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# EDITORIAL

## Interesting . . . Especially to W.M.S. Members

IN St. Louis in May in its annual meeting Woman's Missionary Union adopted many far-reaching and interesting resolutions. Several of them pertain to the observance in 1948 of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Union; among the decisions as to that important commemoration three may be mentioned:

- 1—Each state can have 60 delegates to the annual meeting.
- 2—Every member will be encouraged to read the Bible through in 1948 according to the plan outlined by the late Dr. John R. Sampey. Especial attention will be called to the missionary passages in such daily readings.
- 3—Very large goals will be upheld for the Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings.

Yet another resolution at the meeting in St. Louis gave added emphasis to the Home Mission Board's effort to secure one million Prayer League covenanters. You are herewith urged to try to get the members of your circle and entire society to sign the covenant card, thus promising to pray daily for a spiritual revival. Such cards may be secured free by writing to Baptist Hour, 427½ Moreland Avenue N.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia. The resolution concerning the Prayer League reads thus:

That we join heartily in the effort of our denomination to enlist one million members in the Prayer League in behalf of a great spiritual revival in our land.

Immeasurably gratifying was still another resolution, especially as in the moral standards set forth in the W.M.U. Plan of Work there is the assertion that "we declare our responsibility as Christian citizens to stand for total abstinence and prohibition". To uphold this standard the St. Louis resolution was bravely adopted:

We record our continued opposition to the legalized liquor traffic and purpose to use every possible channel to stamp it out of our country.

One of the able speakers, whose address did much to inspire the resolution against the sale of liquor, aroused also dormant consciences toward delinquency in our country. The speaker was Judge Camille Kelley of the Memphis Juvenile Court. After hearing her appeal for "the child in the midst" the hundreds of delegates voted:

That through community missions we investigate our juvenile courts and seek more zealously to give what help we can to reclaim by Christ's power bruised humanity.

In tender concern for yet other sufferers it was decided:

That all W.M.U. organizations be urged to help more and more through the Southern Baptist World Service Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana, and continue to send boxes to Europe and the orient, also to give for world relief through our Foreign Mission Board, demonstrating Christian compassion and love in all of these efforts.

Highly important also was the following resolution:

That we pledge ourselves to pray daily for the leaders of nations and the representatives to the United Nations Organization and seek to do all we possibly can to relieve racial tension and injustice and to see that all men have adequate livelihood.

In medicine one meaning of the word "resolution" is "the removal of a local disease". Surely if W.M.U. members and their organizations will individually and collectively apply any and then all of the aforesaid resolutions directly in their own communities and by prayer throughout the world many sin-sick souls will be cured, many lives will become strong through righteousness.—Kathleen Mallory

## A Beautiful Chinese Chrysanthemum

**A** VETERAN of the cross, Miss Kyoeh Yung Wu of the Old North Gate Baptist Church, Shanghai, China, laid down her cross and received her crown. Miss Wu was born to be and do the unusual. She was the fourth of the eight daughters of Rev. T. D. Wu who was well-known among southern Baptists for his work as pastor of the Old North Gate Baptist Church now known as the First Baptist Church of Shanghai. Pastor Wu was not born of Christian parents, but he became a Christian in his early twenties. In his twenty-fifth year he was ordained a deacon in his church and the following year he was recognized as "a man sent from God" and accordingly his church set him apart for the Gospel ministry. In his twenty-fourth year he had decided that it was not good for man to be alone; therefore he wooed and won the hand of a beautiful sixteen-year-old girl for his bride who became a worthy helpmeet to the young pastor in the following years. Pastor Wu could not be satisfied with winning others to Christ until he had won his bride. With this done he had a Christian home which was so different from the homes in his community that his non-Christian neighbors realized the difference and the village gentry gave him the use of the village "Ancestral Hall" to use for Christian worship.

Kyoeh Yung was one of ten children born to Pastor and Mrs. Wu. All ten of these children in early life accepted Jesus as their Savior. Perhaps there was no home in China or in the United States to surpass this beautiful Christian home. Pastor Wu was pastor of the Old North Gate Baptist Church for nine years; when the writer arrived in Shanghai in 1921 he was pastor emeritus, but he was the first to call to see the new missionaries.

The eight Wu daughters proved to be worthy of their Christian parents and were called by their friends "The Eight Beauties" of the Wu family. Kyoeh Yung was born in the ninth month when the chrysanthemums were blooming; it was natural for the parents to think of her as their beautiful chrysanthemum, hence her name. It is the custom of the Chinese to have a double name for all their children; the second name for each girl is the same. In the Wu family this second name for the daughters is "Heroine" and so this fourth daughter became "Chrysanthemum Heroine". Kyoeh Yung was given the right name, for her Christian life was just as lovely and fragrant as the most beautiful chrysanthemum; the parents never regretted giving her this name.

Kyoeh Yung was unusual in that she did not choose to marry. This is especially unusual in China where family life counts for so much; Miss Wu was the only one of this type that I met in China. Her seven sisters married and established Christian homes. One sister, Ming Yung, thought for years that she would follow Kyoeh Yung in her choice but after their sister, Mrs. S. U. Zau (*Hsu Yung, "Refined Heroine"*), died the brother-in-law, who is a wealthy business man of Shanghai and one of the finest Christian men this writer ever knew, made several unsuccessful attempts to get Ming Yung to change her mind. At last the twelve fine sons and daughters, so the story goes, got together and persuaded their Aunt Ming Yung to become their new mother; she will be remembered as the charming young Chinese lady whom the writer presented to a large audience at Ridgecrest several summers ago even as many others remember her as a graduate of the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville. Another well-known sister is Mrs. F. W. O. Ling (*Foh Yung, "Happy New Heroine"*), who is the leader in the All-China W.M.U. Mrs. Ling also endeared herself to southern Baptists when she visited in the south in 1936.

Upon the death of their mother Kyoeh Yung became head of the Wu home. To hold and maintain her parents' well established home was more important to Kyoeh Yung than undertaking to establish a new one of her own. It was a joy of the writer to be in this unusual home more than once and he does not recall a home with more of the Christian atmosphere than he found there. It was a large and beautiful house with well appointed furnishings and many servants; the activities of the household worked like a clock; Kyoeh Yung was full of poise, patience and power and the household revolved around her.

Kyoeh Yung was unusual in the positions she held in the church for she was active in all departments of its work. She had her place in the Sunday-school and Woman's Missionary Society and served as deaconess for more than twenty years. The writer remembers well her attendance at the monthly meeting of the Board of Deacons. Chinese deacons are very much like the American deacons, they like to talk a great deal. Miss Wu had to exercise a great deal of patience with the brethren for she was a woman of deeds rather than of words. She never offered an opinion until the brethren asked for one or she saw them headed in the wrong direction. Her opinions often turned the tide. Her patience and poise made her a power among her own people and the missionaries. In her latter years she was elected as treasurer of this large church, though it had been deemed a man's job and had always been filled by one of the brethren. Miss Wu discharged her duties in such a way that no member ever had cause to doubt her wisdom in handling the Lord's money. One of the last things she did as church treasurer was to take part in a big land transaction; the church decided that it must change locations and voted to buy a fine tract of land in a most important section of the beautiful French Concession; this land was secured and paid for before Kyoeh Yung went home.

The writer remembers a most beautiful scene one Sunday morning when Pastor Wu stood and asked for his family to come to the altar and join him in singing a song; Kyoeh Yung led fifty members of their family to the front and joined her father in the singing before an audience of six hundred or more. Could such a scene be re-enacted in our beloved southland? Could our Southern Zion stage such a scene? Such families as the Wu family are all too few.

In "chrysanthemum time", two years after the Japanese invasion of China, Kyoeh Yung had the Crown of Life placed on her head by the Prince of Peace. She had prayed for peace for her beloved people and would have gladly labored on in her war-torn China but it was not God's will. This beautiful veteran of the cross did not have far to go. She is not dead. She has only changed her base of activities. Kyoeh Yung will live on in the hearts of her beloved Chinese and American friends.—Rev. Eph. Whisenand, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Clayton, N. C.



## In Grateful Remembrance

**O**N the last Saturday of April the spirit of Mrs. R. T. Anderson of Birmingham, Alabama, winged its flight to Heaven to be "forever with the Lord" whom by word and deed she had adoringly honored from childhood. For twenty-two years (1924-46) Mrs. Anderson was a most loyal and useful member of the Executive Committee of Woman's Missionary Union, being the vice-president from Alabama for two of those years. It was particularly gratifying to her many friends that she was first elected as the Alabama vice-president in 1931 when the annual meeting was held in Birmingham, on which occasion Mrs. Anderson was the exceptionally efficient chairman of the hostess W.M.U. committee. Among the many other memories which will be cherished of her is that of her careful preparation for and her deeply reverent spirit in leading devotional services, at which times she would usually recite from memory the Scripture references. For her loved ones the tenderest sympathy is felt.—Kathleen Mallory

## Why I Volunteered for Mission Service

"Here Am I, Send Me!"

**T**WO sad faces come to my mind tonight: I saw them a few weeks ago and shall never forget. A woman looked at me with tears in her eyes, saying: "When I was young I felt God's call to be a missionary and I said 'No!'" Another, sadder still, said: "My daughter felt God's call to be a missionary and I prevented her". Knowing the joy in the heart of my mother who not only did not prevent me but sent me forth with gladness, also knowing the joy in my own heart at the privilege of being a "laborer together with God" in a place where if I were not there no one would probably be at that task, my thoughts go out in tenderest sympathy to the two sad-faced women.

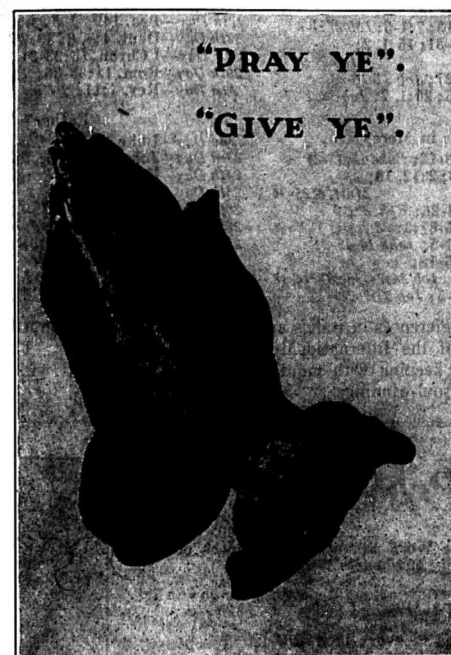
A nine-year-old child who has just found in Jesus a Savior and a Friend, hearing about children of other lands who do not know Him, naturally wants to answer His "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel". There is nothing spectacular in my case about how that early inner urge reached fulfillment. A home that was missionary, a teacher who led one to keep an open heart, the Sunbeam Band, G.A., Y.W.A. at home and at college—with programs, mission books, camps and friends met there, the Training School—all helped a growing girl to be conscious of the world's need to hear God's "Whom shall I send?"

Why to me should have been given the burden of a China with its many needs and why the way should have opened for me to serve there while others felt God's call to other forms and places of service, I cannot say. But it was so and I knew it. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy steps": it sounds so simple and it really is if one is single of purpose and wants only to acknowledge and be directed. And what difference does it make whether one's steps are directed to the heart of Africa, to a schoolroom, factory or farm, the joy is the same because that joy comes from acknowledging and being led, not from the place or type of service.

Some people talk about the "sacrifices of a missionary". After twelve years as a missionary the only thing I see worthy of the term sacrifice is separation from family and friends but this is constantly being experienced for country, business or husband. The joy which comes to being able to do this one hard thing for the Master is great but, even so, I believe it is the being willing to do it and not the actual doing of it that brings such ecstasy of heart; Jesus just wants His followers to rejoice to do His bidding and He will make His plan clear to any such heart.

When people look at me "a real live foreign missionary", as if on exhibit—and marvel at my joy I want to say: "You should know the same joy where you are. It is not the *foreign* that brings the happiness; it is the *missionary*, the 'being sent'". Each child of God should feel that he is at the task which God has sent him. Here now on furlough I look at the many Christians around me and I think of what I have seen in China. There in city and village are multitudes "with none to tell them of the Savior's dying". It seems to me that, if more hearts were listening and ready to answer God's call, there might be a different distribution of workers. Do you know the missionary's joy where you are? If not, why not?

Special service in any field brings its own compensations. If only mothers understood they would not say to their daughters, "Not you!" And young people who understand would answer with thanksgiving: "Here am I, send me!" And there would be no sad faces.—Miss Elizabeth Hale, S.B.C. Missionary to Shanghai, China



At the W.M.U. annual meeting in May in St. Louis and for the past quarter in this magazine large emphasis has been laid upon the effort being made by the S.B.C. Home Mission Board to secure at least one million "Prayer League Covenants". You and your home people, your circle and other W.M.S. members are urged to join. Though prayer, whether private or public, is personal between "the soul and its Savior", nevertheless God's Word gives many examples of how people may be reminded to pray. The promise to pray daily for a spiritual revival will be kept more clearly in mind if the "Prayer League Card" is close at hand. On page 3 of this issue is given the address from which to secure these cards; please secure and use them prayerfully.

# FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

## Topic: Chinese

Tell me a story.

1st Day—Gen. 6:9-8:22; Job 1:13-19  
2nd Day—Ex. 2:1-10, 16-24; Job 2:7-13  
3rd Day—Ex. 5:1-23; Job 32:1-10  
4th Day—Ex. 6:10-13; 7:1-5; Job 27:1-7  
5th Day—Ex. 14:15-31; 15:1, 2;  
Job 29:7-16  
6th Day—Ex. 18:5-27; Job 31:10-23  
7th Day—Ex. 19:1-5; 20:1, 2; Job 38:1-11

"Plenteous in Mercy"

8th Day—Psa. 103:8-12; Luke 15:11-24  
9th Day—Joel 1:1-3; 2:12, 13;  
Matt. 6:25-34  
10th Day—Lam. 3:21-26; Eph. 2:1-9  
11th Day—Psa. 86:15-17; 3; 28  
12th Day—Psa. 106:1-5; John 14:15-21  
13th Day—II Cor. 4:5-18;  
Job 36:24-33; 38:10-18  
14th Day—I Pet. 1:3-5; Job 5:17-22

"Great in our Lord".

15th Day—Psa. 147; Job 8:3-7, 20-21  
16th Day—Psa. 148; Job 12:13-20  
17th Day—Psa. 149; Job 23:1-10  
18th Day—Deut. 4:7, 8; 33:27; Rom. 8:31-39  
19th Day—I Chron. 16:23-31, 36; Job 42:1-12  
20th Day—Rom. 11:33-36; Phil. 3:21-30  
21st Day—Rev. 4:11; I Kings 3:5-14

"Father"

22nd Day—Luke 11:1-4; Psa. 111  
23rd Day—John 12:26-28; Prov. 1:1-9  
24th Day—Psa. 68:1-5; Prov. 4:1-9  
25th Day—Prov. 9:11-26; 3:1-13  
26th Day—Matt. 11:26-27; I Cor. 3:10-23  
27th Day—Rom. 8:14-21; Job 28:12-28  
28th Day—I Cor. 1:1-9; 8:6; Prov. 17:1-6  
29th Day—II Cor. 1:1-7; Ruth 2:8, 15-23  
30th Day—II Tim. 1:1-11; Luke 2:41-52  
31st Day—John 18:11-18; Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-4

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 month's missionary topic and with the denomination's emphasis on soul-winning.

## "Pray Ye"

Thank God that His Word admonishes: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts".—Col. 3:15

Rejoice that "the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace".—James 3:18

Pray that Christians in every land will let "the peace of God which passeth all understanding guard their hearts and their thoughts in Christ Jesus".—Phil. 4:7

Rejoice that all Christians may have the assurance that Christ included them when He said: "My peace I give unto you".—John 14:27

Ask God's guidance also for all preparing for the programs and attendance at Baptist World Alliance Congress, Copenhagen, July 29-August 3.

Pray that many souls may be won and many Christians may be more fully enlisted because of the associational, state and southwide revival emphases.

Intercede for all Christian camps and other summer gatherings, particularly for the missionary ones at Ridgecrest in August: Home Missions Conference (July 31-August 6); W.M.U. Conference, including R.W.C. Conference, (7-13); Foreign Missions Conference, Young Men's Mission Conference, (14-20).

Pray that southern Baptist young people may heed God's call for definite missionary service and that their parents will help them to prepare.

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# CALENDAR of PRAYER

July, 1947

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.  
Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

—Grace Croley

## 1—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Hadgraft, Lubbock, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans  
Come and hear all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul —Psa. 66:16

## 8—TUESDAY

Dr. W. H. Alexander, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board; also all secretaries working with him, and the ministry of this Board  
The Lord give thee understanding in all things. —II Tim. 2:7

## 2—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, evangelism.  
\*Miss Blanche Gruver, educational evangelism, Sonoma, Mrs. L. W. Pierce, Mrs. W. H. Sears, Misses Elizabeth Ross and Lillian Thomason, emeritus missionaries, China; also Archibald and Campbell McMahon, Margaret Fund students  
Know ye not that ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price —I Cor. 6:19-20

## 9—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Cabrera, Rev. and Mrs. A. Velez, El Paso, Rev. and Mrs. D. Cabre, Raymondville, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans  
We, through the Spirit, wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. —Gal. 5:5

## 3—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Hernandez, Santa Clara, Rev. and Mrs. A. Travieso, Rancho, Rev. and Mrs. E. Pino, Colon, Cuba, evangelism  
The Lord knoweth them that are His. —II Tim. 2:19

## 10—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Souers, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrock, Mr. F. Cathers, Bryan, educational evangelism, Shanghai, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Gallimore, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Glass, emeritus missionaries, China; also Harold Souers, Carol and Mary Westbrock, Margaret Fund students  
Fight the good fight of faith. —I Tim. 4:12

## 4—FRIDAY

Rev. W. M. and Dr. Martha J. Gilliland, Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Goldie, Oshkosh, Wis., medical evangelism  
The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself. —Psa. 4:3

## 11—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Diaz, Balboa, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Jones, Gatun, Canal Zone, Rev. and Mrs. O. Gomez, Naranjo, Rev. R. Miranda, Putical, Costa Rica, evangelism  
Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts. —Gal. 4:6

## 5—SATURDAY

Rev. S. E. Grinstead, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. C. A. Pugh, Kansas City, Mo., Rev. W. T. Watts, Oklahoma City, Okla., educational evangelism to their own Negro race  
The desire of our soul is in Thy Name and to the remembrance of Thee. —Isa. 26:8

## 12—SATURDAY

\*Miss Katherine Corzema, Recife, \*Miss Ruby Hines, Maricao, \*Miss Cathryn Smith, \*Miss Edith Rose Weller, Manaus, educational evangelism, Mrs. A. L. Dunstan and \*Miss Bertha Hunt, emeritus missionaries, Brazil  
Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it. —Prov. 16:22

## 6—SUNDAY

That southern Baptists may recognize the great help rendered the cause of Christ by the American Bible Society without cost to the denomination and that opportunity may be given the churches at intervals through the year for financial aid in supplying the Scriptures in fields of need at home and abroad  
The Gospel of Christ. It is the power of God unto salvation. —Rom. 1:16

## 7—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes, Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson, educational evangelism, Recife, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, Mrs. C. A. Baker, emeritus missionaries, Brazil; also Linda Hayes and Clifton Baker, Margaret Fund students  
They shall know My Name is the Lord. —Jer. 16:21

## 13—SUNDAY

That the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen, Denmark, may prove a blessing to the cause of Christ around the world, particularly in European lands where Christians still suffer persecution  
That all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord. —II Kings 19:19

## Calendar of Prayer for July

### 14—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. Bejarano, Artesia, Rev. and Mrs. J. Keyser, Gallup, Rev. and Mrs. C. Villarreal, Helen, N. M., evangelism among Spanish-Americans. Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. —1 Chron. 16:10

### 15—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton Jr., educational evangelism, Kailua, Mrs. T. J. League, Mrs. C. A. Hayes, Miss Alice Huey, Miss Mollie McShinn, emerita missionaries, China. All things are of God who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ. —11 Cor. 5:18

### 16—WEDNESDAY

Baptist believers in Rumania. Like as a father loveth his children, so the Lord loveth them that fear Him. —Psa. 103:13

### 17—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. Smith, Pieville, Miss Vera Aguilard, Crowley, La., evangelism among French. Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. —Psa. 139:23

### 18—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Ramon, Arroyo Apolo, Rev. and Mrs. N. J. Rodriguez, Camajual, Cuba, evangelism. Ye are all one in Christ Jesus. —Gal. 3:28

### 19—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Lawson, Kwalia, Miss Ruth Pettigrew, Kwiyang, educational evangelism, Miss Aure Prodel, Castro, Miss Leonora Scarlett, Kogonoo, China, evangelism. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise. —11 Pet. 1:6

### 20—SUNDAY

Woman's Missionary Union Conference including Business Women's Circles, Ridgecrest, N. C., Aug. 7-14; that the days may be fraught with great blessings upon all who attend. The Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard. —1sa. 40:30

### 21—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Williams, Ogbomoso, Dr. Roberta J. Cox, Miss Fannie George Hurtt, Jonkrama Village, Nigeria, medical evangelism. The Lord hath commanded thy strength. —Psa. 68:28

### 22—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. V. E. Hughes, Havana, Cuba, Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Jumper, Houston, Texas, evangelism. Many of them which heard the Word believed. —Acts 4:4

### 23—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Allen, Bello Horizonte, Miss Edith West, Rio de Janeiro, evangelism, Mrs. A. J. Terry, Victoria, Brazil, educational evangelism, also Herbert Allen, Margaret Fund student. His eyes are upon the ways of men and He seeth all his sinners. —Job 34:21

### 24—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Maddox, apostles to Brazil. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord. —Psa. 4:5

### 25—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, evangelism, Kuanhsan, Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Olive, educational evangelism, Chinkiang, Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, Mrs. S. E. Stephens, Miss Anne Saddle, emerita missionaries, China, also Eugenia and Mary Frances Johnson, Margaret Fund students. Lift up a standard for the people. —1sa. 60:10

### 26—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Valadez, Miss Amelia Diaz, San Antonio, Miss Paperanza, Matamoros, Pharr, Texas, educational evangelism among Mexicans. The love of Christ constraineth us. —11 Cor. 5:14

### 27—SUNDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Gillespie, Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Moorhead, Miss Frances Talley, Japan, Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Jewers, Miss Gladys Hopewell, China, apostles of the Foreign Mission Board. Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ. —Rom. 1:6

### 28—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McConell, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Miller, Miss Oleta Sorrell, educational evangelism, Santiago, Chile. I will praise Thy Name for Thou hast done wonderful things. —1sa. 25:1

### 29—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. Rios, McAllen, Rev. and Mrs. J. Rios, Ballaburg, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans. Surely I know it shall be well with them that fear God. —Rom. 8:17

### 30—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. T. Woodward, evangelism, Miss Fina Dodson, Miss Floy Hawkins, educational evangelism, Canton, Dr. and Mrs. A. Y. Napier, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, emerita missionaries, China, also Glenn and Betty Woodward, Margaret Fund students. Pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified. —11 Thim. 2:1

### 31—THURSDAY

That Home Missions Week, Ridgecrest, N. C., July 31-Aug. 6, may lead to revivals of spiritual power in the southland. Will Thou not revive us again, that Thy people may rejoice in Thee? —Psa. 86:1

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## BIBLE STUDY

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### A Poem of Universal Vision

### A New Song for God's People—Psalm 98

FROM the days of the Red Sea crossing when Miriam led the "Song of Deliverance" the worshipers of our God have been a singing people. There is more than one "Song of Moses". David was "The Sweet Singer of Israel". The Hebrews loved to sing "new songs". They were "compassed about with songs of deliverance" (Ps. 32:7). Often they could say: "He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God" (1's. 40:1). Other references to new songs are in Ps. 33:3 where "the righteous" are exhorted to "sing a new song unto Jehovah", in Ps. 96 and 98 etc. Luke records some of the great songs connected with the Nativity of Jesus. The Revelation opens the windows of Heaven to the songs of glory, unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb of atonement and redemption.

The nine verses of Psalm 98 give its "new song" in three stanzas of three verses each. Each stanza introduces a new approach in the "Call to Praise Jehovah for His Righteousness", as the caption is given in the American Standard Version.

1—The first stanza celebrates some great deliverance which the people have experienced. Just its nature and circumstances we may not now know. Its spirit and its sentiments we cannot miss if we attend to it carefully. The deliverance is wholly attributed to the Lord. He has done the marvelous things that awe and gladden the hearts. "His right hand and His holy arm" have wrought the salvation that evokes the new song. The salvation is His and He has openly manifested His righteousness in full sight of all the nations. Thus "all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God" and thereby have witnessed "lovingkindness and faithfulness toward the house of Israel". Such acknowledgment and praise by the people of God cause the world to know Him and His salvation through the ages. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say it" under all circumstances (Ps. 107).

2—The second stanza does not stop with the opportunity of the nations to observe for themselves the Lord's deliverance of His people and to infer His character. There is no gloating over vanquished enemies, no exulting in Israel's victories and achievements as their own, no disparaging comparisons and contrasts. The American Translation is wrong in calling this "A Song of Triumph". That note is absent from this "new song". It is found in some of the psalms. It can be understood, perhaps approved, as appropriate for some occasions. This psalm is on another plane. This second stanza invites all the earth to share its song of glorious praise: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth".

The invitation is urged with strong exhortation. "Break forth and sing for joy, ye sing praises". All the earth is urged to make its joyful noise great and melodious with grand orchestral accompaniment. The harp will add to the melody of the voice. Trumpets and cornets will swell the volume and emphasize the happiness of all in the salvation of our God. "Make a joyful noise in the presence of the King, Jehovah". Such is the Gospel call.

3—The final stanza extends the call in one grand Hallelujah Chorus in the universe in recognition and praise in anticipation of the full salvation of all peoples in righteousness. The psalmist seems to conceive of himself as director of a chorus that includes all intelligent beings and of a supporting orchestra of all the forms and forces of the natural order. Thus he signals to the sea and its fulness to make the overture; he calls "the world and all its inhabitants" to lift up the glad chorus; now "let the floods clap their hands" like cymbals in their sharp notes of accentuation and with the deep diapason of the drums; let the hills join unitedly with their singing before the Lord.

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## STEWARDSHIP

Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, Virginia  
Southwide Stewardship Chairman

**Explanatory Note:** The following material is the seventh of a series of "Stewardship Month-by-Month Suggestions" as prepared by Mrs. Harold B. Tillman, the Arkansas stewardship chairman. During 1947 the suggestions are to be given monthly in the magazine. It is sincerely hoped that stewardship chairmen will encourage their societies and circles as well as the individual members to profit by them.

### July—Stewardship of Opportunity

As we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men.—*Galatians 6:10*

As stewards we are entrusted with opportunities. God opens doors for us to enter and even closes them sometimes in order to show us which way to go. Paul was turned back from Bithynia that he might enter Europe. Dr. E. L. Douglass says: "He had been denied a province that he might capture a continent".

Our young people of today are our greatest opportunity. This is truly an age for the youth of the land. Are we teaching them the Word of the Lord? Are we giving them missionary education? Are we making it easier for them to hear the call to service through our prayers and our lives? The needs of a war-devastated world make such challenging opportunities for Christian service as we have never known before. As Sarah Knowles Bolton has said:

"I like the man who faces what he must  
With step triumphant and heart of cheer,  
Who fights the daily battle without fear.  
Sees his hopes fail, yet keeps unfaltering trust  
That God is God—that somehow true and just,  
His plans work out!"

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## BOOK REVIEW and STUDY SUGGESTIONS

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

### Great Is the Company

**G**REAT is the company of those who have helped to translate the Bible into the language of 1080 tribes and nations and so have made possible the evangelization of millions. In this book Violet Wood does not pretend to tell about them all—that would be too much to ask. The stories she does tell, though, are fascinating and inspiring, a tonic to interest and an incentive to stronger faith.

Those who teach will find the book well suited for use in a summer mission study class, either in their home churches or at some summer assembly. In teaching it, they will find it desirable to abandon the more formal procedures of the usual class and lead the members of their classes to approach these stories as they would those of any other interesting book and to discuss them informally among themselves. If any group is too large for such a procedure, it may be possible to divide the class into sections of ten or twelve members, each with a competent leader. These sections will meet simultaneously at each session until the last, when all may come together to tell what they have gotten from their study and to make plans for furthering the spread of God's Word into needy places, either by providing Bibles for those in their own community who have none or by making a worthy offering to the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York. It will be necessary to arrange ahead of time for separate meeting places and for leaders for each of these sections.

The function of the teacher or leader in such sections is to enrich the text with such supplementary materials as are appropriate and available, to guide the discussions to worthwhile conclusions and to suggest concrete plans through which the sections may express interest in and appreciation of the Bible and the saving power of its message.

**Session One—Chapters 1-3.** Ask one student to tell the story of Cornelio and another to give a brief devotional talk based on the contrast in Acts 19:18-20 and Acts 8:9-13, 18-24. Lead the class in the discussion of chapter one. (Following this introduction, break up into small sections, if necessary, before going on with further study.)

Let someone tell the story of Jerome and his translation, the Latin Vulgate. If possible borrow a copy from a local Catholic priest to show. Try to find, too, some pictures of illuminated pages of the Bible and explain how these were made in the monasteries of early days. Note that Jerome's was the first step in giving the Bible to the people in their own language. Show copies of the Hebrew and Greek Testaments from which he worked.

Treat the stories of Wycliffe, Luther and Tyndale in much the same fashion. Point out the places involved, on a map. Tell of the making of the King James Version and read the inscription in a copy of this.

**Session Two—Chapters 4-6.** Continue the study, today, as in session one. In connection with the translations into Indian tongues, tell of other versions for other tribes and read the Indian Translation of the Twenty-third Psalm. See *Epochs of Home Missions* by Burton.

To the stories of chapter five add some of those current during World War II, as told by soldiers from the Pacific. In connection with chapter six show pictures of Judson and Ann Hasseltine and recall some stories of how "God has through the years preserved His Word". Use the map in connection with this and preceding chapters.

**Session Three—Chapters 7-8.** Continue as on other days. Show pictures (Concluded on Page 14)

## Circle Program

**EXPLANATORY NOTE:** The following program is submitted for use by the circles this month. Its suggested articles will be found in the following monthly missionary magazines: *Royal Service*, 50c a year from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.; *The Window of Y.W.A.*, *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 34 of 1947 W.M.U. Year Book and page 15 of this magazine.)



Fields Are White - Laborers Are Few

### Topic: Fields Are White—Laborers Are Few

**Devotional Theme:** "Pray ye"—Matt. 9:38.

**Home Board's Effort for 1,000,000 Prayer League Covenanters** (See page 3 of this issue, also page 5 of June issue, page 7 of May issue and page 7 of April issue of this magazine. If membership Prayer League Cards are secured in advance from Baptist Hour, 427½ Moreland Avenue N.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia, signers could doubtless be secured as pianist plays "Sweet Hour of Prayer".)

**From Missionaries** (See pages 4-6, 29, 30 of this magazine.)

**Cuba Today** (See article in July issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

**I'm Going to China because** (See article in July issue of *Ambassador Life*.)

**Doctors in the Dawn** (See article in July issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

**"The Lepers Are Healed"** (See article in July issue of *The Commission*.)

**A Land of Walls** (See article in July issue of *World Comrades*.)

**Students Afield for Christ** (See July issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.)

### Book Review (Concluded from Page 13)

and books dealing with translations for China and India. Bring up the question of modern literacy movements which have grown out of the desire to help people read their Bibles. See *The Silent Billion Speak* by Laubach.

**Session Four—Chapter 9-11.** Use these chapters as illustrations of the different problems which translators must meet in giving the Bible to backward peoples. Emphasize especially the evangelistic purpose of such translations and the success of such evangelistic efforts.

**Session Five—Chapter 12.** Open this joint session of the sections with some familiar hymn about the Bible as "Holy Bible, Book Divine". Talk together about the Bible and what it means to us. See that the steps, through which it has come to us and to others, are clear. Find out, if possible, whether or not there are any problems in any one's mind with reference to the changes from the original made necessary by the vastly different experiences of some peoples and those through whom the Bible was given. Help them see that God's Word—that is, God's revealed truth—is carefully preserved in every case. The words and figures of speech are slightly different but the teachings are the same. After a chain of prayers of thanksgiving, take up plans for some concrete outcome of the study.

(Order the book from your State Baptist Bookstore—cloth \$1.25, paper 75 cents.)

## Business Woman's Circles

Miss Mary Christian, W.M.U. Representative

**AIM:** To present the people of China in such an interesting, forceful way that the members of Business Woman's Circles will get a new appreciation of the physical and spiritual needs in China and will see that business women can help to meet them.

**PREPARATION:** Different program chairmen prepare in different ways but surely in each case the preparation must include reading and assimilating the program material in *Royal Service* (pages 17-26) and any additional helps, deciding on the method of preparation, discussing plans with those who will participate, printing or mimeographing the programs, sending out announcements, decorating the place of meeting and preparing any favors used. This preparation involves many committees whose help the program chairman will surely enlist such as: music committee, poster and publicity committee, social committee.

On the *announcement cards* that are sent to the members draw a small Chinese flag, if small gummed flags cannot be secured from a bookstore. In addition to the usual information as to the time and place of meeting given on these cards ask each member to bring any made-in-China object she may possess or borrow and be ready when she comes to the meeting to explain something about its origin and use.

*Program folders* on which are sketched a Chinese lady or child in native dress will be appropriate for this presentation of the people of China. Pictures of Chinese that can easily be traced or copied can be found in books giving costumes in the public libraries, in color books in the ten cent stores, in handwork books in the Baptist bookstores.

The *place of meeting* should be appropriately decorated with the Chinese flag, a map of China, mission objects from China. The United States flag and the Christian flag and Fourth of July suggestions might be blended with these, indicating the friendly cooperative spirit of the United States and China.

If the program chairman can secure the help of the various committees in preparing some decorations the following items from the Baptist bookstore will be helpful: (1) Chinese Village Cutout—showing people, habits, modes of living—price 60 cents; (2) Chinese Life Panels—size, 12x36 inches, four panels in a set—price 50 cents; (3) Chinese Picture Map—size 30x50 inches—price 50 cents; (4) Our World Series—Travel Scenes of China—price 75 cents.

**PRESENTATION:** Use the hymns and Scripture suggested for the devotional service (page 11). Have the circle members to sit about a table if possible or in a semicircle about the room. After the devotional message the program chairman will introduce the program topic for the evening's discussion by telling what is included in the first topic, "Meet the Chinese". Since she tells of the inventions of the Chinese and of other contributions they have made to civilization it would be a good time following her talk to have the members display the made-in-China objects they brought and to give brief explanations of them.

This glimpse of China as a great nation will be a good background for discussions of the missions of China and especially of what Baptists are doing and hope to do to present Christ in China. Three members should give these discussions in a well prepared, interesting manner under the following topics: (1) Chinese and Their Religions; (2) These Faithful Chinese Baptists; (3) The Responsibility of Southern Baptists in Supplying Physical and Spiritual Needs. (For this discussion see topics: *Relief and Rehabilitation*, *Good News from China*.)

A few minutes for questions and discussion of where to send relief boxes etc. might precede the closing prayer. (See page 3.)

For program features and reservation details as to the W.M.U. Conference (including to be sure the B.W.C. Conference) at Ridgecrest, N. C., August 7-13, see page 32.



## Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Novella Chism, Kentucky  
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**Purpose:** To introduce the Chinese people, to learn of their race, their civilization, their admirable characteristics, their religion and to make each member aware of the conditions and needs in China today, as well as to see the needs of the Chinese in America. Each must see that she has a definite part in meeting these needs.

**Programs:** Program covers in shape of China can be cut from construction paper, or a half sheet may be folded and some appropriate design such as a Chinese monogram or Chinese pagoda may be used on the front.

**Publicity:** A number of ideas might be used on a publicity poster, for instance: pictures of war-torn buildings (homes, churches, chapels, schools, hospitals etc.). Pictures of hungry Chinese children can be used with the words, "Give ye them to eat"—Mark 6:37. The words, "Come to W.M.S. and learn more about China", can be used with almost any picture. Then give date, time and place of meeting.

To be sure that everyone knows about the meeting, make also personal invitations using something characteristic of China. The same idea may be carried out that is used on the program covers. Give date, time and place of meeting.

**Presentation:** While Chinese music is being played one member might make an introduction as if she were really introducing a Chinese lady. It will add to the effectiveness of the program (pages 17-26) if the one giving this part, "Meet the Chinese", will wear a simple Chinese costume. One can easily be made by observing a picture of the Chinese dress. She will present this part of the program by speaking in first person as if she were telling about her own country. She might very well work in with that the discussion, "Chinese and Their Religions".

The participant presenting "Chinese Baptists" might do it quite effectively through the reading of letters, since a great part of this material has been taken from actual letters. That which has been written by different missionaries can be copied on separate sheets of paper. The participant of course will want to make comments between the reading of the letters so as not to be monotonous and in order to use the good material which is informing.

"Relief and Rehabilitation" can easily be given through pictures used on a flannelgraph. The size of the pictures will depend on the size of the group. Be sure they are large enough to be seen by all present. They can be collected from *The Commission*, *Life Magazine*, from daily newspapers etc. Pictures can be used that show why we need relief and rehabilitation and what relief has already done. While these are being put on the flannelgraph a member behind the scenes might speak the words of Dr. Cauthen as used in this part. Also the hidden voice should tell the immediate needs of the country and the needs within the next five years. "Good News from China" might be presented by two or more members from behind the scenes while an appropriate picture is left on the flannelgraph.

"Chinese in America" should be the part of the program which will stir the members to action since it reveals the work that needs to be done among the Chinese of our own country and would be a good starting point toward doing something for the Chinese people of the world. Make a map of the United States or at least of the southland and use distinctive markings to show where the Chinese people are located. As part of the preparation for the program it will be worthwhile to write the Home Mission Board asking for names and addresses of missionaries to the Chinese in the southland, if addresses are not in *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. Letters might be written to them and their names used in a closing period of prayer.

## PROGRAM MATERIAL

Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

**THEME for YEAR:** The World's People Today

**TOPIC for MONTH:** Chinese

**Hymn for Year:** Hark! the Voice of Jesus Calling

**Watchword for Year:** "Go ye . . . and make disciples of all the nations"—Matt 28:19.

**Bible Study:** A Poem of Universal Vision—Psa. 98 (See page 11.)

**Prayer** that we may have a missionary vision that will see the needs and opportunities of the whole world

**Hymn:** Christ for the World We Sing

**Meet the Chinese**

—Chinese and Their Religions

**Prayer** that Christianity may prevail over all other religions in China

**Hymn:** How Firm a Foundation

**Chinese Baptists**

—Relief and Rehabilitation

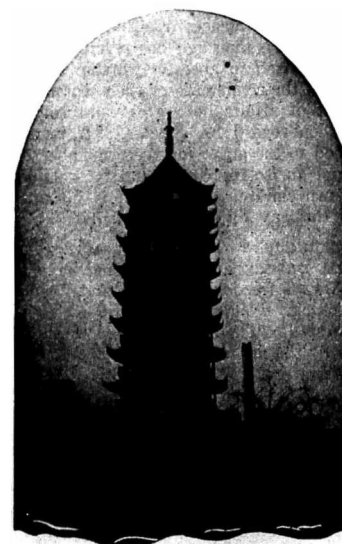
**Good News from China**

**Prayer** for God's blessings on all Baptist work in China

**Chinese in America**

**Hymn:** Jesus Saves

**Prayer** that we may do our utmost to give the Gospel to the Chinese both in America and in China



Chinese Buddhist Pagoda

## MEET the CHINESE

**W**HEN we meet the Chinese we are meeting the largest national group in the world. They number about four hundred and fifty million people, which is over one-fifth of the population of the world.

When we meet the Chinese we meet the people with the oldest civilization, the oldest culture and the longest continuous history of any nation in the world. Authentic Chinese history dates back about three thousand years. "The Chinese were old when ancient Greece was young; they produced Confucius centuries before Alexander the Great or Julius Caesar; they were having a magnificently mature development when Europe was a medieval shambles. Chinese history goes back at least to 2800 B.C. The birth of Solomon, the death of Socrates, the birth of Jesus, the death of Charlemagne, the birth of Newton, the death of Bismarck, all took place while China was the same nation. We do not know the origin of the Chinese. They have always been there. They seem older than the rocks".

When we meet the Chinese we are meeting people of many admirable characteristics. They are described as being very persevering, industrious, patient, peaceable, contented and polite. Someone said that wisdom, when she came from Heaven to earth, was lodged in the heads of the Greeks, the tongue of the Arabs and the hands of the Chinese. The Chinese have been a very industrious and a very inventive people. To them goes the credit for the invention of paper, the art of printing, gunpowder, the mariner's compass, porcelain and many other useful things. One writer of ancient Chinese culture: "When Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt, China had a richer and higher life than the land of the Pharaohs. It had already a literature and art, well cultivated fields, walled cities. Its people invented paper and printing and made books centuries before Gutenberg; they invented the mariner's compass and gunpowder before Europe had begun to recover from the collapse of the Roman Empire. Their houses were adorned with the finest porcelains, hammered brass utensils, enameled and glazed ware, and they themselves clothed in silks when our European ancestors were half clad in the skins of animals and lived in rude huts".

One of the most powerful influences on Chinese character and in the molding of Chinese thought and conduct is their age-long reverence for the fathers and mothers of the race. This expresses itself in ancestor worship but goes far deeper into the lives of the people than just the ceremonies of their worship. Religion, ethics, education, art and the conduct of affairs both great and small have been inextricably bound by this emphasis on regard for parents. "It is a motivation of profound importance from childhood to the grave for every member of the Chinese race. The child learns that he is not an isolated individual but an indispensable link between his forefathers and his own children to come. It is his duty to bring honor to his forefathers and to open the way for his descendants".

The Chinese are naturally a democratic people. The democratic ideals of respect for the individual and sanctity of the home have prevailed in Chinese life through the centuries. Always freedom of speech and freedom of religion have been principles in Chinese thinking. Even when ruled by an emperor, the people were the important factor in Chinese life. There were never any great landed estates, but the "good earth" was owned by the masses of people. "The life of China, its culture and civilization, its art and literature, its history and inventions, even its peace and order have come not from the imperial court but from people—millions of people living in tiny villages. In these villages enemies have been defeated. In these villages a new nation is being born, a nation of free men and women". Madame Chiang Kai-shek says. "To my mind our destiny is with the democracies because our people are inherently democratic in nature and spirit".

The Chinese are a great people—the kind of people who can build a great nation. They are facing a new day—a day of challenge, change and opportunity. They have just come out of a nine-years' war, with all of its destruction and suffering.

The war is over, and the enemy invaders are gone, but the country is still in a very unsettled condition. The communistic movement is strong and there is strife in many quarters. The Chinese have been victorious over enemies from the outside but must still deal with conflicting forces within their own ranks.

China's victory in the late war makes her the greatest nation in the orient, where lives one-half of the entire human race. We believe that in this new day the Chinese will find themselves in the realization of their potential greatness and will emerge as one of the great democratic nations of the world. And, if we give them Christ, they will become the great Christianizing influence of the orient.

## CHINESE and THEIR RELIGIONS

**S**TUDENTS of Chinese history believe that in ancient times the Chinese had a monotheism much like the religion of the Old Testament. They knew and worshiped one God and believed that He was a personal being, who cared for the affairs of men. In their ancient literature are found moral ideals surpassed only by those of Israel. Then, about eleven centuries before Christ one of China's most wicked emperors, in order to show his utter unbelief in God and all religion, introduced the worship of idols into China. However, while in other non-Christian countries idolatry has been associated with human sacrifice and the deification of vice accompanied with licentious rites and orgies, nothing of all this exists in China.

In the fifth century before Christ there lived about the same time two men who gave to China two of her most influential religions. One of these was Confucius who founded Confucianism. He did not intend to found a religion, and Confucianism can hardly be considered a religion. It is rather a code of ethics, growing out of the teachings of the great philosopher, giving many fine ideals for man in his earthly affairs but including no thought of a Supreme Being or of Heaven.



Temple of Heaven, Peiping, China

While the teachings of Confucius immediately won many advocates and were passed on from generation to generation, he had been dead for five hundred years before Confucianism took on any of the aspects of religion. It was in the first century of the Christian era that his disciples began offering sacrifices to him, and in the seventh and eighth centuries Confucianism became the religion of the state civil service and the scholar class. "Great temples were built which were filled with images and various works of art; and fixed tunes and rituals of sacrifice were decreed by the government".

Contemporary with Confucius, though some older, was Tao-tze who gave to the Chinese Taoism. He taught about Tao—the truth, the way, the path. "Taoism sought to give light on the mysteries and to meet the spiritual need of the people. Spirit worship, demons, fairies, evil forces in the air and hills and mountains were either created by this cult or found encouragement". It is probable that Taoism grew even more rapidly than Confucianism for "this mystic religion met a need which Confucianism with its practical teaching did not seek to meet".



Buddhist

Incense

Burner

Buddhism was brought to China from India near the beginning of the Christian era. "It taught concerning the horrors of hell, punishment for the evils of this life, future life directly connected with the kind of life we live on this earth, rewards for merit etc. Buddhism was more of a religion than practical Confucianism or superstitious Taoism. It spread rapidly and remains to this day a great religious influence among the Chinese. Buddhist temples and images may be found all over China".

These three—Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism—comprise the predominating religions of China. To many Chinese the three religions are almost as one, each designed to meet a different desire: Confucianism supplying a moral code, Taoism appealing to the superstitious mind and Buddhism appealing to the mystic element in man. But all of them together cannot satisfy the deep religious cravings of the people.

Along with these religions should be mentioned Mohammedanism which is believed to have been introduced directly from Arabia by the maternal uncle of Mohammed himself. Arriving in caravans from central Asia or in ships by sea, came the Mohammedan missionaries with the result that there are in China today millions of Moslems with mosques scattered here and there throughout the land.

Christianity is fast becoming one of the leading religions of China. There is a tradition that the Apostle Thomas carried the Gospel to China, but this is to be greatly doubted, for there are no evidences that there was any Christianity in China during the first centuries of the Christian era. Efforts were made in the sixth and twelfth centuries to carry forms of Christianity to China, but with little results. Then in 1807 went Robert Morrison, a Presbyterian, as the first evangelical missionary to that great land, and ever since his day steady progress has been made in planting the Christian faith in the hearts of the Chinese. All denominations have had more missionaries in China than in any other land, but they have been all too few for her millions of heathen people.



The influence of Christianity in China far exceeds its numerical strength. While those who call themselves Christians number less than one percent of the population, their influence is strong in the cultural, educational, medical and political life of the nation. The fact that the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, as well as others in high government position, are Christians gives Christianity prestige and increases its influence among the Chinese people. Christianity, which has become so well rooted and has already evoked so much native ability and leadership, is sure to play a leading part in the future of the nation.

#### CHINESE BAPTISTS

FOR more than a hundred years there have been Baptists in China. It was in 1836 that the first Baptists landed in China—Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis Shuck of Virginia, sent out by American Baptists. The first missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention after its organization went to China. During this more than a century of Baptist missionary work, Chinese Baptists have developed into a strong

denomination, with well functioning spiritual churches, well organized conventions, with well established publication work and large and well equipped hospitals and schools.

Chinese Baptists are today a *suffering* people. They are less than two years out of a nine-years' war fought on their own territory by a cruel invader. They were among those who suffered frequent bombings. They saw their friends and loved ones killed, their homes destroyed. Many have suffered from acute hunger, privation and disease. Many of them have been refugees. Now that the war is over, some have returned to their homes; others are still refugees. They have seen their churches, schools and hospital buildings destroyed, the Baptist work which they loved greatly disrupted.

Dr. Cauthen describes the dire need of Chinese Baptist leaders: "Most of the Baptist preachers and church workers were reduced to extreme need during the war. A few starved to death. Others saw members of their families carried away by malnutrition and illness. It was necessary for them to sell their furniture and clothing in order to survive".

Mrs. Hendon M. Harris writes: "The trials endured by the people of this district have been truly horrible. Over eight years of war, a devastating famine in 1943, the great Yellow River changing its course and tearing right through the center of Honan Province, guerrillas, and now the poor farmers have to furnish supplies to both the nationalist and communist armies".

Dr. Beddoe tells us that seven of his Chinese friends and coworkers starved to death. He further says that hundreds of others lost everything but their lives and their faith.

In some sections the communistic movement is bringing additional suffering to the people. "Nearly all Shantung Province is in the hand of the communists. In less than one year they have destroyed more property and terrorized the people more than the Japanese did in eight years. Most people in America don't understand the present trouble we are having in China. The communists here are sponsored by Moscow; leaders are of the lowest strata of society. In sections, where they rule, everything that is right has been upset. Home life, virtue of womanhood, filial piety, religion etc. have all been done away with as far as the communists are concerned. A person having over two acres of land is branded a 'capitalist', is arrested, publicly humiliated, everything taken from him and he is sent away to beg".

The Chinese Baptists today are a *faithful* people. Their faithfulness during the war and through the difficult post-war period proves the power of Christianity to sustain, comfort and strengthen. Even when churches have been destroyed and congregations scattered, faithful Christians have carried on the work. When school buildings have been bombed or occupied by the enemy, faculty and students have moved to other quarters and have kept the schools going. In some cases medical work, too, has continued in places of refuge, when hospitals were occupied or destroyed.

Writing of the faithfulness of Chinese preachers, Dr. Cauthen says: "After the missionaries were forced to leave and no financial help could reach them, these brethren remained at the task. In one area they had to subsist on the leaves of trees but they continued to work. In another, they fled to the mountains, built mat-sheds and reopened the Bible school. Through it all they maintained a marvelous spirit of cheerfulness and love".

Missionary Abernathy writes: "Not one of our Chinese coworkers has quit, not even when the severe famine swept this province in 1944 nor when the Japanese and communists persecuted sorely. They have been hungry many times and it has been a long time since the most of them had any new clothes; but when asked how they fared they said, 'The Lord's grace has been sufficient'".

Missionary M. W. Rankin writes of the Chinese Christians: "Their faces are thin, their eyes are sunken and their clothes are ragged, but in spite of all this they are still able to wear a smile and rejoice over the peace that remains in their hearts. When one of the Chinese Christians in Canton was told that he looked awfully thin his reply was: 'Yes, but I thank God that I still have some bones left to serve my Lord with'." Such a spirit of heroism and faithfulness under manifold trials promises well for the future of Baptist work in China.

#### RELIEF and REHABILITATION

**S**OUTHERN Baptists are having a part in relieving the suffering of Chinese people and encouraging and rebuilding the work of Chinese Baptists through the funds given for relief and rehabilitation. Through these gifts great relief has been given to starving people. One missionary writes: "We do not see bread-lines and soup-kitchens in operation. Famine is not now stalking the land. Trucks no longer are hauling off loads of dead bodies each morning".

Southern Baptist Relief Funds are used especially to help Chinese preachers and other workers. Cost of living has increased 5200 times since 1937. Christian workers are more sorely distressed amid this inflation. Dr. Cauthen explains: "As prices skyrocket, the farmer merely charges more for his rice, the merchant for his goods and the carpenter for his labor. They are like people in boats on a rising flood. The national Christian worker, however, is left stranded. His little salary shrinks into nothing. He hesitates to go into secular work because he wants to give himself to his ministry. But how can his family eat and how can his children go to school? Relief funds make possible the undergirding of the living of Christian workers in China so that they can keep going though under extreme difficulty. What would we do without relief funds today?"



Rehabilitation funds are being used to restore church buildings damaged or destroyed by war, to reopen Baptist schools and to re-project medical work. Dr. Cauthen says: "Remarkable progress has already been made with this heavy responsibility. Only eight of our mission stations in all of China and Manchuria are today unoccupied. Wherever missionaries are located, rehabilitation is under way. Congregations are meeting in repaired buildings, schools are thronging with students, hospitals are welcoming patients".

Again Dr. Cauthen writes: "When I was in Canton two weeks ago, I saw an entirely different situation which had been made possible by rehabilitation funds. The beautiful Tungshan Church is now repaired and more than a thousand people fill the auditorium each Sunday morning for worship. Approximately eight thousand students study in Baptist schools in Canton, Hongkong and Macao. Nearly two hundred children sing and play in the kindergarten while Bible women visit their homes to tell the story of Christ. Well constructed buildings now provide comfortable quarters for the Leung Kwong Orphanage, the Leung Kwong Old People's Home and the Mo Kwong Blind School. Work is in progress over a wide territory, making possible the repair of churches and chapels. Fully reconstructed residences are ready for missionary families shortly expected. Much remains to be done but progress already made is nothing short of remarkable".

Of course the task of relief and rehabilitation is only begun. There are still hungry people and only emergency repairs on buildings have been made thus far. We must continue to pour money into the Relief and Rehabilitation Fund until the restoration of Baptist work in China is complete.

As rapidly as possible southern Baptist missionaries are returning to China. Of the 201 under appointment 119 are already in China or on the way. While more and more the leadership of Chinese work is passing into the hands of native Baptists missionaries are still needed. Dr. Cauthen lists as immediate needs: eighteen couples, eight single ladies, two doctor couples, three nurses—a total of fifty-one. He says that within five years there should be in China an additional twenty-seven couples, twenty-five single ladies, three doctors and wives and three nurses—a total of eighty-eight. Thus it will be seen that within five years China will need a minimum of 139 new missionaries, an average of twenty-eight per year. "Only thus, when allowance is made for retirements and illnesses can the work be adequately maintained".

Truly the Chinese harvest is great and the missionaries of China are all too few. Let us pray that many young people may hear the call of the Lord of the harvest and offer themselves for work in this—which is still the greatest—mission field in the world.

#### GOOD NEWS from CHINA

OUR missionaries are returning to China. There is great rejoicing in their own hearts and in the hearts of the Chinese Baptists because they are back. In *The Commission* Miss Mary Lucile Saunders gave a glowing description of the welcome accorded to her and Miss Blanche Groves on their return to Soochow. After describing the procession which met them—which included an orphanage band dressed in red uniforms, girls from the Wei Ling Academy waving gayly colored banners, other friends from old women to tiny tots—she told of the people's joy in having with them again Miss Groves who had served in Soochow for twenty-five years. She said of Miss Groves: "She knew *everybody*, and how gladly they called her by name to welcome her back! It was really a beautiful tribute to the love with which she must have wrought, for the multitudes knew her and greeted her with joy in their faces and happiness in their voices—cheerful policemen, gawking coolies, happy mothers with gurgling babes, laughing students, nodding street vendors, grinning apprentices, chuckling street urchins, wealthy merchants, bowing shopkeepers, fat restaurant cooks—each pleased to know that 'Kou Siatsia' was in the big family midst again".

Mr. Abernathy writes of his welcome to Tsinan: "It was a happy day when I arrived back in this city. I left here June 6, 1941, a prisoner of the Japanese; no Chinese dared to accompany me to the train for fear of creating suspicion. When news of my arrival back got around, I was besieged by my old friends and many others whom I scarcely knew. I have hardly had time to sleep. I've preached to full houses at least twice each Sunday in the different churches since my return".

With the return of the missionaries the work is being revived in a great way. On Easter of 1946 the University of Shanghai had its first worship service in its own auditorium on its own campus after nine long years of exile. In November it celebrated its Fortieth Anniversary with fitting ceremonies and rejoicing. Since the school returned to its campus, after the years of Japanese occupation, the work has steadily advanced. Large crowds of students attend the religious services, and there have been more than 60 baptisms. Other schools, too, are open and doing great work. There are approximately 8500 students in the several Baptist schools of Canton. The All-China Seminary was able to open its work last fall at Shanghai.

Medical work is progressing as hospitals are being rehabilitated. Writing from Stout Memorial Hospital in Wuchow, Dr. R. E. Beddoe says: "Rehabilitation of the hospital and two residences is ninety-five per cent completed. Another building is badly needed—a proper clinic and staff quarters. . . . No less than eighty per cent of all local baptisms have been the direct result of evangelism in the hospital".

At the North Gate Schools in Shanghai, Dr. H. H. McMillan conducted special evangelistic services. These resulted in approximately 200 professions of faith in each of the two schools.

In north China three stations are now open to missionaries. Rev. Frank Connely has recently been able to return to his station at Tsinan after the city was recaptured by government forces.

These items gleaned from missionary letters and the last report of the Foreign Mission Board show us that our work in China goes on in a most encouraging way. As our missionaries return and as the Chinese Baptists, aided and strengthened by our Relief and Rehabilitation Funds, get under the load with new courage, a new day is dawning for Baptist mission work in China.

#### CHINESE in AMERICA

THERE are Chinese in America. The number of Chinese in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention is estimated at 50,000. Large groups are on the northeast coast country of our territory, in the Mississippi valley, in the irrigated sections of west Texas and Arizona and on the west coast. These have the same heritage, the same national characteristics, the same need of Christ as the Chinese in China. Southern Baptists have work among the Chinese in Virginia, Texas, Arizona and California. Seven missionaries are at work and through the ministry of these many Chinese are being reached. There were 94 conversions last year.

Our Chinese work should be greatly enlarged. Mission buildings should be improved and enlarged to make possible more effective work in these fields we now occupy. new fields should be entered. As immediate needs are listed ten new mission stations, sixteen additional missionaries and six new chapels costing \$75,000.

The Chiangs and Soongs, who lead the Chinese government today, are Christians primarily because a Chinese boy in America was won to Christ. A lovely Chinese girl, Inez Lung, is at work for Christ in China today because when she was in America someone led her to Christ. As we work to win Chinese in America to Christ today, we may be preparing great leaders to wield a mighty influence for Christ in China tomorrow.

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#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

- 1 How many people live in China?
- 2 Discuss China's antiquity.
- 3 Tell of the influence of Chinese reverence for ancestors.

4. Discuss the democracy of the Chinese.
5. Tell something of the religions of the Chinese.
6. Discuss the influence of Christianity among the Chinese.
7. Who were the first Baptist missionaries to China?
8. Tell something of the suffering of Chinese Baptists.
9. Tell of the faithfulness of Chinese Baptists.
10. How are Relief and Rehabilitation Funds helping Chinese Baptists?
11. Give some encouraging facts about our work in China.
12. Discuss the importance of missionary work among the Chinese in America.

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## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

### Make This a Patriotic Month

IT takes more than firecrackers and picnics with or without speeches on "The Fourth" to make July truly a patriotic month. Our beloved United States of America must come to be definitely Christian in national and international affairs if its patriotism is to be real in our day of desperate world need. WMU young people's directors can lead toward "America first in things of the Spirit".

Dr. Goerner's book, "America Must Be Christian", invites YWA's to gather for stimulating mission study. Meet in a pleasant spot—somebody's large porch, somebody's garden, somebody's summer home; add a happy social time to your study but dive right into the discussions so ably opened up in the text. (A review of this book was given in the May issue of this magazine.)

Older Intermediate RA's could use this same book as a basic text for a July study course also. It is the kind of book which will put young people to thinking, to thinking straight and nobly.

Camps call in the summer and deep patriotism will encourage GA's, YWA's and RA's to attend their state camps and select older RA's to attend Young Men's Mission Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C. Camp experiences are formative for good citizens and devoted Christians. Many sing, "I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills", but young people who have worshiped outdoors in camps away from ordinary city or rural habits feel a new tingling sense of patriotic understanding as they sing "My country, 'tis of thee".

Patriotism, the preservation of a Christian America, will prompt new missionary education organizations to complete a Full Graded WMU in your own church or to reach out to some young people in a near-by church without missionary education organizations. YWA's are to be especially zealous in starting new organizations in connection with their Fortieth Anniversary goals. The FORTY requirements for the YWA Citation include "Help organize and foster a new YWA for four months" as first of the five accomplishments. Young women need the major emphasis on missions which YWA gives in order to take their place in a country destined for immediate world leadership.

And this year we introduce a new feature purposed to help establish Christian homes, the basis of our national life. Mrs. W. C. Tyler of Mississippi, WMU recording secretary, has prepared at the request of the YWA Anniversary Committee a "Ceremony for the Presentation of a Gift Bible to a Member of Young Woman's Auxiliary Just before Her Marriage". Customarily a YWA has a tea or shower of some sort for a member who is marrying. Let this ceremony be used to assure the habit of family worship in the new home. Copies of this leaflet are free from your state WMU headquarters.

Do you see why and how July is to be a patriotic month in missionary education? To advance the Kingdom of God in America is to add to the greatness of our nation, and the greatness of America should always be Christian. What will you do in this valiant month?

#### Bible Study (Concluded from Page 11)

All this is in inspiring recognition that the Lord is coming to judge the earth: He will be the discriminating judge of the world on the principles of righteousness and will administer all "the peoples with even justice". We see how "through the ages one eternal purpose runs" and in the songs of Zion and the hymns and anthems of the church we understand that unchanging purpose as salvation of all men unto righteousness.



## Training School

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

### Commencement, 1947

"The cross that drew me here  
Must send me forth unfaltering!"

THESE words express the spirit of Commencement at the Training School when a new group of graduates go forth to accept the challenge of a lost world and a militant Christ.

Legend says King Arthur's men spent the hours preceding knighthood in a vigil of prayer and dedication. A similar vigil is kept by Training School seniors shortly before graduation. On Sunday evening, April 27, at 10:30 P.M. the graduates in white dresses draped with broad red ribbons marched down the hall and stopped before Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal, to light their candles from hers. Then one by one they continued their processional into the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel. Finally Miss Littlejohn joined the procession. For these graduates, as for the knights of old, this is a time of dedication, of clarifying of purposes and of re-affirming their loyalty to their King.

On Tuesday evening the Class of 1947, together with the Seminary and School of Church Music graduates, was entertained at a reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ellis A. Fuller. Vesper Service was on Wednesday, April 30. Both juniors and seniors, as well as those alumnae attending commencement, marched in the processional. After singing the Alma Mater Hymn, the seniors were inducted into the Alumnae Association by Miss Virginia Wingo, president of the local chapter. Miss Dorothy Sears, young people's secretary of Kentucky, led in prayer. The vesper address was delivered by Miss Elizabeth Provence, W.M.U. young people's secretary of Florida.

During vespers the purple and gold service flag hung at the front of the chapel. In the upper quarters are circles of stars representing various types of Christian service in the homeland. The lower sections hold smaller stars for graduates in foreign mission service. Miss Littlejohn, assisted by nine students who are recent mission appointees, dedicated new stars to thirteen missionaries who have gone out since last year. Gold stars for two missionaries who had died in service within the year were put on by Miss Ada Jackson who is on furlough from Nigeria.

The remainder of the service was devoted to the junior induction into senior responsibility. The challenge to the Class of 1948, presented by Mary Lee Ernest, general chairman for 1946-47 was accepted by Mary Catherine Adams, general chairman for 1947-48. After the anthem, "Dedication", the juniors knelt on the stage before the seniors, who placed on their shoulders the garlands symbolic of senior responsibility and sang to them "For You I Am Praying".

The Fortieth Commencement of the Training School was held Thursday, May 1. At 11 A.M. in Norton Hall Chapel, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, made a Missionary Day address. At 1 P.M. the seniors were honored at a luncheon. The Training School purple and gold in pansy faces and on place-cards made attractive table decorations. At 8 P.M. the seniors, preceded by the faculty, began their last processional into the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel while the juniors sang the traditional "Take the Light" from the "Pageant of Darkness and Light". Dr. W. O. Carver pronounced the invocation. After a challenging address by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, and an anthem by the Training School Chorus, Miss Littlejohn conferred degrees upon the seventy-one graduates, the largest class in the history of the school. For a moment they stood at the front of the auditorium while the juniors sang to them the chant beginning, "He shall give His angels charge over thee". Dr. H. W. Tribble pronounced the benediction. Diplomas in hand, the graduates marched off the stage, down the steps, out to join hundreds of others who have gone before them to carry the Gospel of Christ into the farthest corners of the world.

Libby, 48, Maryland

## From Missionaries

### Growth That Challenges

Mrs. A. B. Christie, just before returning to the United States, wrote concerning the growth of Southern Baptist work in Rio State in Brazil:

There are only 70 pastors and a few evangelists serving the 148 churches and their many preaching points. The crying need is for more workers to help garner the precious souls that are ready to receive the message of salvation.

The educational opportunities are very challenging with two schools of the high school type and 86 day-schools or annexes. These 86 care for 10,000 boys and girls while the other two have 1300 enrolled.

It has been our desire to see a missionary couple doing religious education among the students of the two high schools with an occasional visit to some of the day-schools. We hope that Rio State can soon have a couple in this capacity, because wonderful development would result from an intensive spiritual program that touched the lives of the school children in a greater way than the Sunday-school can do with only one hour on Sunday.

Our Convention was very fine and so well attended that we could not make room in the Third Church in Campos for all who wanted to hear. They overflowed into the street and had to be content with just hearing through a loud-speaker. We just do not have a building large enough for our conventions but are thankful for the crowds and hope to make the building of the Second Church with an assembly hall large enough for these yearly gatherings. Really the Executive Committee of the State Board hopes to erect such a hall in three localities so they may entertain the Convention and afford an opportunity for every member to take part in the meetings once in two or three years at least.

### These Forty and Four Years

CAN you imagine me out of Cuba? I can't. But it seems I am. I left Havana last July with two bags and a return ticket, as usual; I meant to go back in September. About two weeks after I came I was sitting on this lovely old porch shaded by giant oaks, enjoying the breeze, when I learned that I would be retired September 1st. Can you imagine my consternation?

The Home Board has an age-limit which I had forgotten, if I ever knew it—and I inadvertently passed that limit some *thirteen years ago!* I have been blessed with such good health through the years, I did not even realize that I was *beginning* to commence to get old. And I am not a bit sorry I had those extra thirteen years. They have been so full of joyful service.

Really I have been greatly blessed. And I thank God for the great privilege that has been mine: six years in Mexico "in the days of my youth", at life's *morning*; *noontime* was spent in eastern Cuba—nineteen years; in the *afternoon* I went back alone, to Havana, arriving September 16th, 1927—nineteen years ago next Monday. I have had such a gloriously good time there, working in churches, missions, homes and hospitals. But my "heart's delight" was found in the Christian youth of Cuba. Such a splendid group of consecrated boys and girls! If I have been able to help them to see farther, fly higher and sing a sweeter song, then I have not lived in vain. I shall continue to work for them here or wherever I may be.

—Mrs. H. R. Moseley, Home Board Missionary Emerita, Selma, Alabama

## "And I Saw It Happen"

ONE Sunday night, after church services were over, a group of intermediates and other young people gathered in the yard of Rachel Sims Mission for a camp-fire service. Miss Gladys Keith brought the message upon the theme, "Jesus, the Good Shepherd", using beautiful flannel-graph material for illustration. It was a simple, heart-searching message, and God sent His blessed Holy Spirit into our midst in great power as a result of it. Frankly, we were not expecting the things that happened. It seemed almost like a second Pentecost. Souls were saved and lives were dedicated as one by one nearly all the boys and girls rose to their feet, tears streaming down their cheeks, and began to testify to what God's grace had wrought in their lives.

The first to speak was Lavora, an attractive intermediate girl whose face was radiant in spite of her tears as she said: "Tonight I have fallen in love with Miss Keith's Savior." Since that night she has also dedicated her life to Christ for mission work in China. She has become an excellent pianist and a Bible teacher at our Mission.

Another in the group that night was Richard, a Mexican boy. Since then he has become superintendent of the Sunday-school and has preached in street services and other Missions.

A boy who was born in British Honduras, was sobbing so he could be heard all over the Mission. He confessed Jesus as His Savior.

A little Spanish boy who was always in trouble, fighting at home and on the playground, said: "Something has happened to me tonight that will change my life always." And it has, for I have not known him to have a fight since. He has grown to be a handsome, Christian lad.

A nurse from Charity Hospital, who had come to the Mission for the first time, found many of her life's problems solved by having them at Jesus' feet. She also dedicated her life that night to be a medical missionary.

Vera, one of our girls who had almost grown up in the Mission, that night for the first time had the courage to openly confess Christ as her Savior. She is a very faithful member of the church and frequently directs the church choir.

Mary, who came to the Mission twelve years before she was converted, that night testified in public how wonderful her life was since Jesus came into her heart. She is away at college now for her second year, training to be a missionary.

Anna, who had just recently had a wonderful conversion experience, told how the love of Jesus had completely transformed her life. She, too, is away at college studying to be a missionary.

Don't you wish that you, too, could have been present at that camp-fire service and seen and heard these wonderful experiences? God has transformed the lives of these boys and girls and many others through the work of Rachel Sims Mission. In the past year and a half, eighteen have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. Seven are away in college this year. They are all products of home missions.

The future of the work of the Mission glows as brightly as the light of that camp-fire. There are hundreds more of boys and girls who must be won to Christ. We have faith to believe that they will be won if you will continue to give your tithes and offerings to home mission work and will pray earnestly and sincerely each day for the missionaries here and in the other Missions throughout the territory of the Home Mission Board.—Mrs. Mignell Graves, Rachel Sims Mission, New Orleans

## Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Says the *Watchman Examiner*: "China came out of the World War on the side of the victors by virtue of the assistance rendered her by her western allies. Now the allies have withdrawn their forces, with the exception of a small number of U. S. marines. China is to be left in the throes of a bloody revolution, the continuance of which may last for years. In the meanwhile inflation goes on unchecked. Mission boards operating in China hardly know from day to day what their status and financial responsibilities may be. What a problem this makes for the Christian churches! There are still 350 million people in China who have not heard the Gospel and who need it as much as any American community—yea, more".

A correspondent of the *World Outlook* writes concerning China: "More ominous than outward signs of the war is the dangerous economic situation. Living costs are 4500 times what they were in 1937, and inflation is dizzying. The Christian pastors and Bible women and other evangelistic workers are suffering more acutely than any other group. Schools and hospitals get help from increased fees and government rice-grants that assist their staff members, but church workers can claim no such aid".

The Vatican, we hear, plans to set up in China a Roman Catholic ecclesiastical hierarchy under the auspices of the "Sacred Congregation for Propagating the Faith". The purpose is to divide China into twenty ecclesiastical provinces. Its hierarchy will consist of twenty archbishops and seventy-nine bishops. There will be thirty-eight apostolic prefects.

The need for medical relief is just as great if not greater than in pre war years; the health of China is at a low ebb. Tuberculosis has made heavy inroads, especially among young people and children.—*Presbyterian Survey*. . . . The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration has estimated that 10,000,000 Chinese die annually of diseases that could be prevented or controlled. It is estimated that 30,000,000 in China suffer from malaria.—*Baptist Survey Bulletin*. . . of the total of 370 hospitals in China, 215 are protestant mission institutions.—*Methodist Woman*

Methodism in China is definitely planning to observe fittingly the centennial of the arrival of its first missionaries. Remembering that the first missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South had reached Foochow and Shanghai respectively on September 4, 1847, and September 20, 1848, the Executive Board is planning for a "progressive" celebration. It will begin in Foochow in the fall of 1947. There will be much rejoicing, but the real celebration will come as we enlist the Christian forces, Chinese and missionary, for a united witness to Christ in His redeeming power for China's millions.—Dr. Dillendorfer in *Report to Methodist Board of Missions*

According to a missionary writing in the *Presbyterian Survey*, one of the most worthy organizations with which the Presbyterian Church, U. S., has been connected in China, is the China Sunday School Union. This Union had its beginning at the time of the Centennial Conference in China in 1907, which celebrated the arrival of the first protestant missionary, Dr. Morrison. The present Executive Committee of this Union is made up altogether of Chinese. Missionaries elected by various missions are on the general committee. "Here is an agency which is effectively giving the Bread of Heaven to multitudes of hungry souls in our friendly China and also in Sunday-schools in Chinese communities in other countries".

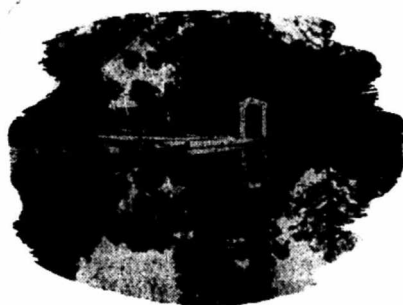
Some may recall that Mr. K. S. Lee, a Chinese business man who felt called from a successful business career to the work of evangelizing the unreached among his own people, was in this country some six years ago campaigning for funds for a radio undertaking. From the *Watchman Examiner* we learn that some time ago he wrote that the money then collected had been kept in America but was now being used to purchase broadcasting equipment for Shanghai as "The Voice of Happiness". Mr. Lee has gathered about fifty leading Chinese men and women to be directors of the National Christian Broadcasting Association of China and is planning an extensive program of radio activities.

I do not know what the future holds; but I do know who holds the future.—*Stanley Jones*

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