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One enterprising photographer convailed the officers of Woman's Missionary Union under the enlarged pin of the organization and snapped the camera with them in merry mood. Can you recognize the different ones?

Mrs. George R. Martin, president, in the middle. To her right Mrs. Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Mrs. W. C. Tyler, recording secretary, Miss Margaret Bruce, young people's secretary. At Mrs. Martin's left stand Mrs. W. J. Cox, treasurer, Mrs. J. Ennis Lee, assistant recording secretary, Miss Juliette Mather, editorial secretary.

It was the photographer's antics that caused the laughter, the responsibilities resting on these officers are grave and serious and all of them ask interest in your prayers that each may be clearly led by the Holy Spirit as they seek to advance the cause of missions, rallying young people and adult women to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

OUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

by Kathleen Mallory

History has the happy habit of furnishing facts that can be assembled for attractive analogies—as for instance: Miss Annie Armstrong was within a few months of her thirty-eighth year when she was elected in 1888 as the first executive (then called corresponding) secretary of Woman's Missionary Union; similarly the Union's most recently elected executive secretary, Miss Alma Hunt, is now in her thirty-eighth year. Both of these secretaries were reared in the eastern part of Southern Baptist Convention territory; each was nurtured, converted, baptized, and habitually helpful in the church of her devotedly Christian parents—Eutaw Place Baptist Church in Baltimore and First Baptist Church in Roanoke respectively.

When she was only ten years of age Alma Hunt acknowledged faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized by her pastor, Dr. John F. Vines. Fortunate also was this young convert in the fact that Mrs. Vines was an unusually capable W.M.U. leader; thus it came to pass that Alma, who had been brought up in the Sunbeam Band, was thoroughly trained by Mrs. Vines in the Girls' Auxiliary. All such training prepared Miss Hunt to become in rapid succession the president of her church's Young Woman's Auxiliary, then Y.W.A. associational president, Y.W.A. associational counselor and an organizer of the Roanoke Baptist Business Woman's Federation. She helped also in the Virginia G.A. and Y.W.A. Camps and was interested too in Sunday school work, having served for seven years as superintendent of the young people's department in her home church.

It was at the Southwide Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest in 1931 that I first met Miss Hunt. At succeeding Y.W.A. Camps and B.W.C. Conferences there at Ridgecrest I had happy fellowship with her, so personally attractive and so deeply interested was she in all such activities and aspirations.

Like many young Baptist leaders she gratefully testifies that Ridgecrest offered her inspirational and stabilizing experiences.

As I increasingly marveled at her tact in leading other "young women into paths of joyous responsibility" I was also amazed that all the while she was rendering full-time service as an esteemed public school teacher. Frequently and frankly I have asserted that I have never known a young woman to be so active in her church and at the same time so efficient as was Miss Hunt as a teacher in the primary and grammar grades of the Roanoke public school system. You will be interested to know that she got her B.S. degree from the State Teachers' College at Farmville, Virginia, and her M.A. degree from Columbia University in New York, this graduate work having been pursued in its Department of Personnel Administration.

One of the surest proofs of Miss Hunt's scholastic and personnel administration ability and of her Christian characteristics is found in the fact that in 1944 Dr. Walter Pope Binns, who had recently gone from the Roanoke pastorate to the presidency of William Jewell College at Liberty, Missouri, urged Miss Hunt to become dean of women at that college. When it was known that the W.M.U. nominating committee was urging her to consider becoming our Union's executive secretary, Dr. Binns graciously resisted any effort to get her on another faculty but that he felt quite differently about her accepting this W.M.U. position. Thus on May 18 in Memphis Miss Hunt was unanimously elected the executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union.

Personally and as the Union's former executive secretary I commend her unreservedly to your love and loyalty. You and she will soon and steadily learn to love and labor together.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY

by Juliette Mather

As a child Margaret Bruce earnestly desired that people in far lands should know the gospel. She thought she might be a missionary and tell them the wonderful story of Jesus herself.

But happily for us the Lord had other plans for this charming young woman. When her pastor's wife, Mrs. Mark Harris, organized a Young Woman's Auxiliary, Margaret Bruce was elected president. Along came Victoria Logan (now Mrs. Laws), missionary daughter from Argentina who was then Tennessee young people's secretary, and taught that new Y.W.A. the Manual. That made Young Woman's Auxiliary more vitally interesting. As a freshman in college Miss Bruce was again president, this time of the Y.W.A. of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee.

At the beginning of her sophomore year the death of her mother brought new lessons of consecration and more serious thinking about the Lord's will. Definitely she felt led to the W.M.U. Training School that fall. At the Training School she was elected Praise Service leader, a sign of recognized spiritual power. She was chosen as Social Chairman on the Student Government Committee, a sign of recognized friendliness and leadership ability.

Training School showed the need to finish college and presently she received her B.A. degree from Georgetown College.

She served a year as educational director in Porter Memorial Church, Lexington, Kentucky, then returned to Georgetown as student secretary. She was there only one year when Tennessee called her to become young people's secretary. In obedience to the Lord's will she accepted that state work

fourteen years ago, and now she has been led to wider responsibilities as W.M.U. Young People's Secretary for the South.

How blessed we shall be with this gracious attractive young woman as our leader! She has visited Europe, Palestine, and Syria. She has seen the Catholic mission fields. It was Japan that seemed to call loudest to her young heart so she knows the needs of the Orient. The Lord's will was not for her to go herself but to lead countless young people to know the world and its lossiness and to determine to find the Lord's chosen place for them in his harvest fields so wide.



MARGARET BRUCE

Young people always love Miss Bruce and, with adults, admire her unstinted devotion to the cause of Christ Jesus. Her self discipline and habits of prayer and Bible study are evident in her unusually radiant personality. She has planned pageants and state mission programs, directed summer camps, prepared methods helps, and enlisted adult leadership in missionary education organizations in one state so well we are assured she can do it over the South. She is an earnest speaker, stimulating and pleasant. Attractive in her own personality she will help reveal the winsome Christ and his priority rights in the lives of young people.

Her favorite Scripture verses are Proverbs 8:6, 7 and Philippians 4:19

Working with Miss Hunt, Miss Bruce will surely lead our young people into larger areas of service for Christ. She will help all of our women in more zealous fostering and more adequate promotion of missionary education organizations making a strategic contribution to all our Southern Baptist work for the Lord.

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LITERATURE AND LITERACY IN BRAZIL

by T. B. Stover

THE AFTERGLOW of a glorious sunset was slowly fading into darkness. Myriad lights twinkled across the bay in the central part of Rio de Janeiro, as I stepped out of the front gate of our home on Governor's Island (Ilha do Governador) on my way to church. I carried a bundle of tracts to distribute after the sermon. Three boys in the street paused in their play and one noticed the tracts. In an instant he was beside me with eager inquiry.

"Is the *Senor* going to distribute those leaflets?" he asked.

"Yes," I replied, "after the services in our little church tonight. Come hear me preach and I will give each of you one."

By that time all three were begging for tracts, insisting that they could not attend the preaching services. Knowing the attitude of many parents towards our church, I yielded. They had no idea what those tracts contained but they wanted them.

This incident is worthy of note because it is typical of what is happening every day all over Brazil wherever any kind of reading matter is offered to the people. They do not ask what it is, nor whether it be good or evil. In this land where great numbers are mastering the art of reading for the first time, and where reading matter is relatively scarce, there is a real hunger for literature—any kind of literature.

FOR YEARS Brazilian educators have been conscious of the colossal need for more schools of every kind. Perhaps more progress along this line has been made during the last fifteen years than in the preceding one hundred. Twenty-five years ago estimates of illiteracy ran as high as 90% of the population. That figure may have been somewhat pessimistic but it was not far from the truth. Today estimates of the degree of illiteracy run from 45% to 75%. Each year more teachers are prepared and more schools opened.

In rural districts and small towns Baptists and other evangelicals have started many private schools either directed by the

church of the community or by some member of it. This affords the only means of taking care of their children where there are no public schools. In several instances the Department of Education of the Government has asked for the privilege of appointing these teachers as public school teachers, and of assuming responsibility for their salaries. The Department has done this so that it may have a public school open to all children of the community regardless of the fact that the majority of the patrons are Catholic. This attitude is an open tribute to the integrity and progressive spirit of Brazilian Baptists and other evangelicals.

In a further effort to wipe out this enormous illiteracy the Department of Education has launched a popular literacy campaign whose goal is to teach both adults and children the rudiments of reading and writing. They have published two booklets, the *First Guide to Reading* and the *Second Guide to Reading*, together with a 16 page pamphlet of instructions for their volunteer teachers. What the degree of success will be, is hard to guess, but the movement has made the entire nation conscious of this great task, and is helping the citizens to comprehend the great advantages which this step forward would bring to individuals and to the country as a whole.

Some ten years ago Dr. Luciano Lopes, a Baptist, a teacher, a writer, was just attaining to prominence in educational circles. We told him if he would write a book on teaching the illiterate, our Baptist Publishing House would publish it. The idea was received sympathetically but it was not until about three years ago that our Brazilian Home Mission Board decided to enter a literacy campaign and persuaded Dr. Lopes to prepare such a book. Both the plan and the *Model Primer* which he prepared are superior to that offered by the Government. All of the Baptist churches and their organizations have received the idea most sympathetically and

many of them have organized classes for the illiterate of their church and community. Where it is not feasible to organize a class it is popular for one individual to teach another. Our Brazilian Home Board is urging that each person who learns to read should pass on the blessing to at least one other person. As a follow-up reader the United Bible Societies of Brazil prepared a special edition of the Gospel of Mark in very legible type which is presented to each person as soon as he learns to read. Since many of those enlisted in study are not Christians this offers a splendid opportunity for evangelization.

YOU MAY BE SURE that the Communists were not slow to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the Department of Education's literacy campaign. Many of their "cells" have organized classes, posing as benefactors of the poor and ignorant and underprivileged. Of course they do not miss the chance of filling their ears with the pernicious teachings of communism and their hands with such literature.

Perhaps the persons most eager to master the art of reading are those newly converted. Bro. Isidoro had reached his middle fifties before hearing the gospel. At that time he was a retired merchant but had never taken the time and energy to learn to read. Upon conversion a great desire to read God's Word for himself took possession of him. With little help he began studying how to read and then started the laborious process of reading his Bible.

One morning I was walking along the *Rua Ouvidor*, the most popular shopping street of Rio de Janeiro, when someone caught my arm. It was Bro. Isidoro smiling so broadly that his handle bar mustache almost tickled his ears. "Bro. Pastor, I want to give you an *abraco* (embrace)," he said. "To-day I am celebrating



two events and one of them is very important. This is my 59th birthday and this morning I completed the reading of my Bible for the first time." Tears of joy rolled down his cheeks as he gave me a hearty Brazilian embrace.

Yes, our new believers want to read and they want their children to read. They are constantly looking for good books and magazines suitable to the upbuilding of character. The demand far exceeds the supply regardless of the fact that the Brazilian Baptist Publishing House has grown much faster than any of us dared to hope just a few years ago. I often marvel to see how greatly the Lord blesses such small investments when used entirely in his cause.

The whole people of Brazil are in a receptive mood. There is prevalent a spirit of revolution, but it is revolt against the things which they have been accustomed to during the past centuries, lipped with a longing for something new and different and better. The number of people who are willing to examine evangelical literature and who would welcome the privilege of reading a Bible is growing by leaps and bounds. More than any other group, Baptists are teaching the doctrines which satisfy the desire of the people for real freedom and true democracy.

Instead of a mere trickle of literature, we should be sending out gospel leaflets by the tens of millions and books by the hundreds of thousands.

Here is an astounding fact. I have worked with the Publishing House in Brazil for over 25 years and not one time has that institution been able to advertise the sale of Bibles. It has never had a supply sufficient to warrant such a move. During this time I have signed thousands of letters stating that the Publishing House did not have the Bibles ordered by customers who seek them spontaneously. For the first time in history the secular book stores are stocking Bibles printed by evangelicals

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LATIN AMERICA FACES A NEW DAY

by Francis C. Stifler, D. D.

Secretary for Public Relations, American Bible Society, New York

High on the snow-capped border between Chile and Argentina stands the majestic statue of the Christ of the Andes as a messenger of peace and good will. The large bronze figure was cast from the metal of discarded guns and commemorates a bloodless peace which the two countries reached by arbitration. As the modern plane, crossing the Andes, flies close to the cloud-crowned statue the passengers glimpse the up-raised cross in the



These Quechua Indians of Peru had to wait until last year to see the New Testament in their own language

left hand, the right outstretched as if in protective assurance. The universal Saviour is hope for the down-trodden peon, for the common man, for the university trained men and women, not only in Latin America but in all the world. Although he is our Saviour, his message of life and hope must speak in many languages to be understood everywhere.

Last year "first" Gospels were published by the American Bible Society in these four Mexican Indian languages: Chol, Mixteco, Tarahumara and Tzeltal. In the Tzeltal dialect, especially, several natives

shared in the translation work. One of them said to another during the hard work, "We must have this sound just the way we speak so people won't criticize or laugh. It must be done well because it is God's Word."

All of the Gospels published in these four new dialects for the many new readers who have been trained through the Government literacy campaigns, are printed in large, clear type, with the Spanish in smaller type beside the Indian text. Pioneering linguistic work and translation of the Scriptures, mainly the Gospels, into the Mexican Indian dialects is carried on with great success by the Wycliffe Bible Translators, sponsored by the American Bible Society. They are working among 41 of the 52 tribes of different speech that are in Mexico.

After long years of waiting the Quiche Indians in Guatemala at last have the whole New Testament in their own language. These 400,000 Indians are a virile and independent group, relatively few of whom use much Spanish. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Burgess of the Presbyterian Mission have devoted their lives to the Quiche and Mrs. Burgess, in particular, has worked over the New Testament for years. Students from the Bible School now carry copies of the Testament into the market places, where they read it, teach it and sell it.

Another "first" New Testament is the Cuzco Quechua for the Indians of southern Peru, copies of which are eagerly being bought by the Indians. Likewise, in Ecuadorian Quechua, the Gospel of John was published for the first time. One Saviour—but using many tongues.

The Rev. Razuel Vazquez, Methodist minister at Aguada de Pasajeros, a town located in the interior of the central province of Las Villas, Cuba, received a very difficult commission when he was assigned to the church in this town in one last at-



Mrs. Paul Burgess with native Christian, holding the last pages of the New Testament which she and her husband translated into Quiche

tempt to revive it before closing it, since many years of labor had yielded no fruit. Mr. Vazquez, a courageous young man and full of zeal for missionary work, came to the office of the American Bible Society in Havana. In a thoughtful and rather discouraged mood he asked, "What can I do there? Our Bishop said to me, 'If you are not able to revive that church, we will close it and come away from that town.'"

Secretary Molina, of the Bible Society, did his best to encourage the young man and said, "There is still one opportunity and this is it. Take along with you 50 Bibles, 100 New Testaments and 1000 Gospels and go personally from house to house with the following goal in your mind and heart—one Bible, one New Testament or at least one Gospel as a gift. Pray abundantly for the work you do every day and trust God for the rest. You will surely conquer."

Not many days after that, Secretary Molina received a joyful letter from the young man, asking for twice as many books as he had taken. In his letter he said: "This is marvelous; I cannot find a single door closed to me in the whole town. The sympathy which has produced this work seems to be a miracle: our church building, which is almost in ruins, is every day visited by more and more people. We have not enough seats now to accommodate the young people and children that come to our church school, and the worship services also draw a very much larger audience. Very soon there will not be in this town a single home where the glory of the light of the Word of God will not be shining."

Instead of withdrawing from that town, the Methodist church is "rebuilding the temple," furnishing it with new seats, and today the congregation at Aguada de Pasajeros is a living one. Pastor Vazquez testifies that all this revival was due to the Bible and only the Bible.

The Rev. Lewis M. Bratcher, Jr., whose parents were southern Baptist missionaries in Brazil until retirement, is the newly appointed secretary for the work of the Bible Society in Brazil. "In the field of Bible distribution, the year 1947," he reports, "was an especially sad one for the personnel of the United Bible Societies. At the close of the year there were requests for over 100,000 Bibles that could not be filled and the appeals were many and touching. One Methodist pastor said to me, 'I have over fifty new members in my local church who do not have a Bible. How can they understand the true meaning of their discipleship if they do not have Bibles?'"

"One of our colporteurs told me he could recall four times when his life was endangered because he was seeking to distribute Bibles. 'Today,' he said, 'I am nearly persecuted because I cannot furnish Bibles.' Over and over again, from new Christians, from young congregations, from those who are interested in reading the Bible, there come pleas for the Book. Is it then surprising that for the workers in the Bible House, the year 1947 was a sad one? With our stock exhausted all that could be said was 'we are hoping.'"

Hoping—that is the challenge that confronts the Bible Society in its efforts to increase the supply of Scriptures that are needed so badly in these Latin American countries. Latin America is a land of undoubted opportunity and today, one of unquestioned progress. With the knowledge of one Saviour, speaking through God's Word, guiding its struggles toward democracy and enlightenment, it may indeed become a land of hope.

"A Woman That Feels The Lord's Power Shall Be Praised"

From our mission schools in Brazil come young women who enter into places of large influence

When the new missionary entered the sunny classroom that July morning she faced a group of twelve girls, brown-eyed, dark-haired, expectantly awaiting their first lesson in English. All proved to be good students, but after a time certain ones began to stand out from the rest; *Esther*, their vivacious leader, destined to become the president of Brazilian W.M.U.; *Edna*, a gifted pianist, and today the president of W.M.U. of the city of Rio with its 155 organizations and more than 3,000 members; and *Maria Melo*.

Maria finished her Training School course in 1924 at the same time that her fiance, Vitorino Moreira, graduated from the Rio Baptist Seminary. Early in 1925 they were married and went to Campos, in the state of Rio de Janeiro, to teach in the Baptist school of that state. Two years later Vitorino Moreira accepted the call to a church in the southern part of his home state, Espirito Santo, and her life as a pastor's wife began. In 1930 he became pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Cachoeiro de Itapemirim (in English, Falls of the Little Itape). There he divided

his time between the church and the church school known as "The American College." For 18 years they labored together in this field. Cachoeiro was the second largest city in the state and the influence of church and school was widely felt. Maria taught in the school, and as pastor's wife proved a tower of strength to her husband, and a true helpmeet. She was vice-president and treasurer of the W.M.U. of the state of Espirito Santo, president of the W.M.S. and organist of the home church besides her other duties. And she always kept things running smoothly when her husband had to be away on long evangelistic trips or absent because of board meetings.

One day fifteen years after graduation, the missionary and her former pupil met again at a Brazilian National Baptist Convention. The same expressive brown eyes and attractive smile framed by the brown hair that the passing years had not touched with gray, made it difficult to realize that so many years had passed since her graduation. Her delight at renewing old contacts warmed the heart. God was good. He had given her many blessings, among



The attractive family of Vitorino and Maria Melo Moreira in Rio de Janeiro

by Mrs. W. E. Allen

them her eight children, five girls and three boys. There had been difficult days along the way, but always deepening blessings and abiding spiritual experiences.

Accepting an invitation in 1947 to join the administrative staff of Rio Baptist College, the Moreiras moved to the college campus and began immediately to cooperate with the college church. Today Maria teaches a class of young matrons in the Sunday school and is vice-president of the W.M.S. Her thorough knowledge of the Bible coupled with the experiences of the past 23 years has given her rare ability as a Bible teacher. Practical, deeply spiritual, she inspires confidence and stirs in her pupils who are young women just beginning their careers as wives and mothers, a desire to be the best Christians they possibly can. As a visitor in the homes of unbelievers she has a special gift for steering the conversation into spiritual channels. Her husband says frankly that fifty per cent of what he has been able to do in the Lord's vineyard is due to her.

What rich returns have come from the investment made for her education! Hosts of people have been won to Christ; children and young people have been inspired with high ideals and given practical training in Christian living; older people have found comfort and inspiration in her friendly, optimistic presence; and her children give promise of multiplying many fold in their lives her gifts of consecrated common sense and high spiritual ideals. The three oldest girls have finished Rio College, and one has completed a university course. The other five are students in the college; one has surrendered for special service. To many such unheralded builders of Christ's kingdom, as Maria Melo Moreira, Brazilian Baptists largely owe their phenomenal growth and present influence.

As Miss Mary Christian, our beloved friend and co-worker, enters her new field of service as Book Consultant of the Sunday School Board, she carries with her the love and prayers of a host of southern Baptist women. She has served the Lord in

HER NEW FIELD

by Mrs. George R. Martin

Woman's Missionary Union in many capacities. We shall miss her at every turn. She was young people's secretary in Arkansas, then in her own state of Georgia she was young people's secretary and subsequently executive secretary. Under her leadership her state led all states in Golden Jubilee gifts. As member of the Golden Jubilee Committee, she was chairman of exhibits. No one who attended that 1938 meeting can ever forget those pictures, dioramas, and relics of history.

In 1939 Miss Christian became teacher of Missionary Education in the W.M.U. Training School. Later she was appointed W.M.U. representative, giving special attention to community missions. In the development of our Business Woman's Circles she made a significant contribution, promoting local, associational and state federations. She launched the first B.W.C. conference at Ridgecrest. Now hundreds of our women gather every summer for a week of missionary inspiration and fellowship in the "Land of the Sky." When a new manual of methods was needed we asked Miss Christian to become its author.

To estimate adequately her services to our Union would be an impossible undertaking. One would need to hear the personal testimonies of hundreds of our women, young people and business women, from every highway and outpost in our southland, whose holy ambitions she has encouraged and whose peculiar burdens she has shared. She has achieved a unique place among us. We record our deep and grateful appreciation for all she has meant to our work. We commend her to our Sunday School Board. We wish for her God's blessings as she continues to serve.

BAPTIST BEGINNINGS IN VENEZUELA

by Mrs. H. W. Schweinsberg

IT TAKES ONLY one and a half hours to fly from Barranquilla, Colombia to Maracaibo, Venezuela. Ours was a good trip, made better by the fact that some Venezuelan brethren were at the port to meet us. We were invited to be guests of one of the families.

We spent two days in Maracaibo, a city of about 175,000 inhabitants, where opportunities for Baptist work will be unlimited when there are missionaries ready to begin the task.



At road's end our bus waits for the ferry to lift us across the river

Mr. Schweinsberg had been authorized by our Foreign Mission Board to visit some independent Baptist churches in Venezuela who had asked to become a part of our mission. That work had been begun by a missionary from a Baptist church in Philadelphia. The expense was too great, and he was forced to abandon what was a good beginning and return to the U. S. A. He left three churches with national pastors, but without any support. This work was new and not yet self-supporting, so they appealed to the Colombian Mission for help.

I had the privilege of making this interesting, but responsible survey with Mr. Schweinsberg. The first church we visited was at Barquisimeto. After having travelled by bus on a dusty road from four in the

morning until six in the evening, we reached this city of about 100,000 inhabitants. We found a fine, consecrated pastor and his lovely family doing a splendid work for the Lord in their little Baptist church.

The evening we arrived, the Woman's Missionary Society was in session. It was a pleasure and privilege for me to talk with these women and later to send them all the literature and material we use in Colombia. They were doing the best they could without any literature or help in getting organized.

Our next stop was after another half day's dusty journey at a city called Acarigua. We ate enough Venezuelan dust on this trip to grow a garden. My husband looked blond rather than bruncetel. In the Baptist church we found a rather unusual situation. All the women wore black veils over their heads. It was a personal idea of the pastor which he had endeavored to promote in the other churches also. They did not like the custom and wanted to know if we had such in our Baptist churches.

Our next visit was another half day's journey farther on. This was a lovely trip, just after a rain, across beautifully fertile plains and through tropical forests, all undeveloped. The monkeys and the orchids must have hid themselves for we did not catch a glimpse of either—much to my disappointment.

This third church was a jewel, as was the first. A young pastor, who had already selected a bride for himself from the first church, was doing a good work in this small city. This place is the "home" of the patron saint of the country to which thousands of pilgrimages are made each year from all over Venezuela. In spite of this, the people are very friendly and even the priest greeted us as we passed him on the street. The women in this little Baptist church in the town of Guanare, have also received literature from us for their W. M. S.

After visiting this third church we went to the capital city, Caracas. The history of Baptist work in this city is most interesting. It did not have its beginning through the work of missionaries, but the first preaching of Baptist doctrines was done by a national.

Almost three years ago a young Venezuelan preacher, not trained in Baptist schools, but thoroughly Baptist in belief, was invited to Barranquilla to spend some three months. Here he observed methods and took part in the work when invited. He then returned to Caracas, and began serving the Lord as a member of the Barranquilla church and a part of the Colombian Mission. After having several converts, he was authorized to baptize them and they organized the First Baptist Church of Caracas. This was the beginning of our Baptist work in the republic of Venezuela.

We found that the W. M. S. in the Caracas church had a large enrollment but no

definite plans for their work or their programs for they too were without literature. We have had supplies of materials sent to them and the future for missionary work in their society is encouraging.

We hope that it may be possible to visit these churches and societies again this year. They certainly have some capable leaders in their groups and we know they are going along well, but they appreciate the personal contact with those from other churches also.

As yet we do not publish our own literature here in Colombia, but get the quarterly magazine from Chile. We are also adapting their manual to our needs. We plan our own year book.

If we were asked what we think of missionary opportunities in Venezuela we would say that from our observation, the Roman Catholics are extremely religious and the liberals are exceedingly liberal. Venezuela is wide open and rich in opportunities for the cause of Christ.

Your Twentieth Century Cruse Of Oil

"Nor the cruse of oil spent" 1 Kings 17:14

by Cret Ridenour

IT ALL BEGAN with an ordinary-looking letter, brought the hundreds of miles from the U.S.A. by a three-cent stamp. But inside was a gift sent by a W.M.U. member through her church. It was put aside to use as needs arose, and became the source of our twentieth-century "cruse of oil."

The first thing that came out of it was whitewash! Rehobo church here in Barranquilla, Colombia, supports a mission in Soledad (Solitude), a pueblo near the international airport and the mission building. It is an adobe house with thatched roof, peeling, white washed walls, and bats. Now if you—and bats—have never lived together under the same palm roof, you must try very hard to even imagine the condition of those walls! It was hard to worship a God of holiness and purity in such a dirty house.

The cruse supplied the whitewash. The whitewash inspired a gift from another

source to pay for paint. It was bright red as the pastor desired, to cover doors, shutters, and the necessary bars over window openings.

Christmas came. There were no cedar trees, no Santa Clauses on street corners, but heat, wind, and brilliant red poinsettias. In the churches and on the radio programs there were special services of hymns, the recitations so dear to Spanish hearts, and the reading from God's holy Word of the old, old story. The featured event of the season was an offering for missions as the believers' gift to Christ.

But Lidia saw and heard none of this. Seven years old, quick and intelligent, Lidia was spending her Christmas in a charity hospital. How happy she had been when she received her part in the Christmas program of the church in San Felipe! It was the Christmas story itself, of the coming to earth of Jesus, the Saviour.

In one day Lidia learned it all. Then

came tragedy. While jumping the rope she fell, and could not walk again. Lidia cried bitterly when she was taken to the hospital. Now she could not tell the story of the baby Jesus.

But in that Catholic hospital she told her story over and over to the other children, to the nurses and the nuns. She treasured her Sunday school papers; she joyfully received the little Testament, the doll, and fruit brought her on Christmas Day—supplied from "the cruse of oil."

The child witnessed daily until late in January she was discharged, cured. The next Sunday, happily, she told again the story she loved to all who had come to Sunday school. No one minded that Christmas had come and gone. Lidia was well again, and she had the child of Christmas in her heart.

In December and January there are Bible schools here in Colombia when the children are enjoying their school vacations. This is breezy "summer," instead of hot, rainy "winter," though the thermometer says 80 degrees day and night.

Bible schools always mean happiness: salutes to the beautiful Christian and Colombian flags and to the Bible, choruses, Bible stories told with flannelgraphs, notebooks, and handwork. Handwork means wood and paint, paper and crayons, cloth, needles and thread. Where did they come from this year? Only partly from "the cruse of oil." The Barranquilla church members, believing in supporting their churches as a mark of their gratitude to our Saviour, replaced what they could afford from their monthly church budgets.

What else has come from that "cruse of oil"? Space would fail me if I tried to tell all! There was the doctor bill and the medicine bought for a faithful church member, very sick and alone. There are books in the church library in San Felipe, books on doctrine, helps in Christian living and service, Christian story books read and reread to ratters. There are Bibles and Testaments earned by children in the Bible schools who completed a required amount of Bible memory work. All this and more has come out of that "cruse of oil."

You who work in your home churches, who seek to win those about you to Christ,

who pray for Christian work and workers in the Southland and to the ends of the earth, who give to the support of your church and to the Co-operative Program that all the phases of the world evangelistic effort may go forward, you are filling the cruse, and that "cruse of oil" shall not fail.

LITERATURE AND LITERACY

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which the Catholic clergy brand as "heretical Bibles." It is thrilling to imagine just how many might be sold were we able to advertise in the daily newspapers and over the radio. We would not dare try it without a stock pile of two or three hundred thousands.

THE BIBLE PRESS of Brazil began its work in 1943 with the printing of an edition of the New Testament, and in 1944 brought out the first edition of the Bible ever printed in Brazil, although the Bible was translated into Portuguese before, it was translated into English. By the time you read these lines, it will have completed the printing of more than 200,000 Bibles and testaments which the Brazilian people of every denomination including many Catholics are buying just as fast as the Baptist Publishing House can put the backs on them. This slows up progress because most of the work of binding is still done by hand.

Brazil is fast becoming a literate country. The people are eager and alert. With outstretched hands they welcome all literature offered them almost without any question whether it be good or bad. Today is the Baptist opportunity. Our Publishing House is the largest evangelical press in all Latin America and furnishes much literature to all denominations. It is doing a great work but its present capacity cannot cope with the ever increasing demands made upon it. If its equipment were multiplied five times over today, it would be running at full speed tomorrow. An intelligent and aggressive campaign could win Brazil for Christ and guarantee for all time a loyal friend, a true and grateful neighbor to the south. Your constant prayers are coveted.

Family Worship — Home Insurance

by Mrs. J. M. Dawson

THIS KIND goeth not out but by prayer," said Jesus with calm assurance to the discomfited disciples who had been utterly helpless to meet the needs of the sorely troubled home represented by the distraught father and his pitiable afflicted son. Truly that home was in tragic distress.

Today even the most thoughtless must be concerned over the status of our American homes. Our Christian land leads the world in the divorce evil. Sinister forces, changed conditions, modern gadgets alter the entire setup of the modern home. It is of small avail to bemoan the fact that the home no longer holds the primary interest for multitudes of families. It does not remedy the situation to say that "things are not as they used to be." Such doleful observations are in truth like a good old mother duck who for years has led her ducklings to a clear pond only to find one day that it has been drained and nothing is left but baked mud. She may persist in bringing her younglings down and flapping her wings, with anxious quacks trying to induce them into the pond. The ducklings with fresh young instincts hear far off the drippings of another waterfall. They smell the chickweed and the long grass and set out for the new environment. So we are well aware today that young people are finding their chief activities outside the home. To many these sweeping modern changes have been so gradual as not to be discernible.

People whose homes are tilted to one side by an earthquake or catapulted into a lake by a landslide need no earnest admonitions to do something energetic about adjusting themselves to a new set of circumstances. They give one a alarmed stare at their homes in peril and set about getting them back to normal and again on solid foundations. A few years ago the

Associated Press carried the touching story of a cloudburst in the mountains which in the night scooped out a deep ravine on the very hair-line edge of which poised a humble shanty. When the wild-eyed rescuers burst in they found a young mother placidly knitting, humming a lullaby as her foot rocked the cradle. She had not thought to look out the window, she explained.

The social upheavals, the industrial conditions, the craze for amusement, that have tilted our homes dangerously off center, are not always recognizable. They have taken place not in one night but through two or three generations. Our homes today stand perilously poised on the brink of a ravine dug out by a new regime that we have not somehow been able to cope with. As Christian home keepers we might well ask the disciples' anxious question. As clear and sure as are God's great eternal verities is the answer that the only hope and safe guard is to lash our homes to the church and hold fast to family worship where the children will be trained in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord. Family prayer binds hearts together, anchors faith and affords the only sure safety from temptation and the waste of sin.

As a mother you can make a place and time for worship which will dial the Word of God upon the quieted hearts and minds of your dear ones so that no winds of time will erase those heavenly impressions. Reading God's Word together, praying together, insures the sanctity of the home forever. If you have no such period of family worship, start it today. Tomorrow may be too late.

During our Commemoration Year we urge re-emphasis of family worship, the establishing and maintaining of consecrated Christian homes.

Sewing Machine To Salvation From Mrs. John Mein

Recently Mr. C. H. Morris, the English representative of the Bible Society of Brazil, spoke to Baptists in Pernambuco on Missionary Day at the seminary. He gave us some remarkable experiences of how the printed word alone had carried the Good News to entire communities. An isolated farmer in North Goiaz heard a reference to Matthew in a Portuguese news broadcast from BBC, over his small radio. He set out to find a book called Matthew so that he could read for himself what Matthew 7:7 meant. A Bible in his home not only was the means of his finding the Lord Jesus but of others to whom he witnessed.

Mr. Morris fixed a broken Singer sewing machine for a family on a tributary of the Amazon. A few minutes before they had been so hostile to his message that they tried to throw him out. The mended machine was the tie which God used to cause the family to buy a Bible out of gratitude. Salvation came to that house long after the visitors had gone.

Open Bibles in the show windows of our Baptist Book Stores attract many. Some people will stand as long as ten or twelve minutes reading the pages exposed.

The Gold Coast, West Africa from Mrs. G. S. Idowu

With great joy I write of how the Lord has helped in organizing the work of W.M.U. in the Gold Coast.

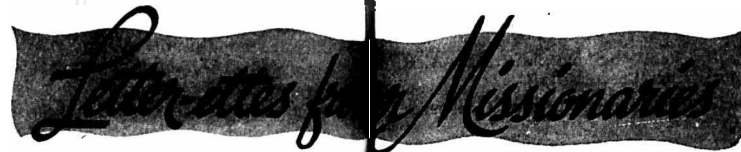
In May, 1947, the W.M.S. and Y.W.A. were organized with two circles in W.M.S. and three in Y.W.A. The number of members has grown to 125 in the five circles. They use the programs from our W.M.U. Year Book. They are doing personal work and bring offerings every week and some are tithing. Most of the women cannot read and write, so an evening reading class has been organized. The W.M.S. and Y.W.A. have given lovely curtains for the doors leading to the pulpit and a matching cloth for the table and pulpit. They also gave \$25 for the church organ fund.

In July, 1947, some women of the Gold

Coast Baptist churches met in Sekondi when the men met for their quarterly associational meeting. There were eight women from Kumasi church, two from Nsawam, two from Sumoh and 87 from Sekondi. The men asked many questions about aims and purposes of W.M.U. work. Full and satisfactory answers were given by Mrs. Idowu. Then the men gave consent to organize the Gold Coast Associational W.M.U. These officers were elected:

Supervisor: Mrs. H. R. Littleton
President and Field Worker: Mrs. G. S. Idowu
Secretary: Mrs. Grace O. Idowu
Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Janet A. Isola
Treasurer: Mrs. Janet A. Olorunyomi

Pray that the work of W.M.U. in the Gold Coast may go forward doing the will of the Master.



News from Japan from Mrs. W. M. Garratt

SCAP has decided not to wait for the final peace treaty, but to let a limited number of students go to America this summer for study. We are hoping and praying that the number may include Miss Yukiko Endo, who plans to study in the Training School in Louisville, and Mr. Taiichiro Fuji, a second generation Christian, professor in Seinan Gakuin, whose father has for many years been the school's treasurer. Mr. Fuji's going will mean leaving his wife, a graduate of Seinan Jo Gakuin and former teacher in the school, and their five children. The two younger children are little girls, ages four and six years, and the others are all boys, the oldest in high school. This family will seriously miss their father, but his study in America should greatly increase his usefulness in the work of the kingdom of God here in Japan. The Fujis are close neighbors of ours, and the little girls are two of our children's most frequent playmates.

An evidence of the new post war attitude of the Japanese toward the missionaries is seen in the positions of leadership which the missionaries are now asked to take. Mr. A. L. Gillespie, a first term missionary who has been in Japan only since October, is co-pastor with Mr. Matsuta Hata of the newly reorganized Wakamatsu Baptist Church, and W. M. Garratt has recently accepted the invitation of the Seinan Gakuin Baptist Church to be its co-pastor, along with Mr. Shuichi Ozaki. Before the war, although our Baptist brethren wanted and appreciated what help we could give them, the attitude of the people as a whole made it impossible for missionaries to occupy places of prominence, such as being pastors or school presidents, or to do pioneer evangelism in rural sec-

tions. Today the missionary is everywhere acceptable. We do not know how long this period of unlimited opportunity will last. Please send missionaries in such numbers as you have not dreamed of before, while the people of Japan are willing to listen to their presentation of the message.

This year's reports at our recent convention, showed decided advance over last year. The number of messengers was double that of last year. During the war our membership was widely scattered, so that the churches have much smaller resident membership than before the war, but their rate of growth this year has been much greater than ever. The most notable thing about this year's sessions was the spirit of harmony that prevailed. Mr. Kiyoki Yuya, our oldest active pastor in point of years of service, said that the spirit was the best he had ever seen in a convention. Another pastor who has come to us recently after years of service in another denomination said that he had never seen the like before.

Spanish-Speaking Friends from Mrs. J. L. Moye

Are the Weeks of Prayer happy occasions in your church? For some years Calvary Mexican Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas, has given not less than \$100 to the Annie Armstrong Offering. Pastor M. C. Garcia was afraid they could not do as well this year because many of the members most able to give had moved away, while for the first time the church had become self-supporting. Offering boxes were distributed and the pastor asked the people to pray the offering would not fall below that of former years. Attendance was unusually good, the regular contributions much above average and the Annie Armstrong Offering was \$142.00. The climax came when Brother Garcia baptized nine persons won to the Lord.

Visitors at the United Nations meetings at Lake Success can listen to the deliberations in their own language. So do the visitors at our Mexican Baptist Convention and our four encampments. Our group is largely bilingual but many visitors and speakers understand only one language. To serve these, our convention bought equipment so that all messages are interpreted. By ingenuity of our superintendent, Reverend Loyd Corder, ear phones and loud speakers were hooked up at a negligible cost. As a result more and more missionary-hearted Anglo Baptists are attending our meetings and learning to respect and admire our Spanish-speaking pastors and workers.

Hot? Too much picnic?

Probably you would answer "yes" to both questions. But across the way are the people, thousands of them, who are too thin to get hot. They haven't had that uncomfortable full feeling in years. Their clothes are ventilated with holes. Do not forget them.

Pack all too small, too short, no longer stylish clothes. Send them to Southern Baptist Relief Center, 718 Richard Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

PEACE AND GOODWILL

"The work of righteousness shall be peace" —Isaiah 32:17

Peace With God

God is the giver of peace, and when we know him and trust in his Son, we have that peace in our hearts. No one except the children of God can enjoy this peace. It brings an assurance to our hearts that cannot be described.

- SUNDAY, Aug. 1**
Numbers 6:22-27
Rev. J. H. Hill, Oak Ridge, Tenn., Rev. E. D. Hildreth, Birmingham, Ala., Rev. J. C. Jackson, Tulsa, Okla., evangelism among Negroes
- MONDAY, Aug. 2**
Psalms 29:1-11
Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill, Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill, Emeritus, Europe
- TUESDAY, Aug. 3**
Psalms 119:161-168
Mrs. J. H. (Carrie) Rowc, Dr. J. F. Ray, Dr. E. O. Mills, Emeritus, Japan
- WEDNESDAY, Aug. 4**
Isaiah 9:2-7
All China W.M.U.: Mrs. Y. K. Chang, President, Miss Mary Alexander and Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling, General Secretaries
- THURSDAY, Aug. 5**
John 14:24-31
Foreign Mission Conference and Young Men's Mission Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C., August 5-11
- FRIDAY, Aug. 6**
Ephesians 2:8-18
Rev. and Mrs. S. Barrera, Alpine, Texas, Rev. Armando V. Alvarez, Oklahoma City, Okla., evangelism among Spanish-speaking
- SATURDAY, Aug. 7**
John 16:28-33
Mrs. L. M. Reno, Emeritus, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, Natal, Brazil, educational evangelism

Peace With Ourselves

God's peace brings quiet in our hearts. It makes us cease from worries and anxieties and gives security and confidence within our own souls.

- SUNDAY, Aug. 8**
Psalms 37:1-9
Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary W.M.U., Miss Margaret Bruce, Young People's Secretary; G.A. Focus Week, August 8-14
- MONDAY, Aug. 9**
Isaiah 26:1-8
Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Vidaurri, Portales, Rev. and Mrs. Julian Reyna, Gallup, Rev. and Mrs. Celso M. Villarreal, Belen, New Mex., evangelism among Mexicans
- TUESDAY, Aug. 10**
Romans 2:1-11
Rev. and Mrs. Napoles Leon, Panama City, Panama, evangelists; James W. Taylor, Paul B. Smith, Brazil, Margaret Fund students
- WEDNESDAY, Aug. 11**
Romans 8:1-6
Rev. Joe Conley, Louisville, Ky., Rev. A. N. Murray, St. Joseph, Louisiana, evangelism among Negroes
- THURSDAY, Aug. 12**
1 Thess. 5:12-23
Elizabeth H. Lee, Nazareth, Palestine, medical evangelism; Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Adair, Lagos, Nigeria, Rev. and Mrs. Neville Claxton, Gold Coast, educational evangelism
- FRIDAY, Aug. 13**
2 Peter 3:9-14
Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Orrick, Montevideo, Uruguay, evangelism; Rev. and Mrs. Z. J. Deal, Jr., Cartagena, Colombia; Estelle Councilman, Asuncion, Paraguay, educational evangelism
- SATURDAY, Aug. 14**
Hebrews 13:16-21
Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Bast, Bastrop, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Thomas, Lubbock, Rev. and Mrs. Camara Guerra, Pharr, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans

Peace With Our Associates

Sometimes children in a family quarrel. Sometimes neighbors will not live peaceably. God tells us how to live peaceably with all people. Each of us should cultivate the fine art of getting along with people.

- SUNDAY, Aug. 15**
Genesis 13:1-12
Dora Salier, Artemisa, Josefina Rodriguez, Aguacate, Juana Rodriguez, Batabano, Cuba, evangelism
- MONDAY, Aug. 16**
Genesis 26:17-25
Ruby Hines, Maccio, Rev. and Mrs. Burton de Wolfe Davis, Fortaleza, educational evangelism; Edith West, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, evangelism
- TUESDAY, Aug. 17**
Isaiah 32:14-20
Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Vance, Pingtu, medical evangelism; Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Cowherd, Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Jowers, Peiping College of Chinese Studies
- WEDNESDAY, Aug. 18**
Romans 12:10-18
Annual meeting Spanish-American W.M.U. of New Mexico, Mrs. Maria de Calzoncit, President; Mrs. J. L. Moye, San Antonio, evangelism among Mexicans
- THURSDAY, Aug. 19**
2 Cor. 13:5-11
Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Rodriguez, Bryan, Rev. and Mrs. A. Velez, El Paso, Texas, educational evangelism among Mexicans
- FRIDAY, Aug. 20**
Luke 6:27-38
Feliz Torna, Cartagena, Juana Marquez, Matanzas, Rev. and Mrs. Filomeno Hernandez, Santa Clara, Cuba, evangelism
- SATURDAY, Aug. 21**
1 Peter 2:17-24
Mrs. E. N. Walne, Emeritus; Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Gillespie, Kokura, Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Moorhead, appointees, Fukuoka, Japan, educational evangelism

Peace With All Nations

God is the God of the nations and his desire is for the nations to be united in him. The coming of his Son was to bring peace and good will toward men. When God rules in all hearts there will be no need of tanks or bombs. Jesus said, "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Wars start within the hearts of men, but men can know the way of peace.

- SUNDAY, Aug. 22**
Luke 2:13-18
Rev. James R. Holloway, Charlotte, N. C., Rev. A. Walter Williams, Atlanta, Ga., evangelism among Negroes
- MONDAY, Aug. 23**
Isaiah 9:1-6
Rev. and Mrs. Sam T. Mayo, Springdale, Ark., evangelism among migrants; Rev. and Mrs. Lucien C. Smith, Pineville, La., evangelism among French
- TUESDAY, Aug. 24**
Isaiah 2:1-5
W.M.U. of South China; Ruth Pettigrew, Kweiyang, Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Olive, Chinkiang, China, educational evangelism
- WEDNESDAY, Aug. 25**
Micah 4:1-7
Rev. Genaro Salis, La Feria, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Pierson, Ft. Worth, evangelism among Spanish-speaking; Rev. and Mrs. A. Valdez, Kingsville, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans
- THURSDAY, Aug. 26**
Eccles. 9:14-18
Rev. Luciano Marquez, Regla, Rev. and Mrs. Luis M. Aguero, Marti, Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Aguilera, Candelaria, Cuba, evangelism
- FRIDAY, Aug. 27**
Matthew 26:47-52
Mrs. S. E. Stephens, Dr. and Mrs. John Lake, Rev. J. R. Saunders, Emeritus, China
- SATURDAY, Aug. 28**
James 4:1-7
Rev. and Mrs. Isidoro Garza, Abilene, Rev. and Mrs. Manuel L. Jimenez, Houston, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans
- SUNDAY, Aug. 29**
Psalms 67
Rev. and Mrs. Eduardo Gomez, Jr., Trinidad, Rev. and Mrs. Andres Rodriguez, Vueltas, Esther Becerra, Catbarien, Cuba, evangelism
- MONDAY, Aug. 30**
Romans 14:11-17
Oleta Snell, Santiago, Chile, educational evangelism; Rev. R. Mendoza, San Jose, Costa Rica, evangelism
- TUESDAY, Aug. 31**
Isaiah 52:4-10
Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, Mrs. C. A. Hayes, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Glass, Emeritus, China

IT'S HAPPENING NOW

Never was the command, "Go ye into all the-world," as possible of achievement as it is to-day. Radio, aviation, and literature are here to be used effectively, if only well-qualified and Spirit-filled workers will appropriate them.

Believing this, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., is dividing its 36th Birthday Offering between the General Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va. and Mountain Retreat Association, Montreat, N. C. These two agencies prepare lay workers for volunteer service in the church and for Christian vocations. "The training of such workers, particularly women, must become a major concern of the church."

The Woman's Society of Christian Service (Methodist) this summer offers to its membership a tremendous challenge to ADVANCE—ADVANCE in promotion, education, gifts, workers, and spiritual insight to match the opportunities of the immediate years ahead.

Ole Christian Hallesby (whose book PRAYER we have studied so profitably) says of the State Lutheran Church in Norway: "Never have we had so many new Christians among the young people as now. Moreover, these young Christians are working among their unchristian friends on a scale never seen before. So many have volunteered for mission work in Asia and Africa that missionary societies in Norway have no recruiting problems."

On a recent Sunday broadcast, it was announced that Roman Catholics plan the immediate erection of a \$300,000 hospital for colored maternity patients in Mobile, Ala. Negro doctors will be given preference.

In honor of those who gave their lives in World War II, the St. John Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C. has established an annual scholarship from which grants are to be given to young men and women in American seminaries preparing for Christian service. The church has authorized the President of the American Baptist

by Mrs. J. Wash Watts

Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn. to name a recipient for this next year. There is to be no racial discrimination in granting these scholarships.

Classes for the purpose of preparing Japanese brides of American service men for their future life in America have been started by The Christian Women's Association, a Protestant organization at the GHQ chapel center in Tokyo. On social occasions outstanding Christian Japanese women speak to them of the situations they will face in their new life abroad. Regular classes are given in cooking, democracy, English, "America as she really is," and, at the request of some of the girls, in the Bible and the basic principles of Christianity. Over 100 of the 300 brides whose marriages are registered at the consulate have enrolled in one or more classes.

Recently at the University of Minnesota 400 foreign students and 40 local students who spent last summer in schools in England, France, Spain, and Sweden, held a round-table discussion on "Promoting World Peace through World Understanding." This year a similar group of Minnesota young people will study in Germany, England, Czechoslovakia, and Argentina.

No one can think of Palestine without tears to-day—tears of sorrow for the peoples of the land and of grief that UN has been so ineffectual there. Can nations imagine that God is going to break his covenants and promise as they have broken their word? Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

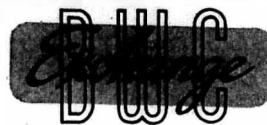
On June 12, flags were at half-mast over the capitol building and city hall of Jackson, Mississippi in tribute to Miss Margaret Lackey. Newspaper editorials spoke of her world influence as executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi. After 90 rich years of service her death was merely a transition to the realms of glory.

Business Woman's Circle of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky gets out a monthly mimeographed news sheet, *The Buzzer—A Call to Service*. It is a clever way to keep everyone up on happenings from executive committee meetings to birthday party announcements and mention of who has a new car (no doubt the latter with an eye to what it will do for the Lord). Do you have a mimeographed announcer? It might be helpful; it certainly looks as if it would be.

There's a new Business Woman's Circle at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky. This third one is for young women "too ancient for YWA." Nadine Wheeler is chairman and Phyllis Elam, co-chairman. Phyllis' sister is Mrs. A. R. Dailey, missionary to Colombia.

Talk about ultra modern! The Business Woman's Circle president of Charlotte, N. C. Federation took pictures of the North Carolina state W.M.U. meeting and using an opaque projector shared these high lights with all the Business Woman's Circles at quarterly meeting. She made some graphs to show growth, also gathered pictures of mission fields referred to. The 150 women "liked that kind of program." The Federation is majoring on organizing new Business Woman's Circles. They have 25 but there are 48 Baptist churches in the association and they are after new Business Woman's Circles "teeth and toe nail."

At the quarterly dinner of the Etowah B.W.C. Federation held at the East Gadsden Baptist church in Alabama, we enjoyed a creative hat show. The hats were strange and wonderful to behold. The circle from the Calvary Baptist church won the prize for having the most original and prettiest hat made from material found in the



home. The address by Dr. Marion Moorehead, an appointee of the Foreign Mission Board to Japan made us more in-

terested in the Orient. He asked that we remember all the mission fields of the world as we think and pray.

Mrs. Mary Walthour, Etowah W.M.U. young people's leader, read the Scriptures and led the prayer. Mrs. Sam Adams, Jr. gave two beautiful numbers on the violin, accompanied by Miss Sara Culberson.

In spite of the storm that came up about an hour before time to begin, there were over a hundred who enjoyed the dinner together.

Missionary programs can change lives—and should! A vision of their importance is essential to success. Each program may be the only link between some woman and the missionary enterprise. The talents of every member should be used. A program thoroughly and prayerfully prepared will bring information, inspiration, determination and encouragement.

Hot August will lose its heat up in the refreshing mountains of North Carolina in the "Land of the Sky," as business women find joy and development in work for the Lord.

BWC members from everywhere are planning to be at Ridgecrest, July 29 through August 4. Directing our part of the W.M.U. Conference will be Ruth Provence, W.M.U. executive secretary of North Carolina.

Inflation in U.S.A. gives just a small sample of the difficulty of supplying food and clothes. In Europe and Asia people have had nothing new for years. You can send money designated for RELIEF to our Foreign Mission Board. You can send clothes and shoes through Southern Baptist Relief Center, 718 Richard St., New Orleans, La.



Racial Attitudes for Tiny Tots

by Ruth LaTuille Matthews

"WHY BOTHER TO TEACH correct racial attitudes to our little children? If grown-ups have trouble trying to untangle world problems today, we can't expect infant minds to cope with them." So protested a mother to a neighbor who had suggested that preschool children could learn correct racial attitudes.

If this is our idea, we are passing up golden opportunities. Between the ages of two and five, a child learns not only his own place in

of your Baptist Book Store.

Much more eloquent than the actual words we use are our attitudes, revealed in our emotional language—in tone of voice or shrug of shoulders. Even a preschool youngster notices our consideration—or lack of it—in dealing with the yard man, delicatessen owner, share cropper, or delivery boy who happens to come from another racial background. These first-hand contacts with foreign-born or second generation, naturalized citizens provide us with a splendid opportunity to awaken our child's natural curiosity.

Children love to see pictures of colorful foreign costumes, varied types of housing like the Indian's tepee, the Eskimo's igloo, or the African's hut, and unfamiliar means of transportation like the Chinese rickshaw. As we point out these differences in dress, housing, travel, and language, let us emphasize again and again that differences are a normal part of life. Differences in themselves do not indicate inferiority or superiority. Despite differences, many things in common bind the various nations of the world together and we are alike in the essentials. God is certainly no respecter of persons. Our children need to love him as Father of all the member races of the human family.

We should personalize foreigners. In telling stories to our little ones, the phrase "from across the seas" can weave as much magic as "once upon a time." Our imaginations can provide heroes and heroines named

Hans, Gretchen, and Moonbeam as easily as John and Mary. We will want to add the local color of wooden shoes, sandals and kimonos. A recent *Parents Magazine* suggested teaching universal love and good will to our toddlers through lullabies from many lands. Instead of singing Junior to sleep with our familiar American "Rock-A-By Baby," we may substitute one like the beautiful Chinese lullaby, "Purple, Straight-Crown Bamboo Shoot." If we cannot possess or borrow volumes of *Book House* or *Child Craft*, local libraries provide variations of nursery rhymes and songs.

Also, children feel a very personal attachment to their toys. Why not devote a few hours and dimes to making for them several sock dolls, dressed like children of various racial backgrounds? Tan and white socks lend themselves easily to embroidering almond-shaped eyes or other facial characteristics; cotton batting provides ample stuffing; brown, yellow, red or black knitting yarn may be used for hair, and scraps of material furnish simple costumes. What a delightful and educational toy you can fashion!

Is the cradle the proper place to begin the development of healthy racial attitudes? By all means, yes. Only then are our children entirely free of prejudice. Never again will we parents be given just such an opportunity to cultivate natural understanding and friendliness. If Christian teachers and mothers neglect this responsibility until later years, many unwholesome and prejudiced racial attitudes may first have to be weeded out. Trite but true is the adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

NO OTHER NAME

Acts 4:12; Hebrews 4:12-16

Jesus Christ through the mercy of God is the only Saviour of the world. No other way to be saved has been provided. There is no alternative. If salvation comes to man, this is the way. "Neither is there salvation in any other." These are solemn words. As we contemplate the host of men and women, boys and girls about and beyond us who are depending on other means, a grave responsibility rests on us who know Christ as Saviour.

The compelling urgency of the apostles' preaching, especially that of Paul, stands out in bold relief against the indifference of many Christians today. The apostles made the saving power of Jesus Christ the very center of their preaching and teaching, and they exhibited great zeal and devotion to it. Once an unbeliever said to a Christian, "If I believed half you Christians say you do, I would have ten times the zeal you show." We need a compelling sacrificial devotion to leading all men everywhere to Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of the world.

Man has a dire need for salvation. Sin has brought confusion and disorder into his soul. His spirit is under the mastery of the natural man which is enmity to God. Without salvation he is utterly lost. God's Word is alive and powerful to show man his situation before God. It is keen as a sharpened two edged sword and it analyzes, lays bare and reveals the true heart of man. It is even as a surgeon's knife, cutting deep to discover the corruption of

sin. It pierces the innermost secrets of man as a sharp sword can quickly cut into the most hidden part—the very joints and marrow of the bones. In the deep recesses of the human heart lie hidden disobedience, rebellion and unbelief, but no heart can escape the penetrating eye of God. His word brings to all, that sell is captive of sin. This scripture is vivid in its description of God's ability to see through every disguise of man. Nothing can be hidden from the judgment of God.

A terrifying hopeless situation would be ours if it were not for the fact that we have a great high priest who longs to cleanse us from all unrighteousness and bring us to God. He is our spiritual Ally. The penetrating Word of God which shows us the innermost secret sins in our lives also is powerful in showing us the remedy for sin, One who saves us from our sin and gives us eternal salvation—



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even the Son of God "that is passed into the heavens." Great should be our praise as we meditate upon this fact and as we experience it. Oh wonderful and best of all possessions is this One who brings us to God!

But a seeking one could be over awed at the divine glory of the all sufficient, sinless, great high priest, the matchless Son of the holy God, were it not true that he is also as a man to us. He is able to sympathize with us in our experiences, making them his own; for once he entered into our human experiences. He was tempted in all points like as we are except he was



without sin. He felt natural weariness, disappointment, a feeling of desertion and grief. Whenever we feel utterly helpless and in despair, Jesus, the great high priest can sympathize and understand. A rich man who, everyday, lives in luxury and ease can never realize what it means to a poor widow not to know how daily bread will be supplied for her children and herself. Thanks be to God, we have One who is touched by our infirmities because he has lived in the human sphere of life. He knows. None need stand afar off. We can come with joyful confidence into his very presence and we can give utterance to every thought, feeling and
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the family but also in the neighborhood. More and more, we adults have come to regard the world as a community of neighboring peoples and cultures. We should want our tiny tots to respect the entire family of man.

Where do we begin? First, we parents must be certain that our own racial conceptions are wholesome and free of prejudice. To clarify our thinking, may I suggest a concisely-written pamphlet, "The Races of Mankind," by Ruth Benedict and Gene Weltfish? If your church library does not have this booklet, secure it for twenty cents from the Public Affairs Committee, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

Girls' Auxiliary to the Front

by Juliette Mather

Focus Week is a happy occasion each quarter. August 8-14 we center our attention on Girls' Auxiliary in order to quicken their zeal and our fostering. As you keep the purpose of Focus Week in mind, plans will proceed joyously.

You want the girls to be more enthusiastic about their organization, to feel a part of a world fellowship of Christian girls devoted to

church bulletin can carry attractive recognition of Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week, or the pastor may speak a brief word of appreciation for this missionary education of the young daughters of his church. Prayer meeting may be devoted to a missionary program based on G.A. material in *World Comrades*, or to a play, see page 91 in W.M.U. Year Book. The Girls' Auxiliary hymn is effective in pantomime as listed there. Perhaps a lovely G.A. coronation service can be held with girls quoting scriptures, telling missionary information, and showing handwork done for the Lord.

You want the W.M.S. to understand more fully the value of Girls' Auxiliary that it may better foster, that all mothers assuredly will see that their daughters are enlisted. The G.A.'s could present your South America program; or they could visit the different circles telling about G.A. activities, the camps your W.M.S. helped them to attend, their share in your large community missions plans, and so on.

You want the community itself to know that Girls' Auxiliary is a service organization in its midst. Then be sure this week holds valued activity; visits to the lost or the shut-in, care for the needy, story hour for Negro children, rest for tired mother while the girls care for her small children or clean the house, and a clean-up day at the church.

You want the world to know about your girls "growing in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man," so you have mis-

sion study courses and programs that in the years to come gifts and personalities will be devoted to lifting the world into a knowledge of Christ.

In your mind's eye you look forward to a day when your G.A.'s will be leading in missionary activities. Some will be on home fields in valiant service; others will be out in the far places making the way of Christ known. All will carry the impress of the prayerful fostering care shown by your W.M.S. "Arise, shine for thy light is come"—Isaiah 60:1

Focus Week is a wonderful time: make it so for G.A.'s!

Activity for the SAND-PILE SET

Cut five circles from red, yellow, black, brown, and white construction paper. You may wish to draw a face on each circle. Let the child select and hold up the correct color as it is mentioned in the following song:

"Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world,
Red and yellow, black,
Brown, white,
They are precious in his sight:
Jesus loves the little children of the world."
Tune: "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp"

Teach the child to count off on his fingers as he sings:

"One little, two little,
three little Indians,
Four little, five little, six little Indians,
Seven little, eight little,
nine little Indians,
Jesus loves them all."

IS THIS YOUR QUESTION?

by Ruth Provence

Does Point 9 on the Standard of Excellence mean that every member of the society must do some directed community missions each month?

No, though it is hoped that as many members as possible will be enlisted each month in the projects planned by the community missions committee. The larger the number of members used in this vital part of the society's work, the greater will be the service rendered.

What is the Church Night of Stewardship?

This is a stewardship emphasis of the church, usually held in the fall. It comes as a culmination of stewardship education carried on in the W.M.U. young people's organizations throughout the year. Each organization presents to its church assembled on a Sunday, Wednesday or other special evening, some of its study and work: scripture, songs, charts, posters, stories, talks, playlets, etc., all teaching Christian stewardship.

The stewardship chairman, young people's director, and young people's counselors are responsible for the plans. In cooperation with the pastor, the date should be set well in advance, and every effort should be put forth to make this an outstanding feature of the autumn program of every church.

Can a society report it has observed a Season of Prayer when it has met only one day?

Yes, though the blessing of united praying throughout the week is missed. Em-

phasize maximum endeavor.

Where may we secure audio-visual aids for use in our missionary meetings?

Write Dep't. of Literature and Exhibits, Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Va., and Dr. R. G. Van Royen of the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga., for lists of slides and films available from these two Boards. Contact your Baptist Book Store. If your Baptist State Convention has a Visual Education Secretary, write him about your needs.

Should we have a young people's committee in our missionary society?

Yes, by all means. This is one of the most important of all committees. The young people's director serves as chairman; associated with her are the young people's counselors and a representative from each W. M. S. circle or women selected at large, if the society does not have the circle plan of organization.

This committee binds more closely the fostering society and the fostered young people's organizations in understanding, service, and appreciation. The committee should meet at least quarterly, preferably at the end of the quarter. It should consider the achievements and problems of the past months; complete records for quarterly reports according to state plans; consider definite needs of each organization; study the special opportunities of the next three months; share personal experiences in working with youth of the church. The fostering members of the committee should

visit the young people's organizations frequently and keep in constant touch with the counselors. By their own enthusiasm, they will quicken the interest of the missionary society in all phases of fostering.

A young people's committee will increase the number of women definitely responsible for the work of the auxiliaries and will strengthen the impact of the W. M. U. in the life of your church and community.

Your state executive secretaries are ready to answer your question. What is it? Do not hesitate to ask. If it troubles you it probably bothers someone else, too, so



you will be helping another by asking. Just address your question to ROYAL SERVICE.

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wish. Shame on us that neglect this unspeakable privilege!

As our knowledge of Christ Jesus grows it compels us to draw near to him and to live in close fellowship with him. He gives boldness to our trembling fearful souls, we who are sinful victims of sorrow and death. The boldness he gives will make tender our conscience, we will be keenly aware of sin. It gives us compassion like unto his compassion and humility.

Knowing such a Saviour how can we keep from leading others to him? In that there is no other way, dare we neglect to tell?

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

the work of world evangelization. So G.A.'s will study their G.A. Manuals (Junior or Intermediate) and read *World Comrades* more assiduously, noticing that there are Girls' Auxiliary organizations in many lands where steadfast girls pray and give, and serve the Master.

You want your church to be better informed about Girls' Auxiliary that it may encourage this organization to be more helpful. So you and the G.A. committee will talk with your pastor about recognition of Girls' Auxiliary before the congregation. The girls can quote scripture passages learned in their work on the Forward Steps or in their stewardship studies instead of the pastor's or congregation's reading of the Bible on Sunday morning. The girls may be able to sing some special missionary musical numbers. The

CIRCLE Program

THE KINGDOM AT OUR DOORS

Select hymns of Christian service like "Bringing In the Sheaves" or "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee." Discuss material from "Negro Ministerial Education" by George D. Kelsey and "Neighborhood Ministry" by Ralph R. Moore in August *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.

Surely community missions includes plans suggested by both these articles.

Around you are Catholic friends; many of them do not have a real knowledge of Christ as a sufficient Saviour. "Pedro, A

Seller of Pots", August *World Comrades*, is a typical story of the need of Catholic children.

In the August *Commission* "Tension Points with the Roman Church" by Everett Gill, Jr. and "What Does the Law Allow?" by John D. Hughey, Jr. show differences between Catholicism and evangelicals. Discuss these.

The story of "Dudu Costa of Brazil's Mississippi Valley" in August *Window of YWA* sets forth an example of a real soul-winner. Are you zealous in comparison?

Tell "Sapurai Leper Colony" in August *Ambassador Life* to remind your circle of visits to be made to sick people nearby.

A trip around South America will be delightful this hot month in North America. Make your announcement in gay terms.

Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia and ask for enough free copies of *Know Your Baptist Missions*, *What Goes On In Latin America*, *Survey of Baptist Missions Below the Rio Grande*, and other leaflets on Latin America to give one to each member to take home and show her husband.

Seek some South American recordings or ask a musician to be ready to play and sing some South American numbers.

Latin Americans are very socially inclined so have a social feature with this meeting serving "doces" sweet cakes and punch or "mate," tea.

After speakers present the work in each country, using maps, etc., recall that it is not vacation in South America and have a quiz in school fashion to see how well the women have remembered what they have heard. Ask such questions as—what countries do we work in? When did we enter each? What is a mission? etc.

If you have a projector there are several films that are excellent, available through Foreign Mission Board or your state Baptist Book Store. See lists in your *World in Books* catalog.

The Forgotten Village is a beautifully photographed picture of life in a remote village in Mexico, showing the hold of the old "wise woman" and the struggle of ways of education. 60 min. sound \$12 rental from Foreign Mission Board.

Several other silent reels showing scenes and life of the people are \$2 rental.

One Saviour for Latin America

by Mrs. Everett Gill, Jr.

Photographs by Willard Price and J. I. Bishop

BACKGROUND FOR OUR SOUTH AMERICAN JOURNEY directly from the Latin, includes all countries located south of the Rio Grande River; but the term South America refers only to those countries lying within the bounds of the continent south of the Panama Canal. On the staff of our Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., co-ordinates the work of the 250 missionaries who serve in 52 centers in ten countries in Latin America. He is the link between them and the Board.

More than four centuries ago South America was claimed for the King of Spain or of Portugal and for the Roman Catholic Church. The Pope, seeking to abolish jealousies between these two countries, drew an imaginary line to divide the continent. So today the peoples of Brazil speak Portuguese, while all other countries use the Spanish language.

By the beginning of the nineteenth century the greed and arrogance of the wealthy, the decline of the Roman clergy, and the increasing poverty of the masses brought about political struggles in all the colonies. At long last the shackles of tyranny were broken and nine so-called republics were formed. Oddly enough the heroes of independence in Brazil were the colonial emperors Dom Pedro I and II who broke with Portugal and led their country to enjoy a measure of tolerance and progress not known in any of the other countries. While many Negroes were imported, as slaves by the Brazilians, they were freed in 1869, and religious persecution did not flourish generally.

There is a less liberal spirit in the Spanish-speaking countries today since their contact with the outer world was reduced to a minimum and the church became a vital part of the government.

Our own Southern Baptist work on the continent began at the end of the War between the States, when two groups of southerners journeyed to Brazil. Our first missionaries, the Bagbys, went out in 1881 to minister to these southerners. Through Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby work in all Brazil was opened.

Through the Bagbys our ministry spread to Argentina when Dr. S. M. Sowell and Dr. J. L. Hart began their work in 1903. In 1918 Dr. W. E. Davidson was appointed to serve in Chile. In 1942, the Board voted to enter Colombia with means and personnel to expand rapidly.

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The term "Mission Station" refers to any place where a missionary lives. All missionaries within convenient geographical limits form a group known as a "Mission."

So the North Brazil Mission with headquarters in Recife, Pernambuco, includes all living in the north of Brazil; the South Brazil Mission has headquarters in the city of Rio de Janeiro; the River Plate Mission is the three countries of Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay with headquarters in Buenos Aires (*Buenos Iris*); the narrow country of Chile names Santiago as its center; and the Colombian Mission, which may soon include Venezuela, centers in Barranquilla. Because the work in all countries is similar we choose one typical phase in each Mission.

WHY WE ENTER LATIN AMERICA

Some people question our right to enter countries where they believe the majority of the people are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Statistics show that less than fifty per cent are even nominally Catholic; so if not a single active member of that church were ever touched by our missionaries, we would still find many who profess little or no religion.

Despite the fact that the Catholic Church had almost complete control over

Mission STUDY

Pack up for South America
Journey via W.M.S.
day time place

(or)
By ship or plane or car
Just as you are

Come with us to South America

From travel magazines or tour company folders cut pictures to decorate the announcement and to put in your meeting place for atmosphere. Enlarge the back cover map to use in your program, or get some large map of the continent on which you can point out missions and places. Really learn what Southern Baptists are doing for the Lord in South America.

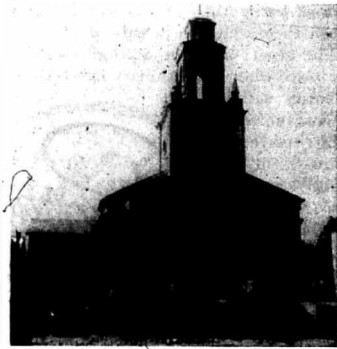
Ask the Intermediate G.A.'s or Y.W.A.'s to make booklet favors for W.M.S. members. Make them in shape of a South American continent. Set forth on different pages the work of different countries in order of discussion in the program.

Write to our Foreign Mission Board,



education in all these countries for three centuries, today one finds many prominent leaders—especially in movements fostering freedoms and democratic processes—who have chosen graduation from one of our ten academies or other evangelical institutions. The demand for Bibles far exceeds our ability to publish them. Since Catholic teachings center in the Catechism, the Bible is almost an unknown book in countries where Catholicism predominates.

Not long ago when Dr. Gill expressed the greetings and love of Southern Baptists



This new Baptist church in Cartagena

to a large convention of Brazilian Baptists, the educated, gracious, presiding officer replied: "Whether we deserve the love and sacrifice which have been shown us by Southern Baptists, I know not; but this one thing I know, that whereas once we were blind, now we see!"

PREACHING POINTS IN COLOMBIA

In the sullen heat of high noon the cathedral bells toll twelve; the strains of a gospel hymn float out from the radio station above. Senora Maria, who instructs the maid to awaken her at twelve—she arises earlier to attend Mass and then returns to bed—eagerly switches on her radio. She listens each Sunday to the Baptist hour because there she hears a positive message of love and peace with readings from the Bible which tell of a Saviour.

In this way many people throughout Colombia, which touches the Carribean and the Pacific on either side of the Panama Canal each Sunday hear the Gospel from a station in Barranquilla.

Missionary Schweinsberg came here in 1942 to establish our work. He found a hot, sprawling city whose port, not far up the muddy Magdalena River from the sea, had recently been enlarged to receive ocean-going vessels. Instead of a large group of believers which he had hoped to find, there were only a handful.

The spread of our work in Colombia shows what God can do with missionaries wholly dedicated to the spreading of his kingdom, plus a few believers joining them in praying and working to that end, plus adequate financial aid from us.

When Dr. Gill visited in Barranquilla in 1942 he was in conference with these faithful ones when a cable from the Board assured them that money had been received through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for a church building in Barranquilla! Seeking to build well-prepared, steady, consecrated Christians each new convert was thoroughly trained in Bible truths and the meaning of church membership over a period of six months before his baptism. As the work grew the Central Church was completed. Seating about five hundred people, it has a lofty ceiling, high windows protected by wooden shutters on the inside and iron bars on the outside, appropriate pulpit furniture, a Bible verse beautifully printed on the wall back of the pulpit. Later plans include the erection of a two-story educational building to be used during the week as a day school.

But the missionaries felt impelled from the start to establish a church-school in Reholo, a poorer section of the city. When the mayor was asked about opening a school there, he was delighted. Eleven thousand children in that immediate neighborhood had no opportunity for schooling of any kind. Soon a clean, attractive chapel seating about two hundred people, and the four class rooms, with a small office for the pastor, and a caretaker's house, occupied property stretching through an entire block in a section of the city which had enjoyed a very bad reputa-

tion with the authorities.

Men and women whose lives had been transformed by the power of God's love could not sit idle. They found another neighborhood, San Felipe, many blocks from the end of the nearest bus line. Next door to a police station they built a small chapel and school entirely from funds which they themselves provided. They had learned that a Christian tithes his income.

Because of this insistent urge for spreading the good news "into Jerusalem, and Judea" and because of generous gifts from an interested individual and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the work has grown. We have two churches in Cartagena, four hundred-year-old seaport of buccaneer fame; one in the village of Sabanalarga, half-way between Barranquilla and Cartagena; a chapel in the upland city of Cali where we some day hope to have a seminary; and a small group in the conservative, cultured, capital city of Bogota six thousand feet above sea level in the scenic Andes. A unique work flourishes on the island of San Andres. Also in these six years an educated Venezuelan pastor was ordained in Central Church, Barranquilla, and is planning to erect a suitable building in Caracas for his growing congregation. In all, nine missionary couples and six teachers now work in ten churches in six centers.

Sometimes a preaching point will develop into a large group of believers who will build their own church and school; sometimes it is absorbed by another group in a more suitable location; but always souls are born into the kingdom because people had to tell others what God had done for them. Today four churches conduct numerous preaching points in the city of Barranquilla (180,000 population). Both Central and Reholo have had to enlarge their auditoriums recently, and Central now seats fifteen hundred people. On Easter Sunday morning with a goal for one thousand, fourteen hundred people were counted with some turned away. This is a modern miracle.

Perhaps some of us here at home could learn from our Colombian brothers; perhaps we could find places near us where our testimonies might bring joy into har-

ren hearts; perhaps preaching points should be begun in our community. Surely we will pray for all the work we are doing in Latin America.

OUR SEMINARY IN RECIFE, NORTH BRAZIL

One cannot easily escape the charm of new sights, sounds, and tastes in Recife, the center of our Baptist work in North Brazil, known as the Venice of Brazil.

Turning into *Rua Padre Ingles* (Street of the English Priest) we look past high iron fences behind which stand stucco houses, past huge trees resplendent with bright red, purple or orange colored blossoms, to our new seminary building standing proudly behind a high brick wall. The fulfilment of a great dream, it was dedicated in June of 1946 with 46 students enrolled.

Years ago our wise missionaries bought a large estate in a beautiful section of the city, with royal palms standing all along the outer wall and many trees beautifying the grounds. New buildings are greatly needed for this fine school of 900 students which numbers many illustrious citizens among its graduates. Passing through a gate, one enters the campus of the training school erected through money gathered for the Foreign Mission Board through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and dedicated in 1942. The boarding students are proud of their building with its stately columns, its attractive parlor and chapel, its class rooms and dormitories.

Sixty-one girls live in the dormitory including boarding students for the *colegio* (grade and high school). Twenty-one of these study only in the training school, eight graduated in 1946. Between the training school and the seminary stands the missionary home where all are welcome to enjoy the Christian hospitality which abounds there.

The central wing of our E-shaped seminary forms a simple, beautiful chapel. One of the other wings contains the library; the other, the dining hall. Across the front are reception rooms, offices, and class rooms while the dormitory is located on the second floor.

Much of the work in the forty-four churches in Recife is conducted by stu-

dents from these two training centers. Some have come long distances to receive this preparation so that they may return to spread the good news of God's love to their home-folks. They go to many preaching points in the city and in towns not too far for them to go by train for Sundays. They prepare material to be used on a Baptist radio hour. They conduct evangelistic services, Sunday schools, Vacation Bible Schools, Training Unions, and open-air preaching services in various localities.

Dr. and Mrs. John Mein direct the activities of the seminary. In 1933 a fine looking young man about twenty years of age, Manuel Almida, came to work on the grounds of the seminary. When the Meins noticed him listening outside their window during family worship, they gave him a Bible and taught him to read. As soon as he accepted Christ as his Saviour he began to study in the primary grades and after twelve years' study he had completed the lower grades, higher grades, and seminary. During that time he had served in a small church in Recife as teacher, Sunday school superintendent, assistant to the pastor, and pastor. After graduation exercises at the beautifully decorated college church, filled to capacity, he and others are sent out to minister to their people because Southern Baptists cared enough to give.

NATION-WIDE ACTIVITIES IN RIO

Without knowing the geography of Brazil, it might seem strange that one country would need two Missions; but this huge country is as large in area as our United States plus another Texas. It is bridged from north to south only by air or sea, so is actually divided into two parts by the amazing distances. The capital city of Rio de Janeiro, Federal District, forms the natural center of our nation-wide agencies and of the South Brazil Mission.

This amazingly beautiful, historical city with its steep mountains rising behind gleaming, crescent-shaped beaches captivates the visitor.

The enthusiasm and aggressiveness of the people is proved by the fact that almost all Rio's 50 Baptist churches are self-supporting. Many sponsor individual projects such as an orphanage, an old-folks home, a home for the blind, a clinic, day schools. All have numerous preaching points where some members go at stated



Ismael Gimenez and missionary B. W. Orrick in Uruguay rejoice in their Baptist Bible Coach

times each week to hold services. These points very often grow into congregations which form churches as soon as they are strong enough to support themselves. This constant pushing out into new neighborhoods accounts in large measure for the almost unbelievable progress in Brazil.

Another proof of missionary zeal was the formation of the Brazilian Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the Brazilian Baptist Home Board. Their Foreign Board supports missionaries across the borders of Bolivia from west Brazil, and in Portugal. Dr. L. M. Braucher heads the Home Board begun in 1907 and great progress has been made. More than seventy consecrated, pioneer workers labor in the vast territory of tropical Tocantins River. Just now they are stressing a nation-wide literacy campaign with Bible reading at its center. Other signs of the lengthening stature of our Brazilian brethren are seen in the gen-

erous offering for world relief given in 1946, and in the large amount voluntarily given for the new seminary in Rio.

Besides the many churches in Rio, our large "Colegio Batista Shepard" (Baptist Academy) has sent out substantial citizens who have paid tribute to this school by sending their sons there. With 1,700 students and three complete sessions each day (morning, afternoon, and night), it boasts the largest enrollment of our nine similar excellent institutions scattered over Brazil. Our South Brazil seminary, with Dr. A. R. Crabtree as president, located on the same campus, is now training fifty students with a large number of pre-seminary boys in the *colegio*. Through the establishment of an excellent extension department, twenty-nine ministers have finished seminary work in sectional institutes brought to them by the professors and many others are studying. Dr. John Riffey heads this undertaking. This summer the new training school under the able leadership of Miss Dorine Hawkins is being completed. Situated only a few blocks from the other campus, it will serve better than ever before the many young women who have had to place their names on a long waiting list because of inadequate facilities.

Caixa 320 (Box 320) is the Post Office box for the Casa Publicadora (Publishing House). Located in a busy plaza with street cars, buses, taxis, and cars on every side and a lazy stand where people stop for a small cup of black coffee and pleasant conversation, the "Casa" houses several nation-wide branches of our work. Here missionaries come for their mail and their checks; here committees meet and visitors come. Miss Minnie Landrum, efficient W.M.U. leader, sends out literature

and receives reports from 28,000 members in 1,200 missionary organizations in the 870 churches throughout Brazil. Forty-six per cent of these are tithers—an enviable record for any group. Through the ministry of Dr. Edgar Hallock, the Sunday school work has progressed greatly. Literature for all phases of the work is printed in this publishing center.

Because it was impossible for the Bible Societies to supply the demands for Portuguese Bibles, the Bible Press of Brazil, established in the "Casa," has been trying to meet this ever-growing need. See Dr. Stover's article, Literature and Literacy in Brazil, page 4. He estimates that about 200,000 Bibles are needed for replacements and new requests in 1948. More modern equipment and more space for working are desperately needed. The wonderful loan fund which has helped numberless churches to finance their own buildings, and other nation-wide agencies, centers in "Casa." Here one feels the heart-throb of a great people on fire for their Master.

On January 28, 1948, when the cornerstone of the new training school was laid, these objects were placed in it: a Portuguese Bible, a Brazilian *cruzeiro* (money), a U.S.A. dollar, the life story of Mrs. L. M. Reno who served a generation, and that of Miss Alhertine Meador who was called to her heavenly home after a year's service. So in the foundation of our training school were placed the Word of God, the dedicated gifts of fellow Christians in the United States and Brazil, the lives of men and women serving a long time, and the ardor and spirit of youth dying for a cause greater than itself. God keep us worthy of the name we bear!

At one of our 100 small churches in Rio classes meet out-of-doors



TRAINING SCHOOL IN ARGENTINA

The three countries which comprise the River Plate (*plate meaning silver*) Convention present extremes in culture, climate, people, size, and degrees of progress. Argentina, the largest and most influential of the three, offers its beautiful capital, Buenos Aires, second largest city in the western hemisphere, as the natural center for our activities. Although it is an old, historic city, the visitor notices at once its progressive modern appearance, its wide landscaped boulevards, and its prosperous-looking citizens. If he did not hear Spanish spoken on every hand, he might think himself in New York or Chicago.

Here our seminary, with Dr. W. L. Cooper as president is training twenty boys from the three countries. The Publishing House distributes all literature for different departments, and houses the office of Miss Minnie McLroy, secretary for the W.M.U. of the convention to whom about three hundred societies report. Among the twenty churches in the capital city is the Central Church which plans to erect a beautiful new building dedicated to the memory of Don Pablo Besson, the pioneer Swiss Baptist who began work in Argentina. Many of our finest leaders have come from large groups of European immigrants, notably those from Italy, Russia, and Central Europe.

We ride several hours in an excellent train across the fertile plains north and west of Buenos Aires to the capital's rival, Rosario, a large city also located on the great river and the nation's largest center for shipment of grains, meat, and hides. Here in a typical Spanish house live the twenty-four girls in our training school. Mrs. Ann Sowell Margrett presides over these girls, all at least sixteen years of age and recommended by their churches, as they work three years taking ten subjects each year.

One missionary couple works in the vast orchard district of southern Argentina; one each extends their influence from the large cities of Tucuman and Cordoba in the north and Mendoza in the west—all great university centers. Another couple live in Parana on the great river. These, with the six couples whose work centers in



Windows will let light in and love out—our church at Asuncion, Paraguay

Buenos Aires, and two girls conducting Good Will Centers in Mendoza and Buenos Aires, form a thin line of advance in this progressive country. Let us strengthen this line!

FIELD WORK IN URUGUAY

In the River Plate Convention more than two-thirds of the missionaries are engaged in field work. Usually they live in a large city center but devote most of their time to establishing preaching points in as many different, nearby towns as their time and strength will permit, hoping that these will develop into churches. Since Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, contains a third of the population of this progressive, little country our work has centered there and spread out over the rolling, green hills to many villages.

Nowhere could we find a more friendly, gracious people. Our missionaries tell us that their greatest concern is not religious fanaticism, but a great indifference to any religion. One man said, "Religion? The only religion I have is politics!" But the heaven of consecrated, faithful believers is reaching out into the far corners of the republic.

Sometimes preaching points are established in the home of a believer who has moved into a new community where he has no place to worship. He often interests his neighbors before the missionary arrives. In Paso de los Toros (Way of the Bulls) we now have a prosperous church because of the zeal of one convert who moved there. The Vacation Bible School

resulted in a church in Empalme Olmos.

But perhaps the Gospel tent and a loud speaker system have brought the most widespread results in Uruguay. The missionary goes into a town. After obtaining permission from the police and distributing many tracts, he turns on the loud speaker and preaches the message of salvation. Then the tent will be set up for a week or more with visitation during the day and preaching at night. We have just begun use of a Bible Coach to be manned by a fine young pastor of Uruguay who will go from town to town evangelizing, giving out tracts, and selling Bibles.

We must drive to several towns near Montevideo making calls with our missionaries, the Orricks. After visiting a delightful elderly couple, we come back to the 1928 Ford which knows every road in Uruguay, just as the primary school nearby is dismissed. The boys recognize the car and in a moment forty children have surrounded their beloved friends. The children were first interested through a tent meeting which grew into church. Now they beg the missionaries to return. Their church has only occasional services because there are not enough pastors to go around.

The three couples working in Uruguay feel they will see a great harvest of souls but they need more workers to take advantage of these favorable conditions.

MEDICAL WORK IN PARAGUAY

The traveler to Paraguay must go to Asuncion, its capital, by air or river if he comes from Buenos Aires. Our missionaries, who moved from Uruguay to Paraguay exchanged residence in the most advanced country for that in a land where three hundred years of Spanish domination and the ravages of long wars over boundary line left their toll. With a population of one million people, ninety-two per cent of whom are mixed Indian and Spanish (*mestizo*), with an illiteracy rate of seventy-five per cent, this landlocked country presents our greatest challenge in raw human needs.

After the work which was begun and supported by the River Plate Convention, especially its W.M.U., had been strengthened by a missionary couple, the Gold-

finches, a book store and Baptist center "El Faro" (the lighthouse) was opened in the downtown section. Two missionary teachers work here.

In 1946 a beautiful first church and an attractive chapel were dedicated. The pastor who speaks both Spanish and Guarani, the Indian language, fluently has a unique opportunity to reach these bi-lingual people. But the physical condition of many weighed heavily on these servants of God. After investigation our nurse established a movable clinic in the steaming river district where thousands live with little medical care. When the waters of the Paraguay River rise, this clinic must be moved to dry ground. Because of strict laws that require foreign doctors to pass medical examinations in Spanish, it seemed impossible to begin medical work in a big way. But God put it into the heart of Franklin Fowler, a medical doctor born of missionary parents in Argentina to give his life to service in Paraguay. Prospects for real medical work in this needy land look promising. At the same time another missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. Craighead, who know Russian have gone to work with a large group of evangelicals from that country who have established themselves in the wide under-populated plains here.

The good news of a Saviour sent to bring peace and joy into the hearts of a people who have known neither, spreads only as fast as the limited strength of the few messengers will permit.

OUR BAPTIST SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTES IN CHILE

This shoe-string republic has a population of five million people—sixty-five per cent of whom are mixed Indian and Span-

Giving out tracts in front of our Seminary in Santiago, Chile



ish, five per cent pure Indian, and thirty per cent emigrants from Germany or other European countries. The copper mines in the north lie as far from the wooded islands near Tierra del Feugo to the south as New York from San Francisco. Always the back drop of high mountains, or snow-capped, active volcanoes sets this country apart from its neighbors.

Chile's history differs from that of any other country on the continent because of the fierce resistance of the Araucanian Indians. They were never conquered by the Spaniards, but it is said strong drink defeated their warriors. To this day their descendants live in the fertile valley of south Chile much as their ancestors must have lived.

To the progressive town of Temuco many of these families bring their produce or hand-made, woven articles which they sell in order to buy needed provisions.

It is in this interesting city of forty-five thousand people that our work has flourished. Twenty-five years ago Miss Agnes Graham and Miss Coraelia Brower were sent here to open a school. They soon built up a reputation for an institution with high scholastic standing as well as one which stressed high moral standards and Bible-centered religion.

With a limited enrolment necessary, standards are high and entrance is at a premium. Naturally preference is given to children of converts, and a scholarship fund takes care of a few deserving, needy children. If a child fails and he or his people are not believers, he is not asked to return.

Sometime during the rainy winter months each year—May through August—when little work in the fields is possible, the W.M.U. holds an institute at the school to which churches near or far may send worthy girls to be taught for six weeks. Some must be taught to read, but most of them, after caring for their own sleeping quarters and food, study Bible, Sunday School and W.M.U. methods, hygiene, cooking, handwork, and other related subjects. Mrs. Cecil Moore, assisted by other missionaries and W.M.U. leaders, heads this

Our Baptist School in Temuco, Chile

project which enriches the communities to which the thirty or more girls return.

Plans for celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the school were discarded for a religious program directed by ex-students as a memorial to Miss Graham after her sudden death. With parents, friends, and authorities of the town invited, a week's revival services were begun October 12, 1947, with Honorio Espinoza, pastor of First Church in Santiago and special friend of Miss Graham, doing the preaching. During these meetings many were converted; but some were reluctant to take the final step of church membership because of the social ostracism which would probably follow.

During the last week in November the commissioners who came from the government high school to give the final examinations were all exceptionally nice. Miss Brower wrote: "Most of this committee were friends of Miss Graham, and we appreciate all they did to make a good report of the school to the public authorities, and that most of our pupils passed on to the next grade. Our evangelistic and educational work has opened doors for preaching and teaching of the gospel. Pray with us that we may be able to take advantage of every opportunity to carry the message to all parts of Chile."

Though our strongest work is found in South Chile, our seminary and training school in Santiago claim two couples and three teachers. With two teachers in the Good Will Center in Antofagasta, one couple ministers to surrounding towns. A new couple have just moved to the port city of Valparaiso. Three couples and five teachers try to carry on the growing work in Temuco and in the surrounding cities. From these, too, comes the cry, "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few!"



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