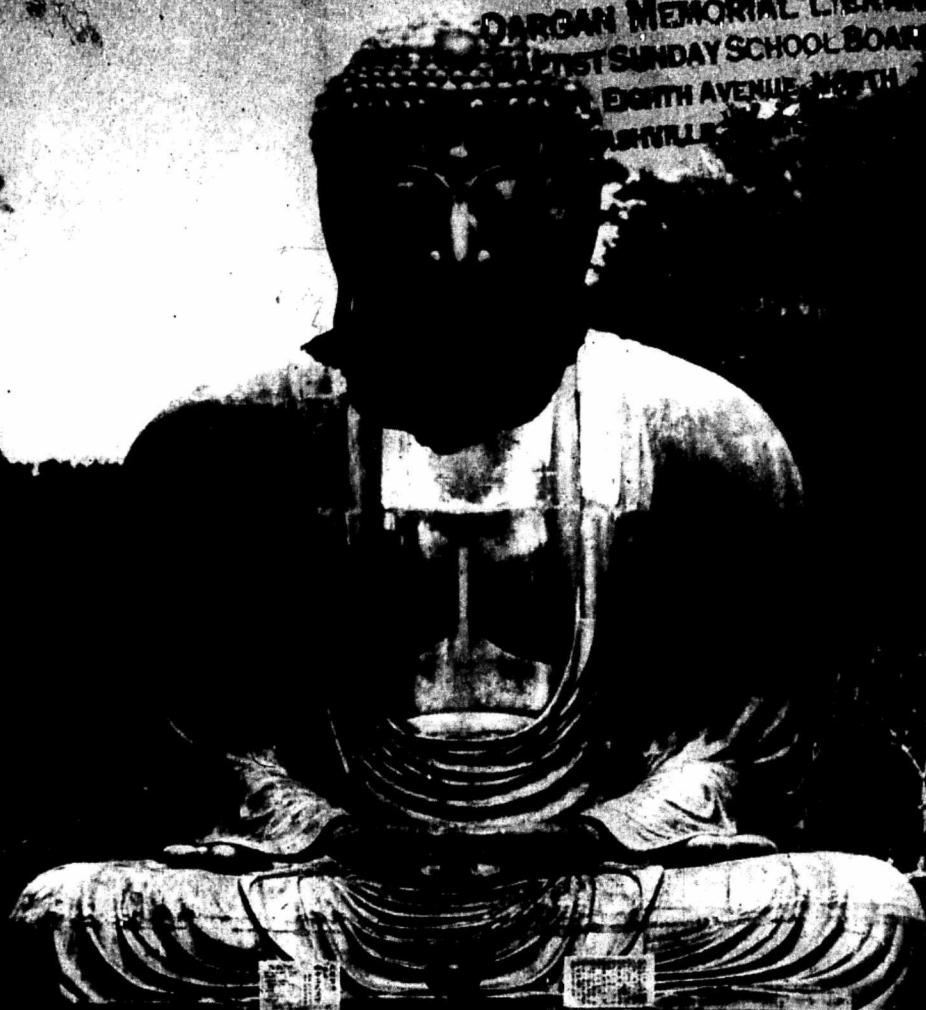


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WE NEED YOUR HELP

by Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling

TOWARD THE END of his days on earth, Jesus made the precious promise to those who loved him and followed him, "Peace I leave with you."

In Chinese, the word peace is called "an." This character is made up with two parts. The lower part is "woman." The upper part is "shelter" or "roof." This could be termed that a woman is safe, happy and peaceful under her own roof. This could also mean a husband is happy and content when his wife and whole family are under the shelter and peace of home. Peace has ever been considered essential in human life.

Many of our women could not have peace today, some for economic reasons, worrying for daily necessities, some for physical weakness, distressing in mental agony. In the present critical situation there are too few people who have real peace in their hearts. It is because we are not on the right path of finding peace.

Peace is not to be found through wealth, health or high position. We have to know that Jesus Christ is the "Prince of Peace," and in him we would have peace—not as



Mrs. Ling is general secretary of China Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. Her letter with this article said, "On Easter Sunday there will be special emphasis on Frontier Missions. Offerings on that day will go for Frontier Missions."

the world giveth." Many of the students of our government colleges and non-Christian schools are comforted and converted because our missionaries and Chinese workers have been working among them as "peace-makers." Their minds have been improved and developed enough to understand what is a real "peace" and where comes from the real "peace."

Every time when we have received clothes, food and other supplies from our American friends our hearts have been filled with praise and thanks because they have been so generous to us. Many have recognized that these are sent through "Peace and Love" from above, and many have found peace both in things spiritual as well as material. We thank you for the peace you have revealed to us in Christ's name, you have helped us to walk in the way of Truth and Life. We want "an" in our hearts and in our country. We need your help!

China Baptist women use the same loved W.M.U. emblem known around the world. It formed the cover design of their quarterly magazine recently. Photo by Mary Lucille Saunders



I Saw Them Worship Idols

by Mrs. Glenn Morris

DURING THE FIRST WEEK I was in China I went with Mrs. Ware back along a country path behind her home at the Baptist Compound on the edge of Shanghai, to a tiny earthen, neglected-looking wayside temple. There for the first time in my life I saw people actually bow down to worship an idol.

I can't ever forget the look on the faces of those women who burned incense before the god made of stone—I've seen that expression over and over again countless times in the two years since then. I came away in that late summer twilight heart-sick and with a sense of depression I could not shake off. I had heard that people worshipped idols. I knew it was true—that they did. But I don't think I had ever actually believed it before.

Since then I have seen people of every class and condition, rich and poor, go through the rituals connected with this worship of idols. In Soochow I watched a mother and her son pay the priest to burn their candles in the large Taoist temple there, beseeching with their eyes that their prayer be heard. In Peiping at the Chinese New Year, I saw literally thousands pouring out of the city gates on their way to the New Year temple, fighting and pushing over one another in their effort to buy incense from the sellers, then burning it to appease their gods.

It is not cool, indifferent worship—I saw them that day as they knelt and beat their heads upon the ground and wept in agony of soul. How great is their need of God! I have seen in the homes of friends the altar erected to their ancestral gods, piled high with offerings of fruit and cakes, and the images of the kitchen gods with their mouths smeared with sweets and candy to sweeten their disposition so they would overlook the sins of the family. How they need to know the grace and loving mercy of our Father!

It is not only the ignorant and untaught people who seek out the temples.

Here in Tsingtao, this up-to-date port city, we've seen the richest merchants of China come with their families to the well-kept pagoda and temple built on the mountain side on the city's edge overlooking the sea. Prosperous and flourishing, knowing little of the bitter hardships most of China's millions suffer, they have been educated in China's best schools and colleges. It is not ignorance that brings them to kneel on the velvet prayer cushions and bow themselves five times to the ground in formal worship before the gilded Buddha—it is the same heartfelt longing to know God, for with all their education and wealth, they have not found him yet.

There is also in Tsingtao another temple—the strangest of them all. It is the Temple of the Five Religions, a society formed by the business men, the well-to-do of the city. In it are altars to five different religions, and even Christianity is represented. In this way they seek to offend no one and go through the form of worship to all five. Broad-minded and enlightened they consider themselves and seek to save themselves through their charities and administrations to the less fortunate.

So it is that rich and poor, unlearned and educated alike through their efforts to appease their gods demonstrate their need. And oh, if you could see the gods they kneel before—hideous beyond description, horrible and cruel, crushing images of men in their hands and under their feet, designed to strike fear and cowardice in the human heart. How they need to know that God is Love.

Nor is it only at the temples that we have seen that expression of longing and need on men's faces. There are thousands today who recognize that superstition and fallacy pervade the idol worship of their

Mrs. Morris is a young missionary, from Mississippi, a graduate of W.M.U. Training School. She and her husband are studying the Chinese language in the Philippine Islands during these uncertain days.

parents. Intelligent, clear-thinking young men and women of today have no patience with the false religions that bind the people of their land. They see the fallacy and uselessness of Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism—but knowing nothing to take its place have come to feel that all religion is superstition. So they have thrown away religion. Science and truth are their gods, and education is their supreme goal.

A young Ph.D. said to me, "Religion is for country people and uneducated people who have to have a whip held over their heads to make them do right. I know right from wrong. I don't need God. I'm educated!"

They are zealous, these young people, to serve their fellow man, to help right the social ills of their China, to do away with corruptness in government and build a true democracy. But in their eyes, in their voices even as they talk to us, there is a hunger, a need of God, as intense and as real as that I saw on the faces of the women burning incense in the wayside temple. And it is these young people who are led so easily into Communism with its teaching of atheism, its crying out for social justice.

Dr. Jeannette Beall, our own missionary, has done a wonderful job of witnessing among these "upper crust," intellectual, very-sure-of-themselves Chinese. They are all most anxious to know English, and through English Bible classes she has been

able to present the gospel to them in a very real way. Among her students were a half-dozen young doctors from the city hospital, government and post office employees, Chinese army officers, people not often reached by our church evangelistic program. And this year five of them have been baptized. After she had to go home in November, Mr. Morris took some of her classes and has been able to continue the instruction of these fine young folks in the Bible.

People crowd the churches. Never a service finds empty seats in any of our eight churches and chapels here. They want to know God and they're honest enough with themselves to come to the place where they know they can find the answer to what they seek—and thanks be to God, many of them are finding that answer.

One week all the Baptist churches joined together in a special evangelistic campaign. It has been a real experience to march in a group of one hundred or more, through the streets two by two, carrying quiet banners proclaiming the Way of Life. More than one hundred thousand tracts were passed out that week, and people stopped to read them, to think about what they read. As we stood on a busy corner and one of the pastors or seminary students began to preach, large crowds gathered and listened to the end.

Surely the seed of the Word planted will flourish whatever comes in these tortured days.

Tell your husband!

"The greatest immediate material need in Europe is for men's complete warm suits and trousers." When a traveler comes home from Europe and says that, does he mean American men are not generous? Does he mean that women of missionary societies haven't helped their husbands to give their suits?

Maybe they want to save them for fishing or hunting trips but when you explain that hope is hiding in your closets, they will help you pull it out and pack it. For hope is hid in clothes that can go in Christ's name.

And hope is waiting assurance of some work—skilled or unskilled.

"Not only refugees in general but the particular problems of the displaced persons present an urgent challenge to

American churches. There are 200,000 Protestant and Orthodox displaced persons in camps in Europe. They look to us to provide the assurances required by present legislation to help them come to America. When one talks to them in the camps, he realizes what faith they are placing in the Christians in America."

Write to Mr. Charles Gage, Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 Olympia St., New Orleans, and find out what you can do to give hope to people hanging between life and death in displaced persons camps. Meanwhile fill a duffel bag or box with used but good clothes for men, women, and children, all kinds and sizes, firm shoes with low heels, and start it on its way to Southern Baptist Relief Center.

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COVER Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; they have ears, but they hear not; noses have they, but they smell not; they have hands, but they handle not; feet have they, but they walk not; neither speak they through their throat... trust thou in the Lord—Psalms 115.

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At her desk in Shanghai

"Cherry" Bright Fruit of Missions

by Mary Sue Middleton

"MANY PEOPLE in the United States have only a vague idea of what they are doing when they give to missions, but here I am, a product of mission work," says Mrs. Y. K. "Cherry" Chang of China.

If hundreds of Baptists could see Mrs. Chang, no doubt every "vague idea" would disappear and missions would become a living thing. Mrs. Chang, president of the All-China Woman's Missionary Union, is here in the United States with her husband, working on her doctorate in religious education at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Petite and vivacious, Mrs. Chang has already won the hearts of many Americans by her gracious manner and her genuine Christianity. It is hardly a surprise to them to learn that she is one of the "greats" of China today, a product of our mission work in that country.

Besides being president of the All-China W. M. U., Mrs. Chang is secretary of the Kiangsu Baptist Convention W. M. U., wife of Y. K. Chang who teaches evangelism in the seminary in Shanghai, and mother of two children, Gracie and Billy. The children are with her mother in Soochow.

Mrs. Chang (pronounced Djang) was elected president of the All-China W. M. U. in 1946 when delegates from over the country met and celebrated their tenth anniversary. She traveled widely in this work. Her husband was secretary of evangelism of Central China and she taught in the Cantonese girls' school in Shanghai. Her husband taught there in the seminary for two years, then decided to come to the States for further study. Mrs. Chang decided she would come too.

Some of the most influential in helping

them decide to come were missionaries and Chinese leaders, Buford L. Nichols, C. L. Gulpepper, A. S. Gillespie and Pastor Y. C. Ching, "but especially Dr. Nichols," says Mrs. Chang. At first she thought she would take only a few courses in theology, but Dr. Cauthen advised work different from that of her husband's chosen field, and she has set herself ambitiously to attain a D. R. E., doctorate of religious education. She is planning to do W. M. U. work when she goes back to China, majoring in counseling the women and young people.

Mrs. Chang likes to tell the story of how the gospel light reached her. She was born the second daughter into a very sad home in Soochow. Her mother was only sixteen when she was married to a man fifteen years her senior. This man made a good living at photography, but her mother had to work very hard, helping him with the developing of the pictures, cleaning a large house, and bearing and rearing six children, only three of whom lived. While the children were still quite young, her husband left her. That was a real crisis in her life. People cursed her for her misfortune because they said if she had been good it would not have happened. She would look at her husband's picture and cry, and the children would follow her around the house weeping.

The husband did not leave any money, and their condition soon became critical. One day an aunt came to call. She suggested that the mother sell Chiming ("Opening of Wisdom"), the precious second daughter.

"No," said the mother, "she is my flesh and blood, and I will not sell her."

Into this sad picture of unhappiness came Mrs. Charles MacDaniel, who had befriended Chiming's mother in her youth and had tried to teach her the way of life. Mr. H. H. McMillan and Miss Blanche Groves followed Mrs. MacDaniel. Day by day these missionaries came to the home to bring Christian comfort. Cherry had

gone to Miss Grove's Sunday school when she was just a little girl. This proved to be the sowing of the seed. Soon she and her mother started going to church, and when she was twelve, she and her mother were baptized on the same day.

Persecution from the family followed. Some of the relatives even tried to blot their names off the family roll. In spite of all this, "we really had joy in our hearts," says Mrs. Chang.

Cherry went to the Wei Ling girls' academy founded by Miss Sophie Lanneau in Soochow. This is like high school. The summer after she finished senior one, she went to the Shanghai Baptist compound for the summer conference. Each evening Dr. H. H. McMillan held a meeting and extended an invitation for dedication to Christian service. "I was not moved during the meeting," says Mrs. Chang, "but at night after the meeting I could not sleep." On the tenth night she felt a real conflict. She surrendered that night, and joy filled her heart.

At the University of Shanghai, Cherry majored in sociology, minored in education. There she was with her husband-to-be Y. K. Chang, a young man she had known before at Yates Academy. In her sophomore year they became engaged after much prayer to be certain they were in the Lord's will. Cherry wanted to finish school before marrying. In 1937 she was graduated, and they were married.

Cherry and Y. K. taught in Christian schools until they could get into the seminary. The missionaries had prayed for ten years for its opening. One week after they definitely decided to go, the seminary opened in Kaifeng. They entered that fall but they had to leave after a year and a quarter because of danger from the Japanese. They came out of the Interior and worked for awhile in Shanghai and for awhile in Soochow. In 1941 they returned to the seminary which had been moved from Kaifeng to Shanghai. The days were

filled with constant tension because of the presence of the Japanese in the city.

This couple went into the full-time preaching ministry during the war, while others were going into business and teaching because of the high cost of living. They were well blessed by the Lord during this period.

One day Y. K. was seized by the Japanese as a spy of the central government. The Japanese chief there said he did not believe Chang was a real Christian, that he must torture him to find out. The soldiers burned his hands over and over with hot irons, asking, "Will you deny your Jesus Christ?" Y. K. would not deny him, and each time he was cast back into his prison cell.


The Japanese chief was very much interested in Christianity. He had a Bible and had read in it a little. He asked, "If I put you in a dungeon deep with water, where would your Jesus Christ be?"

Y. K. replied, "He would be in my heart."

"If I put you in a room and sealed up the walls, then where would your Jesus (Please turn to page 11)"

Grace and Billy Chang in Soochow await the return of their parents.





RIGHT ABOVE: Mr. Ogawa, architect, does the first digging. ABOVE: Mr. Arakawa, dean, presided. RIGHT: Miss Irie represents the student body and Dr. Hara takes a hoe while faculty members rejoice.

by A. L. (Pete) Gillespie

"Putting In The Hoe" Ceremony

LEAVE IT TO THE JAPANESE to anticipate the future! Without one penny to start a new building, they held a ground breaking ceremony in Kokura. Their anticipation is due to their faith in the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, which has offered to supply the Foreign Mission Board money for a dormitory needed at our Seinan Jo Gakuin Girls' School to be a memorial to Miss Kathleen Mallory. This faith has already led to this first ceremony and to a cordial invitation to Miss Mallory to be present at the dedication services!

After three hours of Commencement exercises, everyone was invited to walk over to the college grounds for the ceremony. It was truly a historic occasion. They had just finished the first triple graduation ceremony in the history of the school. Girls from the Junior High, Senior High, and College were given diplomas. It was

the first graduation from the college. Three fairly long hours went into this process.

There was a strong wind blowing over the college hill from the direction of Siberia. This means it was cold. And the wind was bringing with it a fine mist. The sea and much of three large cities could be seen from where the crowd stood.

The first hymn was "We're Marching to Zion." Pastor Sugano of the Mt. Zion church which ministers to the school family, read Psalm 127:1 and prayed earnestly that the new building would help the school send forth the message of Christ in this destitute nation.

The "putting in of the hoe" followed. Several took part, including the architect, President Hara, and representatives from W.M.U., the Building Committee of the School's Board of Trustees, the P.T.A.

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Mr. Fujita is a Japanese-American appointed by our Home Mission Board as missionary on the west coast

THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

by George M. Fujita

TODAY, the Japanese people are willing to listen to the teaching of Christianity. There will never be a day in California when the opportunity for Christian work is so great. This is really a land of opportunity as his servants.

Most of the Japanese people came to the United States in the years between 1900 and 1910. Before Pearl Harbor, there were 126,947 Japanese in this country and nearly 80% were in California. There are about 2,000 Japanese Christians among the 120,000 people here in Southern California right now and 30 Japanese ministers. Many of the Japanese-Americans have never heard the gospel of Christ.

On June 1, 1947, we came here to West Los Angeles, California, under our Home Mission Board. We organized our Sunday school on the 4th of July with eleven Japanese children. Today, we have sixty-five in our enrollment. Our new goal is to reach seventy-five boys and girls before our first anniversary in July. God has been blessing our work among our own people.

There are about 2,500 Japanese people living here in West Los Angeles. Most of them are Buddhists and only about 150 people are attending Christian churches which are the Union Church (Methodist), Evangelical, and Church of New Life (Salvation Army).

We have a Nursery School for children 3-5 years old every morning from 9:00 A.M. to noon, Monday-Friday. We started with four children and now we have eighteen boys and girls. It is hard work with great responsibility taking care of these very active little children but this is the best way to reach the Japanese families. One of the first children who came to register in our Nursery School is now attending our Sunday school regularly. In fact most of them are coming to our Sunday school. With the help of God and help of our Christian friends, we are able to win these little children.

Visitation is my best method of knowing my people. I am visiting at least 100 homes every week. Many of them are Buddhists; but they are so happy to see me. The other day we visited one of our Nursery School children's home and her mother happily told us that her daughter insists they fold their hands and close their eyes and thank God for the food before their meals just as she learned and does at our Nursery School every day.

We have two services every Sunday—the English-speaking service right after Sunday school and the Japanese-speaking service in the afternoon (2:30 P. M.).

It is good to send more missionaries to Japan and evangelize the people, but we need many more Christian workers here. Lost souls! Lost souls! Everywhere we go we find people without Jesus.

A majority of Japanese belong to some sect of Buddhism. Their Buddhism is more traditional than by their own faith. We, as American-Japanese, need the gospel of Christ which can give eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only hope for our people. There is no other way that the Japanese-American people might be saved (Acts 4:12).

Japanese came to California not because they wanted freedom or Western culture. They came here to seek and to earn gold (money). Now is the time to give these people as Simon Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6). Yes, Jesus is the answer to the Japanese people. When the Japanese people believe on this faith, the Spirit of God can do his work and open their hearts to receive life eternal. We, as Christians, must give this great news to the listening people. We must let the Japanese people know that Jesus loves them as he loves all people.

Japanese Baptist Mission is small, yet it (Please turn to page 27)

A missionary in her first term of service in Japan pictures a week at our Good Will Center

Good Will Center—Japanese Style

by Frances Talley

THE GOOD WILL CENTER first began under the direction of missionary Naomi Schell in 1929 and continued until her evacuation from Japan in 1940. It was revived when missionary Elizabeth Watkins moved to Tobata in November 1948. Miss Watkins immediately began a program of visitation in the homes. "If we could visit with her and her staff for one week, we would appreciate the already heavy growth of the Good Will Center."

Every morning is begun with individual devotions. Then the staff comes together to share their early blessings in thought, prayer, and conference concerning the problems for the day.

From 9:00 to 10:00 each morning from Tuesday through Saturday, Miss Watkins holds individual conferences with the staff workers. Carefully she goes over with the worker the lesson which he will teach on that day.

Let us begin with Tuesday since that is the girls' day. G. A.'s meet in the afternoon and Y. W. A.'s meet in the evening. A lovely Christian young woman, Miss Kakiwa Tomita, from Tokyo and associate to Miss Watkins, is greatly responsible for the interest and growth in this group. One night at a special meeting conducted by missionary Edwin Dozier, fifteen of the girls accepted Christ as their Saviour.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Watkins teaches a class in *romaji* for primary school children. In the evening mother, with baby on her back, comes to The Mother's Club. Mrs. Shiokawa, another member of the staff, is leader of this group, and Mrs. Higasa, wife of the Tobata church pastor, has the privilege of teaching these sixteen mothers. One of the mothers accepted Christ and has reorganized the daily routine of her home to bring her family together for worship every day.

Another staff member, Mr. Shiokawa, is a new Christian, baptized last December. He has the responsibilities of a group of

Senior boys who come to hear him teach the Bible on Wednesday evening. This group is an outgrowth of a visit. While he visited in a certain home he read the Bible to the family. It proved to be such a wonderful book that when he started to leave at a rather late hour, the boys insisted that they should be permitted to come to the Center to hear more of the Bible. They with their friends come every Wednesday evening and often drop in at other times during the week.

Thursday is visitation day for the staff, and Miss Tomita has some other little responsibilities, collectively called the Sunbeam Band. Already three or four of these little folks have accepted Christ as Saviour.

On Thursday evening the Christians go to the prayer meeting held in the church, while in the Center Miss Watkins teaches English to high school students and interested business men. Hymns and Bible verses are a part of her teaching material.

The spiritual growth of the staff must not be neglected, and so Bible study for the staff is the first thing on the Friday afternoon program. Following this is the Junior R. A. meeting.

Would you like to know how the evening class of men and boys began? While the building was being repaired and the gas line put in, the gas man asked Mr. Shiokawa, "What goes on here anyway?" Young Mr. Shiokawa began to explain to them; he didn't stop till he had "preached them a sermon." They wanted more and asked if they might come and bring their friends. Now both young and old come. Mr. Kiriara, a convert from Communism and pastor of the Moji church, preaches to them every Friday evening. After his message comes a discussion period, so fascinating that the people have to be sent home. One Friday night twenty-six of those present signed cards expressing their desire to accept Christ as Saviour. On Saturday morning Mr. Kiriara had personal inter-

views with them. Six were baptized on Sunday.

Saturday afternoon is spent in visiting for the Sunday school. In the evening the young people's meeting is held with Pastor Nakamura of Kokura church presenting the message.

You must be up early Sunday morning to prepare for a full day. From 4:30 to 9:30 non-Christian college and high school teachers of English come to the Center for an English Bible class.

Morning worship is held at the church immediately following this class. The Sunday school is in the afternoon from 2:00 to 3:30. It receives all who will come—from children to business men. There is space for thirteen classes, but as yet there are not enough teachers for so many. It is the desire of the missionary that the teachers be drawn from the work itself.

Following the Sunday school hour is a Sunday school teachers' meeting, conducted by the missionary director. Then between 4:30 and 5:30 Miss Watkins prepares and eats a "rush-snack" before another English Bible class for those who do not know English so well. Immediately following this is the evening worship service conducted by Pastor Higasa.

According to the printed schedule, Monday is a day of rest, but often visitors come before Miss Watkins is dressed. Sometimes they are business men, sometimes they are friends from other cities. "Always we have someone for lunch on Mondays," she says. Recently before Miss Watkins had finished her bath a lady from Moji came bringing her lunch to spend the day.

"What is the purpose of the Good Will Center?" I asked.

Mother's Club at the Good Will Center. Second from left on back row is Mrs. Higasa, wife of the Tobata pastor. Mrs. Sato, left end of front row, was the only Baptist woman in the neighborhood last fall. Mrs. Ito, right end of first row, was the first member to be baptized.



"Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life . . . I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly'" was her answer. "We want to help people in a fourfold way: spiritually, mentally, physically, and financially. Our emphasis is on the spiritual help, but we want to help mentally, too, by providing a lending library and a quiet place to study—for many live in very crowded, noisy rooms. We want to help physically by providing a clinic and wholesome play and organized athletics. We want to help financially by helping to pay hospital bills for those who cannot pay, and by finding work for those who are without work. Jesus went about preaching, teaching and healing. We want to do these things through the Good Will Center."

"Putting in the Hoe" . . .

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and the student body. Actually, the "putting in of the hoe" amounted to each one shoveling a little dirt into an already prepared hole. Some sand was there to lend an idea of building a foundation, using sand and cement.

After another hymn and the thanksgiving prayers, the pastor pronounced the benediction, and President Hara gave a final greeting to all present. The program required about twenty minutes, just long enough for everyone to get fairly numb with cold. But they went away happy, rejoicing in the warmth of friendship with Baptist friends in America and looking forward with expectation to the future.

ROYAL SERVICE HELPS A NEW MISSIONARY

I appreciate very much receiving the W. M. U. literature here in Campinas, Sao Paulo, especially at present because I cannot read any of the literature published in Portuguese. We have been in Brazil for six weeks and ROYAL SERVICE has been a great help to me during this time of adjustment.

Our prayer this year is that we may learn the language so we may witness for Christ in this very needy land.

—MRS. GLENN BRIDGES

SHE WANTS TO ENTER U. S. A.

We are in constant fear for our laws are multiplying, laws that are against people like us. We fear now that——— (a refugee from a Balkan state) may have to enter a concentration camp. We are looking forward when we'll live in a country where no camps, no Siberia, can be a fear to any of us.

—AN ITALIAN BAPTIST

WHAT FOLLOWS A RIVER CROSSING?

FROM A MISSIONARY'S PERSONAL LETTER

Published to show you the perplexity in a missionary's heart when Shanghai's door was swinging shut. It will help you understand what missionaries' families and missionaries undergo in these desperate days.

It is no doubt sensible to try to write even if one does not know whether the letter will go out of the post office or not, and even if one does not know what to write, realizing that if any plans made today were mentioned they would no doubt be changed by tomorrow. That is what comes of living in the country that is possibly deciding the future of the world, at a time that is its greatest in history, from the point of view of the speed in its changes and the importance and size of those changes.

Perhaps I should pack instead of write. When one does not know what to do it is always a good thing to pack, for you can repack, and maybe when one does know there will not be time to pack. Anyway it's a great time to be here on the shifting sands of time. I don't think that I will go in to the yawning cavities up to my neck.

So I trust you are not going to worry, even if the bamboo curtain comes down and you hear nothing for weeks or months.

If the opportunity for evacuation assisted by the Navy in an emergency materializes, I am ready to risk it and will take advantage of it, although I hope that it will mean an opportunity to continue work in either Philippine Islands or Japan or to return here, rather than a Pacific crossing at this time. The British jewelled incident has put a different complexion on some things and it looks as if every effort will be made to avoid another such incident involving our own navy.

The only danger in remaining here is in probable looting and rioting during the vacuum between the going out and the coming in. No one knows when that event will take place. Perhaps tomorrow and perhaps not for a couple of months during which we will be somewhat cut off from the rest of the world. And after it comes there will be a prolonged cut off, during which time our freedom will decrease and decrease, according to the present pattern. From letters read here from those who remained in the north, I begin to have the feeling that I have stayed as long as I can be of use in the work. This feeling has only come in these past two weeks. I am very glad that I have stayed this long.

News via the grapevine is that before the week is out there will be an evacuation ship. So, if that happens I suppose I'll be on it and it will be U.S.A. not P.I. but it is all IF. I have just told the servant woman and I can hear the sniffles as she tries to eat her lunch the other side of the partition.

Her husband has been without work since last fall and her half day here the sole support of the family of five. On Friday he left for Nanking to begin the long-awaited-for job of cook on the through train. He expected to begin work Saturday morning on the train due here at 4:00

o'clock and out for Hangchow and west at 8:00 o'clock. He used all her half month salary advance to pay his expenses to Nanking to begin work! By Saturday A.M. no trains were leaving Nanking and of course there has been no word from him. She is left with her three little children here to support and her parents up near Nanking to worry about. It's a tough proposition and that is only one of hundreds, yes, thousands, and we are helpless.

George Wu most solemnly after our Monday morning worship again reaffirmed that this is the great hour for Christians in China and Christ must be and will be served faithfully. There may be fewer Christians but they will be stronger ones.

I saw some of the other missionaries on Saturday but then none of us was think-

CLOTHING?

by Chaplain P. E. Cullom

Everywhere you look in Japan you see people in need of clothing. They wear anything they can get. The variety that you see would be laughable if it were not so pitiful. The color of the seat of a man's breeches in Japan is often in direct contrast with the shade of the rest of his clothing. Not half of the people have shoes but wear wooden clogs. Some might think they prefer this ancient footwear but a talk with Japanese people will disprove this. They do not have shoes and cannot get them.

People in Korea and China where I have also been are much worse off than Japanese. Christians want to hear on Judgment Day, "I was naked and ye clothed me."

ing of evacuation. It certainly seems as if today's rain ought to delay things a bit but there is no telling, when Communists are sweeping so rapidly and the will for resistance is gone.

This is a queer sort of a letter, I fear, but this is a queer sort of a day and I have a queer sort of feeling, as if I am getting ready for something that isn't going to happen! And yesterday morning the sky was so bright and it was such a quiet spring Sunday—with us, but how different just a few miles away. A mess is the only kind of a description that fits it all and the worst is, it is not a local mess but a world mess for the consequences of this river crossing are going to reverberate and reverberate through the years ahead.

"Cherry"—Bright Fruit . . .

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Christ be?" he questioned.

"He would still be in my heart."

"But," said the officer, "if I killed you—what then?"

"Oh," said Y. K., "I almost wish you would, for then I would be with my Jesus Christ forever."

Cherry came to the police station every day and tried to reason with the officials. They said, "If you will persuade him to deny Jesus Christ, we will set him free." How hard it was for her, as she saw him standing there behind bars, to shake her head and go away! This verse strengthened her, "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

The days passed, and still Y. K. was not released. One morning Cherry could not stand it any longer. "I gave him up to the Lord," she says. She did not know whether she would see him alive again.

That same morning Y. K. in prison gave himself up to the Lord. The next day he was set free. Rejoicing and great revival broke out. Never had they felt such infilling of the Holy Spirit as then.

Now, tested by fire and polished bright this fine Christian couple are here to study. One day they will return to China equipped to teach the Word of Life even more effectively. Who can place a value on the winning of two such lives? The sowing of the mission seed is costly, but it bears fruit a hundred fold.

Proverbs 29:15,17 Says It

by Ruth LaTuille Matthews

SOME PARENTS AND TEACHERS think "discipline" is synonymous with "punishment." But corrective punishment is only one part of well-thought-out discipline. The writer of Proverbs truly said "the rod and reproof give wisdom." At least three specific steps are undertaken by a good disciplinarian, who adopts an overall plan and stays with it until the desired results have been achieved. First, the educational aspect of discipline involves teaching

in which a toddler goes exploring! But how else can he learn about this fascinating world unless he touches and investigates the objects about him? One mother would not move from her toddler's reach some of her highly valuable antique milk glass, saying that he just must learn not to touch such things. But when she was busy at the telephone one of the prized pieces came shattering to the floor! Surely a toddler needs at least one room in which he is free to roam and explore at leisure.

But what about suitable punishment when a preschooler has deliberately and intentionally misbehaved? There are active and passive types of punishment: those in which something is done to the child such as spanking; and those in which he is deprived of certain things he wants. When no one person is the active instrument of his punishment, sometimes the preschooler sees more readily that he has no one to blame but himself. There was a time when corporal punishment was the only acceptable method of punishment. For slight offenses, the child's hand was slapped with a pencil or ruler; for more serious offenses, he was whipped.

Whatever type of punishment the parents select, surely their methods should be prompt, fair, understandable, and without bitterness. Unless the child understands why he is being punished, he is almost certain to repeat the misdeed. Inconsistent and unjust parental discipline, not adapted to the age and tempera-

ment of the individual child, sometimes causes such undesirable results as:

1. Fear of parents, which destroys the spiritual atmosphere of the home. Beginning falsehoods and sly habits in an effort to escape punishment.
2. Bitter resentment and sullenness, though the child may outwardly comply with the parent's demands.
3. Withdrawal into his own "shell" in daydreaming and guilt complexes, rather than easy, normal conversations with his parents.
4. Poor social adjustment to the family and neighborhood groups, and resistance to authority.

In the growth of his moral character, a young child needs dependable feelings of certainty about the reward for, or punishment of, his conduct. Ideal discipline does not lessen his feeling of security within the family circle. Instead, the child is trained to control his behavior, to become increasingly, "a delight unto thy soul."

SAND-PILE SET

Here are some Nursery Rhymes which children in China learn to say. Nice, aren't they?

FIVE LITTLE FINGERS

*This one's old,
This one's young,
This one has not meat,
This one's gone to buy some
hay,
And this one's on the street!*

WE BAKE A CAKE

*We bake a cake,
We turn a cake,
We put in oil,
or pork or steak,
And when 'tis done
We'll have some fun,
And give a piece to
everyone.*

Commencement—1949

by Velma Darbo

ALONG THE DIMLY-LIGHTED hall moved the line of girls dressed in simple white dresses, carrying unlighted candles. Halfway down the hall each girl stopped to take a light from the candle held by Miss Littlejohn, the President, then she went on quietly into the chapel. This was the Vigil Service, a quiet period of meditation and consecration which always marks the beginning of Commencement Week at the Training School.

The events of Commencement Week move so rapidly that they almost seem to pile up on one another. The coming of relatives and friends of the graduates, receptions and teas, entertainment of visitors, all seem to merge into a blur in which only the major happenings stand out.

Perhaps the most meaningful service for every Training School girl is the Vesper Service on Wednesday afternoon. This is sponsored by the Louisville chapter of the Alumnae Association. At this time the members of the graduating class were welcomed into the

Alumnae Association by Mrs. T. C. Smith, president of the local chapter. Miss Margaret Bruce, an alumna of the School and Young People's Secretary for Woman's Missionary Union, gave a devotional message based on the experience of the two disciples on the Emmaus Road. She urged every girl to become a stronger Christian through prayer, Bible study, and personal witnessing. At the close of the address sixteen new stars were added to the

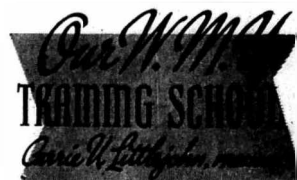
School's service flag for those former students who have gone to foreign fields as missionaries during the last year.

The closing part of the Vesper Service is always the garland ceremony, inducting the Juniors into Senior responsibility. Miss Bernice Bell of Texas, the outgoing general chairman of the student body, gave the charge to the new Senior class. Miss Louise Illingworth of Alabama, the new general chairman, answered on behalf of her class. Then the student body grouped themselves on the platform, a Junior in front of each Senior. As the Juniors knelt, the Seniors placed about their shoulders garlands of flowers in token of passing on to them the responsibilities and privileges of Seniors in the Training School. The Seniors sang "For You I am Praying," as the close of the ceremony.

Commencement Day dawned bright, fair, and warm. At lunch time the Seniors and their guests gathered in the dining room, beautifully decorated in the school colors of purple and gold, for the Commencement Luncheon given in their honor. The W.M.U.'s of Illinois were part hostesses through their generous contribution to this occasion. Miss Sexton, the dietitian, planned and prepared an unusually delightful luncheon.

That evening, to the thrilling strains of "Take the Light," the processional which is always used at Commencement, the forty-six members of the graduat-

ing class of 1949 marched into the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel for the final service of the week. Dr. Margaret T. Applegarth of New York delivered the address. She suggested to the graduates "six impossible things to believe before breakfast," based on the life of the Apostle Paul: first, we may be as bad as Paul was in "standing by consenting" to things that are wrong, if we are not careful; second, we can be as good as Paul; third, the courage which Paul showed can be ours; fourth, we can have the contagion which Paul had; fifth, we can influence others by writing



memorable letters, as Paul did; and sixth, we can be as influential as Paul, if we believe these six impossible things and act on them.

Following the address, Miss Littlejohn gave the charge to the graduates, in which she reminded them of the times of discouragement which would lie ahead, and concluded by saying, "If you will listen, you will hear Him saying, 'It doesn't matter about the other things that are bothering you. The important thing for you is to follow me.'"

With this challenge in their hearts, the graduating class marched out of the chapel, to join the many others who are engaged in the task of bringing Christ to a world who needs him now more than ever.



the child the things he must do and must not do. A second step is suitable punishment for intentional wrong doing, directed toward keeping the child from repeating such misbehavior. Then, reward for doing the right things can be a most effective means of an overall plan of good discipline.

What is the real aim of discipline anyway? Isn't it teaching the child to know what is right and wrong, then encouraging him to build up his own discipline within himself, even when his teachers or parents are not hovering over him? We can't expect this to be accomplished overnight.

The educational issue—teaching a very young child what is expected of him—often deals more in negatives than in positives. How often a forceful "No" sounds throughout the house

CAMPS THAT CHALLENGE

by Margaret Bruce

CAMPS THAT CHALLENGE are camps with a purpose. The purpose of Woman's Missionary Union Camps is inspiring and causes hundreds of leaders of young people to give their time and energy gladly and freely to Girls' Auxiliary, Young Woman's Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador camps.

Woman's Missionary Union camps purpose that young people should receive first, a deep and abiding conviction of the need of

hiking, swimming, rowing boats, athletic meets and many other activities, as well as good wholesome food and periods for rest, increases the physical fitness of young people. During camp boys and girls learn to live with other young people; they learn to respect the rights of others, and the discipline of camp is excellent training for them. The study of God's Word, devotional periods in the early morning and in the evening give the campers a better understanding of God. Living with missionaries and other Christian leaders in camp helps young people to become more interested in missions and to develop spiritually.

Camps that challenge have lasting values in the lives of the young people, in their homes, their churches and in the world-wide missionary task.

people everywhere for faith in Jesus as their personal Savior; second, the reality of an unseen God and a sense of companionship with him by daily following Jesus; third, a vision of the need of the world for Christ and the kind of world which would be truly Christian; fourth, a dynamic faith to motivate and inspire them to build a Christian world and to find their place of service in building such a world. To achieve this purpose and to obtain these lasting values, programs are planned which will help young people develop as Jesus did. He increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man.

With mission classes, missionary messages, Forward Step and Ranking classes they increase in wisdom. Recreation which includes

Many young people have gone home to win members of their family to Christ. Girls' Auxiliaries, Young Woman's Auxiliaries and Royal Ambassador Chapters have been revitalized by members who have come back from camp. Many young people have experienced the call of God to missionary service while in camp and today they are proclaiming the gospel around the world.

Counselors and young people's directors, encourage parents to send their sons and daughters to these camps. Suggest that your missionary society and fostering circles send young people from your church. Arrange the transportation and make preparations for the members of your organizations to go to these camps.



Absolute Grace for Mankind

Leviticus 11:44-45;
John 1:1-2; Romans 5:8

THERE ARE LANDS WHERE hungry, fearful hearts worship many capricious gods. To them the Bible brings the good news that there is one God, Jehovah, creator of the world and all that it produces, even creator of life itself. Listen to the glad tidings! "Hear . . . the Lord our God . . ." Leviticus 11:44a. "I am the Lord thy God . . . Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:2a, Exodus 20:3.

Through his servants, God solemnly announces that he is the supreme ruler in whom all authority resides. He is the fountain of all power.

God is righteous. In the Bible there is constant reiteration that he is a spotless King. As God himself is holy so he desires his followers to be. He purposed to establish a holy nation, to separate for himself a people free from idolatry and the immorality which surrounds idolatry. God loves righteousness and so must his followers.

This one God who is all powerful, the Creator, completely holy, is Spirit. He is infinite and invisible. It is difficult for man to grasp

this wonderful truth. In various ways men have sought to know the invisible, infinite God. They have had many vain imaginings. His holiness and power so far exceed man's imagination that it has been difficult to reach out and find him.

God is also a God of mercy and love, so he sent his only begotten Son into the world to dwell among men and to be a link between God and his creatures. Christ Jesus makes God intelligible to mankind. John says that Christ is the Word of God. The word of man is that by which he communicates with other persons; it is the means by which one man deals with another. By his words man makes his thoughts and feelings known. Words are organs of intelligence and will. You can know a man by his words even though you are blind. So through Christ God is revealed to all the world. John chose an appropriate title for Christ—the Word of God.

Christ was sent to us to bring light and liberty. He brought light to all who sit in darkness for he is the light of the world. Christ shows us that God is a God of mercy and tender love. He is touched by our every need. Jesus Christ who reveals the Father in human nature is the same agent who has ever been expressing and giving effect to the Father's will in the creation and government of all things.

The great wonder of it is that while man was vigorous and active in sin God commended his love toward man in that Christ died for him. God's love was not caused by any previous love of man's. To him love and

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Plans for Your W.M.S. and B.W.C.

YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE can arrange an Oriental room or lawn with all the charm of Chinese and Japanese costumes, tapestries, carvings, pictures, curios, tea and quaint cakes. See CHINESE RECIPES, price \$2.50 from United Service to China, Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y., and recipes in FUN AND FESTIVAL FROM CHINA, price 35c and FUN AND FESTIVAL FROM JAPAN, price 35c, from your Baptist Book Store. The G.A.'s will love making umbrella favors for you like pattern in *World Comrades*.

Music committee can arrange for Oriental music, using records or inviting musicians who know or will learn some Chinese and Japanese songs. CHINESE PAGODAS is a collection of 13 songs, price 25c.

Program Committee can ask each one speaking to wear Chinese or Japanese costume according to her discussion. You will need a map, of course. Use *Political Map of China*, price 35c, for locating places in

the news, and *Picture Map of China*, price 60c, for fascinating facts and atmosphere. Similarly the *Political Map of Japan*, price 50c, and *Picture Map of Japan*, price 75c.

G.A.'s working on the high Forward Steps may have made maps you can display also.

For your devotional use the material on page 16.

You may use sixteen speakers or combine two topics and ask eight women to speak. The topics run in order as presented on the following program pages.



Intersperse the musical numbers provided by music committee. Complete your talks on China with an earnest season of prayer that China may have peace without communist domination, that missionaries and Christians may be clearly guided in their witnessing, that our country may do what is right in her relationship with China.

When you have finished the study of our work in Japan, plan for sending packages to our Japanese Christians. Use the addresses on page 27. Ask your post office for regulations about size and weight of packages before packing. Send the kind of box of clothes and food that you would like to receive if your home had been totally destroyed.

Christ the Answer to Oriental Religions

Program Planned by Earl Hester Trutza

Mrs. Peter Trutza is from Oklahoma. While a missionary of our board she established our Training Schools in Romania and Hungary. Her husband is finishing his work for a doctorate in sociology at the University of Chicago. She is Displaced Persons representative in that city now.

Which Way Asia?

Events follow fast in Asia these days. A bitter war of ideas rages. The conception of personal liberty, of free democracy and constitutional redress is battling the conception of an autocratic state over-riding the people with one-party rule attained and maintained by force and bloodshed. Not only Asia but the whole world faces this choice.

Asia must choose capitalism or some form of socialism for her economic system.

Deeper still, Asia faces a religious choice. Asia is the home of all of the great world religions. Communism would reject all of them as "opiates of the people." That system will not tolerate Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, nor Judaism.

Buddhism, filled with the melancholy of despair, says "Nothing is worthwhile." Christianity, filled with the vigor of hope, shouts: "Everything is worthwhile."

Taoism, another religion which came from India, reflects weariness with life and a strange lethargy. Life should be without effort. There can be no beauty where there is strain.

Confucianism is native to China. Confucius was a philosopher who, unlike the founders of the Indian religions, felt sympathy for those about him and saw some purpose in life. But he disregarded women and children and knew nothing of life after death.

Christianity offers China the same hope and life it has offered all peoples through the nineteen centuries since Christ came.

But Communism is against faith. "Christianity in Asia of today is challenged not so much by other religious loyalties as by a fanatical communism that promises a materialistic kingdom of heaven and calls

for absolute devotion to its own dogmas of social salvation."

Does it Matter Which Way?

Is Asia so important that we should care which ideology she accepts? "Asia is the center of the world. Geographically Europe is her annex, Africa a sub-continent, Australia her island."

Owen Lattimore more emphatically says: "Things happening in Asia, opinions formed in Asia, and decisions made in Asia will largely determine the course of events everywhere in the world."

The continent of Asia is of strategic importance because of its enormous size, larger than North and South America together, larger than Europe and Africa combined. Her population makes Asia a continent to be regarded with respect, for here live nearly two-thirds of the world's people, mostly non-whites. The population density is three times that of the rest of the world.

Asia has rich resources of which the human resources are the greatest. There are also extensive agricultural and mineral resources, water power, industrial possibilities, raw materials and markets.

These are not far away. By way of the North Pole, one can go by plane from America to Asia in less than a day. Since the war, the vast areas of inland Asia are being made accessible by steam navigation on the rivers and by new airways, railways and highways.

The turn the battle takes for the soul of a billion Asiatic people is fearfully important. The world waits and trembles.

China's Goals

China must reach certain goals in her national life. The first goal is unity. That goal is far from being reached now with civil war raging, with fear gripping the



United Service to China

Anxious mother and eager son wonder if you are praying for China

masses, with inflation threatening economic collapse.

C. C. Chiang, a student, wrote:

We can hear the noise of cannons and guns, the crying of the miserable and starving people. We can see smoke and fire in battle. Buildings are ruined. People are slain or shed their tears and blood. The dead are laid here and there, the living are as if waiting for dying. Alas! what a pitiful picture it is!

"Why are the Kuomintang and Communists so cruel as to kill their brothers? This is the reason: each is afraid that when the other party handles the might of all China, he will be destroyed. So they cannot consult perfectly; and the war continues. If this goes on for a long time, more people will die, and China will become more poor and weak. The two parties must put away their munitions and confederate to make China a rich and comfortable nation of the world."

A second goal is reconstruction; rebuilding bombed-out cities, returning displaced persons to their homes, establishing new industries and utilizing new methods, new materials and new techniques to take the place of old primitive ways. New roads need to be built to overcome the vast distances and for the use of the automobiles the nation hopes to have. The Chinese hope to have 80,000,000 new telephones in the next decade. The leaders are eager for Westerners to bring capital and technical skills to their country.

This modernization will call for larger numbers of schools, particularly those which will teach engineers, architects, doctors and scientists. Missions can help train Christian doctors, nurses, crop specialists and homemaking experts. Rural reconstruction is desperately needed for four-fifths of the people are farmers.

A third goal is efficiency in government and a good conscience in all affairs. Corruption, selfishness, nepotism are evils permeating the whole society.

Mrs. McConnell, correspondent of the *New York Times* for North China, tells of a friend who visited a mission Middle School where the boys and girls put on a play. The friend wrote:

"It was a very strange play for teenagers to put on, I thought.

"It began with a scene in a hospital, where patients were going untended while nurses and doctors shuffled papers at desks. The first part of it was a truly lurid picture of incompetency, laziness and corruption on the part of the hospital staff.

"Then came the heroine, a woman doctor. With a grand sweep of her hand, a considerable amount of looking people directly in the eye, and some very fast tongue work, she had soon uprooted all the desk-sitters, swept the paper work to the floor, and laid low the Chinese version of the gum-chewing nurse.

"The curtain fell on a busy, neat, white-washed hospital ward, where everyone was performing some task which had to do with curing and caring for the sick.

"The only explanation which I could get of the reason for the play was the principal's. He merely said that the students were learning the ideals of Christian service."

Even though Christians seek to correct corruption and incompetency, they find it very difficult for a spirit of defeatism and of demoralization remains with the havoc the years of Japanese occupation wrought.

Although the war years brought such terrific strain, as cities were bombed and people driven to rocky dugouts, as schools were destroyed and students forced to flee to the West to carry out their passionate desire for study, still China emerged with a new spirit. A new spirit of unity, a new desire to learn, a new zeal to lift the masses to a decent level of living, a new pride in what the country was capable of doing, a new wish to develop community fellowship, a keen ambition to be a part of the nations of the world. No more isolation for China!

The world admired this heroic spirit in the Chinese people and responded with some relief. Theodore White wrote to United Service to China, "Now more than ever China needs healing and peace and non-political expressions of friendship. It would be a tragedy indeed if Americans in their own prosperity should forget the com-

mon need that once bound us in peril to the suffering people of China."

Christian Schools Help

It has been said that China has four principal evils: poverty, ignorance, disease and misgovernment.

Missions have attacked and wrestled with ignorance and disease for many years. The very first Protestant missionary in 1807, Robert Morrison, labored for twenty-eight years at Bible translation and dictionary making. Later when missionaries could go into the country to open schools, this foundation was laid already.

The first medical missionary was an American, Dr. Peter Parker in 1834. In a hundred years, 894 Protestant hospitals and clinics were reported with 563 Western doctors and nurses, 634 Chinese doctors and 1,656 Chinese nurses.

The Chinese Christians are keenly and pathetically aware of the tremendous need for education of the masses, if China is ever to be a nation among the nations.

Mrs. Glenn Morris writes from Tsingtao, Shantung: "One of China's most pressing needs is for Christian education. China has too few schools and too many thousands of children growing up to be irresponsible and shiftless, often beggars. With almost 500,000 refugees in Tsingtao, one is especially conscious of the fact that most of China's children are getting no schooling

or training (not even at home) of any kind. Beggar children roam the streets literally by the thousands, children of refugees, even children of one time high class people. They are filthy and covered with sores; cynical and defiant already, they are growing up wild and uncontrolled, minds dulled by constant hunger, cold and exposure."

A Chinese Christian wrote:

"China is far from being a modernized country, since the great majority of her citizens are ignorant. . . . During the war, the government began to pay attention to mass education. Many village children were compelled to study in mass schools, but . . . there were few good teachers."

"Whenever I see unhealthy coolies or little children who carry heavy loads or men who pull rickshaws, I have a struggle in my heart. I am glad that one of my professors taught me to have sympathy for them. Last summer she planned to have a few classes for them in our Social Center. I helped to teach one class; it was good to see them making progress day by day. When more people in China see what this professor sees, ignorant coolies and poor people will gradually be released from some of their intolerable burdens."

Our Christian colleges give the high ideal of service to their students.

Some students spend the summer months teaching children coming from poor homes. Morning, afternoon and evening groups are taught.

Students hold Sunday schools in villages. Nurses put healing drops in sore eyes, and give instruction in hygiene. One student

"THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A CHINA"

IT IS GENERALLY THOUGHT by those who know the situation in China that the Communists will not be able to take over the south and west of China for a long time to come. China may not even fall under the aegis of Russia. China may even be a liability to Russia for the Russian Communists, should they want to control China, would have to organize, militarize and industrialize China. Russia is not in a position to militarize China. She could not hope to industrialize China for years to come as she has not the technicians to spare nor has she the machinery to give nor has she the money to purchase the machinery. Only the United States today could industrialize China and we would not do this for Russia's benefit.

Furthermore, China is the most peace-loving nation on earth. Russia would find it impossible to force China to fight her battles. Again, the Communists could not benefit China on an agrarian basis as they have professed to benefit other countries. There are too many millions of people and too little land per person or family.

Do not for one moment think that all is lost in China because perhaps a Coalition Government may have to be temporarily formed.

We cannot let our people starve. Keep sending relief money through our Foreign Mission Board and clothes through Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 Olympia Street, New Orleans 16, Louisiana.

nurse organized the children in squads and gave them hand sprays to spray DDT-Kerosene against mosquitoes and flies.

Mrs. Glenn Morris tells of the responsiveness of refugee children in Tsingtao last spring. "Our Baptist grade school for refugee children has four branches now in the city and is training about six hundred children who otherwise would never have the opportunity of going to school."

"The schools and equipment are far from impressive, but the results are amazing. A tiny, mud-walled building has a flimsy partition to divide it into two classrooms. The floor is just the ground and carefully pasted paper makes the window panes. There are forty children in the first grade and forty in the second grade, three and four children sitting at desks made for two. But these children want to go to school so badly, are so anxious to learn, that they think their school house is marvelous. There is not one moment of disorder, no discipline problem among these children whose ages range from seven years to fourteen or fifteen. Here is the attentive eagerness and attractive politeness that should be the heritage of all of China's children."

"The larger self-supporting Baptist church here also supports a grade school that is literally bursting at its seams, and many many more children are wanting to get in. In our refugee schools and regular schools together several hundred children were converted in the past year. We very much need and hope for a high school here later."

But the Communists are making sweeping victories these days and in all of their territories they have let only two or three months pass before they take over all schools and teach their way. It isn't just education that's needed but Christian education.

The Struggle Against Disease

Home and community health projects are being carried forward by Christians in many areas. Health problems have been tremendously increased by lack of food, refugees moving into areas bringing and transmitting disease.

Public health service is being developed in China. Better living standards and sanitation would improve health conditions. Health stations need to be established so

Have you a Movie Projector?

Go Forth—22 minutes, sound—Presenting the need for medical missionaries in the Orient. The story of a young soldier who came back from serving the Medical Corps in the Orient, with a conviction that he should return as a medical missionary. Rental, \$6.00

My Name Is Han—24 minutes, sound—Filmed in China, this picture shows the effect of the war on one Chinese family and the part Christian religion came to play in the family life. Rental \$8.00

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everyone may have access to medical care. The health centers are also responsible for health programs in the Christian schools and will train nurses for public health work. All this work is being done through mission channels and is serving as a model for the government. This Christian service in all areas of living in China should certainly be an answer to Communism. How much we need to strengthen the resources of our medical missionaries!

Many children are suffering from malnutrition and starvation. Others have malaria, ulcers, and tuberculosis.

Great effort is made to set up health programs in primary and high schools. Weekly

doses of a new anti-malaria drug, chloroquine, are given. In schools where anti-typhoid inoculations could be given no cases are reported. Tuberculosis cases are treated. Multi-purpose food is given the boys who are underweight.

Epidemics are common in China. There are epidemics of bubonic plague, cholera, and relapsing fever. Thank God for the new sulphadiazine drugs which make it possible to save most cases if the patient comes early enough. Christian hospitals know the value of isolation wards. Always more are needed.

Clinics may be means for winning people to Christ and do not involve such enormous outlay of money as hospitals.

We must also be aware of the many Chinese student doctors now in America. Ministry to students whether here or in China presents one of our most challenging opportunities. And what a privilege to know these alert, intelligent, capable young Chinese doctors! Every Baptist woman should have the joy of making friends with these in her state or city. Do you know and help those near you?

The Bible in China

The Bible remains immensely popular in China. Circulation has been curtailed only by limited production and distribution. In 1947, there was probably no book counter in all the world over which passed as many copies of Scripture as in the Bible House in Shanghai. Over 30,000 Bibles, nearly 26,000 New Testaments, and 44,800 Gospel portions were sold.

In West China at the wedding feast of his son, an executive in a large cotton mill, bought two hundred New Testaments for gifts to the assembled relatives and friends. Several guests began to read their Testaments regularly. Some were baptized during the following months.

We believe the Bible will stay in China for students consider the Scriptures as the basis of democracy and human freedom. These students are becoming the leaders in many areas of Chinese life. The Bible has

Philip Gendreau, N.Y.

Loaded wheelbarrows, pedicabs, rickshas, refugees; crowd Shanghai streets going—where?

also become an accepted element in the literary circles of China. The mass education movement is still flavored with interest in the Bible.

Christian Homes in China

China is the oldest nation on earth. When God called Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldees about 2000 B.C., China was in her Hsia Dynasty.

What was there in her national life, in her civilization which was of such real worth as to survive?

The Chinese are family-centered. Filial piety has always been regarded as one of the highest virtues. Warmth and reverence toward ancestors and parents are seen in children. Parents come first in China. In our Western world everything is for children.

The position of woman in the typical old Chinese family was negative and inferior. In economic and legal status, woman had been considered the dependent of man. In the old forms of family life there was absolute domination of youth by the old, of women by men, of the individual by the family.

All of this began to change when contact with Western civilization came about. Christianity took a vigorous position against polygamy, slavery, illiteracy, and inequality. Churches in China are trying their best to Christianize the homes through emancipation of women, education of the children, and a better relation between God and man.

China's Need

A traveler tells of having seen often in the Orient, an American pilot on China's airliners—and a Chinese pilot by his side learning. America is teaching China in her conquest of air travel. "But I take it," he says, "as a great spiritual lesson, too; that China needs our spiritual leadership as well. Until she is on her feet we must supply her with 'sky pilots' to lead her to Christ."

China needs new methods of education, new discoveries for health, new ways of building roads and railways, new telephone systems, yes! "But most important of all China needs new missionaries to keep constantly before the great new world of China the Christian doctrine of the worth of the individual. There is no totalitarian government ever devised that can conquer a people with the conviction that each man—each one—is God's son. Never have we needed so much missionary money to carry that one idea forward." (Editorial of *World Outlook*, April, 1941)

The Generalissimo and Madame Chiang sent a statement to the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Boston in May, 1948. Part of the Chiangs' statement was: "There is no greater power on earth which can come to China's support in this crisis, than the power which can be generated by the united prayers of the Christian churches of the world. Sustained by such prayers, we know that China will emerge triumphant out of the distress of today into a radiant and peaceful tomorrow."

Christians are in for hard times in China. But they will hang on.

A young Chinese minister doing graduate work and speaking in the U.S.A. said: "Our Chinese Christians know what to expect. Christianity will not die out in China until every Christian and his children have been killed." Shortly afterwards, this man of God left school to go back to China for, he said, "The missionaries will be recalled and we must be there to carry on the work." This man has a wife and six children. When he left China to come to America, he bought as many sacks of rice as he could, gave them to his brother, who would take care of his family while he was studying in the United States. The brother had a wife and eight children of his own. That was his part in helping the cause of Christ.

With such faith and brotherliness we can be sure our Christian brethren will behave like true disciples in these testing days.

A Big Question

The question is constantly asked: Will Communism destroy Christianity in China? One missionary answers:

"If China is to be rebuilt, American policy must first be directed toward the prevention of another world war. Only if tensions between America and Russia are reduced and world economy spared the threat and trauma of another war can China hope for the peace she must have for her rebuilding."

Peace, democracy, Christianity—three words which will save the world and the third basic to the first two. What are we doing to promote them?

How Powerful is Christianity in Japan?

Today Christianity wages a new war in Japan also. And she is "woefully under-equipped and under-manned." Can Christianity win out against the intensive campaign the Communists are carrying on to attract the youth of Japan to their ideology and way of life?

Dr. William Axling, a veteran Baptist

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missionary, says:

"Japanese youth who are being challenged to build a new Japan, are frustrated, disillusioned and adrift, without any sense of direction, with no heart dynamic, and no life goal. Many are seeking for light and eager for a lead. The church is ill-equipped to come to grips with this situation. Of the 543 church buildings that were destroyed during the raids only some fifty have been rebuilt. Because of the inflation and the sky-rocketing of prices one-third of the Japanese pastors must engage in outside work to support their families....

"Communism is making an all-out drive in the student centers, the industrial areas and in rural Japan. It has planted cells in every educational institution, in every factory and in every rural community."

What the War Years Did

The destruction of church buildings was great. Approximately half of them were annihilated. Those not bombed fell into a sad state of repair.

Attendance on church fell off. Some did not come because of fear and pressure from the government.

There is great bewilderment today. The people had followed blindly for so long that they really do not know how to use freedom now that it has come. They had believed the Emperor to be a god and had listened to his voice. Now that he has denounced his "divinity," the people have nothing to give their adoration to, and they hardly know which way to turn.

Catholicism, Communism and Protestant Christianity all appeal. Many are seeking a true answer to their questions and are finding Christ real and precious.

There is a sad shortage of pastors and trained Christian leaders. The few pastors now working are, for the most part, faithful and loyal to Christ and serve to the best of their ability. But many need further training and some are not as deeply grounded in the fundamentals as they should be. Bible courses and leadership institutes are sorely needed.

There is no longer distrust of the Christians. On the contrary they are in a day of popularity. This has advantages and dangers as well.

Mrs. W. R. Medling of Tokyo has suggested some of the immediate tasks facing the churches today as

1. Rebuilding the church structures so the evangelistic program may go on with proper housing and accommodations.

2. Broader, farther reaching evangeliza-

tion. There is need of those who will go and tell.

3. Development of a good stock of suitable up-to-the-minute literature for use in Sunday schools, B.T.U., and other church organizations.

4. Training program for leadership. This work is so important it is impossible to overemphasize the need.

5. Pioneering in new, untouched fields where the gospel can be preached.

6. Need for American missionaries. General McArthur asked for one thousand missionaries. Our Foreign Mission Board has accepted that challenge and has promised to provide one hundred Southern Baptist

Background Books for Forward Study

On China

CHINA—TWILIGHT OR DAWN? by Frank W. Price. The author discusses China's chance for future greatness, the faith-strengthening record of the churches, and the role of Christian missions. Paper 90c, cloth \$1.50

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JAPAN BEGINS AGAIN by William C. Kett. This basic study book describes Japan's appalling state at the end of the war and asks, "What brought Nippon to ruin?" He shows that hope for the future lies in the vigor with which Japanese are undertaking rehabilitation and the significant role being played by Christianity. Paper \$1.00

WHICH WAY JAPAN? by Floyd Shacklock. This is a good introduction to any study of Christianity in Japan. Photographs, Japanese art decorations, maps, and a concise historical chart supplement the readable text. Paper 60c

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missionaries by 1950. Missionaries are accepted with open arms in Japan and there are almost unlimited opportunities for spreading the gospel. The harvest is more than ripe but there are all too few reapers. It is 1949 and we have about thirty-five missionaries under appointment to Japan.

Seinan Jo Gakuin

President Mutsu Hara sends this report about our South West Girls' School at Kokura, Japan.

The past year was the best in the history of Seinan Jo Gakuin. With Miss Lancaster as principal of both schools, the junior high and senior high school completed courses of three years each.

Except for outside painting, all buildings were thoroughly repaired. The campus was restored to its pre-war condition and some new flowers were planted.

A long discussed policy by which all the students of the school might attend Sunday school every Sunday was settled on. The new plan worked satisfactorily and now the entire faculty and student body observe the Lord's Day in worship and study.

The college moved into its new building still partly under construction, in January. The senior class took the government examinations for teachers' licenses. This will qualify all Seinan graduates to receive a certificate to teach in grammar school and junior high school without taking any special examination.

The greatest event of all the year was the coming of a letter from Richmond saying that the W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention would put a Mallory Memorial Building on our college campus. This will be the biggest gift that Seinan has ever received, and it will be the "lighthouse" in this corner of the world.

The generosity and warmth of Southern Baptists expressed in much relief clothing and food not only cheered the hearts of our war-stricken teachers, but also made it possible for us to help many needy neighbors around us.

Our hearts are burning with fervent prayer that we may make this year a better and more successful one, both educationally and evangelistically.

May the Lord Jesus Christ who was so good in the past be the same in the present, in the future, and forever.

Christian Education Needed

Those who know Japan will say:

"If Christianity is to exercise leadership in Japan, it must have a large and constantly increasing number possessing the qualifications for leadership.

"If Japan is to be Christian, there must be a center for Christian scholarship.

"Japan is in a state of transition. Old foundations of duty—duty to the individual, duty to society, duty to the state—are being shaken and there is a growing conviction, constantly given utterance, that the foundations must be relaid."

So a campaign is being conducted to raise \$10,000,000 for the Japan Christian University with the co-operation of the mission boards and the Protestant churches of Canada and the United States, by Pentecost (May 28) 1950.

It is said that Japan is the best experimental station for the Christian movement today, because everything else is wiped out.

Today the Japanese are asking themselves why they lost the war, why they were defeated? We may answer that it was their philosophy that to be loyal to the Emperor was the greatest deed, blind following without individual thinking.

Japan, as other countries, needs to know and live the Christian principles: Love thy God and love thy neighbor, and to apply these principles to social and economic problems.

The grim picture of material destruction of schools is ugly. But these can be reconstructed with time and money. Within the new walls the spirit of Christianity will be

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desperately needed. Only teachers who know Christ can impart that spirit. Today there are few Christian teachers.

Even Christian schools in Japan have to use non-Christian teachers. To remedy this appalling situation, far-sighted Christian leaders feel that all must have a great Christian institution which can prepare Japanese people to become teachers who can go out to schools across Japan to carry the message of eternal hope.

W.M.U. Work in Japan

"The president of the woman's work is Mrs. Juneko Hara, wife of the president of Seinan Jo Gakuin. No one could show more joy and real pleasure in her work than this very capable woman.

When asked what, in her mind, was the greatest contribution W.M.U. had made to Japanese women, she answered:

"Of course, the gospel of Christ has offered to Japanese women the same things it has offered to all women everywhere. We like all others are sinners and like the women of every land, need first of all personal and complete salvation through Jesus Christ.

"But W.M.U. work as such has done a wonderful thing for our women. We, perhaps as no other women, have been too closely confined to our own homes. Our very way of life has made that necessary, and though perhaps unavoidable, it nevertheless is regrettable that in so many cases even our Christian women have been most limited to their own homes and neighborhoods, so our vision has been too narrow and limited. W.M.U. work has meant so much to us in giving us a broader outlook and a new conception of the multitudes in our own land without Christ. Beyond that, it has opened our eyes so that we could see to the 'ends of the earth.' Then having given us the vision, W.M.U. has also taught us how to satisfy the yearning and longing to share which the vision brought to our hearts. Indeed, we Japanese women have reason to be grateful to the program of W.M.U."

During the coming year they hope to double the membership which is at present 242, also to have a society in every church, instead of the sixteen societies they have now.

"Then I want to see our number of trained workers more than doubled," she said. "So few of our members know anything about the work, and so few of our leaders are trained. We are making plans now to have at least two clinics a year in each section to help give all the leaders and members a better idea of the program and of our plans.

"It is my dream to see a complete W.M.U. family in each one of our churches. We must see that

all our children are trained from early childhood to take their part in our great mission task. We are so fortunate to have Kiyoko Shimose Shirabe as our young peoples' leader, and one of the girls in the Seinan College graduating class will come to us in April as a full time worker."

Mrs. Hara said there were already twenty organizations with 450 members among the young people. With new ones being added every month, she was confident that before the year was out many churches would make every effort to have the entire W.M.U. family. Each month at Mt. Zion Church in Kokura Mrs. Shirabe calls together the leaders of all the young peoples' organizations in that church. They report on progress made, discuss problems and plan for the future work. A great deal of the successful work done in these young peoples' organizations is due to that meeting. There are two circles of Y.W.A.; one of the college girls who attend the church and the other composed of some of the graduates, the younger teachers and friends. In the two G.A.'s there are over one hundred girls—all of them Christians, led in a fine way by two most consecrated high school teachers. There is also a splendid R.A. chapter made up mostly of the boys in one of Miss Lancaster's Bible classes. Since their organization they have done some fine work on the Ranking System and several of them have become Christians. A Sunbeam Band has just been organized and makes the complete family in the Mt. Zion church. There are two circles of the W.M.S. there. One is made up largely of the teachers in the school; and the other of the neighborhood women whom Mrs. Hara has gotten together. Five of these have already joined the church.

"Our plan of work for next year includes two periods of special giving: one in February for the Good Will Center, and the other in December for world-wide missions. We were so pleased that last December practically every church observed the special day with the prepared program and made a love gift. One hundred dollars was sent to Richmond to be administered by the Foreign Mission Board with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We hope it will be even more this year," added Mrs. Hara.

Gift Parcels Needed

A chaplain's wife in Japan writes: "It breaks my heart when I see the things these people are so happy to have and make use of. I know how much is thrown away in

the United States. If the people there only knew, I believe that the missionaries would really receive relief supplies which would cost nothing except the postage at fourteen cents per pound. I saw a child with pants made from the best part of an old blanket. Blankets, sheets, bedspreads are welcome. We save every bit of string we get for the Japanese make strings for their wooden shoes with it. Soap is badly needed. Powdered milk and eggs, soup, sugar, tea, and coffee help much with the sick. Old low-heeled shoes are needed and clothing of any kind. Pencils, notebooks, crayons are scarce and expensive.

"When sending old clothes, mark packages *No Commercial Value and Gift Parcel*. Do not use any A.P.O. address.

"I find the Japanese interested in Christianity; some perhaps because it is something new and is the faith of the occupation forces; some because it is popular now. I believe the people have found themselves left completely desolate since the Emperor is no longer considered divine so they are seeking help from the right source."

Wouldn't it be wonderful if Mrs. Hara and others could have many gift boxes from societies in America? How heart-cheering it would be for the senders and those who will receive.

What Can American Churches Do for the Orient?

These times of bewildering change and confusion do not discredit Christianity. They demand it. The world's need brings us under renewed obligation to see to it that our Christianity does not become pallid and nerveless. Christianity must live and move in the hearts and lives of men. So American churches can renew their own devotion and their own obligations to Christ.

Bishop Moore of Atlanta said: "The Bible speaks of an unwavering purpose in the heart of Almighty God to gather into one all the nations of the earth. Therefore, our missionary movement is no unauthorized addition to the simple gospel Jesus

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of Christian love for any of these leaders to distribute

Mrs. Juneko Hara
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Mrs. Kiyoko Shimose Shirabe
Seinan Jo Gakuin
Kokura, Japan

preached. It is the authentic and inevitable expression of the presence of Christ in the hearts of redeemed men. It would be a false Christianity that knew and took no desperate ventures. It would be a poor faith which had no debt to pay in sympathy and good will to those who sit in darkness. Ours is a missionary religion."

We must awake from our ease and indifference to the realization that the opposing forces in the world today are

so terrific that unless we have the same God-given confidence the Christians of the first century had, we shall lose the struggle. We cannot afford to be so powerless that we are forced to "turn over the world to those philosophies which deny God and exploit mankind."

We must be aggressively missionary. Christ came in a time of crisis. The first church grew in a time of great stress. But Christianity triumphed and has brought hope and light to those who accepted it in every age, in every land. Again today Christianity can be the redemptive force for the needs of our world.

Let us follow the Master as he goes forth to lay his healing hand upon the hurt of his children. In a time of shattering change your church continues its magnificent missionary program. It is a vast and sometimes different undertaking. It always demands all that is brave, strong and sacrificial within us. It is still a glorious privilege to be a part of this task of world redemption, and we are all challenged to play a Christ-like part in an hour of difficulty and destiny.

The Land of Opportunity

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is determined to go forward with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our task is hard but this is a time of genuine testing.

How soon Japanese can accept the gospel? Dear American friends, this depends on your prayer and support.

We cannot thank our Lord enough for the privilege of being in this land of opportunity here in California. We will do our best as his servants (Philippians 4:13).

Churches with Woman's Missionary Societies having 100 per cent reading one or more recommended missionary books during 1948

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A CHRISTIAN NATION

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord . . . Psalm 33:12

God Gave the Nations an Example

In setting up the Jewish nation, God meant to give a pattern by which nations could be well pleasing to him. His laws concerning their attitude toward him and toward their fellow men, if properly carried out, would settle all disputes among the nations. He longs for all nations to walk in his ways and yearns to be their God.

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FRIDAY, July 1
Exodus 19:1-9

SATURDAY, July 2
1 Chronicles 16:23-34

SUNDAY, July 3
Psalm 33:1-12

MONDAY, July 4
Psalm 86:1-10

TUESDAY, July 5
Deuteronomy 4:1-8

WEDNESDAY, July 6
Jeremiah 33:1-9

THURSDAY, July 7
Isaiah 51:1-8

FRIDAY, July 8
Psalm 72:1-17

SATURDAY, July 9
Ezekiel 36:22-28

God's Wrath Is on Nations Failing to Obey Him

The nations who forgot God were punished. Most of Israel's troubles resulted from wandering away from God and refusing to obey him. Nations today need not expect to escape God's wrath if they continue in disobedience, revelry and indifference to God's ways. Pray earnestly that our nation will heed the warnings seen in the fate of nations that forgot God.

SUNDAY, July 10
2 Chronicles 28:1-6

MONDAY, July 11
Jeremiah 12:14-17

TUESDAY, July 12
Jeremiah 48:1-8

WEDNESDAY, July 13
Zephaniah 2:8-16

Juana Marquez, Matanzas, Josefina Rodriguez, Aguacate, Juana Rodriguez Batabano, Cuba, evangelism

J. C. Jackson, Tulsa, Oklahoma, James R. Holloway, Charlotte, North Carolina, C. C. Fuller, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, evangelism among their own Negro race

Rev. Aurelio Gutierrez, San Jose, Costa Rica, Rev. Felix Torna, Buenavista, Dora Salier, Artemisa, Cuba, evangelism

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Pierson, Wichita Falls, Rev. and Mrs. S. Bartera, Alpine, Texas, Rev. Armando V. Alvarado, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, evangelism among Spanish-speaking

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Pray for summer service of students with missionaries of the Home Mission Board and that students will serve in their home churches during the summer; Dr. J. F. Ray, Mrs. Carrie H. Rowe, Japan, emeritus

Ruth Pettigrew, KweiYang, educational evangelism, *Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Vance, Pingtu, China, medical evangelism

Dorine Hawkins, educational evangelism, *Edith West, Rio de Janeiro, Gracia I. Bailey, Recife, Brazil, evangelism

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Buenos Aires, Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Hawkins, Rosario, Argentina, educational evangelism, Amie Vary, Luisa, Mary Jo, Joseph Hawkins, Margaret Fund students

Pray for the Holy Spirit's presence in all summer revivals; Rev. P. Cervantes, Brownwood, Rev. and Mrs. Gil Aldape, Eagle Pass, Rev. and Mrs. Eulogio Garza, South San Antonio, Texas, Mexican evangelism

Flora Dodson, Canton, *Mary Crawford, Tsinan, Roberta Pearle Johnson, Shanghai, China, educational evangelism

Rev. A. Walter Williams, Atlanta, Georgia, Victor E. Washington, Baton Rouge, A. N. Murray, St. Joseph, Louisiana, evangelism among their own Negro race

*Edith Chaney, Ire, Antonina Canzoneri, Ogbomoso, Frances Hammett, Shaki, Nigeria, medical evangelism

- THURSDAY, July 14 Rev. and Mrs. Isidro Garza, Abilene, Rev. and Mrs. Joshua Grijalva, San Antonio, Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Bast, Bastrop, Texas, Mexican evangelism
Lamentations 1:1-8
- FRIDAY, July 15 *Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Jacob, Pingui, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Kunshan, China, evangelism, Mary F. Johnson, Margaret Fund student
Daniel 5:18-28
- SATURDAY, July 16 Rev. Joe Conley, Louisville, Kentucky, Rev. Bert Lewis, Charleston, South Carolina, Rev. J. W. Coleman, Langston, Oklahoma, educational evangelism among their own Negro race
Isaiah 60:8-12

Sins Drew the Nations Away From God

Many sins drew the nations away from God. Idolatry was the most common in Bible times. Today we have set up idols in our hearts and placed other things before God. Drinking, lying, cheating and covetousness continue to be enemies of God's cause. As God's wrath came upon them, will it come upon us?

- SUNDAY, July 17 Pray that the best results may be obtained from the meetings in Ridgecrest, state assemblies and camps; Bertha Hunt, Brazil, emeritus
Nehemiah 13:14-19
- MONDAY, July 18 Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Jowers, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Crawley, Theresa Anderson, Chinese Language School, Baguio, Philippine Islands
Ezekiel 22:1-8
- TUESDAY, July 19 Rev. Luis M. Gonzalez, Artemisa, Rev. and Mrs. Nemesio Garcia, Guanajay, Rev. and Mrs. Fernandez, San Jose de las Lajas, Cuba, evangelism
Ezekiel 20:5-13
- WEDNESDAY, July 20 Rev. and Mrs. A. Valdez, Kingsville, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Thomas, Lubbock, Rev. and Mrs. Camara Guerra, Pharr, Texas, Mexican evangelism
Isaiah 22:9-14
- THURSDAY, July 21 Dr. and Mrs. John Lake, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Glass, China emeritus
Hosea 4:1-10
- FRIDAY, July 22 Rev. and Mrs. Lindell O. Harris, Mary Lee Ernest, Honolulu, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Haltom, Hilo, T.H., evangelism
Ezekiel 16:15-27
- SATURDAY, July 23 Rev. and Mrs. Manuel L. Jimenez, Houston, Mrs. J. L. Moye, San Antonio, Rev. and Mrs. Rudolf Vidaurri, Clovis, New Mexico, Mexican evangelism
Philippians 3:13-21

Can We Bring Our Nation Back To God?

God's invitation to return still stands. That our nation may return individuals must have a closer walk with God. We must pray; we must correct prevalent evils in our land; we must become better citizens; we must restore worship in our homes and our attendance at public worship; we must give diligent instruction to our children; we must properly acknowledge our stewardship; we must have the proper attitude toward people of all races.

- SUNDAY, July 24 Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Cross, Wahiawa, Oahu, Bertie Lee Kendrick, Kahului, Maui, T.H., evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Coleman D. Clarke, Tokyo, Japan, educational evangelism
2 Chronicles 6:24-31
- MONDAY, July 25 Rev. and Mrs. Antonio Echevarria, Rev. and Mrs. Filomeno Hernandez, Cuba, Mrs. L. O. Cotey, Home Mission Board, emeritus
2 Chronicles 7:8-14
- TUESDAY, July 26 Mary Evelyn Friedenborg, Oyo, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Dunaway, Jr., Shaki, *Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Kennedy, Eku, Nigeria, evangelism
Deuteronomy 11:13-21
- WEDNESDAY, July 27 Rev. Genaro Solis, Los Fresnos, Texas, Rev. and Mrs. Simon Villarreal, San Jose, California, evangelism among Spanish-speaking
Colossians 3:1-11
- THURSDAY, July 28 Dr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Hill, Canton, Rev. and Mrs. V. L. Frank, Kukong, *Lora Clement, Kwantung, China, evangelism
1 Timothy 2:1-8



Christianizing America for World Evangelization

SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 14:34; Psalm 67:1, 2; Psalm 62:5-12

SING—My Country 'Tis of Thee, America the Beautiful, God Bless America, and other patriotic hymns and songs

In *Southern Baptist Home Missions* for July you will find a stimulating article by H. C. Goerner of Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. The title is the same as your program topic, "Christianizing America for World Evangelization." Ask someone to read this and prepare a talk using these stimulating thoughts.

Another article in July *Southern Baptist Home Missions* is by Mary Nelle Lyne, missionary to Chinese and other nationalities in California. It is titled "... To the Ends of the Earth." Study and retell the major points in this article.

In July *Ambassador Life* see "God Used a Teletype," for an unusual example of soul-winning. In July *The Window of Y.W.A.*, Helen Ige, missionary tells about winning "West Coast Japanese." See July *World Comrades* for information about soul-winning in "Camp-time Around the World."

Then in *The Commission*, July, see "You Are Christ's Answer," which is the editorial on page 1.

As you study about the evangelization of America you will realize that Christians must win others to Christ. We cannot leave

this joy to ministers or missionaries. It must be shared by the witnessing life of all who bear the name of Christ.

Your Community Missions chairman and committee will plan for prayer meetings for revivals, for specific soul-winning efforts. Everyone is privileged to lead someone else to Christ.



Down in Louisiana the Tangipahoa Parish Business Woman's Federation held its regular quarterly meeting as guests of the Independence Baptist Church. Members of the Kentwood, Amite, Independence, Natalbany, Hammond First, Woodland Park and Ponchatoula churches were present.

Ponchatoula announced that they now have two circles making a total of ten, an increase of four since organizing our Federation in January, 1948.

The meeting opened with every one singing the Doxology, then prayer led by Rev. Harmon. Highlights of the meeting were the motion made to give \$15.00 toward the purchase of an accordion for a young lady who has organized a Negro children's Sunday school class in New Orleans, and a motion to give an offering to the group of Louisiana Children's Home boys and girls in the Choral Club.

Mrs. Winnie McKneeley of Amite gave a very interesting report on the state B.W.C. meeting held in Monroe. After the singing of "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations" there was a round table discussion on missions.

Our next meeting will be with the First Baptist Church in Hammond.

FRIDAY, July 29
Ephesians 5:1-12

Rev. and Mrs. I. E. Gonzalez, Corpus Christi, Amelia Diaz, San Antonio, Texas, Mexican educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Sam T. Mayo, Atlanta, Georgia, migrant evangelism

SATURDAY, July 30
Malachi 3:7-18

*Rev. and Mrs. Carrol F. Eaglesfield, Port Harcourt, Cora Ney Hardy, Lagos, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Jester, Ogbomoshoh, Nigeria, educational evangelism, David Jester, Margaret Fund student

SUNDAY, July 31
Acts 10:34-43

Rev. and Mrs. Celso M. Villarreal, Belen, Rev. and Mrs. Julian Reyna, Gallup, New Mexico, Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Rodriguez, Bryan, Texas, Mexican evangelism

IT'S HAPPENING NOW!

The Israeli Government has notified the United Nations member governments and church leaders that "church properties in Palestine which were formerly requisitioned by the British military forces and are now in the occupation of the army of Israel . . . will be returned to their rightful owners as soon as the military situation makes it possible. There is not, and there never has been, the slightest intention to expropriate church properties."

Anti-British sentiment in the new state of Israel has made it difficult for the English to reopen their mission work in Palestine. But workers of the Church of Scotland are returning regularly now. A hospital and a church in Jerusalem are open again, and workers are planning for the rebuilding of bombed properties in both Safed and Jaffa. The large hospital in Tiberias that has always been so friendly and helpful toward our own Baptist work is now used as a military hospital, but will probably be back in the mission hands within a short time.

"Our 420,000 American Indian citizens have a death rate double that of the general population. During part of the year when their roads cannot be used, most of the 61,000 Navajos are without access to any kind of medical service. At the same time they are often short of food. Among Alaskan Indians the death rate from tuberculosis is fourteen times that of the population of the United States. Yet in the face of this Congress saw fit to reduce the already meager funds of the Alaska Native Service for the care of the tuberculosis." . . . *The Survey*

The American Friends' Service Committee has suggested that doctors and nurses among European displaced persons be taken to Southwestern Reservations to alleviate health conditions there. That seems to be a valuable idea since there is such a great need, but someone must provide living salaries for such doctors.

We are told that there are almost 40 million Protestants in Germany today. In

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prewar days large parts of northern and central Germany were exclusively Protestant and equally large parts of the south and west were Catholic. Because of the movements of DPs, the situation has changed considerably and now numbers of Protestants are scattered throughout the Catholic sections. What a wonderful missionary challenge for those Protestants! But hundreds of the congregations are without pastors, and the number preparing for the ministry is too small to make up the shortage.

"National leaders of the United States and various countries of Europe met recently in Chicago to discuss the problems of the DP resettlement program. Protestant and Baptist representatives are embarrassed at such times because it is clearly seen that we are not carrying our share of the responsibility. At the end of March 15,000 DPs had left Europe for the United States. Of the first 13,000 only 1,195 were Protestant. Four per cent of the assurances of settlement were Protestant, 33% were Catholic. If you are a Catholic DP, your chances of resettlement are ten times as good as those of your Protestant neighbor. If you are Jewish, your chances are far better."—*The Christian Century*

Church World Service leaders estimate that they need to receive a minimum of 100 Protestant assurances a day between now and January 1 in order to bring the total of Protestants up to the planned 20,000, as it takes four months from the time the assurance is received until the DP family can be on its way. But only about 50 a day are coming in. Are we Baptists doing what we can?

Could you sponsor one of these, our own Baptist people, who need our help? Write Mr. Charles R. Gage, 601 Olympia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, for forms to fill out or for other information. There are nurses, technicians, carpenters, bricklayers, woodworkers, cabinet makers, plumbers, church janitors, farmers, organists—people of most any ability waiting assurance from your church. Couldn't you help?

OUR WORLD IN BOOKS

by Una Roberts Lawrence

"Not unto us the glory, Lord,

For power on land and sea;

Thine be the praise who made us great,

Who gave us liberty."*

It would be well for us to take these words of Thomas Curtis Clark to heart, as we pause on the Fourth of July for a moment of patriotic remembrance. Upon this continent we have built a nation based upon certain "inalienable rights" which we hold to be God-given, not concessions from an earthly authority. These God-given rights are the foundation of our American way of life, wrought deeply into our government and our political thinking.

Of these, freedom of worship and its corollary, separation of Church and State, are vital to the vigor and health of all the other rights. These are today the center of growing tension and conflict which we must understand if we meet it wisely. Fortunately we have a book that gives us the help we need.

SEPARATE CHURCH AND STATE
NOW

by J. M. Dawson, \$2.50

The author is executive secretary of the Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations of American Baptists. He has long been noted for his fairness, his liberal Christian spirit, and his intelligent devotion to Baptist principles and faith. He lives in Washington, in the midst of the controversy, and has access to the facts.

Dr. Dawson begins with a swift review of the Church and State conflicts which drove many of our forefathers three centuries ago to this New World. A brief survey of the world situation concerning religious freedom reveals that most of the nations of the world have union of church (or religion) and state, in some form.

Our immense influence today in world affairs could largely counter-balance this minority status. That influence, and the decline of world power in Europe,

makes it tremendously important to the Roman Catholic Church, an authoritarian political state, to win dominance in our national life.

With scrupulous fairness, quoting their own policies and official statements, Dr. Dawson traces the rise of the present tensions, and the steps by which the Catholic hierarchy in America has sought and secured special favors from governmental sources for their educational and charitable institutions. Their plausible arguments and astute political methods are abundantly illustrated.

Here is an analysis of the part played by the Myron Taylor appointment to the Vatican; the direct attacks upon the American free public school system; and the steady encroachment upon its function and support.

The chapters on Toleration, Free Speech, and the Totalitarian State are worth the price of the book. Valuable also is the collection of Baptist statements and resolutions and official Catholic pronouncements.

Our Baptist heritage is at stake. Impairment or loss of

freedom of worship would greatly affect the lives of every one of us; imperil our mission work at home and abroad; and undermine the very foundation of our American democracy. Reading this book carefully and thoughtfully would be a good way to observe the Fourth of July.

A CALL TO WHAT IS VITAL
by Rufus Jones, price \$2.00

This is the last book we shall ever have from the Quaker mystic and friend of God, Rufus Jones, who died recently. It is good for any time of the year, but especially fitting to take along on a really restful vacation, or to read for deepening our understanding of what it means to be an American and a Christian.

We will doubtless not agree with all his views on Biblical sources and versions. That will not keep us from walking triumphantly with him along the heights of God's power and glory and reveling in his deeply satisfying analyses of our place in God's widening revelation of the secrets of the universe.

Dr. Jones was keenly aware of the significance of the discovery of atomic power. He believed that God is moving in this as in all the discoveries that mark the march of man from primitive savagery. He speaks confidently and assuringly of science as a part of God's plan and examines the evidence of the ages that religion is the dynamic by which the world may be rebuilt.

Two rewarding chapters tell of the worldwide Quaker relief service, religion in action. The pages are rich in new slants on well-worn words, new slants on old accepted truths, and new aspects of daily life and relationships that stir the heart with tremendous possibilities.

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