look upon this great new day, feeling that we have barely begun".



The Near East—Dr. George Sadler, secretary for Africa and Europe and the Near East, tells of much work that should be done in Palestine and Syria. A building for the recently established orphanage in Palestine should be erected. A boarding school is needed in Samaria and a day-school in Nazareth. An itinerant medical work is needed for the villages. Good Will Centers are needed in the poorer sections of the cities; missionary work among Jewish colonies should be established. A new mission station is planned for the ancient city of Damascus. Dr. Sadler writes: "The challenge of Damascus is very great. In that huge city there are only two or three missions, a hospital, a school catering to the 2000 Jews only, one catering to the Armenian element (*nominal Christians already*) and a very small evangelical preaching service". The plan is to open a school

there with an orphanage connected with it. The Board is also planning to enter the Hadhramaut area of southern Arabia. Dr. Sadler says: "It is our hope that, when more of our medical volunteers are released from military service, we shall find a doctor and his wife who will become pioneers in this needy and strategic spot".
Africa—Most of our missionary advance in Africa is confined to our old field, Nigeria, where needs are great enough to challenge us to greater endeavor. There is a movement in northern Nigeria for the evangelizing of neighboring tribes. This is a movement of Nigerian Christians. The church members are going into neighboring

tribes, building places of worship and furnishing evangelists from among their own number. The results have been gratifying. Numbers of people thus reached have become Christians. The Nigerian Baptist Convention is making plans to open work on the Gold Coast, and it is probable that a Nigerian Home Mission Board will be formed to direct this work.

Europe—Our Board has not been able to plan much for the future work in Europe. But we are sure that, when we are able to enter Europe again, a much enlarged work will be possible and necessary. It is hoped that we will be able to send missionaries into Russia and perhaps into other new fields. The one advance in the work now is the going of a missionary couple, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Hughey Jr., to work in Spain.

Latin America—Dr. Everett Gill Jr., secretary for Latin America, has many progressive plans in mind. He writes: "Now during these postwar years is the time to strengthen the foundations laid in other generations by evangelization, teaching and training. . . . Now is the time to enter new doors which have opened wide in Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru and possibly Central America. Now is the time to reach Latin America's most tragic peoples, the Andean Indians". Already a beginning has been made in Venezuela. On May 2nd of this year the first Baptist church to be organized in that country was started under the leadership of a young Venezuelan, Julio Moros, whom Dr. Gill describes as "one of the most promising and brilliant young men in South America". Eight charter members brought letters from a church in Colombia and in the next meeting nine more members were received.

When we consider the many lands still untouched by southern Baptists we may wonder why our Foreign Mission Board does not plan to enter more new fields. In a recent issue of *The Commission* Dr. Rankin gives a reasonable explanation of why this cannot be done. He says that it is not good missionary strategy to enter too many new fields when there is so much that needs to be done in the fields where we have already established work. He says: "In the twenty mission fields to which we have already sent missionaries with plans already made to enter another vast unoccupied field, southern Arabia, we should make sure that the missionary bases in these countries are established before we go on to other fields".

WHAT CAN WE DO?

AFTER the survey of the world's need of the Gospel our missionary hearts cry out, "What can we do?" We face the fact that southern Baptists ought to be doing more than they are doing. Five and a half million southern Baptists are still playing at the foreign mission task. We must take this matter of witnessing to a lost world seriously. Our foreign mission program must measure up to our own strength and to the opportunities offered by a world mission field "white unto the harvest".

We must send more missionaries. In a recent issue of *The Commission* a table was given listing the number of missionaries for different types of work on the different fields. They counted up to three hundred. As has been stated, at present we have only 558 missionaries. That is just one for every ten thousand southern Baptists. Dr. Rankin says that if our country had enlisted soldiers for the late war at this ratio our armed forces would have numbered only 130,000. Some southern Baptist churches sent into the armed forces more men and women than all the 25,000 churches of the Southern Baptist Convention are sending to give the Gospel to the whole world. We gave our sons and daughters by the millions to save the world for democracy, but we give them only by hundreds to save the world for Jesus.

To send more missionaries, we must give more money. Southern Baptists gave on the average last year to foreign missions only sixty-five cents each. We spent on our work at home last year \$95,000,000 and gave to foreign missions \$3,500,000. This must be changed. Quoting from *Now Is the Day*: "We have done so little, not because we have little but because we have unconsciously put the task of world missions in a little place in our interest and thinking". We can give more to foreign missions by giving more to the Cooperative Program. Then in December we are to

have our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which gives us an opportunity to make an extra gift to foreign missions. The goal for the offering this year is a million dollars. We went far beyond that amount last year and we must go far beyond it again. This gift will supply many of the needs of the mission fields and of course the more we give the more will be the fruits of the offering.

Money alone cannot provide the needed missionaries. Young people must give themselves for missionary service. Again we can do something to help. We can provide missionary education for our young people through our W.M.U. organizations. We can send our young people to camps and assemblies where the cause of missions is presented. We can support schools and seminaries where missionaries are trained. We can be willing for our own children to go to mission fields if God shall call them. And we can do as Jesus commanded—"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest".

Some one has said: "Lord, I thank Thee for letting me live in this unfinished world". Let us say: "Lord we thank Thee for letting us have a part in the unfinished task of giving the Gospel to a lost world". Truly it is glorious to be laborers together with God in the work of world redemption. Jesus cried from the cross: "It is finished!" Our task will not be finished until Jesus, enthroned in the hearts of men everywhere, shall say: "It is done".



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

Captain Allen Gardiner.....	2c
The Lamp in the Islands.....	2c
"Who Will Go for Us?".....	2c
How to Pray.....	3c
Worship, the Central Act in Religion.....	3c
A New Spirit (Pageant-Play: Mixed Cast of 24 or More, Choir; Time about One Hour)	15c

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

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 above.

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
The Commission	—Southern Baptist Home Missions
State Denominational Papers	—Ambassador Life
Last Report of Foreign Mission Board	
Gold from Golgotha.....	Dr. R. B. Jones
Now Is the Day.....	Foreign Mission Secretaries

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. What per cent of the world's population are Christians?
2. How many people in the world are non-Christians?
3. Is the world growing more or less heathen?

4. Give some figures showing the great foreign mission work of all denominations.
5. In how many countries do southern Baptists have missionary work?
6. What per cent of the population of these countries are Baptists?
7. Discuss the great unreached part of the fields already occupied by southern Baptists.
8. Tell of large, unreached groups in lands where southern Baptists have never gone.
9. What new fields does our Foreign Mission Board plan to enter?
10. Why is it unwise to enter too many new mission fields?
11. Mention some things that we can do to help the foreign mission cause at this critical hour.
12. Discuss the value of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Editorial (Concluded from Page 3)

December 2-6. As with every worthwhile undertaking, success in this observance depends largely upon careful, prayerful preparation. The study of a state-recommended book will greatly help—please write to your state W.M.U. office if you are uncertain as to the best book thus to study. Also it will surely help if at the top of your personal and family Christmas list you lovingly put "Christmas for Christ". He it was who said (*Matt. 9:37, 38*): "The harvest indeed is plentiful but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest".—*Kathleen Mallory*

Bible Study (Concluded from Page 17)

The majority of those whom we reckon as members of our churches are unenlisted in any campaign of King Immanuel's conquest of men and of the institutions and ways of life in human society. "Our Lord is still rejected and by the world disowned", and too many of us do not care and more still do not care very much. Even in our own home territory the "lost" outnumber the "saved" and we try to persuade ourselves that of the "saved" it is their "souls" that are saved for future life even when their lives are not saved in this present evil age. Truly there remaineth everywhere for southern Baptists, for all of us and each of us, very much land to be possessed. "Onward Christian soldiers!"

Business Woman's Circles (Concluded from Page 19)

Be sent to *Spain*: Mrs. E. J. Bengtson, 15 Calle Tavern, Barcelona, Spain; *Jugoslavia*: Franjo Klem, Baboniceva 5711, Zagreb, Jugoslavia; *Hungary*: Dr. Bela Igazato Udvarnoki, Kispest, Losse-u 8, Hungary; *Italy*: Miss Miriam Rosa, Piazza in Lucina 35, Roma, Italy.

Shall Christ say: "Ye fed Me, ye clothed Me"?

SUCH searching questions more frequently than ordinarily haunt even generously-hearted Christians these trying times when millions of people are desperately hungry and scantily clothed. As the winter closes in, please see what you can spare—then share by sending packages of food or clothing to any of the addresses as given immediately above on this page or to the *Church World Service Center* in any of the three following places in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention: New Windsor, Md.; 1735 S. Vandeventer Avenue, St. Louis 10, Mo.; 7110 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles 1, Calif. "Lord, when saw we Thee hungry and fed Thee . . . or naked and clothed Thee?" "As ye did it unto one of these, My brethren . . . ye did it unto Me!"

Our Young People

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

Another Selective Service

OUR government, after a few months' vacation, has resumed its selective service. God never has taken a vacation from His selecting, though sometimes His followers have been tardy in relaying His summons to those for whom He intended it. Many a boy would doubtless have answered God's call to special Christian service if he had heard it through a Royal Ambassador Chapter led by a devoted alert counselor.

November brings Royal Ambassador Focus Week. What should that mean to you? Who are you reading this page? Are you a W.M.U. young people's director? Are you a W.M.S. president? Are you an interested W.M.S. member? Whichever or whoever you are, you can indeed help promote Royal Ambassador activities.

As W.M.U. young people's director it is your duty to see that your society fosters a Full Graded Woman's Missionary Union in your church including Junior and Intermediate Royal Ambassador Chapters. As W.M.S. president it is your similar duty to give every assistance and encouragement to your young people's director and to see that the society as a whole helps with this excellent fostering. If you are a W.M.S. member you can instigate the organization of a chapter or help foster the one already started. As long as our Foreign Mission and Home Mission Boards seek vainly for men to occupy the waiting white fields of the world, Royal Ambassador Chapters must multiply in number and develop in effective leadership to produce God-called missionaries and the men who will support these called ones.

We look at the newspaper or a magazine and see the facts about juvenile delinquency. We look about us at purposeless youth. What can be done to change these situations? The challenge of the biggest business in the world should be clearly given to every growing boy that it may influence his entire life and interests. Youth responds to a cause big enough to lift into the heroic: missions is that cause and should be known by our young people.

During Focus Week you can have a Father-Son Banquet with a missionary message; talk about Royal Ambassadors and decide to organize. Find a counselor: a young man home from service, who saw missions at work, will be a splendid counselor; or an older man, whose zeal for the Lord is conspicuous, will be excellent; or a couple—you can find a counselor if you invest enough prayer and consideration. Having found the counselor, supply manuals and Guide for Counselors, *Ambassador Life*, other W.M.U. and general mission literature so the counselor can be informed about Royal Ambassador plans and missions in general.

Do not think you can fold your hands when the counselor is found; fostering continues. See that every boy has a subscription to the new and popular, *Ambassador Life*. Provide a chapter meeting place with workshop and recreation facilities. Supply mission study and reading books. Serve refreshments. Be sure there is a pianist. You know what it takes to have a worthy missionary meeting.

See that your boys have all the help you possibly can give them. That year in military training will be filled with temptations. Fortify them for it first and help them to seek God's choice plan for their lives through our missionary organization for Baptist boys, the Order of Royal Ambassadors.

"Today no nation is resourceful enough to achieve security and a high standard of living while leaving the rest of the world in a postwar wilderness".—President Isaiah Bowman (*Missions*)

Training School

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THE fortieth session of the Training School opened on September 10 with a brief service in the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel. Miss Beatrice Glass, an alumna of the School who is at home on furlough after her first term of service in Argentina, led in the opening prayer. Mrs. George E. Roden of Florida, a member of the Board of Trustees, led in the closing prayer. Misses Claudia Edwards (*music teacher*), Miriam Robinson (*teacher of speech*), Georgie Fancher (*librarian*) and Mary Mitchell (*dietitian*) were introduced and responded briefly. To this group were welcomed the following new workers: Misses Virginia Wingo, Velma Darbo and Eva Dawson.

Miss Wingo comes to us as the teacher of missionary education. For this service she is eminently fitted by education and experience. She received her A.B. and M.A. degrees from Louisiana College and Louisiana State University respectively. Before entering the Training School as a student, she taught three years in high school. Immediately after her student days in Louisville, she became W.M.U. young people's secretary in Louisiana, in which position she served efficiently for eight years. Surely God has been preparing this capable and attractive young woman for this place of strategic service.

Miss Velma Darbo of Louisville joined our staff on August first by way of the office. She is a graduate of Milligan College and also of the Training School. Her work-experience includes a year as clerk in the accounting department of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, two years as church secretary and one year as educational director in Louisville churches. We are grateful that this consecrated and well-trained young woman can find a channel for service in this important department of our work.

Louisville again has made a contribution to our School in the person of Miss Eva Dawson, who began her work with us as house-director on August first. She learned how to be a good housekeeper in her own well-managed Kentucky home. She came to us from the position of assistant matron at Parr's Rest, a beautiful Baptist home in Louisville for elderly women. She is an active member of the Business Woman's Circle in the Highland Baptist Church.

In addition to the regular official family, four special students were presented who are employed by the School on a part-time basis:

Miss Josephine Huddleston of Georgia is serving as instructor in social work courses. She has an M.A. degree from the University of Georgia and a year of graduate work in the Tulane School of Social Work. She has had a year of experience in county welfare work and a year as case-worker with the Red Cross. Her purpose to attend the Training School has persisted since her college days. It is a happy coincidence that enables her to combine study and service during this year.

Miss Genevieve Averett of Mississippi is serving as assistant in the office. She is a graduate of Mississippi Southern College and has been a church secretary for more than two years. Before going into the church field she had experience in teaching and business positions.

Miss Hazel Moon, R.N. of Virginia, and Miss Hazel Wood, R.N. of North Carolina, are the School nurses. Both of these fine young women are interested in foreign missions.

The total enrolment to date (September 16) is 134 boarding and 76 day-students. The boarding students are distributed as follows: Alabama, fourteen; Arkansas, five; California, one; District of Columbia, one; Florida, eight; Georgia, fourteen; Kentucky, ten; Louisiana, two; Maryland, two; Mississippi, eight; Missouri, nine; New Mexico, one; North Carolina, twenty-one; Oklahoma, one; South Carolina, eleven; Tennessee, five; Texas, six; Virginia, thirteen; Hawaii, one; Argentina, one.

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Dr. John R. Mott in *The Larger Evangelism* says: "Why has God made the whole world known and accessible to our generation? Why has He provided us with such wonderful agencies? Not that the forces of evil might use them!"

Alexander McLeish, survey editor of *World Dominion*, reminds us that "the problem of the unoccupied fields of non-Christian or anti-Christian thought has never been a purely geographical matter; there are great groups and classes lying outside the Church and outside the present missionary effort which in the physical sense are easily reached" as the three following items from our own and other lands may indicate:

London Baptists in mid-June obtained from Scotland Yard permission to use loud-speaker equipment in the holding of an open-air evangelistic rally at Trafalgar Square. There were twelve speakers each with a limited time at his disposal to discuss some vital question. Over 10,000 leaflets were distributed. "No one can say," says the *Watchman-Examiner*, "what the harvest will be . . . but it is certain that a multitude of people were reminded or instructed concerning the Gospel."

It is reported that a blind student of the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, is planning for publication of a new Braille magazine which will contain a digest of articles appearing in Southern Baptist Convention publications; it will be designed to carry also an evangelistic and educational message to blind readers. The first issue is expected to appear in October.

World Dominion in a recent issue tells of eleven of the leading Indian converts to Christianity from Islam being asked while attending some meeting to state in turn what had been the decisive factor in their conversion. "By not one of them," we are told, "was a sermon, a convention, a book or anything he had heard or read so much as mentioned; but each one told of the living Christ seen, if but dimly, in the life of this or that practising Christian".

There are in Mexico a number of Indian Jews whose ancestors were driven from Spain by persecution in the sixteenth century; they intermarried with the Indians and their faith absorbed the Christian and pagan symbols. We are told that there are about five hundred of these Indian Jews who have a synagogue just outside Mexico City where they teach the Hebrew language and have their own Jewish rabbi.

In his article, "Are There Still Unoccupied Fields?", the following statement is made by Dr. McLeish: "In all parts of Asia the religious systems of Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Confucianism still present a solid front which is very difficult to break through. The great central Asiatic plateau is closed to mission work. The surrounding areas and countries—including Tibet, Afghanistan, most of Baluchistan, Bhutan, Nepal and the militarily controlled frontier tracks—are closed lands, forming the greatest unevangelized region of the world".

Today Islam claims one-half of Africa and some say there is a possibility of the whole of Africa becoming Moslem. But there is hope in the ministry of healing. Encouraging success has attended this evangelism, particularly in Nigeria just north of that part of Nigeria in which southern Baptists are at work.

The following items gleaned from articles on Iran (*Persia*) seem to be of particular interest: "The number of Christians in Iran is as low as ninety per million . . . The Church is small in numbers but it is great in faith. It is conscious of its own responsibility and of its own power under God for the conversion of its fellow-countrymen, but it seeks the help and counsel of Christians of longer experience and heritage . . . Persia (*Iran*) is the keystone of the Moslem arch in the Middle East. 'I would earnestly plead', says one writer, 'for increased interest in this strategic field'."



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FIELDS YET UNTOUCHED by SOUTHERN BAPTISTS — TIBETAN CHILDREN have a poor chance to get an education. Most of them are taught little except **Lamalism**, a religion which condemns modern thought and customs. This group posed in Darjeeling on the India side of the border; most of them are Tibetan.

Dates among Others to Remember

W.M.U. Annual Meeting in 1947

St. Louis, Mo., May 4-6 Inclusive

W.M.U. Conference Next Summer

Ridgecrest, N. C., August 7-13 Inclusive