

# ROYAL SERVICE

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JIMMY WILSON

## "I APPEAL TO YOU ..."

by M. Theron Rankin

Out of all the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering objectives, great joy has come to Seinan Jo Gakuin, our girls' school in Kokura, Japan. The president, the faculty, the students, the alumnae, Japanese Baptists, and our missionaries are all rejoicing in the hope of receiving \$100,000 from the 1948 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for a new administration building for the school. They have two special reasons for rejoicing.

The first one is that without this great gift, they could never have such a building. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will make it possible to do the impossible. There is no other source from which this school could secure such a contribution. This building will put Seinan Jo Gakuin years ahead in

building a strong, well-equipped, junior college as compared with anything this school could have done without this help.

In the second place, the building is to be erected in honor of Miss Kathleen Mallory. Japanese Baptists feel that this honor to Miss Mallory will be an honor to them also. Woman's Missionary Union could not have chosen a more helpful and effective way to help Japan than by making this gift to erect in honor of Miss Mallory, a building at Seinan Jo Gakuin.

For this and for all the needs to be answered through your gift, I appeal in Christ's name. The world waits on your gifts but even more it trembles for your prayers.

Dr. M. Theron Rankin  
looks yearningly at  
the world waiting  
for the gospel.  
The touch of  
Christian hands  
empowered with  
money enough  
missionaries enough  
power enough  
could lift the  
lost world back  
to God.

by Margaret Stroh Higgs

## THESE ARE

*thankful*

NIU-MAH,

*For being able to read*

"Would you like to learn to read, Niu-mah?" I asked my woman servant one day.

"But I could not, Ssu-mu," she replied, "I am too stupid."

"We shall see," I answered getting out a simple primer prepared by the Baptist Publication Society in Shanghai for adult beginners.

"Shen ai shih sen," (God loves the world's people) I read to her, pointing out each character. She repeated it after me over and over, while I explained its meaning.

The next day she brought in her little five year old son. "Dee-dee wants to learn too," she said simply.

Day by day we read together. Sometimes she could not remember the characters, and then she would ask Dee-dee, very proud that he could remember where she could not. At last we finished the booklet. "Now we must have an examination," I said. Proudly she showed me that she knew every character and its meaning.

"I can read!" she said, almost afraid to believe it.

"Of course," I replied, rejoicing with her. "Shall we go on to Book Two?"

PROFESSOR ERDENSOHN,

*For Food and Shelter*

He was the newly engaged violin professor at the University of Shanghai. One day each week he came out to the campus from the city to do his teaching, and it was arranged that he would have lunch with us that day.

"Do you like living in Shanghai, Professor?" I asked.

"Ah, indeed, yes. We will never return to Germany. My mother they killed; my brothers and sisters—I do not know where they are."

His gentle voice went on telling me the too well-known tale of Hitler's treatment of his race.

"Have you found a good place to live?" I asked, knowing that some of the thousands who had found a haven in Shanghai were living in refugee huts and crude barracks.

"Oh, yes," he beamed. "My wife and I have one room. I can practice every day." Pictures of protesting neighbors rose before my eyes. But he was con-

tinuing with a happy smile, "If for one day I do not practice, the neighbors say to me, 'Professor, you have not played for us today.'"

"You do not wish to go to the States?" I probed.

"We have enough," he said, simply. "We have learned that many possessions are not necessary for happiness. My wife and I have each other. I can teach. We have food and shelter. We are thankful."

#### NUS-YAU, For health

One of the first friends I went to see after returning to Shanghai at the end of the war was the wife of one of our professors. I found her and her family of four children living in a crowded, dirty, noisy, section of the city, quite different from her former clean, comfortable home on the University campus.

"How did you manage during the war years?" I asked. Her husband was shockingly thin, and the children looked underfed, but there was a strange look of happiness on her face.

"At first I rebelled at our hardships," she replied. "My husband had to take other jobs after school hours to make ends meet. We have not had new clothes in eight years. The children were hungry. Then I got sick."

"I do not wonder," I murmured.

"My heart was so bad I was afraid I was going to die. Then I prayed to God. I told him if he would make me well, I would never let a day go by without witnessing for him. And," she ended, her face shining, "My heart is entirely well, and he has given me the gift of helping the sick. I pray for them, and often they are healed. How thankful I am."

#### CHU CHANG SHEN, For the Word of God

"This I can understand," he said, striking his hand on the arm of the chair. "But I cannot understand about God."

He was a freshman at the University of Shanghai, and we had been talking over two hours about Christianity. I saw that he was genuinely in earnest in his search for light.

"Would you like to come over and read the Bible every day with me for a little while?" I asked.

He was silent a moment, then with a look of hunger in his eyes, he said, "If you will only give me fifteen minutes a day for two weeks, I will be so grateful."

So he came, every day on time, and we read and talked and prayed together. At the end of the two weeks I said to him, "Do you understand better now?"

With shining eyes he took his little New Testament in both hands lovingly, and said, "When I read it, I eat it."

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NOVEMBER COVER—Every intelligent Christian woman will have Asia in the background of her thinking. Against a genuine Oriental screen of beauty she will stand mindful of the horror and tragedy out there. She has much to contemplate: what do they think of the Christianity we profess in the light of our color prejudices? What do they think of the Christianity we profess in the searing light of the unnecessary dropping of the atomic bomb (according to the editor of the Japanese edition of the *Reader's Digest*)? What do they think of our Christianity while we live in plenty and do not spend generous gifts in relief and worthy amounts of money and numbers of young people to publish the good news of salvation?

# BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOUR GIFT IS DOING

by Mary Alexander

God has done miracles with former Christmas offerings—do we not give more largely this year?

THROUGH PARTICIPATION in Day of Prayer Around the World and the use of program materials prepared by W.M.U. of S.B.C. for the Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the eyes of Chinese Baptist women and Chinese Baptist young people have been lifted to see fields white to harvest. They made their first such offerings fifteen or twenty years ago during the Day of Prayer and sent them for work in Jerusalem, and for the reduction of the debt on the Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention. These offerings were in larger or smaller amounts and came from here and there, scattered places only. Exchange went against sending Chinese National Currency so the gifts for Jerusalem were used for the thousands of Jewish refugees then pouring out of Europe into Shanghai. Later the offerings were designated for the China Baptist Frontier Mission Movement.

In 1947 some money, about equal to \$2 in United States, came designated for missionary work in Brazil; this was forwarded to Minnie Landrum in Rio de Janeiro. One dollar had come from Kweichow, Honan, and \$1 from a rural church in the Szechow district. Their interest was started by a story of Brazil in one of our Chinese quarterlies.

Lila Watson's major work is missionary education in Chinese Baptist churches. She has organized a Missionary Education Council among the Chinese Baptist Publishers Society, China Baptist Young People's Missionary Organizations, China Baptist W.M.U., and Frontier Mission Committee. Recently two decisions were made by this council: one is to have "Bibles for India" as the object for offerings of the December Week of Prayer, 1948; and the other is to have these mission study and mission program subjects for the quarterlies in 1949: Chinese in U.S.A., Burma, Hawaii, World Missions (fourth quarter). The idea is to create interest in China's frontier, in her neighbors and in the world.

The \$27,000 given through the 1947 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for C.B.W.M.U. and C.B.Y.P.M.O. work during 1948 has meant blessings innumerable and immeasurable. Would you like to know how we used this gift of yours?

It paid the salaries of W.M.U. and B.Y.P.M.O. field secretaries, Miss Mabel Lee and Mr. Daniel Kiang. They even went out to Wu Wei, Kansu for conferences with Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Hsu and others of our China Baptist Frontier missionaries—This trip will cost for each about \$1,200,000,000 Chinese National Currency, which is between \$175-\$200 U.S. currency. Mary Lucile Saunders is with them from the Visual Education Department of China Baptist Publication Society and they will conduct V.B.S., mission study courses, Bible study classes, singing classes, hold evangelistic meetings and bring back pictures, stories, inspiration, and vision for Chinese Baptists to go into their "Samarita" of Tibet, Chinkiang, Mongolia, Sikkim, etc. Miss Lee was in South China and visited the tribes people of Iso Mountains recently too.

Then it paid the salary of our C.B.W.M.U. secretary, Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling. She is in herself a host of spiritual life and inspiration and faith. I wish I could say, "and her travel on a recent trip with R. Pearle Johnson to Formosa to spy out the land for Baptists there"—but that travel money was from private sources. The trip inspired and encouraged Mrs. Ling greatly and C.B.W.M.U. rejoiced to have her go even though it meant absence from the office.

Your gift pays the salaries of writers of four grades of missionary literature for young people and three grades for women. That is, it will be three when Virginia Mathis and her co-editor, Mrs. Chao get out the first copy of "Woman's Light," which is due by Christmas. It is to be a ROYAL SERVICE for better educated women. The W.M.S. quarterly has 13 pro-

grams each quarter for average Chinese women; and then in the annual publication there are the 12 programs a year of very simple materials for W.M.S. meeting only once a month. We hope the demand for this annual will grow less and less so it can be discontinued as W.M.S.s learn to meet every week.

Your gift has also supplied supplementary promotional materials like standards of excellence, manuals, titling cards, handbooks, study course awards. These do cost nuns of Chinese National Currency—but they don't have to be printed as often as quarterlies. This year we have a new Sunbeam Manual modeled after the one from Birmingham, of course. From your gift we have also been able to publish study course books. We got out a new book on titling, a book on Formosa, and a book on our new frontier mission.

We need many others, too, but are grateful for the ones you have made possible.

We were able out of this money to grant small subsidies through Provincial Convention W.M.U.'s and Young People's committees for promotion work and summer camps and conferences, besides regular travel for national staff members—Fay Taylor, Virginia Mathis, Lila Watson and Chinese co-workers to attend summer conferences. We had good conferences this year in Kweilin, Kwangsi, Wuchow, South China, Hong Kong, Tsingtao and in Shanghai. Our biggest conference for young people, the largest we have ever held in China, was on University of Shanghai campus August 6-12. There were 400 attending from all over Kiangsu Baptist Convention and at the last service there were 72 consecrations.

The idea of summer camps and conferences is spreading rapidly in China. We need so much to have a China Baptist Ridgecrest. Where could we have it? Atop delightful Kuling Mountain? Tsingtao? But it will take money—yes, but there is God and you.



Meanwhile we have also used a little of your 1947 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the beginnings of joint housing project. We will pay at least \$1000 to \$2000 per year for three years with C.B.P.S. for housing for staff members on a plot of ground allotted at our Baptist Compound for this purpose by the Foreign Mission Board of S.B.C. We hope there will be an outright gift from some source for the needed editorial building on this same site.

In the present True Light Building four rooms were endowed for the work of women and young people by special gifts from past Lottie Moon offerings, and that means we need not pay the present high rents on these rooms. We've burst out the sides though and do have to rent one more room out of our current budget and we need another. When the editorial building is ready for use at Baptist Compound, only administrative offices will remain in town. May that day soon come!

Through several years of World War II a total of about \$19,000 was designated from Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings for Literacy Literature for China. A Christian Literacy Committee for Baptists has been organized. Two volumes of *Believer's Readers*, one *Gospel Primer*; and two volumes of *Selected Bible Verses* have been published with this fund. A pictorial graded series for children we hope will be forthcoming within the year. About 15% of the fund has been designated for field promotion. One gift of \$500 was made for the reprinting of the whole Bible in the National Phonetic script—the National Phonetic being a proved good instrument toward literacy.

Isn't it wonderful to think of all we can do with this money for the Lord! How grateful we are! How glad you must be to give!

# JAPAN W.M.U. MEETS AGAIN

As reported by Mrs. Kiyoko Shirabe and Miss Elizabeth Watkins

IT WAS WITH GREAT JOY and gratitude that we met in Seinan Gakuin Baptist Church in Fukuoka, on August 26 and 27, for the first regular Japan Baptist W.M.U. Convention since the war. At a get-together last April in connection with the Japan Baptist Convention, the women made plans for this meeting.

In front of a beautiful pink and green flower arrangement, behind which hung two long paper streamers bearing the mottoes: "We are laborers together with

God," and "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things on earth, and things under the earth," stood gracious Mrs. Junko Hara, wife of the president of our Baptist girls' high school and college. Seated at the table by her were the two secretaries, Mrs. Kawano and Mrs. Fujii, wives of Seinan College professors. The

audience was composed of fifty-six Japanese women, a few of Y.W.A. age, representing 15 churches and six missionaries, Mrs. Gillespie, Miss Lancaster, Miss Graves, Miss Miller, Miss Talley, and Miss Watkins.

First there was a season of prayer, followed by the reading in concert of the W.M.U. watchword, Phil. 2:10, and the singing of the hymn "Jesus Shall Reign." After the reading of 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and prayer, Rev. S. Kawano, executive secretary, brought the opening address and greetings in behalf of Rev. Ozaki, President of the Japan Baptist Convention and

the entire Convention. He said that we must give actual proof of our missionary interest. Only recently we Baptists withdrew from the Japan Church Union. We are few with little strength and few missionaries. Woman's work in Japan is difficult. Our situation is very different from that in America where they have thousands of members and much money with which to do the work. But the W.M.U. work is significant church work. Each of us must put our utmost strength into the effort. If we cooperate, I think we can have great strength. (This was the gist of the main part of his talk.)

In the business session that followed, conducted by Mrs. Hara, three questions were asked and answered: What should the W.M.U. do for its church? What should the W.M.S. do for the Y.W.A.? Why should the societies work together? Mrs. Higasa, wife of our Tobata pastor, spoke to the first question, reminding us that women used to be expected to keep quiet, and were told that they were too weak and few to accomplish anything, but that if we don't turn aside to the right or left, but go straight ahead, we can be workers together with God. We must think anew as to what our work and duty are. We must go straight forward without deviation in our evangelistic effort. Women can mean much to their church.

The second question was spoken to by Mrs. Kiyoko Shimose Shirabe, Bible and English teacher in Seinan College, and Y.W.A. Leader. Among other things she said, "I have a request. In bringing up children, one of the most important things is the mother's love. I ask you to love the Y.W.A. You and they must do God's work together. Please lead the younger women with love."

In answering the third question we were told: "Christian parents have various problems in the upbringing of their children, but if they confer and pray together, they are solved. Through the quiet prayers

of women, accomplishments are achieved. If the women of the church are earnestly praying, the atmosphere of the church will be spiritual."

Rev. Miyoshi, Pastor of Fukuoka Baptist Church, led a discussion of the acute problem as to how best the young men and young women can do their church work together to make a united evangelistic effort. "Nevertheless, we want the women to continue to mother and help the young women. Love the Y.W.A. as your daughters from now on as you have in the past. That is my request."

In her talk, Mrs. Hara said, "Our work is different from that in America, and we can't take over their organization in its entirety. We must do our own type of work. They have a great organization with about 14,000 women's societies. Counting the auxiliaries, they have 50,000. When we think of our little handful, we see that the work must be different. Of course God will strengthen us." She explained the Southwide organization in America with the Birmingham headquarters. She told how in America they begin teaching missions to very little children. She told of a letter from a little girl in America saying that she was in the Junko Hara G.A.

She said, "We are using the motto of the American W.M.U. unchanged, 'We are laborers together with God.' When we see how the Americans are organized and working, we see that we must have a better organization that will use the individual members more effectively." Mrs. Higasa was elected to go around and visit the churches and encourage the women in their work.

Next door, in a large matting-covered room, the guests sat at low tables while they ate the lunch they had brought from home. They had been asked to bring their own lunch and supper for the first day. Miss Graves served ice-cold grape juice.

Back in the church after supper, Rev. Shuichi Ozaki, Pastor of Seinan Gakuin Baptist Church, gave a Bible Study on the subject of Temptations (1 Cor. 10:13). Then another business session.

The guests slept in groups under huge green mosquito nets hung from the ceiling of the matting-covered room. They were

so large that several beds, which were thick padded quilts, could be placed under one net.

The next morning, in the opening devotional Rev. Miyoshi, pastor of Fukuoka Baptist Church, talked about what women should do in the church, drawing his lessons from the story of Mary and Martha.

Then the secretary read an inspiring letter from Miss Kathleen Mallory. It means much to the Japanese to hear directly from the American leaders, especially after the long war years of forced silence.

Part of the W.M.U. constitution as found in the Year Book was read by the secretary. Then followed the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Those chosen were:

President of Japan W.M.U. .... Mrs. Junko Hara  
(wife of the president of Seinan Jo Gakuin)  
Vice President ..... Mrs. Kesako Higasa  
(wife of the Tobata pastor and former co-worker  
with Miss Naomi Schell)  
Missionary Counselor for the W.M.U. ....  
Miss Elizabeth Taylor Watkins  
Secretary ..... Miss Fumio Kobayashi  
(teacher in Seinan High School and former Good  
Will Center worker)  
Treasurer ..... Miss Sakai Sugano  
(teacher in Seinan High School and a member of  
the first graduating class of our girls' school)  
Young People's Leader, especially Director  
of Y.W.A. .... Mrs. Kiyoko Shimose Shirabe  
(director of religious work, teacher of English and  
Bible in Seinan College, and a graduate of the  
\* W.M.U. Training School in Louisville)  
Assistant Young People's Leader .....  
Miss Kakiwa Tomita  
(experienced kindergarten, school teacher, the  
newly chosen head kindergarten teacher for the  
Good Will Center in Tobata, and the daughter of  
the oldest active Baptist pastor, Pastor Tomita of  
Tokyo)  
Missionary Counselors for Young People's Work,  
especially the Y.W.A. .... Miss Alma Graves  
(missionary teacher in Seinan Gakuin, Fukuoka)  
and Miss Floryne Miller (missionary teacher in  
Seinan Jo Gakuin, Kokura)

Next year the Convention will be held at Zion Baptist Church at Seinan Jo Gakuin in Kokura. The dues, which used to be 60 sen a year will be 60 yen from now on, 100 times as much, because of the inflation. Japanese women will observe the world Day of Prayer the first Friday in December. At that time, we will bring a thank offering for foreign evangelism.

Mrs. Kesako Higasa gave a report of the Baptist Good Will Center in Tobata. Years ago Miss Naomi Schell of North Carolina and she had walked the streets of Tobata



Dr. and Mrs. Matsuta Hara, Baptist leaders

looking for the best site in the slums of that smoky industrial city. Both the American and Japanese W.M.U. had helped make the work possible financially. This work was adopted as the work of the Japanese Baptist women. It was continued for ten years. There was a clinic, Sunday school, kindergarten, clubs and classes for all ages, a supervised playground, and an English night school. "I cannot forget the day Miss Schell told me that she was leaving for America. After she left, we were very lonely. The Tobata Baptist Church with Mr. Higasa as pastor, continued the work. Mrs. Dozier sent a special gift of 5000 yen. We carried on 'drinking our tears' just three of us. Then the war came on and Mr. Higasa was drafted. The Government brought pressure against the work. I was left alone with the work. I could not do it by myself. Then the city of Tobata asked to rent the place for a day nursery. I had wanted to hold on to it, but it had become physically impossible, so we decided to rent it to the city. The war ended and we wanted to have it back, but there was no building to which the day nursery could move. Others were using the upstairs, which complicated things. Now at last it has been turned back to us. From September we shall have complete control again. Miss Elizabeth Watkins has consented to move to the Good Will Center and to take charge of it as director. I am very happy and thankful that we can begin this work once more. With great hope for the future, I am preparing for the reopening."

Mrs. Higasa suggested the erection of a memorial chapel in honor of the founder, Miss Naomi Schell. She explained that much-needed land adjoining the Good Will Center is being bought. There is no room in the entire building that can be used for assembly except the kindergarten room. The Sunday School, night school, clubs, all have to use that which must be repeatedly disarranged for these other meetings. A chapel is a pressing need. It can easily be erected on the newly acquired land. They had hoped that Miss Schell would come back to them although she was physically weak, but she went to heaven year before last. The Japanese are

hoping that the American women will want to have a part in this chapel, too, and so will make possible the erection of a worthy memorial to Miss Schell. Every February the Good Will Center is to be especially remembered in prayer and with gifts.

Next an explanation was made of the Mallory Memorial and the Mallory Scholarship. Miss Kathleen Mallory has worked with W.M.U. in America for 36 years with all her heart. About twenty years ago she visited Japan. She wished that she might be a missionary to Japan. The American women want to show their appreciation of her by giving her something that will last on and on. They are building a memorial



Kiyoko Shimose Shirabe and her little ones have been looking at AMBASSADOR LIFE.

administration building to her at Seinan Jo Gakuin. We rejoice that Seinan was chosen for her memorial.

"Miss Mallory also gave a Scholarship. It has helped send students to Seinan Jo Gakuin, and to the seminary. Before the war we had a Bible Training School for young women, and one of those students received the Mallory Scholarship. We want to continue the Mallory Fund. We women will select the student who is to use the money."

Dr. Maxfield Garrett, president of Seinan High School and College, missionary in Fukuoka and neighboring towns, as well as treasurer of the Baptist Mission, brought

the closing message of the Convention. He read the words of King David, "God forbid that I should give unto my God that which cost me nothing." He said that we must give ourselves, time, money, and all. He spoke of tithes and offerings. He said that the main thing is to put God first. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." "Put the will of God above all else. Our salvation does not depend on our offerings. We are saved through grace by faith. We can never buy our salvation. We do not give to him because he gives us many things, but because he gave his life for us on the cross. We do not weigh his gifts to us and ours to him in exchange. 'Present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable to God which is your reasonable service.' For the love of Christ constrains us."

The last meal together was especially appreciated, because in addition to the rice and vegetables which each delegate had had to bring with her to be cooked by the local women, there were good things sent by Mrs. C. K. Dozier of Hawaii, and other things contributed by Miss Alma Graves of Fukuoka.

After the noon meal, there was a memorial service for those who have gone on to Heaven during the last seven years, during which it has been impossible to have a W.M.U. meeting. They read the names of nine Japanese women. In addition, Miss Naomi Schell of North Carolina and Mrs. Edward F. Watkins of South Carolina were mentioned, and something was told of their work.

In conclusion, Mrs. Hara gave a short talk in behalf of the new officers, asking the co-operation and prayers of all. Mrs. Y. Mizumachi, for many years the enthusiastic and capable president of the Japan W.M.U. as well as the wife of the President of Seinan Gakuin, spoke in behalf of herself and the other outgoing officers. She mentioned especially Mrs. C. K. Dozier and her splendid and devoted leadership of the W.M.U. of Japan, from its organization until the war. The women are eagerly awaiting Mrs. Dozier's return to them from Hawaii where she went during the war days.

At the roll call, Hiroshima, one of the bombed cities, reported a reorganized



This map of the main islands of Japan shows the small section where Southern Baptists have mission work.

W.M.S. with an average attendance of eight. They have a Y.W.A., too. Shimonoseki, another bombed city, reorganized last May with twelve members. Half of them are inquirers, not yet Christians.

In Moji where the church was destroyed and the members scattered and practically all of them burned out, there are not enough women yet for officers of the organization, although they expect to start a Bible study group for women soon. They have an organization of their young people. Kokura lost their church building in the war, but they have reorganized their society. They have about ten members.

At Seinan Jo Gakuin (Zion Hill) at Kokura, there are several groups of the neighborhood women organized. About 25 are in the group that meets in Mrs. Hara's home. A good many are not Christians yet.

At Tobata, the women have not reorganized yet. At Omura, they have not reorganized. Those who attend church are almost entirely young people. Wakamatsu, a newly reorganized church, has thirteen W.M.S. members, seven of them at Seinan Baptist in Fukuoka, they have a large attendance, about half of them being Christians.

At Kumamoto, they have a society of twenty-two with an average attendance of thirteen. Those who attend church are mostly young people.

Fukuoka Baptists lost their building during the war. (Please turn to page 13)



# EVERY ONE IS A WITNESS

by Francis C. Stifler, D. D.

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WHEN THE REV. YOSHIO HIGA, an ordained Methodist minister, stopped in San Francisco, enroute from the island of Okinawa in the Southwest Pacific to Amsterdam, Holland, he told a reporter of Religious News that American soldiers were inadvertent missionaries for the spread of Christianity on the island. American kindness and consideration paved the way for the conversion of the natives, Mr. Higa



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Fey, a German missionary on the island of Palau with his Bible students waiting for the Bible to be given them in their language

said. There are now 43 congregations there, using schoolrooms, private homes and quonset huts for their places of worship.

The frightened natives in many of these Pacific outposts could not but be curious as to what made the difference between the ruthlessness of the enemy and these bold, young Americans who, in their casual, but undeniably genuine way, radiated good cheer and helpfulness. It might be Democracy—but what made Democracy work?

Most of us remember the surprise which

our Armed Forces registered when they found Christianity deeply rooted in many of these islands; the Scriptures translated and published in the languages of the native peoples; and the words of God being read in the tongues of these stranger-folk. Foreign missions had at last come into its own.

Take a look at the globe. "Down under," in a vast expanse of the blue Pacific lie the 16 atolls of the Gilbert Island group. Their language was first reduced to writing in 1857 by Hiram Bingham. It must have taken high courage, fired with great spiritual zeal, to set out from San Francisco in a small sailboat, as Bingham did with his young bride, and head for new territory, from which occasional disturbing tales of the treatment of white strangers came. A few chapters from the Gospel of Matthew made up the first Scriptures to be published in this language. By 1893 the entire Bible had been translated into Gilbertese by Mr. Bingham, aided by Mrs. Bingham and a native, Moses Kaure. It was published in New York by the American Bible Society. The plates of this Bible are stored in the vaults of the Bible Society in New York. "They are brought out and used

for new printings of the Bible when needed in the flourishing Christian communities on the Islands.

One of the newest languages to appear in print is the Gospel of Mark in Palau. Before the war, mission work in many of the Pacific Islands was under the direction of both German and Japanese missionaries. Fey, a German, had been assigned to a mission in the distant part of the jungle, a day's trip by sailboat from the harbor where steamers cast anchor. Much of his time was given to the translation of the Scriptures into the Palau dialect. When

the Gospel of Mark was completed it was sent on to Japan for publication and had actually appeared in print when further communication was shut off by the war.

After the war the American Bible Society was asked to print this Gospel for the people of Palau. The Society readily agreed but the only copy from which the work could be done was a slightly discolored book in Japan, which, fortunately, had escaped destruction. It was sent on to this country and now the bright, new Gospels with their clean attractive pages have come from the press and are in the hands of the Palau people.

If one goes from Palau in a straight line west he comes to Mindanao, one of the southern islands of the Philippine group. It is no news to find Christians in these islands, for many denominations have had well established missions there for decades.

The complete Bible has been published in eight of the Philippine dialects and parts of the Scriptures are to be had in many of the other dialects spoken in the Islands.

After the establishment of the Bible Society's agency in Manila in 1899 thousands and thousands of copies of the Scriptures went out each year into all parts of the country. Practically no work, either of publication or distribution of the Scriptures, was carried on during the enemy occupation so that the resulting shortage of books created an emergency the Society has found difficult to meet. And people are hungry for the Scriptures—their copies lost or destroyed—and there are few Bibles to meet their needs!

Letters like these could be duplicated almost every day in the mail received in the newly rebuilt Bible House in Manila: "Please try to hurry the printing of the Cebu Bible. The people are hungering for the Word of God. They will sooner or later die a spiritual death if we don't feed them." From the island of Bohol came, "We would like to learn as to whether you have the stock now. The people here in Bohol are in great need of the truth which is written in the Bible." "From every side comes the call that the people want to buy a Bible. I am pained to see them searching for a Bible to buy but cannot find," was

the plea from Central Luzon.

When a shipment of Scriptures did arrive from America and word got around the books were there, people came to the Bible House as early as six-thirty in the morning. Long after the normal closing hour in the evening they were still beseeching the tired, but willing, assistant for copies of the Book they had waited for so long.

The Bible Society is starting a modest publishing program in Manila which will be increased as more presses and paper become available. In the meantime publication of Scriptures for the Philippines is proceeding in this country.

If the Armed Forces did a good job in Okinawa, the same may be said of them in Japan. The enemy was not prepared to be treated with forbearance—they had been soldiers. But here were soldiers who worked through the GI Gospel Hour resulting in the formation of the Japan Gospel Crusade. And back of it all was the Bible. "Send us Bibles," pled Kagawa, the outstanding Japanese Christian, of the American Bible Society. "Demand for Bibles, Testaments and Gospels insatiable," cabled General Douglas MacArthur to the Bible Society.

The society began at once to meet the request for 2,500,000 Japanese New Testaments and 150,000 Japanese Bibles.

When the possibility of manufacturing books in Japan became a settled fact, the Bible Society shipped 105,000 tons of Bible paper there. Its receipt has been acknowledged by Mr. T. Tanaka, secretary of the Japan Bible Society. Mr. Tanaka has asked for the use of 230 additional tons of paper, that has already been purchased by the Society, for editions of Japanese Scriptures. "We need Bibles more and more to meet endless demand of Scriptures in Japan. Therefore please secure paper for the Japan Bible Society as many as you can arrange," he asks.

The Bible is a book that makes itself at home every where. It speaks with one voice in hundreds of languages, through the missionary to those who will learn its truths, through our own lives as we bear witness to its teachings, binding the world together in one great brotherhood.

# REUNION IN ROSARIO

by Frances E. Roberts

SARA, JUST THINK! A W.M.U. Training School reunion in Buenos Aires! I can hardly wait to see Ruth and ask her all the news," said Frances as she gazed out of the train window at the Argentine country.

"We are due to arrive at 12:30 and Irene said that she would have a good hot North American dinner ready for us," replied Sara.

The train from Rosario, Argentina to the great city of Buenos Aires, had two young missionaries aboard, Sara Taylor and Frances Roberts. They were on their way to Buenos Aires for a reunion with Irene Smith, another young missionary, and with Ruth Garcia who several weeks before had returned to Argentina from the United States. All four girls had been students at the W.M.U. Training School during the school year 1945-1946. Soon they were together once more.

"Oh, Ruth, how is Miss Littlejohn?" "How are Miss Edwards, Miss Fancher, and Miss Mitchell?" "I heard that Miss Robinson broke her foot. How is she?" Ruth was bombarded with questions from the other three.

After Ruth had delivered all the greetings from the faculty members and students and had answered all the questions with news of classmates and friends, they began recollections and memories of Training School days.

"I'll never forget housework. Remember what fun it was serving tables," recalled Irene.

"And do you remember, Frances, when you had the mumps your first year?" put in Sara.

"And remember the Philharmonic Orchestra and the fun we had on Saturday nights, and packing food boxes to send to Europe," added Ruth.

"We'll never forget Sunday night sings, our field assignments to work with people in Louisville."

"Our visiting in the hospitals and our Seminary and Training School classes gave us a deeper knowledge of God's Word and

how to give God's message to others."

"Those missionary days when we heard stronger than ever God's call to the uttermost parts of the world, and our own praise service at the close of missionary day! What a time we had always to be ready with a white dress for those praise and consecration services."

"Miss Littlejohn's Tuesday afternoon prayer meeting when we prayed for the Training School graduates serving in the homeland and in foreign lands are lovely memories. Just think, now they are praying for us here in Argentina."

"Will we ever forget commencement exercises when we sang 'Take the Light!'"



Frances Roberts, Hazel Irene Smith and Sara Taylor smile as Ruth Garcia "snaps" them at their T. S. reunion in Argentina

"Those were days and experiences that prepared us for serving our Master here in South America," said Frances. "I'm so thankful for them!"

Everyone agreed that "those were years to be cherished forever."

"But now I want to know what you are doing. Sara, how does it feel to be the Miss Littlejohn of Argentina?" Ruth's turn had come for asking questions.

"When I was at the Training School I never dreamed that some day I would be acting principal of the W.M.U. Training School in Argentina. Now I can sympathize with Miss Littlejohn! It is a privilege and responsibility to do this my second year in Argentina while Mrs. Anne Margrett, the principal, is on furlough! I could not have done it apart from the help of the Lord. He has given me wisdom with the language

and guidance in leading the twenty young women this year. What a privilege to help in the training of girls who can go to their own people and lead them to the Lord! This year in addition to the girls from Argentina, we have two students from Paraguay and one from Bolivia. After this year when Mrs. Margrett returns, I shall be starting a Good Will Center in Rosario," replied Sara.

"And you, Irene, how is your Good Will Center work going? I hear that in Argentina they call you Irene instead of Hazel, as we knew you at the Training School," remarked Ruth as she turned to Irene.

"Yes, Ruth, knowing Spanish, you know that my second name, Irene, is much prettier in Spanish than Hazel, my first name. When I landed in Argentina I began using my second name instead of my first. I have had a kindergarten this year in a small church in Avellaneda, the large city across the river from here. We have bought a building for a Good Will Center. Conditions must be alike the world over, for we are finding it difficult to get the people to move out even



Ruth Garcia as a student guest from Argentina

though we have bought the house. I am hoping to move into this house within a few months, then I will be able to get the Good Will Center under way. Ruth, I do want you to visit the kindergarten and teach them some new songs. The children are precious. Many of them have started coming to Sunday school because of the kindergarten."

"Frances, how is your Spanish coming?"

"Better. I have been boarding in an Argentine home in Rosario. They know very little, if any English, so I am forced to use Spanish every day. I have a very good private teacher. I have my full time for study and by having good opportunity of hearing and trying to speak Spanish each day I am beginning to catch on to your beautiful language. I have made some funny mistakes. I mixed up "zapato" for

"shoe" with "zapallo" for "squash," but that helps me to remember the word next time. I like living in an Argentine home very much and eating Argentine food. I think that this is one of the best ways of learning the language and getting to know the people. I am very grateful for this year in your lovely country of Argentina, but I shall be going to Paraguay in November. Then I will come back for mission meeting. But, Ruth, tell us about yourself now you are back in your homeland. We hear that you have a choir in your church," said Frances.

"Yes, the young people seem to be very enthusiastic. I am hoping that we can give part of the 'Messiah' for Christmas." Ruth had received her degree in Sacred Music at Louisville only a few months before.

Yes, four Training School classmates were together in Buenos Aires: Ruth Garcia, helping with the music in the church where her father is pastor in Buenos Aires; Irene Smith, director of a kindergarten and Good Will Center in Avellaneda; Sara Taylor, acting directress of the W.M.U. Training School in Rosario; and Frances Roberts, doing language study in Rosario but soon to go to Asuncion, Paraguay, to work. These four Training School graduates are carrying the light to those who are in darkness in Argentina and in Paraguay, lands of the Southern Cross, and part of your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is going to that Training School and that Good Will Center while your Co-operative Program gifts are underwriting other parts of the work.

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ing the war. They have eight members. They meet every month. Yahata lost their church building, but the W.M.S. has been reorganized and meets once a month. The pastor makes a talk each time.

Saga—No representative present. Evidently not organized.

Meinohama—Not organized.

Although the societies are few and weak, we have a great God and our hopes for the future are bright. We request the prayers of all Baptist women that many knees in Japan shall bow at the name of Jesus.



## HAWAIIAN INTERLUDE WITH SUE SAITO AS GUIDE

*Sue Saito was one of the first young people to be won into our Baptist work; she knows Baptists and Hawaii*

FIVE DAYS on a luxury liner or about nine hours by airplane takes you to the "loveliest fleet of islands anchored in any ocean." A trip to Hawaii is an unforgettable experience. A riot of colors and fragrances greets you as friends pile flower leis (lay-ees) around your neck. Rev. Victor Koon, senior missionary, and Mrs. Koon will take you on a tour of Oahu, an island 26 by 40 miles with 359,000 of the total 520,000 of Hawaii's population on it. It is the center of all activities because Honolulu, the capital, is located there.

The missionaries' Chevrolet takes you first to the Baptist Bible School of Hawaii in Beautiful Manoa Valley, two blocks from the University of Hawaii. Miss Josephine Harris, dean of women and B.S.U. secretary, greets you and introduces you to the fifteen students who live there. The University Ave. Baptist Church meets in this building. Rev. Lindell Harris is president of the school and pastor of the church.

Lunch is served on the wide veranda overlooking Diamond Head crater and you think of the hundreds of homesick G.I.'s who enjoyed a bit of home atmosphere and Sunday luncheons on the restful green lawns during the war years. Such contacts were a part of the Olivet Baptist Church program for four years. It was in this building also, that Dr. Charles Maddy, then secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, and a group of missionaries sat in total darkness on Dec. 7, 1941, praying, reading the Scriptures, and talking of missionary experiences around the world, while anti-aircraft bombed all night long.

Driving to the Nuuanu Baptist Church you learn that this brave church met under a tent for several years before the present

beautiful house of worship was made possible by the sacrificial giving of the members and by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Pastor H. B. Ramsour tells you that the Sunday school meets in his basement and all over his house.

Muriel Okamoto used to pass by the Nuuanu tent on her way to work. She heard the piano playing and one day gathered enough courage to look in and talk with the pianist, Ruth Tamashiro. She was invited in and learned that this tent was a church and not put up for a luau, a kind of Hawaiian feast which is usually held under a tent. Upon being invited to the Sunday services, Muriel backed away and said that her home was Buddhist and she could not possibly think of attending a Christian church.

Later on, after Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stuart, who were then working with

Nuuanu Church called at her home, she began to attend. Soon she accepted Christ and became a church member. She dedicated her voice to the Lord and stopped singing with a dance orchestra. When the Lord called her to full-time Christian service, she told her father about it and was ordered to leave home. Heavy-hearted that she had to hurt her father, she sought refuge at the Baptist Bible School, where she lived for a month before her father asked her to return. He realized that this was no idle desire but a deep-seated decision he could not cope with. Last fall the Lord opened the way for Muriel to attend Wayland College in Texas and her parents gave a farewell party at the church.

Driving over twenty miles of super-highway you are in the midst of vast pineapple fields in the bustling town of Wahiawa. Here Southern Baptist work had its birth.



ITSUKO SAITO

Mr. C. J. McDonald, a business man of Honolulu, led a group of Christians in his mission Sunday school to organize into a Baptist church. After struggling for six years without a permanent pastor, the Foreign Mission Board sent Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Belote, in 1940 when the war prevented their going on to China. Under Mr. Belote's ministry, the church progressed miraculously. The townspeople had been indifferent and sometimes contemptuous of the little Baptist group but they grew to respect the church as this consecrated missionary began winning friends and leading them to Christ. Young people who were formerly devout Buddhists, business men of the town, and campus leaders of the high school were won. Mr. Belote did a full-time job of pastoring and also found time to take active part in civic and community affairs.

On Sunday, we visit the Olivet Baptist Church in the center of Honolulu. The day begins at 8:15 A.M. with Training Union for Juniors and younger Intermediates. Some of these children leave home at 7:00 A.M. to be on time. Since there is an 8 P.M. curfew and many of the parents do not want their children out after dark, this early hour was set. Most of these children stay through the morning preaching service.

As the 500 children and young people gather for Sunday school, you wonder how the church takes care of them all. Superintendent Willis Tassie tells you that the Sunday school cannot meet in general assembly because there is no room big enough. Such a din arises as all the departments begin singing that you wonder how anybody can concentrate. The three corrugated tin warehouse-like buildings and the quonset hut placed close together on the small lot are far from soundproof. Almost every curtained-off classroom is overflowing with children, dark-haired, bright-eyed children of Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, and Korean descent listening intently. One of

the Junior teachers, Marian Kirita, welcomes you warmly and you later learn that although she is a Christian of only a few years, she uses every opportunity she has to lead her friends to Christ.

A Chinese business man, Jack Lum, teaching a group of Junior boys, impresses you with his spiritual insight. Very few have learned to put spiritual things above material things as he has and he gives tirelessly of his time, energy, and possessions for the Lord's work.

Dan Liu, Honolulu's Deputy Chief of Police, teaches teen-age boys and Mrs. Liu is superintendent of the Beginner Dept. You wish you had time to meet all sixty teachers and officers but the bell rings and the people move in to morning worship. The auditorium is filled in no time and Mr. Koon preaches a thoughtful Bible sermon.

The Aala Park evangelistic team invites you to have a simple lunch at the church and then go out to the park where 100 or so men loafing around hear the gospel.

The two Intermediate Unions, the two Young People's Unions, and the Adult Union all invite you to visit them. You decide to visit the Japanese-speaking Union. Since there are no Training Union quarterlies printed in Japanese, Bible selections on certain topics are given out and original work is done on these Scriptures during the week. The programs are never dull and all the members have made much progress during the short time that this Union has been in existence.

Monday morning you go back to Olivet bright and early to see the Kindergarten and Primary School in action. Black-haired Oriental children arrive and greet you with a Southern "Good Mawhnnin," which startles you until you learn that the missionary director of the school is Miss Martha Morrison of Georgia. Miss Ruth Kuwata, who finished the course at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary last spring, is her capable assistant.

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In the afternoon some of these children return for Sunbeam Band.

As you visit each day you find that some meeting is going on every afternoon and almost every evening of the week. G.A., R.A., Y.W.A., children's Bible class, youth choir, youth recreation night fill the weekly calendar.

You do not want to leave out the other four islands where there are Baptist centers so you make a flying trip to Molokai.

Mrs. Kawano is a leader in the Baptist work here. She was brought up in a strict Buddhist home; avoiding all contact with Christianity. After graduating from the university, she became a teacher in one of the public schools of Hawaii and eventually married Charles Kawano, a business man on Molokai. When their son Kenneth was about seven years old, Mrs. Kawano had to take him to Honolulu for medical treatment. During these trying days she felt a deep need which was not satisfied by her parents' religion. She heard that a nearby church was having revival meetings. She went to Olivet Baptist Church and accepted Christ as Savior. As great joy flooded her soul and her burden was lifted, she said, "Why didn't I take this step sooner?"

Kenneth became better and she returned to her little island. Without delay, she gathered about thirty children and started a Sunday school in the only available meeting place, an abandoned Buddhist temple.

When the organized Baptist churches in Honolulu learned of the courage and vision of this one convert, they could not overlook her plea for help. They banded together to support one missionary there, their first home mission project.

Next on your itinerary is Maui where Rev. and Mrs. Tharp, Miss Hannah Plowden, and Miss Bertie Lee Kendrick are kept busy with four mission centers. In Kahului you stop at a Buddhist hall where a Baptist church was born. Miss Plowden tells of how she left Honolulu to answer the Macedonian call of Maui after a young Puerto Rican Christian, Daniel Angais, and Chaplain Wroten of Texas organized several mission Sunday schools during the war years. God supplied their need of a pastor by placing one Baptist chaplain after another with the Marine division stationed

there. They gave what free time they had to the Kahului Baptist Church.

After the war was over, the Buddhists were allowed to resume their work and the hall was turned back to them. The only place available for meetings was the missionary home, then occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Maxfield Garrett, who served on Maui for a brief time before going on back to Japan. A Japanese couple, the Funakis, also opened their home. Mrs. Funaki had a party to celebrate the taking down of their Buddhist god shelf from the wall of their living room when they became Christians.

As you travel through sugar cane and pineapple fields visiting the various mission points, you wonder how the missionaries have energy to carry on so much work. They have seven weeks of Vacation Bible school in four different places.

Your flight to Hilo on the "Big Island" is awe-inspiring as you catch glimpses of the snowy peaks of Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea, both over 13,000 feet high. The Hamakua coast of sheer cliffs cut by numerous deep green valleys is beautiful and breathtaking.

Rev. and Mrs. William Haltom greet you with an orchid lei. Mr. Haltom tells you how Dr. Charles Leonard and the boys of the church went out into the jungles gathering lumber from the wreckage of the tidal wave of 1946 to construct the church building. Afterwards the church bought two army huts, tore them down, and rebuilt them into an educational building.

You are convinced that a missionary to Hawaii must be not only a preacher and teacher but also an architect, carpenter, plumber, painter, and electrician.

Kauai, the Garden Isle, is the last of the islands where Southern Baptists have work. In the town of Waimea the consecrated Tamashiro family and a small band of believers called themselves the Missionary Bible Church until they found that they believed as the Baptists did, and changed the name later to the Waimea Baptist Church.

All too soon your Hawaiian interlude is over and you bid a tearful aloha. It is hard to leave, for these bright friendly islands

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## OUR COMMEMORATION YEAR

by Mrs. Frank S. Burney, Chairman

SWIFTLY THE MONTHS of our Commemoration Year have raced by. All 1948 has sounded a call for praise and thanksgiving to our Lord for the birth, development and propagation of Woman's Missionary Union throughout its 60 years. God has used this organization in extending his kingdom on earth.

"One generation shall praise thy works to another and shall declare thy mighty acts"—Psalm 145:4. Have you really read the history of those brave women who through trials and hindrances had faith to see the encouragements and to venture forth in an organization for "God and Home and Every Land"?

As you know they "worked as though all depended on them, praying as though all depended on God," have you not been moved to tell this new generation of the glory of his kingdom and talk of his power and mighty acts?

Did not your spirit burn within you as you realized your inheritance? Have you paused to whisper a prayer of thanksgiving for the leading men and the intrepid women who built W.M.U.? Have you asked that you may be given strength "to follow in their train"?

Did you enter into the Bible reading plan? We set out to read God's Word daily, three chapters a day according to Dr. Sampey's plan, with a goal for every member to read the entire Bible through this Commemoration Year. As a hallowed souvenir you will want to keep your 60th Anniversary Bible Book Marks\*, that, the generation to come may know of this concert of Bible reading. "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised and his greatness is unsearchable."

Did you establish that "family worship"

period in your home this year? How the home needs God! We greatly need to gather about us our children, our grandchildren, and to speak to them of "the might of God's terrible acts of his greatness." We should arm them against the snares and pitfalls of this wicked generation and strengthen them with that unseen power which a Christian home provides. "A family altar in every Baptist home" has been one of the greatest ideals for this hallowed year. Family altars will break down cocktail bars and strange idols. Do you have daily family worship in your home?



"All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee"—Psalm 145:10.

Woman's Missionary Union is organized to help to "make known to the sons of men his mighty acts and the glorious majesty of his kingdom." The majesty of God's kingdom is made known particularly in your gifts through the Co-operative Program, your state

mission offering, your Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions and your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Yes, "his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and his dominion endureth through out all generations" but we will fail to have a joyous part in it if we do not pay that tithe—the tenth that belongs to him and if we fail to give as God prospers us.

Our measurable goals are high for this year. Did you do your best for the Home Mission Offering? Our United States needs to know and honor God. Unconsecrated thousands in our Southland have not yet accepted our God as Lord and Saviour. Many societies failed to pause and pray and

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## "THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE..."

by Hugh A. Brimm

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ONE SELDOM SEES A CRADLE outside of an antique shop, and the psychologists' advice is "Don't rock 'em; let 'em cry." So why quote this line about "the hand that rocks the cradle"? Isn't it the sentiment of another era?

Do not think this is a treatise on "How to Spoil Your Child." It is a call to Christian women to become aroused to the realization that the hand that would rule the world through rocking the cradle and the hand that casts the ballot have much in common. In our day the job of ruling the land is no less urgent than the task of saving our civilization.

We are confronted now with a titanic struggle of ideas. Political, social, economic and spiritual values and ideas are being tested as never before. World civilization and culture must be preserved. Not only is the institution of the family, the solidarity of our nation at stake, but the very possibility of the continuation of life on this globe will be determined by the outcome of this struggle of ideas.

Do you know that it is utterly impossible to kill an idea with military might or any other physical force? The only way you can defeat an idea is with a greater and more powerful idea. One has well said "neither armies nor navies are more powerful than an idea when its hour has come."

Where political ideologies are concerned, Democracy is the greatest concept of government that the world has ever known and American Democracy could be the most powerful and effective government that the world has ever known. Why did I say "could be"? For the reason that in the dawning hours of the new atomic era when the world so desperately needs a government that can stand the test of these times, Democracy is being defeated right here in America where, potentially it has its most brilliant opportunity.

It is being defeated every time a hooded

mob burns wooden crosses; it is being defeated every time a limp black body swings back and forth at the end of a rope down a lonely road; it is being defeated every time brilliant and talented young men and women start to step through a door marked "opportunity" and find that door slammed in their faces with an angry retort, "Get out of here you black 'nigger' or 'kike' or 'wop'"; it is being defeated every

time a small selfish group of industrialists or merchants scheme together to exploit and mislead the public for their own personal and greedy ends.

Yes, every time such things happen, Democracy is being crushed, but the most devastating blow comes when you fail to discharge one of your most vital obligations as a citizen by your refusal to vote. A government of the people, by the people and for the people has utterly failed when the people fail to be the government.

Dirty politics, crooked politicians, corrupt government and graft would all be completely impossible if all the Christian women would express themselves at the polls. Hate mongers and race baiters would be driven to cover if the voice of the people could be heard to say, "we want a fair and decent opportunity for all men regardless of creed, color, or economic status."

There are communities in our southland where local county officials have been elected, where representatives and senators have been sent to the state and national Congress by less than twenty-five percent of the potential voters. This is not representative government and such a condition is a far cry from Democracy.

You are one of 48,000,000 women in America. Would it not be far better, much more sensible for you and the 47,999,999 others to cast your vote at election time and by so doing make Democracy work rather than send your sons, husbands and sweethearts into another futile struggle to

"Women hold the balance of power and will elect the next President of the United States."

—MRS. INDIA EDWARDS

try to make the world safe for democracy? The world will be safe when Democracy has a chance really to operate. You are the indispensable factor in its success or failure, you are Democracy's strongest or weakest link. What are you doing about it? Are you voting?

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### HAWAIIAN INTERLUDE

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have cast a spell over you. You think of the uncompromising Christian lives of the young people and the price they must pay to become followers of Christ; you think of the great need for more adequate buildings and feel embarrassed by the millions of dollars used in the home churches to build luxurious sanctuaries; you think of the missionaries and native workers doing double and triple duty because there are not enough adult workers to take the places of leadership; you think of the vitality of the eight churches, each of which has many more on the Sunday school roll than on the church roll; you think of these eight churches with 1300 members and compare them with the 111 Catholic churches with 150,000 members; you think of how the per capita giving during the past year by Hawaii Baptists was \$60.00; you think of the constant visitation and personal soul-winning done by these young Christians; you think of how only one out of 500 is a Baptist; and you pray fervently that Southern Baptists may not fail in their mission here at the crossroads of the Pacific.

### OUR COMMEMORATION YEAR

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give and that unused offering envelope should awaken the realization that you were one of our group that failed God at this critical time and hindered W.M.U. from reaching her great goal\*\* of \$800,000 for home missions. Was it too high? We think not. Our Father has abundantly blessed us mightily. If every member had done her best we would have given far more than that goal. Oh, friends of Christ, wondrous have been the works of our God in preserving us from pestilence, famine and the ravages of war! Shall we continue to escape if we fail to honor him with our time, talents, lives and substance? Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$1,600,000 for foreign missions in our Christmas gift to Christ.

Another of our anniversary goals was 600,000 women members. Have you secured a new member? Have you told even one what a channel of information, inspiration and service the missionary society has been to you, and have you endeavored to win at least one more?

What about that church in your district or association that has not one W.M.U. organization in it? Do you not covet for those women and young people that missionary education and outlet of expression that these organizations provide? Perhaps such a group is waiting for you to go now and aid them in organizing. God has promised "to fulfill the desires of them that fear him." Won't you try?

Do you really desire to close this happy, hallowed, holy commemoration year with unusual joy? Then enter into the secret of his presence and finding his guidance go forth even at this late hour to spend and be spent that you may join that host who work and "speak of the glorious honor of God's majesty and of his wondrous works." We believe his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and it was his plan for Southern Baptist women to share in its building, giving themselves and leading others to kingdom extension at home and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

\*\*By mid-summer the Home Mission Board lacked \$167,734.33 of the hoped for \$800,000.

## IT'S HAPPENING NOW!

by Mattie Leila Watts

WE ARE THANKFUL that we can pray for the Foreign Mission advance and for peace.

WE ARE THANKFUL that the British Empire has selected as its Ambassador to the United States Sir Oliver Franks, a man of deep religious faith and rich spiritual background. His father, grandfather, uncles, and a cousin are in the Congregational ministry. Sir Oliver feels that God has definitely called him into the work of a diplomat. His moral fervor and sense of dedication are said to impress all who meet him with the fact that he is a man who believes in the eternal verities of God even while doing his governmental job. He is a teetotaler, and believes in all the observances of his Christian faith.

WE ARE THANKFUL that a special committee of the Indian Parliament has under consideration a bill "which proposes to abolish all caste restrictions in marriage contracts which under Hindu religious laws are invalid unless the marriage partners are of the same caste. Moreover, the bill would permit daughters for the first time to share in inheritance." Even the consideration of such a bill, we are reminded by *Missions*, is a tribute to the social power of the Gospel as evidenced in the lives of the many men and women of that great land who have found new life in Christ Jesus.

WE ARE THANKFUL that an edition of 300,000 New Testaments is just released from the presses in Leipzig to be distributed by the Berlin Bible Society. Another 300,000 pocket Bibles are to be published in the near future. These are the first to be printed within the Russian Zone and are the result of much work, planning, and sharing. Paper for the first edition was given by the American Bible Society, the moulds were loaned by the Beatenburg Bible School; while the Swedish Bible Society is giving the paper for the second 300,000 which will be printed from moulds loaned by the British and Foreign Bible Society. These are complicated business ar-

rangements but because of them there will soon be 600,000 more Bibles in Germany.

WE ARE THANKFUL to learn from *La Voz Bautista* that Mr. Herbert Caudill, superintendent of our Baptist work in Cuba, has received from the President of R.H.C. Cadena Azul (Radio Havana Cuba, Blue Chain) a letter of deep appreciation for the sermons broadcast over that network. He writes of "his most sincere thanks for your high ideals in behalf of this (station)," and adds, "I am very proud that an audition such as the First Baptist Church has established itself on this first national telephonic chain, and may you always meet the same cooperation as you have at the present time."

WE ARE THANKFUL for this message given us by *Missions*. Northern Baptist counterpart of our *Commission*. A chaplain with the U.S. Army in Korea writes us: "Baptists do not have any organized mission projects here in Korea. That does not mean, however, that there are no Korean Baptists. Years ago a stray, independent Baptist missionary wandered into Korea with no connection with any mission board in the United States. He must have been industrious for his Lord, for throughout Korea one can find many Baptist churches."

WE ARE THANKFUL that there is now a European Baptist Union, organized after the pattern of the Southern Baptist Convention, with the various National Baptist Unions bearing the same relationship to the European Union that our State Conventions bear to the Southern Convention. This Union was organized at the time of the recent meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee in London. Representing Baptists in 23 countries, the new organization has a total membership of 657,337, not including the vast unknown number of Baptists in Russia. Also organized was a European Woman's Union to stimulate great missionary interest and

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## THE BOOK OF ALL NATIONS

Always we need to encourage the reading of God's Word.  
The Worldwide Bible Reading plan is unusually challenging now.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION has been following the Sampey plan of Bible reading this commemoration year; many W.M.U. members join in the daily Bible readings as suggested by the Training Union; others pursue their own independent plans, but every devout Christian will want to know about the 1948 Worldwide Bible Reading sponsored by the American Bible Society.

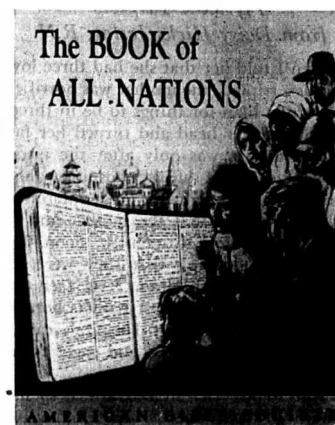
The selections for 1948 bring out helpful truths on the theme, the "Book of All Nations," arranged daily from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

In 1947 thirty-four countries participated; 15 million bookmarks were distributed; the list of daily readings was also reprinted in various publications with a total circulation of about 20 million copies. An even larger response is expected this year. Scattered families in different states or separated by wide oceans have enjoyed reading together as they follow this plan. You can mail a bookmark to a distant loved one or friend and meet around the mercy seat as you read daily.

Reports from pastors and other church leaders indicate that the Worldwide Bible Reading program fulfills a twofold purpose: (1) It gives an opportunity to enlist many people who have not been accustomed to reading the Bible. (2) The emphasis on daily reading encourages persons who have been only casual readers to continue their new-formed habit of daily reading by participating in the regular program of daily Bible reading sponsored by the various church organizations.

Southern Baptists have a special interest in this Bible reading program on an international scale. It is an expansion of the Nationwide Bible Reading launched in 1944 which, in turn, was the result of national attention drawn to an earlier Bible reading movement in Texas, sponsored by the churches and the American Bible Society, in which Baptist leadership played a major part.

Bookmarks listing passages for daily reading, an attractive poster in colors, and other special materials for the churches, are available from the Society. Samples have been mailed to pastors; supplies are sent to them without charge in the quantities they request.



Ask your pastor for the supplies you will need. If samples failed to reach him, materials can be secured by writing to Worldwide Bible Reading, American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

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support in the hearts of the women and young people of Europe even as our own W.M.U. is constantly doing for us over here.

"Any Baptist church that functions an entire year without at least one member dedicating himself or herself to Christian service should make a critical and prayerful study of its church program."

—Dr. Harold Tribble

## Housing Problems in Tsingtao

from Bonnie Jean Ray

These are busy days. The work is very encouraging. I saw three pastors baptize 252 a few weeks ago. Twenty-six were from the Pingtu part of the refugee school boys and girls Miss Wan and I have been teaching. Pastor Kuan baptized twenty-four last Sunday night.

Getting houses is a problem here. The Seminary is still in the garage apartment.

## African Triplets

from Daisy Hicks Jester, R.N.

When I told her that she had three lovely babies, triplets, the mother was horrified. No Yoruba likes for things to be in threes. She covered her head and turned her face to the wall. It was only after the nurses and medical staff of the hospital, along with others, had shown a great interest in the three babies, that the mother and father began to feel differently. Soon they were proud to think that they were the parents of three children. The fact that the children were the first triplets born in the Ogbomoshu Baptist Hospital, caused everyone to be interested and eager to see the babies.

Twins to any African have always spelled calamity in days gone by. Even today two babies are a problem to an African mother. Since she carries her baby on her back, what is she to do with the other? A mother with twins will be seen with one on her back, and the other tied on in front. But triplets! Soon the mother discovered that two small daughters could be a help and the three babies were distributed among her and the two little girls.

Miss Womack and I taught her how to feed them by the bottle method as a supplement. We would make the formulas for her and she or her husband would come and get them. As the babies developed, I taught her to feed them necessary food. She rigidly obeyed all instructions, and the children have now passed their first birthday. She still brings them to the baby clinic at the hospital for check-up and the administering of any necessary medicines.

Healthy happy babies is one of the things that we as women of the W.M.U. of Nigeria are sponsoring. The fact that one mother can have three such babies is an incentive to others to take good care of one.

## We Must Enter Formosa

from R. Pearle Johnson

I am here in Formosa having at last made the trip I talked so long about. Not only has our North Gate Church been interested in Formosa, other groups have been also. We have a committee which is called "The China Frontier Mission Committee." Its work is to promote Baptist work in places where none has been done. I have been to two cities, Taipeh and Keelung. We shall not go to any other place but will return to Shanghai next Friday. We

for the Lord and was greatly used many years ago in opening up our work in Manchuria. He will stay on for two or three months to start some work. We all three feel that this is the time to begin, to delay even a short time might mean our losing our chance entirely. Various other religious groups are coming in. We just can't afford to miss our open door in this island toward which business and government people are turning their attention so much. Pastor Yang will tour the island and have evangelistic services wherever practical.

## God in a Cyclone

from Mrs. Mobola Ayorinde

Thursday, May 20, 1948, is a day to be remembered in Lagos, Nigeria.

Our parsonage is opposite an old ceme-

tery with green leaves and fallen branches."

Strangely enough, minds recalled vividly that it was exactly one year ago that the eclipse of the sun and moon occurred.

Superstitious minds immediately linked the phenomenon with the tornado.

Much damage was done to property but only a few lives were lost. Many canoes were sunk and all loads in them perished.

People all over Lagos felt the power of God that day and called on him to have mercy. Sometimes God shows his power and glory to mankind in nature. This great cyclone turned many hearts to thinking about our great God.

## Pastors in Europe

from Dr. J. D. Franks

THE SITUATION of the pastors in Europe is dangerous. As a rule, they are elderly men, well passed middle age. They endured the rigors of the war period, many of them serving long years in concentration camps. In the difficult post-war period, with its pitiless privations, hardships, and distresses, they have continued to suffer. Naturally, like good shepherds, they have denied themselves the meager allotment of food and other necessities, in order that their equally needy flocks might have more, often robbing themselves of barest essentials in order to do so. Consequently their health in many cases has been seriously impaired or completely undermined. Their physical, mental, and spiritual vigor has been so depleted that they have become unequal to their heavy responsibilities as spiritual leaders of the people at such a time as this. Hundreds of them are suffering from tuberculosis. In Germany there are more than 300 in this class, still trying to carry on. How happy it made me to be able on behalf of Southern Baptists to send each one of these for one month a monthly special TB food allotment.

The war robbed the churches of their normal supply of young men as new recruits in the ministry. This fact has made still heavier the work for the older men, who were already overburdened with the care of the churches. It is not unusual to find an elderly, poorly clothed pastor trying to serve the needs of many flocks. In one city a pastor was serving 14 churches.



are making the trip both ways by plane. We can do that in three hours while a boat trip requires two days and one night with an added night on the boat before it sails.

Formosa is shaped somewhat like a fat banana with stem down toward the south. It is variously estimated as being 240 to 400 miles long, north and south, and 90 to 160 at its widest point east and west. Mountains, streams, lakes, plains, lush tropical and semi-tropical forests, shrubs, grasses, ferns, flowers and fruits—we too exclaim with the Portuguese, "Isle of Beauty!"

There are some 6,300,000 people on the island, and we were told that all are Chinese. About 50 years ago Taiwan was ceded to Japan and remained under Japanese control until after World War II when it was returned to China. One writer said of it, "No richer war prize has fallen to the fortune of a victorious nation."

Pastor Yang from Chefoo is here with Mrs. Ling and me. He is a man on fire

tery which is full of tall trees.

Around eleven o'clock in the morning Rev. Adejumbi and his daughter, Mrs. Adkola Adegbite, visited me and we sat talking in the living room. Rev. Ayorinde was out of town. Suddenly the rush of strong wind was heard and all trees were bending low. The three of us looked out. It was amazing to see many trees in the cemetery uprooted and lying flat on the ground. Many tombs were uprooted and corrugated iron sheets were flying here and there. Houses went tumbling down.

I was not too frightened because a man of God was in the house, and I trusted God that although the parsonage is old it would stand the tornado. The three of us prayed to God for his mercy on all the people who were out and in danger.

One of our newspapers relates the incident thus: "Many persons were seriously injured yesterday when a high speed tornado took the township unaware a little after 11 a.m. Among institutions known to have been damaged are Eko Boys' High School and St. Mary's Convent in Broad Street, the thoroughfare itself being littered

## EVERY BOY A MISSIONARY

by J. I. Bishop

This Royal Ambassador Focus Week, November 7-13, marks forty years of earnest effort on the part of Woman's Missionary Union to see that every boy is a missionary. By the thousands, men of all walks of life point back to Royal Ambassador days as the beginning of their mission interest. This week we will be giving thanks to God for those interested leaders in local chapters and associational or state organizations who have invested their very lives in this cause.



Most of all this Focus Week we want to look out and catch a glimpse of the future. If each of the hundreds of thousands of women over the South who are members of Woman's Missionary Union would determine to give her energies to the wise promotion of making every boy a missionary we would change the mission picture in one generation.

The need for missionary-minded men is greater than ever before because the opportunities are far more outstanding. The cry of our mission boards is for men, the best men, to represent Christ on new fields on every hand. There must be men to give money to equip and support those who yield to the call to go. Adequate funds, enough money, will

only come from men who are missionary-minded, missionaries at the home base.

Not only are the needs and opportunities of mission fields great but the opportunity for helping our modern boy is unparalleled by any age. They need today what Christianity has to offer.

Woman's Missionary Union is focusing its attention this November week on her opportunity to meet these needs. The Royal Ambassador program is psychologically fitted to appeal to boys. The thinking of the 9-17 year old boy with his club spirit and desire for companionship with members of his own sex, separate and apart from girls, makes it imperative that we use the boys' club as a medium of teaching spiritual values and missionary facts. The success of civic boys' organizations, such as Boys Clubs of America, "Y" Clubs, and Boy Scouts in teaching the principles of citizenship, athletic and nature lore prove what can be done through the right kind of organization in the field of missionary education. The same boys will be just as interested in a Christ-centered program if it has the elements of their organizations that appeal to boys.

A medical doctor in China looks back to Royal Ambassador Camp days as his inspiration for clean living and dedication to the mission cause. A pastor says, "It was through prayer learned at my chapter meetings that I found God's will for my life." A layman reports, "My tithing and stewardship of possessions began with the

principle learned as a Royal Ambassador." A boy today says, "I try to live for Christ on the ball field, in my school, in my home and among my friends because of the inspiration of my Allegiance and the fact that I am an Ambassador of the King." Women, you have it! You have the opportunity to make every boy in your community a missionary. This is the week to take advantage of that opportunity.

"What can I do?" That's the sixty-four dollar question. Put Royal Ambassador work on the map in your church the week of November 7-13 as it has never been before. If you don't have a chapter, this is the time to organize. Order free material from your state Royal Ambassador leader. Study it so you can wisely explain to others what you are trying to do. See November *Ambassador Life* for suggested activities for the week and supplies for your organization. Order these and have them on hand so the boys and men you hope to get interested can see them.

Plan a whole week of activities to really set your church on fire for this work with boys. Caution: Of course, you won't let this week be like a whirlwind and the months following die out with a breeze. Boys need continuous sustained effort.

"We already have our chapter going. What can I do?" is the next question. Put on a demonstration of Royal Ambassador activities such as your church and the boys of your church have never seen before. See November *Ambassador Life* for suggested activities. These should include special services, recognition of the boys.

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Marjorie Moore  
1948-49 STUDENT OFFICERS OF W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL, LOUISVILLE:  
(left to right) Mary Neal Morgan, secretary; May Tindal, social chairman; Berenice Bell, general chairman; Ruth O'Dell, religious chairman; Betty Mullins, junior chairman

## OUR 1948 SESSION BEGINS

The first Monday in September marked the opening of our school dormitory. By Wednesday noon the majority of the students had registered.

Our first convocation was held in the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel Wednesday afternoon, with Dr. Clyde T. Francisco of the Old Testament Department of the Seminary leading our devotional thought. This hour affords an excellent opportunity for students to see and hear briefly the men and women who will be teaching them during the year ahead. They make a formidable array including the Seminary professors and our own faculty. Misses Claudia Edwards, music; Georgie Fancher, librarian; Miriam Robinson, speech and religious drama; and Virginia Wingo, missionary education. Among staff members the following were presented: Misses Elaine Neeley, office secretary and instructor of business methods; Velma Darbo, registrar and secretary to the president; Eva Dawson, house director; and Bertha Sexton, dietitian. Miss Sexton comes to us from Alabama with a fine record of training and professional service in the

field of dietetics. She is also a former student of the School and familiar, therefore, with our purpose and ideals.

Two members of our official family are special students working toward graduate degrees. Miss Martha Harston of Arkansas is instructor in social work courses. She has the excellent background of graduate study in Tulane University School of Social Work and three years professional social work experience. Miss Ruth Swann of North Carolina is in charge of our infirmary. She is a graduate of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing and has served for two years as staff nurse at Blue Mountain College while completing her work there.

The student leaders for the year are: Misses Berenice Bell of Texas, student chairman; Ruth O'Dell of Oklahoma, religious chairman; Elaine Johnson of North Carolina, social chairman; and Virginia Highfill of North Carolina, Y.W.A. president.

We had a waiting list until late summer, but a large number of cancellations shortly before the first of September reduced our en-

rollment considerably. We are beginning the session with 104 boarding students and 78 day students. Among the boarding students, Kentucky is leading with fifteen, South Carolina follows with thirteen, North Carolina with eleven, Georgia and Virginia with nine each, Alabama and Mississippi with seven each, Tennessee six, Florida five, Missouri four, Illinois, Louisiana, and Oklahoma three each. District of Columbia and Texas two each, Arkansas and Maryland one each.

Our most interesting American student, of course, is Kimiko Kaneshiro of Ha-



waii, who has returned to do her second year's work. Incidentally, Kimiko reports a wonderful summer doing camp and field work for the North Carolina W.M.U. Two Oriental students have joined us this year. Emily Goon of Hong Kong, China, and Akiko Endo of Yokohama, Japan. Emily Goon is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, and was a favorite at Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp the summer of '47. Akiko Endo is the first Protestant student to be allowed to leave Japan for Christian training in the United States since the war. She is a trophy of Mrs. Maxfield Garrott's missionary life in Japan. The presence of these three will make us more conscious of our world citizenship and our missionary opportunities.



## Thanksgiving For Tiny Tots

by Ruth Latuille Matthews

"As he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers . . . When they were cleansed, one of them . . . turned back . . . giving him thanks" (Luke 17:12-16).

Think of it—only one man out of the ten who were healed remembered to be grateful. This experience of Jesus surely must have been unusual but it does focus attention on one of the most glaring deficiencies in

children reach eager hands for the cookies and ice cream. Then, listen to hear how few of them remember to say "Thank you." When a father brings home goodies for the kiddies, do they respond with a mannerly and natural thankfulness? Instead, isn't it too often just "Gimme"? Obviously, no one is born well equipped with gratitude! It must be learned. How best can it be taught?

As parents, we are not primarily interested in having our little ones just repeat "Thank you" in parrot fashion at specified times. Instead, we are concerned about developing in them consistent attitudes of gratitude and appreciation. Then, "Thank you" becomes the natural outward expression of the child's own inner feeling, regardless of the exact phrase he uses.

The time-honored custom of "saying grace" or expressing thanks at mealtime is one of the most obvious and yet most important ways in which parents can encourage their small children to be grateful. Three times a day, ninety times a month, is just bound to make an impression on young minds. In some homes, "saying the blessing" is done at the beginning of the meal; in others, it comes at the end of the meal. Such expressions of gratitude may include thankfulness for rest during the previous night, for playmates, family, church and teachers, as well as the food on the table. Many family altars are built on the foundations of such expressions of gratitude. It is de-

sirable to rotate the prayers in the family circle, or at least to allow opportunity for all to participate sometime. Even a two-year-old can learn to "say grace" in his turn, though it be the brief couplet:

"God so great, God so good,  
We thank thee for our food.  
Amen"

Gratitude, like all spiritual qualities, is caught, not taught. The parents' own example of appreciation in the home is far more effective than repeated references to being grateful. A mother wisely encourages even a toddler to "help" her by bringing this or that during the day. Likewise, a father may encourage a very young child to bring him the morning paper. What more natural opportunity for a grown-up to express his thanks to the child? And what a golden glow comes to the tiny tot when he feels needed and appreciated! Repetition is the very essence of good teaching. Encourage expressions of thanks from parent to parent, parent to child, child to parent, and children to other children often during each day.

When the child is ready for bed is an opportune time for gratitude lessons. Often he will wish to recite in detail the people and things with which his day has been filled, and toward whom he feels very friendly and grateful. His prayer at these times need not be a formal repeating of what has been memorized. Just to have him name events and persons is really to express his eager thankfulness.

Instead of Shakespeare's expression about a thankless child, we could be able to truly say

"How keen a joy and pleasure it is  
To have a thankful child."

## What is a Mission Study Institute?

A Mission Study Institute is a training school of methods presenting "how to teach" mission textbooks, preferably lasting two days and including all grades. It is like a normal school, teaching mission study teachers how best to present their subjects.

May the ROYAL SERVICE program be used in the circle?

The program in ROYAL SERVICE is planned for the general monthly missionary meeting and it is our earnest hope that it will be so used.

Will subscriptions to THE COMMISSION and SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS count in point of the Standard of Excellence? No, the requirement reads "W.M.U. missionary periodicals" and that means ROYAL SERVICE, The Window of Y.E.F.A., World Commandes or Ambassador Life. But every Baptist family should also have a subscription to these excellent missionary publications of our Foreign and Home Mission Boards.

What does completing a mission study class mean?

The meaning is set forth in the W.M.U. Plan of Work: attending the class more than half the teaching time; reading the book; reporting, either orally or in writing, new facts learned.

Are three hours sufficient for a mission study class?

In the Plan of Work as set forth in the W.M.U. Year Book we find our answer: "The best class provides an average of an hour's study and teaching for each chapter of the text with participation in discussion and as-

## IS THIS YOUR QUESTION?

by Edwina Robinson, Mississippi

signment. A mission study class is not a lecture or a book review."

Is it permissible for the circles to select their chairman?

The circle chairmen are nominated by the nominating committee and elected as are other W.M.U. officers.

Do all tithers sign the Stewardship Covenant cards annually?

No, this card is intended only for "new" tithers. It is suggested that all tithers be given opportunity to re-sign a statement of intention to continue as a tither each year. The stewardship chairman might prepare an attractive folder or scroll for this purpose. The re-signing might be done at the close of an impressive stewardship program early in the new year.

When are members of W.M.U. young people's organizations promoted?

The annual promotion service for the W.M.U. young people's organizations is at the same time of year

that young people are promoted in other church organizations.

Where may I secure playlets and pageants for use in our W.M.U.?

These may be secured from the W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama. A classified listing of these is found in the W.M.U. Year Book.

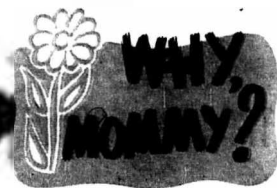


Is the Missionary Round Table plan intended for every member of the W.M.S.?

No, this plan was to take the place of the Advanced Course in mission study. It is background reading for those who have done much mission study and want to extend their horizons. The W.M.U. Year Book gives details of the plan.

What can I do? If you are a confirmed men of your church will come around and comment. "Say, I would like to help out with a program like that, what can I do?"

The future man power of missions is looking to Royal Ambassador organizations not only to furnish the male recruits for mission fields but to produce the strong supporters of the program at home. November 7-13 is your opportunity to begin the impetus to make every boy in your community a missionary.



human character. Of our many hurtful habits, that of lapsing into ingratitude is most intolerable. Nevertheless, it is far too common among us all for comfort!

William Shakespeare had King Lear express for all parents the deep wound inflicted by ungrateful children when he moaned:

"How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is  
To have a thankless child!"  
(Act I, scene 4)

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, is it not appropriate to consider ways of teaching our children attitudes of thankfulness? If this training should be delayed until the child enters school, ungrateful habit patterns will have already taken root. Observe refreshment time at a child's party. Notice how all the

## IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU

by Clarice Logan Henderson

*A true story that brought the comment  
"Isn't this W.M.U. work glorious!"*

ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE women who belong to a missionary society and believe earnestly in missions but feel that community missions is not so thrilling as the call and need on the foreign field? If so, stay with me for a story as exciting and heartrending as any you'll ever find. And remember... it could happen to you!

It was "nominating time" again and the circle leader read the names of the newly

Once more their month came round to be in charge of the services. They took a speaker, a few song books, and their unloving, uninterested hearts. Once more they found the unpleasant setting, the haggard faces. But the eyes of this chairman of community missions fell upon one of the inmates—a boy, needing a haircut, in unkempt clothes, unshaven and whipped yet a child with soft cooer spaniel eyes. "What could he have done? What is he doing in this place? Oh, I wish I could help him." Through the service, she kept her eyes on him, saw no response to anything that was said, just the same soft brown eyes of a boy. Her mind wandered a minute to her boys—fun-loving, football players, loyal members of their church—just boys. What was the difference?

elect officers. This was a live-wire large B.W.C. They got things done, their programs were always well planned and inspiring and they really wanted to serve. As her name was read, the newly appointed chairman of community missions thought (as many of us have sometimes thought). "Dear me, that means the services at the jail on Sunday afternoon. Nothing ever comes from that. Time wasted, but I'll go."

On Sunday of her first month, this chairman with her group went half-heartedly to the jail. And came away half-heartedly. Nothing stirred her—the dirty place, the haggard "no count men"—the absolute uselessness of this kind of missions.

The service was over and it was time to go. She took a moment and spoke to this boy. "What is your name, son?" His was a lovely name. "Where are you from?" It was another state far away. "Are you going to be here long?" And he said, "Til February." "Are you a Christian?" "No ma'am."

This was the beginning of a friendship for Christ that was to mean the difference between eternal life and eternal condemnation. This boy was a captive, a prisoner of sin. But he would find pardon and learn that someone had paid a ransom for him.

Tactfully but lovingly our chairman began her work with "her boy." She took

him a Testament, food, clothes, sent a barber down, and wrote to him. Soon he asked her to come to see him and from then until his trial, she was a regular visitor. He was allowed out of his cell and she spent much time, teaching him to pray, reading the Bible to him, being his spiritual mother. When the time came, she asked him if he were ready to trust Christ as his personal Saviour. He told her he felt he was but would write her when he knew he was ready.

About Christmas the letter came. "I am ready." So on the third day of January this fine young boy drove with our chairman to First Baptist Church and was baptized. His only words to the minister were, "I don't mind now how the trial turns out. I only want to live for Christ where I am... even if it's in jail."

The circle members had made his Christmas a happy one. He knew someone cared for him. The jailer and his wife recognized the change and he was given jobs about the jail. He closed his ears to the filthy language and talked with the men about Christ as he served them their meals.

Back home in the faraway state a mother heard from our chairman. She had been praying and she rededicated her life upon hearing of her son's conversion. But a father still staggered home at night and little children were afraid.

At the trial the sentence was read—two years suspended sentence because of his previous clean record. Nothing could suppress the joy in his sad eyes. "Oh, I'm so happy. As soon as I get on my feet, I'll pay back every cent. I didn't mean to steal a car. I was tired and

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HERE IS THE UNSURPASSED invitation to the people from all the ends of the earth to partake of the perfect and everlasting salvation. How often in God's Word is the glorious invitation repeated! This passage reminds us of Isaiah 55:1, "Ho, every one that thirsteth! Come ye to the waters and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat." It reminds us of the inviting call Jesus gave in the parable in Matt. 22:1, "... all things are ready. Come to the marriage feast" and the invitation in Revelation 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth let him say, Come. And he that is athirst let him come."

The gospel is universal. God is willing to save all but here are especially invited the ignorant ones carrying about their god of wood and praying to a god that does not bring salvation. Irrational, indeed, are those who do such. Many times it is because of ignorance for they have never heard of the one Saviour of the world.

The folly and nothingness of idolatry causes God to shine forth in great splendor so that those who think upon the matter and search deep into his truth are bound to bow to him and confess his name. The cloud of heathenism shows forth blackest when compared to the Son of righteousness.

He shines out a God of foresight against the opportunism and want of foresight of the heathen idol. God arranges things beforehand and predicts what must come to pass. Divinity and omniscience are most apparent to the common eye when God foretells events and they are fulfilled before the eyes of the world. He is a

## UNSURPASSED INVITATION

Isaiah 45:20-25

God of purposefulness and power as contrasted with the wooden god's futility.

He is a just God not a capricious one as they thought of the god of wood. God declares himself a Saviour in contrast to a god of wood that cannot save. He is a God of abounding righteousness, clearness, straight forwardness and good faith. He is a God of fidelity, of moral consistency. This is in direct contrast to the ideas people held concerning the heathen gods. He is a God of strength. He is able to do great things and bear hard things. He shows this by his power to save. The quality most blessed is that he is a God of love for through his mercy, loving kindness and grace he becomes the Saviour of the world. The idols of wood fade into oblivion when we meditate upon the just God who is Saviour of the world.

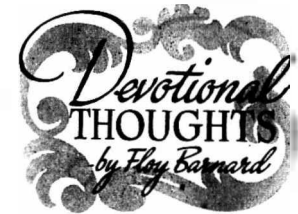
From God's mouth of righteousness his word goes forth and it does not return until it has accomplished its purpose that every knee shall bow to him and every tongue confess that he is Saviour. The confessing of God shall not be from force but because God has shown himself through his marvelous works to be the only righteous, strong and saving God. Even his enemies will confess him.

The people shall be reconciled and renewed by Jehovah and shall glory in him because of his grace. Justification for all mankind cannot be found save in God.

The little phrase "shall glory" in verse twenty-five

is the Hallelujah Chorus of the passage. It is the doxology. It reminds us of the praising choirs mentioned often in the book of Revelation.

In Revelation 7:9 there is an unparalleled description of such a choir. "... a great multitude... out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb... and they cry with a great voice saving, Salvation unto our



God... Indeed in God all shall glory!

God's serious and settled purpose is that all the ends of the earth shall be invited to accept the offer of salvation which he gives. He is not willing that any should perish but that all would come to him. It is in accordance with God's holy loving purpose that salvation be given to all. It is the privilege of God's children to hear the glad news around the world even to the farthest island of the sea. On us rests the responsibility to see that this is done. "The cheering call of the converted to their still hesitating brethren or even to the resisting brethren" must be sounded forth clearly and continuously.

## ONE SAVIOUR FOR ASIA AND THE ISLANDS OF THE SEA

### Plans for your Program Committee

You will need maps, of course. Use a map of the world, large enough to be seen by the audience, to indicate sections of Asia and the Islands of the Sea as referred to in the program. Your Baptist Book Store has a fairly good sized one on paper, 50c; missionary map of the world on paper, \$2.75; or missionary map of the world on cloth, \$3.50. Perhaps one can be borrowed from the public school or be made by a G.A. or R.A. working on Forward Steps or Ranking System.

A globe will show the international date line but may not be big enough to point out the sections as discussed. You may

use separate maps as Political Map of China, price 35c, Baptist Book Store.

Write Foreign Board for leaflets, page 19. See materials, pages 32, 34 and 36.

As the members enter the room or program time begins, the pianist plays softly such hymns as "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"; "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"; "Saviour, More Than Life to Me." Hymn: "Lord Speak to Me. That I May Speak." For devotional, see page 29.

Following the leader's story of the Welsh woman, have a period of silent thanksgiving for this wonderful Savior.

The leader of the program continues with the map study suggested in "From the Rising of the Sun." She presents the three women who will talk on Hawaii, (1) "Surely the Wrath of Men Shall Praise Thee" and (2) "Let Them Declare His Praise in the Islands," and (3) Hawaiian Interlude, page 14. After this third talk, the program leader asks someone to lead a prayer for Hawaii. Ask someone in advance so she will be ready for definite prayer, calling the names of missionaries serving on the islands.

The leader introduces the subject of bearing hardships for Christ, as given in "In the degree that you share in the suffering of Christ, rejoice," then nine members will read the nine bits from letters, in turn without announcement. Pray for the world's suffering millions, pray that we may send relief. The woman assigned to speak on "The Children of the Wicked One" may read the quotations but will tell the rest in her own words.

The leader asks the question "What of the night?" and opens the subject presenting the woman who speaks on "In China," and then the one who talks on "In Japan." It will add interest if these two women dress in costume.

The leader herself presents the discussion of "What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do?" or she may ask the pastor to do this, asking him also to read Dr. Rankin's appeal (inside front cover).

Ask someone to copy on large chart the Advance Program for the Orient. Hold it up for all to read aloud.

After the reading of the appeal, the leader brings the meeting to a close as suggested in the final paragraph. She asks the women to bow in prayer for these millions while a soloist sings without announcement the first and last verses of "For You I Am Praying" substituting "We" for "I" and "our" for "my."

It will add so much to your meeting to display Oriental tapestries, vases and curios which you can gather with but a bit of trouble. The social committee in Japanese kimono and Chinese gown could serve tea with Chinese Chews (recipe for Chinese Chews is given in *The Window of Y.W.A.*, November, page 19). Someone could sing Chinese songs during the social period. From United Service to China, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y., *China Sings* can be secured. It is a book of eight folk and marching songs collected by Liu Liang-mo and Evelyn Modoi, for 50c. Another book is *The Pagoda*, thirteen Chinese songs published by Cooperative Recreation Service, Delaware, Ohio, for 25c each.

### Each in His Own Tongue

An unlettered Welsh woman was greatly surprised when she learned that Jesus, the Saviour, was not Welsh. "But when I talk to him, he always answers me in Welsh!" she exclaimed. People who know Christ and speak to him hear him answer, each in his own tongue. How full of thanksgiving we should be for the one Saviour who always answers us so that we can understand.

### "From the Rising of the Sun"— Psalm 50:1

We are considering today "One Saviour for Asia and the Islands of the Sea" or "for the Orient," as we usually say. We are apt to think only of Japan and China and, in more recent years, Hawaii, when we refer to our mission work in the Orient. The term, "Orient," includes far more than these. It is a term generally applied to countries west of the international date line and east of the Mediterranean. In sailing from the west coast of North America, there is always great excitement in crossing this imaginary line where West meets East and a day will be lost. The first country reached after crossing this line is Japan, named by its early inhabitants who knew nothing of anything international, "Nihon"—literally "where the day dawns." Formosa, Korea, the Philippines, the vast empire of China, including Mongolia and Tibet, India, Burma, Siam, Arabia, Syria, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, are all included in the wide "Orient."

Our English cousins gave the name, the Near East, to the parts of the Orient nearer to the British Isles; to farther away India, Burma, Japan, China, and many isles of the sea "The Far East"; we Americans use these same terms though they are illogical for us.

So as our Foreign Mission work developed the term, "The Orient," was applied to China and Japan; "The Near East" is used of our efforts in Palestine, Syria, Trans-Jordan, and our embryonic work in Arabia.

### Planned by Foy J. Farmer

Hawaii is included in the Orient in our Foreign Mission terms. Though it has been a territory of the United States since 1900 and those born there of whatever parentage, are American citizens, there are good reasons for its classification as "Oriental." It is on the way "toward the rising of the sun"; the first Southern Baptist missionaries to work there were displaced from China and Japan by war, and a large proportion of the population is Oriental.

As you see on our map the part of Asia and the islands of the sea in which Southern Baptists work is comparatively small.

We rejoice that Northern Baptists and other denominations have work in areas that we have been unable to touch. For instance, Northern Baptists have a strong force in India and Burma; Methodists and Presbyterians have had outstanding results in Korea; Northern and English Presbyterians have sent a few missionaries to Formosa. May the day soon come when we so strengthen the stakes that the cords may be lengthened to the farthest boundary of Asia and to the most remote isle of the sea!

### "Surely the Wrath of Men Shall Praise Thee"—Psalm 76:10

In 1820 mission work was begun in the Hawaiian Islands by warm hearted Congregational missionaries. Marvelous success attended their efforts and it seemed that in a short while the islands would be wholly Christian. For two reasons this did not come to pass. First, as the older missionaries died or retired their descendants who took over the work with the churches, became more engrossed in business for themselves than for the King of kings. The possibilities of developing the sugar plantations and pineapple fields, of setting up



canneries and refineries, thereby accumulating wealth appealed mightily to the sons of the early missionaries, their interest in mission work lessened, then was practically lost.

In the second place, all this agricultural and industrial development attracted great numbers of people from Japan, China, the Philippines. They brought with them pagan religions which soon smothered the flickering flame of evangelistic fervor.

Some years ago a Mr. McDonald, a Canadian in business in the Islands, felt keenly the deep spiritual needs of the Islanders. He made a trip to Richmond, Virginia, to appeal to our Foreign Mission Board to open work in Hawaii. There was scarcely enough money then to sustain the work we had already projected, so the call could not be answered.

But in 1940 some missionaries forced out of China and Japan because of war went to the Hawaiian Islands and began work. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee." Here at the "Cross Roads of the Pacific" our work has been glorious from the very beginning.

Soon after going to Honolulu one of the missionaries prevented from returning to her beloved station in Japan, wrote to a former co-worker: "Recently we baptized twenty-three candidates. It was one of the most impressive services I ever witnessed. The joy of the candidates was beautiful to see. An army chaplain baptized one, a navy chaplain one of his boys. Mr. Belote of Wahiawa Baptist Church baptized several young people. Mr. Koon, his Oliver converts; then Edwin Dozier, using the Japanese language, baptized his three. When one of our chaplains from Louisville saw and heard Edwin, he said, 'I could stand no more, I just had to weep. It was so impressive. He ought to tell the whole world what is taking place in the midst of war.' The love of Jesus certainly breaks down all barriers. I am so thankful that God led us here. During these years when work must stop in Japan, a door has been opened to souls here. Two of the eight Japanese students in our Bible school are preparing to go to their own country with his message. One is a graduate of Seinan

Jo Gakuin (S.B.C. Girls' School in Kokura, Japan). Surely the ways of our God are past finding out!"

Some of the missionaries who began the Southern Baptist work in Hawaii are now back in their former fields; some have been led to the Islands as their permanent place of service; others have been recently specifically appointed for this field.

*"Let them . . . declare his praise in the islands"—Isaiah 42:12*

The Hawaiian Islands "made by volcanoes, discovered by canoeists" in 1512 have an area of 6,135 square miles. "For comparison, the area of Maryland is 12,327 square miles." Two thousand miles west of North America these lovely islands lie in a crescent which extends 400 miles. On them half a million people live: 6% Hawaiian; 34% Caucasian; 32% Japanese; 10% Filipino; 15% Chinese and 3% of other stock. English is the language spoken by the majority of the people though the barrier of many languages is felt by our missionaries, especially when working with the older people. The young people must speak English for the schools are American. Very few still speak the original tongue of the Islands, Hawaiian, and no one wonders at this when we learn

## ARTICLES

### ADD TO YOUR MATERIALS

BUT HAS A JOB IN HAWAII by Carl Halvarson also

CAN COMMUNISM TAKE CHINA? by Baker J. Cautben

*The Commission*, June, 1948

GOO'S HOUR IN JAPAN by William Axling

*The Christian Herald*, Feb. '48

INTERVIEW WITH JAPANESE EDITOR by the editors and Mr. Suzuki, *U.S. News and World Report*, Sept. 17, 1948

AN JAPANESE SEE THEMSELVES by Nora Wain

*Saturday Evening Post*, March 20, 1948

THE 39TH STATE—*Life*, Feb. 9, 1948

that the name of a small fish is, in Hawaiian, humuhumunukunuku apua'a!

Among these half million people of many races Southern Baptists now have 28 missionaries in 8 churches with a membership of 1031. The Sunday school enrolment is 2,343. The Woman's Missionary Union reports 38 organizations with a combined enrolment of 611. There are 330 titheers. The gifts of the church members last year totaled \$62,183. The work is rapidly becoming self supporting. The Hawaiian Baptist Convention has its own mission on the island of Molokai. What are the needs? Buildings that will be adequate for the people who come to the services, more missionaries including some to work among older people who do not speak English; and above all else, our earnest, unceasing prayers for this new encouraging strategic field.

*"In the degree that you share in the sufferings of Christ, rejoice"—I Peter 4:13*

Since John Lewis Shuck and his lovely young bride, Henrietta Hall Shuck, left for China in 1835, missionaries in the Orient have borne hardships and suffering; some have even laid down their lives for the Gospel's sake. Nationals, too, who acknowledged allegiance to the Saviour "were tortured . . . had trial of bitter mockings and scourging . . . were tempted, were slain with the sword . . . being destitute, afflicted, tormented . . . they wandered in deserts, in the mountains."

Perhaps there has never come such terrific and widespread suffering as has been experienced by missionaries and nationals in the immediate past and in the present.

We have heard and read many accounts of the dreadful experiences endured by these servants of the Most High in the Orient. But that we may pray even more earnestly and feelingly than we have been doing and that we may give more that the Saviour who alone can bring peace and joy may be quickly made known, let us listen to excerpts from recent letters.

Note that none of these letters stop with the sad story of suffering. In 1942 as the missionaries in worn clothing, thin to emaciation in body, disembarked from the "S.



Black Star  
Where war has left ruined homes, they do not talk lightly of dropping bombs.

S. Gripsholm," they were all longing to go back, despite the sufferings. "You prayed us out of concentration camp and home, now pray us back to our fields," was their challenge. And now going back they count not the suffering and privations, but rather rejoice in the new and unlimited opportunities for preaching the Gospel and give glory to the Father as they see people reaching out for the Bread of Life.

1. "Just a year ago I returned to Japan. What a different Japan! What a thrilling year this has been! Food and fuel are still very scarce. The people are in need of clothing. They greatly appreciate the help from the States. Strangers frequently stop me on the street to thank me."

2. "There come so many calls and opportunities; people are eager to study God's Word; many are turning to Christ."

3. "When you see consecrated missionary mothers of small children having to live in homes that cannot be heated and having to do without fresh milk and many other things which Americans consider essential, not complaining but praising the Lord for opportunities of service, it is enough to make one very humble."

4. "It is hard to imagine a mission field where mission work could pay greater dividends. I firmly believe that 1,000 churches would spring up in Japan in a few years if we had even 200 missionaries."

5. "Today I had dinner with a very dear

friend and her family in their hut. A family of five living in a two room apartment, 20x30, no ceiling, floors that give when stepped on, and sliding doors patched with newspaper. The father is a university graduate, a teacher in our boys' high school in Fukuoka; the mother, a college graduate. Their home and everything was lost in one of the obliteration bombing raids over residential sections. As we talked, victory was in the voice of each. They face the future with faith that all will work out for the best."

6. "Here I sit bundled in woolens and fur from head to foot trying to keep warm in my beloved North China home. Coal is \$350 (U.S. currency) a ton. As Chinese Christians tell what has happened in their home towns, tears come into their eyes. The horrors are too much to tell you just now."

7. "In order to keep warm without fire I am wearing four suits of underwear, two dresses, four sweaters, coat with fur collar, woolen bloomers, woolen hose, leggings and two pairs of gloves. The Lord provides for his own and 'we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.'"

8. "The work is not always easy and most of us feel that there is a greater strain upon us than at any other time since we have been in China. It takes plenty of grace and patience to carry on in a land where there is turmoil and continued lack of peace. The economic chaos makes the work very difficult from a financial standpoint. To take care of our preachers and teachers and other workers in situations like these is a strain, not only on our pocketbooks, but on the whole person. But somehow the Lord helps us over every hurdle. There is so much to rejoice over; so much for which to give praise to God! I never saw a time when the Chinese were so responsive to the Gospel. People's hearts seem just ready for the message of salvation."

9. "In the midst of chaos, confusion, hatred, and deep suffering in China, we are filled with his peace and joy! How wonderful is our inheritance! More than one hundred high school boys and girls

## LOOK AT THESE:

*My Name Is Han* . . . 16 mm, sound, 25 minutes, rental \$8.00 . . . epic story of a Chinese farmer and his Christian friends presenting new mission methods.

*Beyond Our Own* . . . 16 mm, sound, 40 minutes, rental \$10.00 . . . influence of lives of devoted Christians brings doubting young man visiting his doctor brother in China to see the realities in the love of Christ.

*An American Mission* . . . 16 mm, sound, 25 minutes, rental \$6.00 . . . professionally produced film highlighting episodes in the history of our missionary movement.

*This Is China* . . . 16 mm, sound, 35 minutes, rental \$4.50 . . . struggle of China to make a living, Japanese aggression, customs . . . and others.

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made profession of their faith in the Saviour last week and many more expressed a desire to understand the way."

"The children of the wicked one"—  
Matthew 13:38c

One of the dark clouds hanging over China today is communism. The communists are anti-foreign and anti-Christian and are bringing untold suffering to our Christians. A missionary from the province of Honan where the communist army is making havoc tells us, "This army is composed of Honanese, a few of whom have been our neighbors, and soldiers from every province in China. Some joined during the famine to avoid starvation. Numbers long for release which is never granted. One does not run away lest members of his family be killed in his stead. The people are compelled to support this huge army . . . Those who displease them may be beaten, killed, or buried alive, according to reports."

Three faithful Chinese Christians signed a letter which came from Hwanghsien to missionaries in Shanghai.

"We are so thankful to tell you that we are all safe so far as our lives are concerned but one, Mr. T—, who suffered a cruel death. Many have lost everything, many have suffered cruel beatings. Old Pastor D— and Pastor L— are among those driven from their homes and not allowed to take anything with them. We, the co-workers in Christ, owing to the grace of our Heavenly Father, barely escaped the jaws of the wicked power." The missionary in Shanghai adds: "Pray for these suffering ones. The years have been dark and long."

Dr. H. H. McMillan says: "The communists are threatening all of our work in China. The lives of missionaries and nationals are endangered. I do not know what can be done about this great danger, but God does. Truly, as was written in large letters above the platform at the meeting of our Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, 'Christ is the answer.'"

Christ is the answer; he is the one Saviour for China and for the world. With our gifts and our prayers we must implement such a wide program of relief, rehabilitation and evangelistic effort that the people will come to know him and will be provided with a more abundant life than the communists have even promised.

"Watchman, what of the night? . . .  
The morning cometh" — Isaiah  
21:11b, 12a

Despite the dark cloud of communism hanging so low and heavy in the East, despite the destruction caused by war, earthquakes, flood, and famine; despite the economic problems that confront the Orient, there are many encouragements. Relief money and clothing from Southern Baptists have helped China and Japan to rebuild; and two churches are being organized where there was but one before. Christian schools are crowded with eager students who are turning to Christ; people are flocking to hear the Gospel. A spirit of evangelism is evident; neighbor tells neighbor the good news; churches are holding revivals; people are coming to the Lord.

## IN CHINA

In China a missionary fervor is driving the Christians out into unoccupied areas. In the last few months a group of Chinese Christians and missionaries have gone into Formosa to make plans for the Chinese convention to open mission work in that tropical island "where every prospect pleases, and only man is vile."

Miss Lila Watson and her co-worker spent six weeks in Formosa, spying out the land and distributing gospel portions. Formosa is drawing many Chinese for industrial, educational, and governmental work.

A Chinese Christian business man in the capital of Formosa called the attention of the Chinese Baptists to the need for missionaries to work among his fellow countrymen. This led to the trip of investigation made by Miss Watson and Miss Lau. They found conditions very much like those in Hawaii and they describe vividly the spiritual destitution and the rich promise for missionaries who will go. Northern and English Presbyterians have entered this field, but their work is small. Particularly among the Aborigines, the former head-hunters who are known as the "High Mountain Tribes," there is dire need of the good news, for these remote people are

We can feed Chinese orphans  
in Christ's name and teach all  
children the way of peace.

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still given to terrible pagan practices.

How grateful we are for the missionary zeal that is constraining the Chinese Christians to reach out in mission work toward the uttermost parts of the earth!

#### IN JAPAN

When our missionaries could once again enter Japan, that heart-hungry little country so sinning and so sadly sinned against, they found Christian pastors, teachers, church members bravely carrying on to the limit of their strength and resources. "Will the Japanese Christian remain faithful?" was the question asked of many who had once worked in Japan and the answer of faith was always "Yes." "We have planted in the hearts of the Japanese Christians seeds that have in them the germ of life; and they cannot die," bravely wrote one of our first missionaries to Japan. And so it has proved. Our schools are filled with pupils; the churches are crowded with people hungry for something to fill the place of the Emperor worship so suddenly taken from them.

Miss Alma Graves writes: "The dawning of a new Japan is at hand. God is giving us another opportunity more glorious than any heretofore. We must not fail him this time. Today is ours; may tomorrow be his! We need laborers; we need thousands of dollars to build back destroyed churches and to enlarge our schools; we need most of all his power and wisdom and love as we help rebuild Japan for Christ. American bombs destroyed Japan at a tremendous cost. America's Christ must rebuild her through the love gifts and the painstaking efforts of his children; else a false religion will again use potential good for evil."

The Japan Baptist Convention, reorganized in April, 1947, with the 18 churches represented by 30 delegates, held its sec-

ond meeting in April, 1948, with 68 delegates from the 18 churches. "The fine spirit of co-operation and genuine eagerness to possess the land for Christ were most heartening," says one of those present. "In all the reports of the year—schools, churches, seminary, W.M.U.—the need for more missionaries and more financial help was expressed. We shall move forward on your help—prayers, mission volunteers, money. . . . We sent in a request to the Foreign Mission Board for 400 missionaries at the earliest possible date. . . . A great day exists now in Japan. 'Never since the day of Emperor Jimmu (Japan's first, over 2000 years ago) has the missionary faced

such an open door,' said a certain Japanese the other day as he made an earnest appeal for more missionaries."

#### BOOKS

##### FOR SUPPLEMENTARY READING

- KONA by M. J. P. Sinclair  
A BROTHER IS A STRANGER by Torn Matsuoto  
CHINA—TWILIGHT OR DAWN? by Frank W. Price  
CHENG'S MOTHER by Irene Forsythe  
CHRISTIAN VOICES IN CHINA by Chester C. Miao and others  
LOOK AGAIN AT CHINA by Willis Lamott  
TALK OF THE TWAIN by Sam Constantino, Jr.

"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"—Acts 9:6

As we have listened to the discussions of the needs, the opportunities, the encouragement, the urgency of the work of our Lord in Asia and in the Islands of the Sea, surely there has burned in each heart the question, "Lord, what wilt

thou have me to do?" Let us thoughtfully and prayerfully think of the answer that he gives, speaking to us in our own tongue.

First, he tells us that his command is to look upon the fields and this we have been trying to do. We will continue to look upon these fields as we read books, and magazines, and as we listen to missionaries who may come to speak to us. Christ tells us, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." The Foreign Mission Board in its marvelous Advance Program is planning for 28 additional missionaries in Hawaii, making a total of 56; for 190 new missionaries in China, a total of 408; for 87 new missionaries in Japan, a total of 116; for India, Siam, and Indo-China where we now

## ADVANCE PROGRAM FOR THE ORIENT

### Baptist Foreign Mission Board

	STATIONS			STAFF			FINANCES	
	At Present	Additional	Total	At Present	Additional	Total	Operating Budget	Annual Capital Needs
Japan	6	25	31	29	87	116	\$ 464,000	\$ 198,940
China	28	23	51	218	190	408	1,628,000	696,005
Hawaii	5	4	9	28	28	56	228,000	97,755
India, Siam and Indo-China	0	25	25	0	116	116	464,000	198,940
Totals	39	77	116	275	421	696	\$2,784,000	\$1,193,640

have no work, 116. When the Advance Program is completed through the loyal support of every Southern Baptist, with Divine power, there will be 696 S.B.C. missionaries in the Orient instead of only 295 as at present.

Will we be faithful in praying that these laborers will be found, even if the Lord lays his hand on our own?

These laborers who will hear God's call because of our prayers must be supported, and we, as stewards, must give liberally, even sacrificially, to support them and to provide buildings and equipment. The Advance Program of our Board for the Orient calls for \$3,977,610.00 for operating budget and annual capital needs. This is breathtaking and faith-challenging!

Through the Co-operative Program we have opportunity to help regularly in this marvelous advancement. In our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for which we are already preparing, and through which we give our Christmas gift to our Saviour, we shall have abundant opportunity to prove our sincerity when we ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

We rejoice especially that \$100,000 will be used to build the Kathleen Mallory Administration Building for Seinan Jo Gakuin in Kokura, Japan. What a wonderful answer to the cries from the land where the day dawns! May it be the means of hastening there the dawn of the Day of Righteousness!

We think of and pray for the millions of people in the Orient, speaking varying languages, all needing desperately to hear the

one Saviour speak to each in his own tongue.

#### IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU

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hungry, that's all."

With genuine love and interest David was invited to stay in Middleburg in his new found "home." He stayed for several weeks but he wanted to go and tell his father about his new life.

So with a glad heart but sad at leaving the dear people who had led him to Christ, he started home.

Week after week the letters came. Letters of home, of moving his church membership, of finding a job, of family altar. Then one which said, "The time has come when I must speak to my father."

On a Friday, our chairman had a long distance call from the faraway state. "Her boy" was in a critical condition as the result of an automobile accident.

The members of her circle and the pastor began to pray, "Thy will be done." But David's soul slipped away into eternity. "How tragic!" But almost before we silently voiced that thought, we felt, "How glorious! He was saved."

During the following week this boy's father was converted and joined the Baptist church in the home town. What a price for a young boy to pay to win his father but our Savior paid the price of his life for us.

This can happen in your circle. Join hands and heart with your community missions chairman and while they are in prison, "visit them."



## CIRCLE Program

### TEMPLES OF THE KING

Circle meetings following the program suggestions in W.M.U. Year Book are, this month, concerned with health conditions around the world.

"The Great Physician Now is Near" and "At Even E'er the Sun Was Set" would be appropriate songs.

Scripture reading suggestion is Luke 16:19-31 which will remind you to increase your relief supplies for people who faint by the highway of life. Every circle can send boxes of clothing, bedding, etc., to Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 Olympia St., New Orleans, Louisiana.

In November *The Commission* see "On the Medical Mission Frontier," a symposium by Southern Baptist Medical Missionaries.

Write to Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond, Virginia, for a leaflet, "Making Men Whole," the story of the hospital in Ogbomoshio, Nigeria. You will notice that the Home for Motherless Babies referred to and several dispensaries in Nigeria, and other medical services are

to receive support through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The Board has no other source for their maintenance.

In November *The Commission*, see also "Life in the Outposts."

Turning to November *Southern Baptist Home Missions* you will find "New Life in a Swamp," by Stanley Smith, our missionary to the Seminoles in the Everglades of Florida, and "A Mission in Life" by Dr. Caylor.

Our young people's magazines bring these three articles: November *World Comrades*, "Sue Tells Her Stories," November *Window of YHFA*, "YWAs at Camp in Japan," *Ambassador Life*, "An Ambassador for the King."

The last named from *Ambassador Life* will be especially appropriate this month which brings Royal Ambassador Focus Week because it is the story of a Royal Ambassador grown up, now medical missionary to China. Your circle will want to ask your Royal Ambassador counselor what you can do to encourage the chapter during Focus Week.

Announce the plans for observing Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and pray that every woman in privileged America will keep Christmas for Christ, remembering the desperate need of a world where people losing hope of food enough or clothes enough "are so weary of dying."

### BUSINESS WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

The Frances Hudgins B.W.C. of Oakland Baptist Church, Owens, Virginia, has the newly appointed missionary for whom they are named right in their midst. This is the way every B.W.C. should surround

every missionary with loving prayer. Seated are Florence St. Clair, Adviser, Frances Hudgins, missionary to China, Lois Hayden, President. What is your B.W.C. or B.W.C. Federation doing?



## GIVE THANKS UNTO GOD

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever"—

Psalm 106:1

### God is Worthy of Thanks Because of His Majesty

When we think of the greatness of God, our hearts cry out in praise and thanksgiving that we have such an all powerful, ever present, all wise God for our Father. He is greatly to be praised because he is the Creator. He measures the world with a span; he is the God of the nations; there is none to be compared with him. We should be a thankful people.

MONDAY, NOV. 1  
Psalm 92:1-8

Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Watson, Petropolis, Rev. and Mrs. Vance O. Vernon, Recife, Brazil, educational evangelism

TUESDAY, NOV. 2  
Psalm 93

Mrs. Nils J. Bengtson, Spain, Alice Huey, T. H. Emeritus, Ona Belle Cox, Jo Withauer, Rio, Brazil, publication evangelism

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3  
Isaiah 40:10-17

Arizona Annual Meeting, Nov. 3-4; Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Ricketson, Soochow, Olive Riddell, Kaifeng, China, educational evangelism

THURSDAY, NOV. 4  
Isaiah 40:25-31

Silvia Silva, Jewel Smith, Havana, Cuba, educational evangelism

FRIDAY, NOV. 5  
Jude 20-25

Rev. and Mrs. Carlton F. Whirley, Oyo, Dr. and Mrs. H. D. McCamcy, Ogbomoshio, Nigeria, evangelism

SATURDAY, NOV. 6  
Rev. 7:9-15

Onis Vineyard, Maricao, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Sullivan, Belem, Brazil, evangelism, Betty Jane Sullivan, Margaret Fund student

### God is Worthy of Thanks Because He Has Redeemed Us

God made a covenant with man and man broke that covenant. God was not obligated to save us, but because of his great love for us, he prepared a way of salvation by sending his Son to die for our sins. God made this plan for us before the foundation of the world. We should praise God and give thanks continually unto him for our salvation.

SUNDAY, NOV. 7  
1 John 4:7-12

Royal Ambassador Focus Week Nov. 7-13; Dr. and Mrs. Frank W. Patterson, Mexico, publication evangelism among Spanish-speaking

MONDAY, NOV. 8  
Gal. 3:8-14

California, Oklahoma, and Texas Annual Meetings, Nov. 8-9; Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Chaplik, Baltimore, Maryland, evangelism among many nationalities; Rev. Abdiel J. Silva, Tampa, Florida, evangelism among Cubans

TUESDAY, NOV. 9  
Eph. 2:1-9

Dr. and Mrs. Peyton Stephens, Mrs. S. J. Townshend, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton, China, Emeritus

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10  
2 Cor. 9:9-15

Rev. and Mrs. Luther Copeland, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Medling, Tokyo, Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Askew, Japan, educational evangelism

THURSDAY, NOV. 11  
Acts 2:22-24, 32-36

Dr. and Mrs. Henry E. Turlington, Kathryn Bigham, Pearl Todd, Shanghai, China, educational evangelism

FRIDAY, NOV. 12  
Eph. 1:3-12

Rev. and Mrs. Adea Vidrine, Montegut, Louisiana, evangelism among French; Jovita Galan, Alice, Texas, educational evangelism

SATURDAY, NOV. 13  
Col. 1:9-18

Rev. and Mrs. Rudy Hernandez, Brownwood, Rev. and Mrs. George M. Hank, Big Springs, Rev. and Mrs. Luis Gloria, Cotulla, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans

## God is Worthy of Thanks Because of His Mercies

We could not number all of God's mercies to his children but we realize more every day how good and kind he is. He satisfies our hungry hearts; he hears us when we call; he provides our daily food; he protects us and guides us; he comforts us and brings us joy unspeakable. He gives us Christian friends.

- SUNDAY, Nov. 14  
*Psaln 31:19-24*
- MONDAY, Nov. 15  
*Psaln 138*
- TUESDAY, Nov. 16  
*1 Cor. 15:51-58*
- WEDNESDAY, Nov. 17  
*Eph. 5:14-21*
- THURSDAY, Nov. 18  
*Col. 3:5-17*
- FRIDAY, Nov. 19  
*Phil. 1:3-11*
- SATURDAY, Nov. 20  
*1 Thess. 3:1-9*
- Martha Tanner, Ibadan, Contract Worker. Edythe Montroy, educational evangelist, Hazel Moon, Iwo, Nigeria, medical evangelism. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Underwood, Campina Grande, Rev. and Mrs. R. Elton Johnson, Corrente, Brazil, educational evangelism, Ettie Jeanne Johnson, Margaret Fund student.
- Lillie Mae Hundley, Cornelia Leavell, Shanghai, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hunter, Soochow, China, educational evangelism.
- Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Rivera, Mission, Rev. and Mrs. E. Ortega, Wichita Falls, Rev. and Mrs. Carlos Ramirez, San Angelo, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans.
- Lucy Smith, Shanghai, secretarial evangelism. Dr. W. L. Wallace, Wuchow, Ruth Everley Hayes, Canton, China, medical evangelism.
- Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Stover, Bello Horizonte, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Stephen P. Jackson, Mutum, Brazil, evangelism.
- Helen Meredith, Barranquilla, Colombia, Rev. Carlos Quila, Esquinela, Guatemala, evangelism.

## How May We Show Our Thanks To God?

There are so many ways by which we may express our thanks to God—in worship, in prayer, in gifts, and in service. The Christian should live in an attitude of thanksgiving. The privilege of being allowed to serve such a great God should keep our hearts continually praising and thanking our Heavenly Father.

- SUNDAY, Nov. 21  
*Psaln 26:1-8*
- MONDAY, Nov. 22  
*Psaln 96*
- TUESDAY, Nov. 23  
*Psaln 93*
- WEDNESDAY, Nov. 24  
*Psaln 100*
- THURSDAY, Nov. 25  
*Psaln 116:1-14*
- FRIDAY, Nov. 26  
*2 Chron. 5:11-14*
- SATURDAY, Nov. 27  
*Mark 8:1-9*
- SUNDAY, Nov. 28  
*John 6:1-14*
- MONDAY, Nov. 29  
*Col. 2:1-7*
- TUESDAY, Nov. 30  
*Phil. 4:1-7*
- Dr. and Mrs. John A. Moore, Europe, educational evangelism; Rev. and Mrs. K. Sieg, Laguna, New Mexico, evangelism among Mexicans.
- Rev. S. E. Maddox, Personnel Secretary, Foreign Mission Board; Mrs. Annelia Baez, Home Mission Board, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, China, Emeritus.
- Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Rand, New Orleans, Louisiana, Men's Rescue Home; Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Melancon, Beaumont, Texas, evangelism among French.
- Rev. Francisco Zelaya, Choluteca, Honduras, evangelism; Mrs. F. K. Pool, Havana, Cuba, educational evangelism, Emily Pool, Margaret Fund student.
- Thanksgiving for God's mercies; Orville Blake, Geneva Jo White, Margaret Fund students.
- Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Neal, Mexico, Emeritus; Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Wolfe, Abilene, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans.
- Rebecca Tarry, Frances Curb, Tampa, Florida, educational evangelism.
- That Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Nov. 29-Dec. 3, may be earnestly observed in the spirit of Christmas for Christ.
- Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and those at the headquarters in Richmond.
- Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., Secretary for Latin America and all missionaries to Latin America.

## OUR WORLD IN BOOKS

by Una Roberts Lawrence

Would you like to have the names of a few recent books giving the most in small compass about missions and world affairs? Here are four.

**TOMORROW IS HERE**  
by Latourette and Hogg  
Friendship Press, paper, 90c,  
cloth, \$1.50

Here is the book to stir up that pioneer blood in your veins, challenge your faith and undergird your prayers and gifts. In the summer of 1917 representatives of evangelical foreign mission agencies of North America sat down at Whitby Ladies' College, Ontario, Canada, with responsible leaders of Christian bodies from forty nations and every race to take stock of where we are, and what we face as Christians in this chaotic world. These 150 pages give a vivid account of what these leaders learned and how they felt about it. Easily read, easily taught, the facts and interpretations of this book should be read by every woman who wants to be intelligent about missions today and tomorrow.

Southern Baptists may not agree with all the conclusions, but they should be stirred by the facts and challenged by the open doors calling for advance everywhere.

**NEHRU OF INDIA**  
by Spencer  
John Day, \$2.50

On world affairs, we should get acquainted with Jawaharlal Nehru, Premier of India, where one-fifth of the people of the world live. Two new books give glimpses of his life and that of his great teacher, Gandhi.

*Nehru of India* by Cornelia Spencer was written primarily for young people, but is for all ages. It tells of his beautiful wealthy home, sacrificed for India's freedom; of his brilliant lawyer father, his gentle, devout mother and his two beautiful, intelligent sisters, the oldest now India's representative at the United Nations. There is much about his teachers both in India and England, that explains the man, Mahatma Gandhi whom Nehru loved and followed, but did not wholly understand was his greatest teacher, no doubt.

Most of Nehru's active life has been spent in prison, from which he produced book after book, directed the education of his lovely daughter, Indira, and led India into freedom. Not a Christian, like Gandhi he measures his life by such lofty standards as to shame the inconsistent or complacent Christian.

**NEHRU ON GANDHI**  
by Nehru  
John Day, \$2.00

When Mahatma Gandhi was shot in January, 1918, there was not current in English any brief biography or popular discussion of his teachings to satisfy the desire of thousands to know more about him. To meet this need, Richard J. Walsh, American publisher of Nehru's books, secured by cable his permission to select from them such excerpts as



Nehru's daughter looks from her distinguished father to a copy of his biography.

would tell the story of Gandhi as only his closest disciple could do.

The result is a small, richly satisfying book, **NEHRU ON GANDHI**, in which not only Gandhi's story but much self-revelation of Nehru is captured. Five addresses by Premier Nehru after Gandhi's death, included at the end, contain some of the most eloquent expressions of devotion to duty, to ideals of freedom and human good in the English language.

**PRAYER AND YOU**  
by Shoemaker  
Revell, \$1.75

What can you and I do about missions and our strife-ridden world? In a small, dynamic, arresting book, **PRAYER AND YOU**, Helen S. Shoemaker says, "Prayer may prove the handle by which all of us can contribute to a healing of the world's ills." Out of years of experience, she gives proven ways to develop the prayer life and moving testimonies to the power of prayer. There is emphasis upon missions on almost every page, a sincere conviction that the humblest Christian in the most remote corner can make a contribution to the peace of the world through prayer. It is certainly worth-trying.

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