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In Birmingham, Alabama, in the circulation department of ROYAL SERVICE



In the Book and Church Supplies corner of the El Paso, Texas, All Spanish Baptist Publishing House



In an American Bible Society plant somewhere in Arabia

Women at Work to Publish the Gospel

... in many different languages



In Stuttgart, Germany, where German pocket-size Bibles are stitched by this American Bible Society employee

In the El Paso house where quarterlies and pamphlets are gathered and stitched at a normal speed of 3000 per hour

THE BOOK... on the press for five hundred years

By Elisabeth Joy Husted, Department of Public Relations, American Bible Society

Photographs courtesy American Bible Society

IN the African mission clearing, the monotonous, regular thump of the printing press cuts across the heavy heat of the day. In the coolness of Mexico City a Christian layman supervises the machines as page after page of the Scriptures, in a little-known tongue, roll off the press in his plant, dedicated to the printing of Christian literature. In the renovated shop at Stuttgart, the scars of bombs still show, but the presses once again fall into a rhythmic pattern that is producing German Scriptures. In Japan, paper and binding materials have been furnished by the American Bible Society, and a printing plant at Tokyo is beginning to help meet the many calls for the Great Book in Japanese. High-powered presses in America, geared into an assembly line, turn out thousands of copies a day; a newly installed ultra-modern press in New York takes on as its first contract the production of a large order for Bibles for the American Bible Society. Around the world, from the most primitive to the latest delicate mechanism, presses large and small are producing the Word of God. The World Publishing Com-

pany radiates on the faces of members of this Spanish-speaking family as they read the Scriptures in their own tongue



pany in Cleveland has said that Bibles are coming off the presses today at three times the rate they did in 1939!

It is a wonderful story—the Word of God—printed in millions of volumes and speaking in many different languages.

When the presses start in Cairo, Egypt, where Arabic Scriptures are produced, the printing plates carry the graceful, ornate characters of the Arabic alphabet. There, thousands of Bibles, Testaments and separate Gospels were printed by the American Bible Society last year to build up stocks and fill the current demands. In addition to the books, the Bible Society printed some 20,000 Scripture leaflets which the Literary Committee distributed freely. Nor were the blind forgotten, for braille volumes in Arabic reached the hands of those who cannot read by sight.

In Siam, the presence of the enemy hostile toward Christianity brought about a Scriptures famine during the war years, but now the presses are again rolling. The largest printing job of the year for the Siam agency of the American Bible Society was the first edition of the Siamese New Testament to be published since the war. Here again, the printing plates produce strange letters. The Siamese characters are made up of Cambodian script. This consists of forty-four consonants and thirty-two vowels written above and below as well as before or after the consonant. It was devised in the twelfth century and is still being used. There the printers of the Bible began separation of words, instead of printing them in solid lines. It is not surprising that it required six months to type and read the proof on this first printing of the New Testament, but it was a great satisfaction to be able to meet requests for books after months of Scriptures drought.

There are so many in Siam who have

"On our tour last June," wrote a missionary to the Bible Society, "we passed through a number of villages that had never heard the gospel so we would stop to preach and sell the Scriptures. We were surprised to have an old man tell us, 'I have heard of these books, for there is a man who lives about five miles from here, who reads those Bible books and doesn't drink or smoke.'"

Presses are hungry creatures and must be fed to keep books moving and the shelves filled. So for 1950 the American Bible Society has planned its budget to include, for both the Eastern and Western Zones of Germany, nearly \$200,000 which will furnish such items, as paper, headbands, crash, thread, cloth, glue, binders board, starch, gold foil, ink and wrapping paper, all necessary to produce a finished volume. This sum does not include miscellaneous tools, equipment and assistance to workers.

But how important it is that these Bibles should be made available! A pastor in Germany wrote the Bible Society: "All these people have minor or mostly greater burdens, sorrows and troubles. They are starving and often freezing, and fighting a hard fight to live through this hard period of time. Your help and care brightens their days and cheers them up."

And across the world from the Bible House in Shanghai comes the word that the Bible Societies working together there set a goal of production last year of 2,500,000 Gospels. How greatly such books are needed can be realized as one reads the report of Mr. Fox Holmes, the British Consul General in Sinkiang Province. He writes that the need for the Scriptures among the people is so great that many of the Christians had been learning chapter after chapter by heart, because there were no Bibles to be had in the whole province. The Bible Van, belonging to the Bible So-

"I'll bet you seldom sell Bibles to managers of liquor stores!" asked the man who had just purchased a Bible.

"Yes, that's right, are you describing yourself?" He nodded.

"Do you mind telling us why you want it?"

"No, not at all. I have seen so much of the destructive side of life that I want to see what the other side looks like. I have been told that I can find it in the Bible."

ciety, was loaded with Bibles and Testaments in Chinese and in English and Gospel portions in Qazaq, Turki, Mongol, Tibetan and Russian!

Dr. Eugene Nida is secretary of the Bible Society's translation work. After his return from a six months visit throughout the vast continent, he wrote "The scarcity of



Braille Bibles make it possible for our blind friends to read the Word of God

Bibles in Africa is only part of the general lack throughout the world. But if Africa is to build Christian homes, possess evangelizing churches or construct the basis of Spirit-guided Christian living, she must have the Bible. Already all or parts of the Word of God are published in more than three hundred languages, but supplies are tragically short. In addition, there are at least three hundred other languages and dialects which deserve something of the Word of Truth."

Yes, the Bible presses are at work in all parts of the world. But there never seem to be enough books to feed the spiritual hunger or satisfy the deep craving for the comfort and strength that comes from a knowledge of the truths that are given in the Bible.

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COVER: Covers of missionary education publications from many parts of the world make up our cover for this month. Passes are at work for God wherever the gospel message is being preached. You will easily guess *The Baptist Voice* from Cuba. *The Hungarian magazine is Spiritual Life. La Hora de Los Cuentos* is for Spanish-speaking children and *La Estrella* means *The Star*.



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Inner Court of the Publishing House

Our Pass to the SOUTH

by Frank W. Patterson

FOUR centuries ago, when the Spanish *Conquistadores* (conquerors) turned northward from Mexico to what is now New Mexico, they came to the site now occupied by El Paso, Texas. They named it "El Paso del Norte," which for them meant "The Pass of the North" or "The Pass to the North." Here was the gap in the greater Rocky Mountain range that permitted travel either to the northeast or the northwest. Through this gap came Catholic missionaries as well as explorers and as a result Catholicism prevails for five hundred miles north of this point of entry.

For Baptists, El Paso is the twentieth century "Pass to the South." Through this gateway by means of the printed page the gospel moves into Mexico, and on down through Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina, down to the tip of South America.

Since 1916 the Spanish Baptist Publishing House has been located at El Paso. This Southern Baptist mission institution attempts to supply the literature needs of Spanish-speaking churches and missions, in very much the same manner as does the Baptist Sunday School Board for the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of course it does not compare with the Sunday School Board in size. The Span-

ish Baptist Publishing House has a local staff of only thirty, and physical property valued at about \$250,000. Naturally the number of churches which it serves is proportionately smaller than the Southern Baptist Convention but possibilities of expansion are unlimited.

On any Sunday morning, if you are in a Spanish-speaking country, you can visit a Sunday school class very much like your own. The beginner classes use attractively illustrated colored leaflets, the primaries have their story papers, and the older classes have quarterlies, all graded on the same age basis that we are accustomed to use in our Sunday schools. Likewise, the Training Union can have separate publications for the Story Hour and the various unions. One promotional magazine takes the place of both *The Sunday School Builder* and *The Training Union Magazine*, and at many other points our Spanish literature must be held to minimum requirements. Nevertheless, it is now possible on our Spanish mission fields to have fully graded Woman's Missionary Unions, Sunday schools, and Training Unions, with some literature for each organization or department.

In addition to our thirteen periodicals, there is a constant need for hymnals, commentaries, study course books, textbooks for Bible institutes and seminaries, text-

books for vacation Bible schools, records and other supplies. All of these are supplied according to our resources and ability.

Another important phase of mission literature is the evangelistic tract. Thanks to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we are able to offer one million free tracts

each year. These go to practically all parts of Latin America. It is difficult to know the extent of influence that this mission literature has upon the countries to the south, but from the standpoint of religious importance the new "Pass to the South" promises to surpass the old "Pass to the North."

Spanish Baptist Presses At Work For God

by Mrs. James W. McGavock



Catherine McGavock

THIS statement from the *H. M. U. Year Book*: "The propaganda of communism and Catholicism demands advance in the publication of Bibles and Christian literature" causes us to reflect on the fine results from the Baptist literature sent out from your Spanish Baptist Publishing House at El Paso, Texas. It also makes us realize the grave need of advancing in all departments to meet the increasing demands of the Spanish-speaking nations of the world today. Even other denominations are using our Baptist literature and many groups have become Baptists from the study of materials received from this publishing house.

Spanish people in all countries have a tendency to divide into small groups and work independently. This is true political as well as religiously. Many denominations have divided and are working in different groups. This is not true of Baptist churches in Spanish-speaking countries. Very few groups have left or failed to co-operate with the main body of Baptist work. This has been due largely to a unified literature prepared by this publishing house.

Qualified writers from different countries are invited to contribute articles. The plan is to change the writers from one country to another yearly. This has resulted in greater loyalty to a ~~central~~ publishing house on the part of more people in different countries where the literature is distributed.

Dr. S. M. Sowell, veteran missionary to Argentina, writes: "The maximum con-

tribution of the Spanish Baptist Publishing House has been its fundamental doctrinal orientation—its sane Biblical exposition, which has largely determined the Biblical thinking of numbers of our Spanish Baptists. It has been typically 'Southern Baptist' in its outlook and contribution, in the sense that it has maintained its integrity and solidarity without being vain."

Dr. Samuel Orozgon, brilliant Mexican professor in Eastern Seminary, Philadelphia, told us in August at the Mexican Baptist Convention in Los Angeles, Calif., that he considers our literature responsible for the sound Biblical doctrines taught by Spanish-speaking pastors. He says that modernism does not exist in the ranks of Spanish pastors.

When missionaries went into Colombia for the first time, they found that the people had been using our Sunday school literature and tracts because they found them to be the best available. Numbers of people in Colombia had become acquainted with the name "Baptist" and were in sympathy with our methods and doctrines, so that when Baptist missionaries arrived, these people heard them gladly.

Groups of people in Guatemala asked for baptism and organization into Baptist

churches. They were found very sound doctrinally for during the years they had studied Baptist materials along with their Bibles. Rev. Paul C. Bell, of Panama, Canal Zone, states that during the first of 1946, nine Baptist churches were organized and all testified to the same fact. José Prado Cideres writes: "When the history of the Baptists of Guatemala is written it should be remembered that the Spanish Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, was the instrument of God to make known Baptist principles of the New Testament to growing groups of sincere believers who were seeking the truth of God."

Dr. Charles L. Neal, pioneer missionary to Mexico, was personally acquainted with many preachers who came to be Baptists through reading books distributed by this

Publishing House. Rev. J. W. McGavock, missionary to Latin peoples for 27 years, has talked with many pastors of other denominations, who hold Baptist principles, yet continue in their same churches.

In the majority of the 28 Latin-speaking countries now using literature from the Spanish Baptist Publishing House, Baptist literature had prepared the way for the missionary.

We are all deeply grateful to Southern Baptists for presses given and others promised and for the millions of free Baptist tracts made possible to all Spanish-speaking nations. We feel that this Baptist institution is one of the greatest missionary agencies of all time because of its Biblical message and of the fact that it ministers to the entire Spanish-speaking world.

Chinese Women Want To Read

by Lillian Thomason

emerita missionary to China, now librarian at Wayland College

IN olden times Chinese girls were thought to be too precious to go through the hardships of learning to read and write. That was the task of boys and men. Girls and women were only to dress themselves in beautiful costumes, and decorate their hair with flowers and ornaments so as to make themselves attractive. At the age of six months parents began the vicious custom of binding the feet of their tiny daughters. When the baby girls cried from the terrific pain, their fathers would soothingly say: "Now, now, Maimai, don't cry. Be and by, you will be a grown lady. And if you have tiny feet you may marry a rich man."

That was in olden times. Now customs are quite different. Little feet are not bound any more. Girls are not only taught at home but are sent to school just as the boys are. And, being more attentive than boys, they make better students; and often as they grow older, they are stronger minded than men. They have a keen desire to read and write. The first great chirographer [one who excels in handwriting] in the world was a Chinese woman. Chinese women have written poems for

centuries. This one was written in the year 675 A.D.

*My Lord sits there with puzzled face,
Thinking and talking all the day long,
While I could have told them
With womanly grace,
The solution they sought was a song.*

Chinese women have been noted for their intelligence from time immemorial. Keen of judgment, just and prudent, strong and determined in their decisions, they are sure of action. This famous story of long ago proves these facts.

THE Chi Kingdom sent an army to attack the Lu Kingdom. On the border a general of the Chi forces saw a woman carrying one child and leading another. As the Chi army pressed closer, the woman put down the child she was carrying, picked up the one she was leading and went on with her journey. The abandoned child began to cry, but the woman paid no attention to it.

The general approached the child and asked, "Who is that woman?"



Miss Thomason rides in a jinrikisha in the country of which she writes—China

"My mother," said the child. Hurriedly the astonished general went to the woman and asked why she had done what she did.

"The child in my arms is my brother's. The one I have deserted is my own. The Chi army is advancing apace; I have not the strength to care for two, so I am obliged to abandon my own son."

"Which is dearer to you—your son or your brother's son?" he inquired.

"Of course my own son. But to save my own son is selfishness; to rescue my brother's is duty. Although my son suffers, it is but right."

The Chi general thereupon withdrew his army from the Lu border. Returning to his lord he reported: "Lu is unconquerable. Even a woman of the common people places duty before self. How much more should one expect of its scholars and officials! Hence, I withdrew my army."

The one who recorded the incident commented "How great is the strength of a sense of duty. Although only a woman, yet upon her depended the destiny of the country."

Even today many of the bound-footed women who were not allowed to learn to read as children have now learned. They are often stronger in their knowledge of the arts of government and law than those women who had early schooling.

There were brave, heroic acts by the women of China during the last

great war. One courageous young woman led an army to victory as did the famous Joan d'Arc of whom she had read.

The women of the masses in China are even more eager to learn to read than the men. Thousands have learned to read even more than the simple booklets and pamphlets given out and taught by Dr. James Yen and his co-workers. James Yen started a simple system of using only a thousand characters instead of many thousands. This made it possible for masses to hope to read. The women helped greatly in raising the degree of literacy so much in the last ten years before the Japanese invasion.

What can we in America do to keep alive this yearning desire for knowledge? At Wayland College, Mr. A. M. McMillan has used a combination of the typewriter and the offset press which is not as expensive as printing but is attractive and readable. This may be a means of revolutionizing printing in China and other mission fields. This is what Mr. McMillan says of his experimenting:

"The Lord showed how printing could be revolutionized in China, where printing was first invented. By combining text typed on a Chinese typewriter with offset printing, the whole tedious process of setting type by hand could be eliminated."

Books and magazines are very scarce today in China. Bibles are hard to obtain. We must provide our Foreign Mission Board with adequate funds for this as for all our work. Increasing our Cooperative Program gifts moves toward advance in every field and every type of mission effort.

Native Chinese Christians carry packages containing thousands of Christian pamphlets which they will take to various cities for distribution and sale



Figura 1 La Voz Misionera Bautista

Cristo la Respuesta para los Problemas de las Tierras Musulmanas

[Jn. 14:6, 107:11]

● LA RELACION de los musulmanes en las Tierras Musulmanas. Pocos musulmanes se hacen cristianos; pero sus parientes los persiguen con grande odio y a veces llegan hasta matarlos por causa de su nueva fe. El problema es convencerlos de que solo se puede ser salvos por medio de la fe en Cristo Jesus.

El cristiano en su vida debe...
- adorar a Dios, escuchar a...
- amar a Dios y...

Educación Cristiana

"Que os ha nacido hoy en la ciudad de David un Salvador, que es Cristo el Señor."

Este fue el mensaje glorioso que el Angel del Señor declaró a los pastores en aquella noche en que el Hijo de Dios, la segunda persona de la Trinidad, dejando su trono de gloria en el cielo, vino a vivir entre los hombres para conocer todas las dolencias, para limpiarnos de todo pecado...

"The Voice" Speaks in Mexico

by Olivia S. D. de Lorin
president of the national Woman's Missionary Union in Mexico

SEVERAL years ago, in the land of opportunity, Mexico, there was a group of enthusiastic Baptist women who knew the value of the printed message. These were women that had to work to make their living, and some of them had large families to care for. These women belonged to the Union Nacional Femenil Bautista Misionera (W.M.U. of Mexico).

In 1939, during their annual meeting, they discussed the plan of having a monthly magazine of their own, apart from the magazine of the general convention. At first, they thought this was an unattainable dream because they did not have the needed money, but after much prayer, they decided to try the plan and give their money to make it real even in a sacrificial way. After taking this action, they felt happy and confident and elected Mrs. Claudia L. de Gaspar to be the editor of the magazine, to work without a salary. She gladly accepted the nomination and started to work at once.

Then came the matter of naming the magazine, so they decided to have a contest to select the name. The one selected because they thought it was the most fitted was *La Voz Femenil Bautista* (The Voice of the Baptist Women). On June 15, 1939, the first issue of *La Voz Femenil Bautista* was published in Guadalajara. They pub-

lished only 500 copies.

The first year was one of struggle, and the women had to work hard to have enough money to publish the magazine. It was just a small magazine of about twelve pages in which they published news about the work being done in the missionary societies of the country. By the end of 1940 the women knew that it was not possible to continue publishing the magazine, so they paid to have a few pages published in the Convention magazine.

But the women were not satisfied, and in 1942 decided to try again. Mrs. Gaspar once more took up her work with a very small salary. This time the women were more confident, and though they had to struggle, they managed to continue the publication. The women realized that the magazine was a valuable aid not only for the societies but also to spread the story of Christ. They prayed a lot and continued the publication without interruption.

In 1944 we started to publish in *La Voz Femenil Bautista* the programs for the various departments of the W.M.U., and to emphasize the organization of them. The magazine has been growing steadily, and we are grateful to the Lord for the help he has given not only through the Mexican Baptist women, but also through the women of the South who, during the last four

years, have been contributing liberally toward the publication of the magazine through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

During the annual meeting of the W.M.U. of Mexico held in Morelia, in April, 1948, the women voted to change the name of the magazine to its present name, *La Voz Misionera Bautista*, because now it is not only the voice of the women, but the voice of the Sunbeams, the Girls' Auxiliaries, the Royal Ambassadors and the Young Woman's Auxiliary.

NOW, *La Voz Misionera Bautista* publishes 1500 copies of 36 to 44 pages, and contains the editorials to emphasize the ideals of the W.M.U., the programs for the Sunbeams, the Girls' Auxiliaries, the Royal Ambassadors, the Young Woman's Auxiliaries, and the missionary societies. It has news also about the work that the Baptist women are doing in other countries, and news from the home fields illustrated with photographs. *La Voz Misionera Bautista* is serving not only Mexico, but

Guatemala, Uruguay, Spain and the Spanish-speaking women of California.

The editor of the magazine since October, 1949, is Mrs. Obdulia S. de Nordon, and the manager Mrs. Eglantina Y. de Ramos. We still are not able to pay them a salary for the wonderful work they are doing, but we send them every month a little sum of money (about \$12), as a token of gratitude for their fine work. In a letter that I received recently from them they say: "We are doing the best we can with *La Voz Misionera Bautista* and we want you to know that if the W.M.U. is not able to send us any gift at all, that we will continue working with the same zeal and enthusiasm for our Lord's sake, and because we hope that through the printed message some souls may find their Lord and Saviour."

Our goal is 2000 subscribers by April, 1950. We hope that you will be praying for us so we may go above our goal and that we may be able to continue publishing *La Voz Misionera Bautista* and spreading the gospel through it.

The Birth of a Print Shop

by Orvil W. Reid, Missionary to Mexico

"I am sorry we cannot continue publishing your national W.M.U. magazine. I am not a fanatic; the fact is, I sympathize with the work you people are doing. But I have to live. The priest says that if I keep on printing your magazine he will take all his work away from me, and will see that the Catholic business men boycott me. He has 5,000 magazines printed every week; you have 1,000 a month. So you see I just cannot publish your magazine."

It was the same old story all the time. We would locate some place to publish our tracts and magazines in Guadalajara, the second largest city in Mexico. Then the priests would find it out and threaten to boycott the shop that offered to publish our work. How we needed a print shop of our own!

"I am sorry but we cannot admit you to the student home unless you can pay at

least part of your expenses." I had to tell so many fine young people who wanted to go to school.

Often the answer was: "Then I guess there is no hope because I have no one to help me. I would be glad to work if I could find a job. I want so much to prepare myself to do something worth while in life."

In Mexico, thousands of towns and villages either have no schools or teach only to the sixth grade. Only in cities do we find secondary schools; while only a few capital cities offer university courses. Few Baptist families are financially able to send their children to these schools. So far, Mexican business people have not learned to co-operate in the education of youth by giving students employment. The fact is, that it is almost impossible for students to find work. I felt that we had to find some way to provide work for worthy young

people in the student homes who had to earn part of their expenses.

One day a friend told me of a print shop that was going out of business. On visiting the place, I found they had two presses, some type, and other equipment that we could buy for about twelve hundred dollars. We had about half that amount in savings and money that some friends had sent us in small, undesignated offerings. I completed the amount from the reserves of the mission fund. As I had had no experience in printing work, I thought that now we could really do lots of work. I did not consider that every machine in a print shop calls for others to make its work possible or more efficient. Afterwards, we had to have guillotines, a stapling machine and many other things.

We had thought we could get along without much movable type, because we could send our material to one of the many linotype shops; but we found that the same problem of the boycott had to be faced with the linotype. So we had to invest heavily in movable type in order that all the work might be done in our shop. Later, we found a linotype shop that refused to be frightened by the boycott, and we could enlarge the volume of work.

Then we met other growing pains. In order to make the most of our continued investments, we needed a large press, but we had no money with which to purchase it. Philippians 4:19 was our hope. We received permission to use a part of the student home equipment money for the needed press. At almost the same time, a shop was closing in Mexico City because of the ill health of the owner, and we secured a large quadruple, mechanical press for the

small price of fifteen hundred dollars, counting the price for installation.

Would that we might be able to spend more of our time in the publication of Christian literature, but we are forced to take commercial work also to help on our expenses. We average about three-fourths of a million antialcohol, evangelistic, and doctrinal tracts a year. In our files we have hundreds of letters telling of conversions and of people who have been freed from the slavery of drink through the influence of our tracts. We find that an antialcohol tract given out with an evangelistic tract triples the value of the gospel message. It wins the good will of the most fanatical Catholic and even of the drunk himself, who does not want his children to follow in his steps.

One of our biggest problems was to find a Christian printer. As none was available, we took the head printer of the shop we bought out. His health was not very good because he had burned himself up with drink. But he asked us to give him a chance. He gave us proof that he had not been drinking for some time, because the doctors had told him that either he had to quit drinking or die. We are glad to say that later he accepted Christ and has served faithfully in the shop for almost six years.

We now have several young people who are becoming capable printers. Pray with us that we may literally sow Mexico down with the written Word and that the power of the printed page may continue to be demonstrated in the work of our small shop, as well as in all the Christian publication work throughout the world.

A Good Answer

A New Hebrides chieftain sat peacefully reading the Bible, when he was interrupted by a French trader. "Bah," he said, in French, "why are you reading the Bible? I suppose the missionaries have got hold of you, you poor fool. Throw it away! The Bible never did anybody any good, in my opinion." "Let me tell you," said the chieftain calmly, "that if it wasn't for this Bible, you'd be in my kettle there by now!"

—TWENTIETH CENTURY CHRISTIAN

We're Beginning at the Jordan

by Floryne Miller

missionary adviser to the W.M.U. of Japan



Floryne Miller

ABOUT a month ago I received the sample of the new Sunday school lessons being published by our Jordan Publishing Company—our Baptist publishing house in Japan—and it was a thrilling moment. I remembered the day in 1947 when Dr. Luke Kitahata (now studying in North Carolina) and Reverend Yuya and I had looked at possible sites in Tokyo for a Baptist Publishing House. Even though none of the places we looked at was selected, it was an absolute thrill to be even looking for one, and to see in our mind's eye a press in Tokyo where Christian literature would be published by our convention.

I've heard people say: "Why? When Japan is one of the most literate of all countries and must have publishing houses galore — why should Baptists put their money into that?"

A second thought will make it easy to see why. Listen to some of the Sunday school teachers from the little church I attend down in Kokura. They are faithful, earnest, wanting to give the very best to their nearly two hundred eager pupils. But sometimes they say: "Sensei, we don't like the literature we have to use. It doesn't suit us. When will we be able to have our own lessons that sound like Baptists?"

Then young people from the Baptist youth group say: "We have crowds of earnest young people who want to come, but the task of getting worthwhile programs for them is almost beyond us. Some of the churches where the missionaries have time to translate and prepare them each week are lucky. But what about the many churches who have no missionary, or where the missionary is too busy? Those young people need something too. I wish we could have regularly issued programs, so each church would be assured of worthwhile material."

Or hear some young Seinan Jo Gakuin

students wanting to buy some pretty religious cards and pictures: "But these are all so queer looking.

Our teacher says it is not correct to show Mary with that halo around her head, and those queer looking ones of Jesus with the bleeding heart showing and those little statue-like things! I do wish we could have some of those lovely pictures that they have in the States."

We heard our W.M.U. members: "We can't leave home often enough to have the mission study classes and Bible study classes we need, but if we could just have the materials, we could read them ourselves at home while we are being *rusuban**."

Or go into any bookstore as you pass along the street. See them filled with students poring over secondhand books. Without money to buy, they will stand for hours in an unheated, openfront store reading and absorbing. How can we fail to meet such eagerness with something worthwhile? On every street car and every train, whenever one is lucky enough to find a seat, out comes a book or magazine. Often I've seen people holding a book in one hand, while hanging on to a strap with the other, with a baby on their back, and a package resting against their knees on the floor. One sees magazines piled high—the wrong kind. And if you ask the lovely young woman or fine young man why he wastes his time with such trash—"Well, we have to read something, don't we?"

Do you wonder that we in Japan are so thrilled over the possibilities in our Jordan Press?

*There must always be someone left to guard the house.

Our Newest Margaret Fund Missionary

is presented in what he wrote to our W.M.U. treasurer

by Mrs. W. J. Cox

The last three years a round dozen Margaret Fund students have been appointed to foreign mission service by our Foreign Mission Board. The newest appointee is Judson Blair who goes to Argentina.

A check for \$100 is sent from the Burney gifts to each student going to foreign fields. It is to be used to buy personal supplies or equipment for the new missionary. When a check was sent to Judson he wrote, "Many, many thanks to the W.M.U. from the Blairs. I suppose you know about Norma Lynn Blair? She is a year and a half old now, a little golden-red-auburn haired girl. She is nearly as sweet as her mother! Please pray for us as we go out. We are committed to his will."



William Judson Blair

This newest Margaret Fund missionary was asked for a brief sketch of his life. The following excerpts will give you his background.

"William Judson Blair reported for cradle duty December 25, 1919. His mother Cora H. Blair, called 'golden Cora' as a girl, was with child when she experienced the tragic fire aboard the SS Vestris in 1919. Do you wonder that the future Judson Blair had auburn hair? This Christmas gift child seemed to have come in time to furnish even a very small bright spot on the horizon of the newly appointed missionary couple, the Martin S. Blairs in the far-off city of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

"At the ripe old age of five years, when dealt with for identification credentials to return to the U. S. A., he was asked what his occupation was and it was recorded to be 'his little doings.' One evening, after an afternoon nap, he was awakened by a

fierce dream. In the dream he thought he was falling into hell and that he was destined to keep on falling into the dismal abyss of destruction. His mother was soon at his side trying to calm his spirits and asked him what his trouble was. After relating his dream, his mother wisely directed his thinking to the fact that what he had dreamed actually happened to all who did not place themselves in the loving arms of Jesus. Such a refuge calmed the lad and he experienced a sense of surrender into the powerful and loving hands of Jesus. At the age of ten years and eleven months he followed Christ in baptism right after the experience of relating his testimony of salvation before 'South District' church of Rosario de Santa Fe, Argentina.

"Schooling followed and but for a few minor exceptions, it was the usual upward climb of grades. Music attracted much of his time during high school days and he also enjoyed writing in the school magazine. Athletics engaged some of his time for he was rather on the baseball team, and one of the first line in the basketball team.

"He considered it a valuable investment of his time when under the supervision of Miss Minnie D. McIlroy, he worked for the Junta Bautista de Publicaciones (Baptist Publishing House) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. During this time it was that he saw firsthand the needs of the field in Argentina. This vision never left him all during his college and seminary days. He pointed all his preparation toward that end.

"He has tried other fields of endeavor such as radio announcing, program directing, script writing for radio, private bilingual shorthand and typing secretaryship to the General Manager of an Export and Import Company. But above all was the spiritual growth experienced doing pastoral work for the First Mexican Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, preaching in Spanish. While with this church he established their first religious radio broadcast in Spanish, a program that still continues. One Sunday morning, before he left

home to go fill his pulpit, he mentioned to his lovely wife, Dorothy Rose, that for some reason he felt that it was time for another step in the direction of their life's calling and work. That very week in June, 1949, they got in touch with the secretary of missionary personnel, the Rev. Samuel Maddox, of our Foreign Mission Board. On Tuesday, October 11, 1949, and at the night service the Board voted unanimously to send them to the field of their calling,

thus opening to them the doors of complete fellowship of the Lord's will for him and his wife."

They will go first to Medellin (Medellin), in the Republic of Colombia so his wife may study the language and from thence to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to become a part of the River Plate Baptist Mission. Continue to uphold this splendid young couple with your love and your prayers.

Using My Pen in Christian Service

by Frances Horton

W.M.U.T.S. student tells how she became interested in this kind of service

"No other agency can penetrate so deeply, abide so persistently, witness so daringly, and influence so irresistibly as the printed page," said Charles R. Watson. The challenge of this quotation made me thank God that he had led me in his own mysterious way to want to write for him.

The way he led me seemed accidental, but as I take a backward look, I see that the hand of God was leading me to paths of greater service for him.

I remember my first success in writing. It was the annual Americanism essay contest among the high school seniors. We were to study the subject beforehand, then, on a designated day, go into the study hall with only pen and pencil, paper, and dictionary — no written notes — and compose our essays. To insure impartial judging, we put assigned numbers on the papers rather than names. The winner would not be known until the sealed envelope was opened on graduation night. Certainly no one was more surprised than I that my name was the one read! I was more proud of that Americanism medal than I was of my diploma!

As a student at John B. Stetson University, I unconsciously let my desire to write become hidden behind other activities. Strangely enough, these same activities served to uncover it again. The Florida B.S.U. sent me to Hawaii with eleven other Southern Baptist students for the summer of 1947. Anne Crittendon asked me to report our Hawaiian experiences for *The Baptist Student*. That was my first pub-

lished article and the beginning of my vision of the possibilities of writing.

The greatest incentive for improving my journalistic ability came to me at the Training School one day in April, 1949. In missionary education class, the same Anne Crittendon (Mrs. Charles Martin) was the guest speaker. As a Christian worker talking to Christians planning for definite service, she said, "We are all advertisers and reporters."

What shall we report? The Good News. Where? Everywhere we can.

Why? It makes all the difference in the world, the difference between life and death.

That day, I determined that I would study journalism and put my writing to work definitely for God.

I began my journalistic studies and was also elected editor of *The Missionnaire*, our monthly Training School mimeographed paper. My interest in this field is increasing every day.

It is fun to write. It is intriguing to see an idea take on the form of written words. It is astonishing to realize the influence wielded by those who write. It is gratifying to know that this ability used for God can bring eternal results.

Yes, in writing for Christ's sake, the fun becomes joy unspeakable through having a part in the eternal purpose and plan of God. It is, in a very real sense, writing for eternity.

I thank God that he has led me in his own way to want to write for him.

Is this your question?

by Mrs. G. R. Ferguson
W.M.U. executive secretary of Kentucky

How can we do more enlisting of new members?

Plan carefully for good visitation. Nothing can take the place of well planned visiting. Use the attractive invitation cards which can be ordered from Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building at Birmingham, price 10¢ a doz., 50¢ a hundred. Fill them out and sign. Bring prospects with you to the meetings and have such good programs they will see they cannot miss them. Be friendly at church toward the women of all ages. Form new circles in your W.M.S. Put new members to work. Have a telephone committee and use it. Create a warm, spiritual atmosphere for your meetings. Try an enlistment banquet or tea. Read pages 100-106 in the manual of W.M.U. for other suggestions.

How can we find out in what countries Southern Baptists have mission work?

Write our Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia for *Know Your Baptist Missions*. See directory in *Southern Baptist Home Missions* magazine. See Home and Foreign Mission Board reports. Read our missionary magazines.

Can a W.M.S. be said to foster its young people's work if that society cannot afford to furnish necessary materials for the different organizations, but the church does this?

If you cannot provide materials for your young people yourself, the next best thing is to secure these from some good source. This certainly is a part of fostering. There are many other things to do to foster your young people's organizations. The W.M.S. needs to furnish counselors, to supply teachers for mission study classes, to assist the counselors with visiting, to serve refreshments to young people's organizations, to entertain groups in your homes, contact absentees, provide cars for taking children

to meetings. Show real interest in their Focus Weeks, coronations and recognition services, going to camps. You will want to include them in the plans of your

committees, to pray for them, etc. Fostering includes many things along with providing materials. It is the W.M.S. "mothering" its young people. See your *W.M.U. Year Book* and *Manual of Woman's Missionary Union*.

Are young people's counselors members of the W.M.S. Executive Committee?

The Young People's Director, as chairman of the young people's committee, is a member of the Executive Committee. She usually represents the counselors. In some instances it may not be possible for a counselor to attend, the R.A. counselor, for example. It is all right for them to be included as members of the Executive Committee if you wish. The constitution adopted by your W.M.S. should state the membership of your Executive Committee.

How many members of a young people's auxiliary must be present for a mission study class to count on the standard?

There is no required number given for mission study classes in auxiliaries. That is left to the conscientious judgment of the counselor. Naturally you would expect a representative group with a majority of your members present. If your group is attending a city wide or associational class, 25 per cent of your members must be present for you to count it a class.

Is it necessary to attend three meetings of the W.M.S., or its auxiliaries, before being counted a member?

There is no general rule. This would be decided by your constitution. A person's word that she wants to join your organization should be enough. When you have made a definite effort to enlist a person, to make them feel wanted and welcome, would it not put a barrier between yourself and them by saying "you must come three times before you can be accepted."

Why not tell us about your B.W.C. and B.W.C. Federation "doings"?



Wouldn't you like to see an account of your activity here? Send it in.

BWC Information, Please!

The South Carolina BWC State Federation met for a business and inspirational program at the First Baptist Church, Columbia, with Miss Helena Willis, state president, presiding. A group of experts presented "Information, Please" attractively and helpfully with answers to clever questions giving many methods suggestions.

Miss Neale C. Young, S. C. missionary to Nigeria, spoke. Miss Young is missionary director for the Nigerian W.M.U. She is here for a few months securing materials needed over there for their July program in celebration of the Centennial of Southern Baptist work in Nigeria.

Our BWC Helped G.A. Coronation

The Agnes Sutherland BWC of Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., has a happy time fostering our intermediate

G.A. We presented white New Testaments to the Queens and copies of "The Queenly Quest" to the Queens with Scepter in our coronation service. This was the first such service we had ever had and it was beautiful. Frequently our pastor, Dr. Ramsey Pollard, gives the G.A.s. time at prayer meeting or Sunday evenings to quote the required Scriptures and tell mission information they have learned. He was so impressed with this complete coronation service we are already planning another in the spring.

High Goals in Louisiana

Mrs. Irene Curtis, state BWC Federation president, says with 175 Business Woman's Circles in Louisiana, the goal for this jubilee anniversary of Louisiana W.M.U. is 225. That is 50 new circles.

Not a bad increase. Here's hoping they make it and more. How much are you growing?

Your Circle Program

Christ is Counting on Me

Select hymns and songs following the program topic like "Can the Lord Depend on You?", "Make Me a Channel," "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee."

Scripture reading, Matthew 18:1-9.

In your several missionary magazines there is much material for this program. After relating these experiences of others in serving Christ, give personal testimonies of joy in similar witnessing. Let your community missions chairman have definite plans for evangelization in your community. Pray for the simultaneous revivals west of the Mississippi River,

April 9-23.

In April *World Comrades*, see "Some Seed Fell in Good Ground."

In April *The Window of YWA*, "Please Do Not Fail."

In April *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, "My Neighbor and I" and "Introducing Jesus to My Friends."

In April *The Commission*, see "Epistles from Today's Apostles All Over the World."

In April *Ambassador Life*, see "Courage, When Action Spells Danger."

Letter-ettes

Begging for a Bible

from Ethel Harmon

We are getting some new Bibles in Nigeria but they must be "rationed" out to our associations and churches. I sometimes wonder what American people would do if they had to beg for a Bible and then be told that they could not have one for there were only four or five to the church or maybe not even that many. Perhaps many would do what an officer on my ship coming out did.

In Takaradi, Gold Coast, I was sitting on the deck one evening and an officer who is a Baptist from Louisiana came up to me and said, "I had something to happen to me today that never happened to me before! I had an old man come up to me and say 'Are you an American and are you off that ship in the docks?' I told him that I was an American and off that ship in the docks. Then he asked me if I would give him a Bible for him and his five children to read."

That officer looked at me with big tears in his eyes and said, "Miss Harmon, I did not know that there was anybody in the world that wanted a Bible and could not get one. I have had people to ask me for cigarettes, money, a drink and most everything else in the world, but I never had a man to beg me for a Bible before. I have my Bible with me but I seldom read it and to think that that old man wants a Bible and cannot get one. I told him that I had only a personal Bible. It was given to me many years ago by a friend. But I took his address and told him that I would see that he got a Bible."

Then he asked me if I would let him give me the man's name and address and money to send him a Bible when I got to Lagos. I believe that American officer will remember that experience and will read his Bible more often. I could have told him of thousands in Africa just like that old man "with five children" who were begging for the Word of God, but he would

not have believed if I had told him. It took an old African man, a Baptist, to convince that American officer, a Baptist, that people were hungry for the Word of God and could not get it.

Three Happy Women Prayed

from Mrs. Finlay M. (Julia) Graham

I am so proud of the progress of our women's work in Beirut! You know the general attitude in Arab lands toward women. Lebanon having the most modern civilization of any of the Arab countries, gives more freedom to women than the others. A large per cent of the Moslem women here do not wear veils. Yet, in our church in Beirut, less than one-fourth of the membership are women, and these few have taken little part in the affairs of the church.

Naturally, one of the first things we wanted to do when we moved to Beirut was to be in a W.M.S. I talked to several of the men about the idea. When I talked to Saleem Sharouk, who has been a Christian and a faithful member of the church for 36 years, he said that he wasn't against a W.M.S., but he just couldn't see the need for it. As we talked on, he said, "As I look back over the years and recall those men who have been converted, I am reminded of the fact that those whose wives were converted have remained true to the faith, while those whose wives were not converted have backslidden and drifted away and no one knows where they are."

The church voted that a women's meeting should be begun. We held our first meeting the second Thursday in May, and have not missed a week since. In the first meeting, I tried to explain the plan and purpose of a W.M.S., and the fellowship that we would have through it with other Baptist women throughout the world. Then I asked for sentence prayers. There was an uncomfortable pause. Not one of those women had ever prayed aloud! Presently, Brother Saleem's wife, who has been a faithful member of the church as long as her husband, prayed a few faltering sentences. Then another prayed, then another—three prayed aloud that first meeting. You have never seen happier women than

those three were that day! Now, when we have a season of prayer, every woman raises her voice in praise to her Saviour.

One of our great disadvantages is that we have no literature whatsoever in Arabic, and I have to do all the talking, translating the material in the W.M.U. magazines into simple Arabic. In our Bible study we have more opportunity for discussion, with all the women taking part.

As the women learned of what other women had done and were doing, they decided to do something themselves. Once a month they take up a free-will offering. When they had enough money, they bought wool for twelve sweaters to send as Christmas gifts to the children in the Home in Nazareth. The women are lovely knitters. Their next project was a substantial gift to a Palestine refugee. This elderly woman has been ill with an infected foot. Both she and her husband, who suffers with rheumatism, are consecrated Christians and attend the church services whenever they can. They live in a tent in a refugee camp just outside Beirut.

Our women have very little money, but they are eager to help those who have even less than they. Now, they had part in the great Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. They have caught a vision of what women can do in the spread of the good news in their own community and throughout the entire world. Will you not pray with us that this small group of consecrated women in Beirut may be used of God in a mighty way in the years to come?

The Graveyard Where Babies Live

from Ada Jackson

I'm just back from a month's visit in W.M.U. schools and other meetings in Eastern Nigeria. From Ede to Lagos by our slow train was a day's journey, though only 175 miles. From Lagos I flew to Port Harcourt, a flight of two hours, but by road which is a very rough one, a journey of two days. The missionaries there were kind in supplying the camping equipment with which we had to travel, so flying was ideal—so much easier and cheaper than the expense of a car on a long trip.

From Port Harcourt Mrs. Carson and I went to a small village for an associational meeting and W.M.U. school. All of these meetings were during the rainiest part of the rainy season. When the rains are not so heavy the women are busy in their farms. Our attendance was good. Two women had walked twenty-five miles through mud, water and rain to get there. It was a newly organized association, but they have good prospects.

Have you heard of the heathen tribes which throw their babies away when the mother dies? In this meeting we had several women who had taken as their own the babies which had been thrown away by heathen fathers. One baby had literally been taken from the grave where the mother was being buried. Miss Manley, who was teaching the health lessons, gave a demonstration of food that they could make from products that all of them had at hand. She used peanut milk and mashed bananas. Those motherless babies were perfect for her demonstration, for every time she took the spoon from their mouths they cried until she returned it with more food. The people were all rather amazed that babies were so fond of something so commonplace to them.

Egboama is the village that started taking the motherless babies. Just up the river from Egboama are two villages where in olden days they threw the babies into the river and many were rescued by the Egboama Christians. Now the heathen know that they will find a home at Egboama, so when the mother dies they take the baby there and tell their heathen god that the graveyard got it. Apparently their god doesn't know when they lie, so their consciences are eased and the babies live.

At our W.M.U. school I asked one day how many motherless babies or children were present. Some were small babies in arms. Others were all ages up to about fifteen years old. I counted fourteen that morning, but there are many many more. The foster parents love them as their own, and many have really made sacrifices to take them in. Already some of them have several children of their own. It is one of the most striking contrasts of Christianity against heathenism that I have seen.

Chairmen!

For Mission Study Chairmen . . .

Did you complete a real study of the home mission books? *The Prophet of Little Cane Creek* sets forth mountain work. *Buried . . . Living* is on our rural work. *Heirs of the Soil* tells of work among the Mexicans. All three are important fields every woman should know about.

You may well follow this month's missionary program topic with more study about what printing does on the mission field. Several excellent books are available.

The Silent Billion Speak, Frank Lau-bach, adults, paper, 75¢, cloth, \$1.25.

The Shrine of a People's Soul, Edwin Smith, adults, paper, \$1, cloth, \$1.50.

Great is the Company, Violet Wood, paper, 75¢, cloth, \$1.50.

The Highway of Print, Ruth Ute, \$2.

Stories of the Book of Books, Grace W. McGavran, teachers and leaders, paper, \$1, cloth, \$1.50.

Around the World with the Bible, Ger-trade Rinden, Juniors, paper, 75¢, cloth, \$1.25.

My Story Book About the Bible, Mabel Niedermeyer, Primaries, paper, 75¢, cloth, \$1.25.

. . . Community Missions

BY EDITH STOKELY

What do the people who live in your community read? What do the sick and shut-ins read? Those in the hospital? The Negroes? The transients in the bus and railroad stations? The underprivileged?

If they read worthless books and magazines, whose fault is it? Have you placed anything better in their hands? A whole life has been known to be changed by a few written words.

Through community missions use the power of the printed word to change lives for Christ's sake. Place tract racks in the bus and railroad stations. Make them attractive. Keep them filled with tracts on Christian living and world affairs such as are obtainable from our Sunday School, Home and Foreign Missions Boards. Keep the latest missionary magazines in the racks. The RAs and GAs have done this

in many communities. Place up-to-date copies of our W.M.U. magazines in your public library, doctors' offices, and beauty parlors.

If you have a church library, see that appropriate books are taken to the sick and shut-ins, and returned to the church for them.

If you have no library, start a small circulating library from your organization or your own bookshelves, selecting those books which have blessed you with a message of cheer, encouragement, and inspiration. Secure permission from the hospital authorities to furnish a bookmobile for the patients. Have the women or Y.W.As serve as the librarians to roll the bookmobile from room to room and to help the patients with their selection. Be sure that every book can help build Christian conviction and character.

Does the Negro church, the mission, or the Good Will Center have a library? Help to establish one by contributing books. Ask the women and young people to look on their bookshelves and pass along those books that are worth while, yet will rarely be used again in their homes. The RAs can rebind those that are badly worn. Use the business women to help catalogue the books and to serve as librarians at certain hours in the late afternoon and evening to direct the people in their choice of books.

The printed word can open the way for the spoken word, so through all these projects, be alert for opportunities to witness to the saving power of Christ.

. . . Stewardship Chairmen

BY MRS. C. D. CREASMAN

Have you discovered the richness of the material Woman's Missionary Union has to offer about stewardship? Are you using it?

The 1950 *Year Book* is a source of splendid stewardship information. Five of its pages are devoted wholly to stewardship (60, 61, 62, 63, 76). Then the suggestions for Tithes and Offerings are a part of the Plan of Work on page 18. On pages 37, 38 and 39 are found the duties of the treasurer of the W.M.S. and of the stewardship committee. A list of plays and pageants on tithing and stewardship is found on page

88. All of these helps in the *Year Book*? Have you found them? Are you using them?

Then, there is the free literature which can be obtained through your state W.M.U. office. This includes the Stewardship Covenant Cards for all organizations to be used in enlisting new tithers, some helpful leaflets for stewardship chairmen and the leaflets of stories and plans for the stewardship education of young people.

Priced literature can be bought from the W.M.U. office in Birmingham. This includes stories and articles and plays and pageants listed in the *Year Book*. All of these are splendid and can be used as supplementary material on regular programs dealing with stewardship, and in presenting special stewardship programs. The

It's Happening Now

BY BERTA KING

More than half the people who watch television programs see them in taverns on screens set up to invite customers. That means shows will be planned to please bar-room audiences. Television is quite expensive and six of eleven leading sponsors of shows are beer or tobacco manufacturers.

(What to do? Pray. Write to congressmen who can fix controls on television if they wish to do so.)

Paul Blanchard wrote an excellent book, *American Freedom and Catholic Power*. Bookstores welcomed it and people read it. Every Baptist should read it. Then nuns went into some bookstores and asked to have the book taken off display. Telephone calls threatened. Some newspapers agreed not to list it in any advertising columns. Interesting that a book which shows the subtle power of Catholicism should receive the boycott of that subtle power.

Four young Indians were sentenced last fall to fourteen years each in the penitentiary. They stole a sheep. It was returned alive to the owner. These young men had been drinking in celebration of the birth of a son to one of them. The prosecuting

series of stewardship devotional programs for 1950, "We Have a Treasure" can be classed as both free and priced literature. Free copies were sent at the first of the year to each W.M.S., R.W.C., and Y.W.A. You can buy other copies from our Birmingham office for ten cents a copy. Get copies for each circle, for all stewardship chairmen or for all members to read.

Each month in ROYAL SERVICE there are suggestions for the stewardship chairmen. It is hoped that this, too, will be a much used part of the stewardship literature offered by Woman's Missionary Union.

As stewardship chairmen you can be a good steward of all this literature by studying it and using it for the promotion of stewardship in all of your W.M.U. organizations.

attorney assured them they could count on leniency if they pled guilty. They did not even have the help of counsel until they sought it after the sentence was passed. Is this one instance of continuing injustice toward the descendants of the first Americans? The Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc., is seeking funds to secure a new trial.

Letters and cables from China vary. Some show that religious services, voluntary courses in religion and personal work are not being stopped in Christian colleges. There is antireligious pressure but one of the announced aims of the new government is religious liberty. That means liberty to speak out against religion too. We must make the voice of Christianity the louder in China and everywhere. Love knows a language of service that sounds loudly when put into action.

A Chinese Buddhist monk said to young men entering his convent: "Consider the work of the Christian missionaries; observe their interest in health and education. Unless we develop a program like theirs we will lose our country to the Christians."



Why, Mommy?

Disobedience or Imagination?

BY MRS. DOUGLAS HARRIS

colors to him because of all things he liked colored wax crayons best. Lately we had been keeping crayons from him because he persisted in "unwrapping" each one and breaking it in pieces.

There are many such times in the life of a mother and her child. The question the parent has to endeavor to answer is, "Now is this disobedience plus an untruth or is it imagination plus a desire to find a substitute for the colors?" A whole tree full of colors! The age of the child must be considered and the circumstances preceding the incident, as well as what is in the mind of the child. Then the parent will apply whatever method she feels is best for the right development of that young life.

Let it be said that the parents of the boy mentioned above at length convinced him that it really is not a good thing to handle worms. Of course by that time the ugly-to-us but beautiful-to-him caterpillars had realized their destinies and flown away as all butterflies do. If there is another crop this year we hope our three and a half year old son gets to the elm tree only just in time to see the winged creatures take flight. That would be a fitting end to the caterpillar story.

FOR THE SAND PILE SET

In the spring children delight in the nice warm days for play outside. Indoors or out they like to build things. Last year we saved some left-over wood from a house neighbors were building. This has served as excellent building material for our children. Some pieces needed smoothing with a hand plane, and some we painted. With pieces of assorted sizes and shapes, boys and girls can really build interesting structures. The preschool child likes nothing better than to be busy with some easy to get play material like this.

In April last year there was a crop of caterpillars in our yard. Every time we thought they were all gone, our two and a half year old son would come up with a hand, a sand bucket or a pocket full of the fuzzy-wuzzies. He had developed a real affection for the things. He would line them up on the ground, singing and talking to them and patting them until the poor worms were worn to nothing—no fuzzy left.

One morning some were delivered to the back porch by way of the sand bucket. At my wits end I went in search of the source of this endless supply. I found a large elm tree back of the garage literally crawling with the creatures. It made me feel itchy just to look at them. After a somewhat serious session with my son I felt sure that he would stay away from the elm and its inhabitants. The innocence of parenthood!

Later in the morning the boy left the yard and I found him in the empty lot next door, his black cocker spaniel following close behind him. Leading him back into the yard I asked, "Son, what do you have in your box?"

He held tightly to the vanilla carton in his hand and replied, "Colors."

"Let mother see," I requested.

He lifted the lid a little, then closed it quickly, but not before I had seen two caterpillars squirming to the top of the box. What did mother say? Nothing. What did she do? Nothing except take the grubby little caterpillar-lover, wash him, feed him and put him to bed for his regular nap.

During the nap I reviewed the case from its beginning and decided that to the child the worms were beautiful. They were

NEW EYES

BY MARGARET BRUCE

When the four teachers left after their two weeks demonstration of "making something out of nothing," a grateful community thanked them. "You gave us all new eyes," they said. "Now when we look at a stack of corn, we'll know it's really a rug, and those berries turning red on the vine will be color for window curtains."

"They gave us all new eyes" could rightly be said of our W.M.U. periodicals. *World Comrades* helps girls and little children see things they never saw before. They see what good times others have in Sunbeam Bands and Girls' Auxiliaries as they read about the exciting activities of these groups. Girls' Auxiliary members see themselves in coronation services as they see lovely pictures of girls receiving their arm bands, emblems and crowns. It is true that they become *World Comrades* as they see those of other lands and become friends with them through Jesus Christ.

Ambassador Life opens the eyes of boys and causes them to see the challenge of missions. The programs, embassy helps, counselor chips, and news of Ambassadors around the world inspire the boys as well as their counselors to study missions, to pray for missionaries, to give to the support of missionaries and to do missionary service at home.

The Window of Y.W.A. has always encouraged young women to look through the windows about them and see their own community, their homeland and even the uttermost parts of the earth. The things which they have seen through the pages of their missionary magazine lead them to greater missionary undertakings.

Members of missionary societies have received "new eyes" by reading *ROYAL SERVICE*. Many have traveled around the world and seen mission fields through the eyes of those who have actually gone and then written about their experiences. Members of missionary societies and counselors can give "new eyes" to young people as they encourage them to subscribe for and read *World Comrades*, *Ambassador Life* and

Our Young People

The Window of Y.W.A.

The Japanese are eager readers. A business man sensing their hunger for something to read is importing old magazines from the United States and selling them. Bibles are sold in bookstores and even in waiting rooms of the stations in Japan. Dr. Shiro Murata of the Japan Bible Society said, "I saw a sight very often of people standing at the doorway of a station just like a bread line, to buy spiritual bread. In the train or on the street one may find that men and women carry the Bible and are reading silently." American people have so much reading material offered to them they need to be more eager to read the best and they need to be directed in the choice of their reading materials.

The presses are at work for God and wonderful reading matter is being offered your boys and girls—pages and pages that could open their eyes and enlist them in the great cause of missions. Let us have every youth's eyes seeing through our mission magazines. Do you really want them to see?

A fruit vendor's cart was upset by a passing truck, and the apples, oranges, pears and peaches rolled in all directions. Passers-by said how sorry they were. One man reached down in his pocket and said, "Here, Joe, I'm sorry five dollars' worth." Do you want your son or daughter to see one dollar's worth? Then send the name and address with one dollar to Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama, and tell which magazine you want to give "new eyes."

"Count your obligations

Name them one by one,

And it will surprise you

What the Lord wants done."

Devotional Thoughts

"These Things Write We"

BY PEN LILE PITTARD

Sing: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Pray together the Lord's Prayer

Prepare copies of these Scriptures: 1 John 1:1-4; 1 John 2:1-14, to be read responsively.

Comment before the responsive reading:

The "Little Colonel's" father said to her one day, "There is no surer way to build a Road of the Loving Heart in the memory of absent friends than to bridge the space between with the cheer and sympathy and good will of a friendly letter." The apostle John built such a Road of the Loving Heart across the centuries. He crossed the barriers of human differences in his immortal letters to his "little children." They are those who will give themselves to earnest attention to what he had to say.

Comment after responsive reading:

When John said, "These things write we," he was referring mainly to himself and to the things he personally was about to write. The plural pronoun was well chosen, because every writer of any part of the Bible could have said exactly the same thing.

What were "these things" which the Bible writers wrote? First and foremost, they all wrote about him who was from the beginning from everlasting to everlasting. With the Almighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace for their subject, is it any wonder that sixty-six immortal books could be written over hundreds of years of time to inspire generations to come for thousands of years hence! And no wonder literally thousands of thousands of books should have come out of this inspiration to further the advance of the kingdom of God upon this earth!

But it was not the subject alone, it was the voice of experience, the voice of authority on the subject, that made the writing effective.

"These things write we": what we have

seen, what we have heard, what we have handled. We tell you, the apostle said, not what we got through hearsay, or tradition, not a beautiful legend of our people or an entrancing myth. We are telling you of a person we know, of the love that has warmed our lives and lighted our days and fulfilled the abundance of our joy.

Why do we write "these things"? For several reasons. They are the same for every producer of Christian literature from the beginning until now:

1. That you may have fellowship with us. The fellowship—the togetherness—of kindred minds on earth is truly like to that above. How glorious to be "laborers together"! What a privilege to help others into that fellowship!

2. That you may have fellowship with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. Here is the heart of the reason why "these things write we": that men may know God, whom to know is life eternal.

3. That your joy may be full. It is a wrong idea that to be a Christian means to give up all pleasures. Some ministers may have made it seem so, and some Christian people have missed the "more abundant" life which Christ himself said he came to bring. The only balanced integrated, really happy life is the one that is rightly related to the creator of life.

4. That you sin not. Even with the fellowship of Christian people and of God himself, and with the joy of abundant life, we are humanly weak and will sin through ignorance. We grieve our human friends by giving offense without being aware of it sometimes. So the writers of the Bible have given us their help in knowing what is sin, that we may sin not.

The letters of John have all the warmth and personal intimacy of a private conversation. But a letter has advantages over a talk: 1. It can be read carefully, quietly, with as much time for thought as is needed. 2. It can be re-read. 3. It can be ab-

sorbed privately, with no one to notice the reader's reactions or expect him to comment. 4. It can preserve for all time the message of a friend.

We know that without even a preacher, those things the inspired ones wrote have power through the Holy Spirit to change men.

Not all the world can read these Scriptures. But Paul tells us: "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables

of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart" —2 Corinthians 3:2-3.

God inspires human beings to write books and letters and articles, but, when God himself writes, it is with his Holy Spirit in the fleshy tablets of human hearts. Even the most unschooled can read his writing and all the world can understand that language. It is not important for all of us to write, but it is of eternal importance that we make the pages of our hearts white and clear to be written upon. How wonderfully sweet to be a living letter from God to the world he loves!

Prayer



Boost your program to its very best by making good plans in advance. Put your own ideas to work with the ones suggested and be pleased with the final result

You can make the program on the value of the printing press really fascinating. Do you want to? Put the map "The Bible in All the World," price 50¢ from your Baptist Book Store, on the wall as background. Ask the women to bring copies of very old Bibles and Christian books and Bibles in foreign languages. Allow time to look at these before or after the meeting. During the program call attention to the most interesting copies.

Make a folder of black construction paper to hold your program. Ask an artistic Y.W.A. to draw a few lines with white ink which will suggest a printing press, and give the topic. Or find small pictures of presses and paste on the cover.

Can you arrange to visit a printing press? Bring a child's set of hand setting type and let the women try their skill in setting a few words like "Go and Tell" or "Speed the Gospel." For a social period, have flash cards (large letters on separate cards). Divide the women into several groups and see which can first spell out words as women carry cards into place. Use words like China, Chile, Gospel, Message, Mission, etc.

In presenting the talks women may speak as if just returned from the country each is telling about. Or as if representing a missionary needing more literature. If desired, add stories about publication work as "We're Beginning at the Jordan," page 11, in discussing Japan: "The Birth of a Print Shop," page 9, in talking about Latin America; etc.

Program Outline

Hymn—"O Zion Haste"

Opening prayer including petition for missionaries named on prayer calendar.

Hymn—"Holy Bible Book Divine"

"These Things Write We," page 22.

The Place of the Printing Press

We Need a Publishing House in Nigeria

Behind the Bamboo Curtain

Ten Million Bibles for Japan

Hymn—"Wonderful Words of Life"

Desperate Need of Reading Matter in Europe

The Middle East Craves Reading Matter

Unlimited Opportunities in Latin America

What Can We Do to Keep the Presses at Work for God?

Your Program

The Place of the Printing Press

From the beginning of the modern mission enterprise the printing press has been a necessary servant of the preacher and teacher. When William Carey opened India in 1792, William Ward, a printer, was with him as well as John Thomas, a doctor. Soon Joshua Matshman, skilled in languages, came and helped Carey with his translating. Their dream was "to translate and print the Scriptures into all the chief languages of Hindustan." The gift of a printing press pleased the missionaries so much the people thought it a new idol. Really it was to overthrow idols.

Other pioneer missionaries saw that translating the Bible was of prime importance. Adoniram Judson devoted the first seven years of his ministry to the Burmese translation of the Scriptures. Robert Morrison, working secretly in China, put the Bible into Mandarin. Samuel Mills, one of the five "Haystack" prayermates, could not go as a foreign missionary as did Judson. Undaunted he poured out his life in work for missions. He was determined to get Bibles to people in the rapidly developing southern and western territory of the United States and out to foreign lands. He was so insistent that he brought about the organization of the American Bible Society in 1816. By 1949 the Scriptures in whole or in part had been translated into more than 1,100 languages or dialects.

With the aid of the printing press at least parts of God's Word can now be offered to about 90 per cent of the population of the world in its own tongue.

Two world wars, the amazing progress of science, of transportation and communication, and other stupendous changes have alerted all the peoples of the earth. Our shrinking world has forced men and women who had never heard of one another to become near neighbors. All over the globe people realize that if they are to survive, they must know what is taking place around them. The ability to read has grown by leaps and bounds.

It has been estimated that there are over

Presses at Work for God

by Mrs. William Burland

160,000,000 more adult readers now in lands where Christianity is new than twenty-five years ago. Reports of achievements and warnings of immediate needs come from every corner. Missionaries everywhere see that teaching people to read and to develop their own Christian literature is as essential for the growth and permanence of the church as preaching the gospel. From every field comes the call for more tracts, more pamphlets, more books, more Bibles, more printing presses, more libraries and more schools! The whole world has broken wide open in its desire to learn to read. Presses must print fast!

We Need a Publishing House in Nigeria

When Ruth Walden, one of our missionaries to Nigeria, was home on furlough she pointed to large stacks of brightly colored, beautifully illustrated children's books in one of our Baptist bookstores.

"Do you realize," she said, "there is not, nor ever has been, ever, a book written and illustrated for Nigerian children? All we get from America or Europe are for white children, and are about flowers, trees and other objects that are not found in Nigeria."

Yet the modern world has moved in on Africa. Our missionaries tell us that although vast areas are still primitive, things that took our race long years to attain have become widespread there in one short generation.

There is local air service. There are radio and electricity in large towns. There is large scale shipping of palm oil, cotton, cocoa, rubber and peanuts to many parts of the world.

In recent years the British government has established a great university at Ibadan, Nigeria. This city has the largest African population on the continent. Courses in liberal arts, education, medicine, engineering and agriculture are offered. Several hundred African students have enrolled, even some girls. Here is a great in-

stitution of higher learning in a land where not a single book for children has ever been published.

Soldiers returning from the last war have spurred the people to learn to read. Young Nigerians stationed in highly civilized areas discovered that those who govern are the ones who read. Many soldiers learned to read in service and came back with a burning desire for knowledge. An African soldier who asked his sergeant for reading matter during the war, said, "If we do not hurry up, other folks will leave us far behind. Let me have another book to read, Sergeant!"

Forty million Africans in each generation (adults and children) are learning to read. Soon many more Nigerians will be calling for "another book to read."

Powerful groups realize that Africa is advancing rapidly and are aggressively bidding for control. Thousands are turning to

No doubt you remember Mrs. Burland as Thelma Brown, who before her marriage worked with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and the Missionary Education Movement, New York.

Islam. The Roman Catholic Church has renewed its efforts. Such sects as Jehovah's Witnesses are using great sums of money in winning the African. Tons of literature are unloaded at Lagos from all kinds of organizations. The Communists have flooded Africa with attractive and insidious leaflets. Airplanes circle the cities and drop pamphlets like manna from heaven to the hungry new readers, who look upon any printed word as "magic."

Already the results of this propaganda are alarming. A wise missionary says "Africa is going communistic by the hour. If we do not give the people something better than communism, then our work has failed."

It is imperative that we supply our missionaries with appropriate reading matter not only for little children but for mothers and students, for ex-soldiers, for all who have discovered the power of the printed page.

Unless we go forward and meet the great opportunities in Africa, as a thoughtful veteran missionary stated, "we shall go out of it!"

Let us pray that this year will see the establishment of a Baptist publishing house in Ibadan.

Behind the Bamboo Curtain

News from China continues to be distressing. The Bamboo Curtain* hangs low over many areas, and word of persecutions brings sadness to our hearts.

"Even though all the missionaries in China were forced to leave," missionaries say triumphantly, "We would not be afraid for the gospel of Christ." One reason for their confidence is that the printing press has had a vital part in the growth and endurance of Christian China.

The earliest missionaries translated the Scriptures and set up printing presses. Although there has never been enough, nor has distribution been adequate, this haven of literature has been going into homes,

*Name for the Iron Curtain in China

More Material For You

by Mildred Williams

The film, *Book of Books*, shows how the Bible is printed, bound, and distributed. Pictures of Bibles of early days are included. 12 minutes; service charges, 50 cents.

The devotional period may be built around the 2"x2" color slides listed below. These slides may be purchased in cardboard readymounts for 50 cents each.

Hc 32 *Open Bible*

N 30 *The Law Given on Mount Sinai (Ex 19:20)*

Ha 824 *Hebrews Read God's Holy Book and Believe Paul (Acts 17:10-15)*

N 224 *Paul dictating an Epistle, (Phil. 1:1)*

The filmstrip, *Sharing the Word with the World*, shows Southern Baptists at work in a Colombian mission. 24 single frames; black and white; with captions and manual; purchase price, \$2.50. (Order materials through your Baptist Book Store unless otherwise stated.)

schools, and universities for almost 150 years.

Today as the desire for democracy and human freedom spreads, interest in the Scriptures continues and old prejudices against Christianity disappear. Non-Christians are eager to see what it is that makes Christians different. Unbelievers are willing to read about what Christians believe.

The mass education movements under Dr. James Yen and others have made it possible for numbers of the common people to learn to read and write.

This widespread use of the printed page is due in a large degree to the development of many religious publishing houses in China, under both denominational and interdenominational boards.

Baptists point with pride to the fifty years of marvelous growth and faithful service of the China Baptist Publication Society in Shanghai. In 1942 four strong Christian publishing houses co-ordinated their programs of writing, publishing and distributing literature and are now called United Christian Publishers. Although conditions now retard their program this is a powerful agency for the spread of Christian knowledge. The Chinese Bible Society has colportage systems for all China.

Although much of the material in China's bookstores is communistic, there probably was no book counter in the world over which passed so many copies of the Scriptures in the year 1947 as in the Bible House in Shanghai. In the first six months last year more than 2,500,000 Scripture portions in Chinese were distributed. The United Christian Publishers say that orders for the new interdenominational hymnal printed nine years ago continue in the same unabated stream. The China Baptist Publication Society reports that in 1949 sales for literature doubled that of the previous year.

In north China when missionaries were evacuated, the work of the Kingdom continued through the distribution of Bibles, hymnals and tracts used by Chinese preachers and teachers. In central China, south China, the interior and far west a quiet circulation of the printed page goes on, telling the truth about God and what the

Bible teaches to young and old.

Marvelous and heroic efforts are being made these days to provide for the future of literature in China.

One plan, carried out last year before Shanghai was occupied by Communists may become a Christian epic. In order to make sure that the precious stock of Bibles, and books already published would be safe in case the city was destroyed, literally tons of cases of publications were flown to as many as forty cities in unoccupied territory. In one instance forty-five tons of Bibles were flown to safety. More wonderful, sets of duplicate copies of plates and blocks from which Bibles, hymnals and other important works could be printed were scattered throughout China. Regardless of what may happen to big cities, and even though present publications may be destroyed, faithful guardians will reprint and distribute the Word. Through persecution, pestilence, flood or war, through every crisis in China the presses pour forth his matchless story and his truth will go marching on!

Ten Million Bibles for Japan

"Wanted: 10,000,000 copies of the Bible for Japan!"

The Associated Press picked up this dramatic request made in 1948 by the Japan Bible Society and added General Douglas MacArthur's approving comment, "The Bible is the essential book in helping toward the moral and spiritual recovery of Japan."

The American Bible Society responded at once with 105 tons of paper and soon a three year program for publication and distribution was launched. Two million copies of the Scriptures were printed in 1949; three million are planned for 1950, and five million more for 1951. Two hundred and forty more tons of paper and binding materials have been forwarded and additional tons will be supplied by the American Bible Society to meet the production schedule of the Japan Society.

Already a large number of copies of the New Testament in Japanese and English have been distributed. Last year the American Bible Society sent 480,000 copies of the Sermon on the Mount in Japanese



Monkneyer
Japanese boys are eager readers and need something better than the average newsstand offerings

attractively bound in decorated colors to sell at 1 yen ($\frac{1}{3}$ of a cent). There is a plan for distributing the Scriptures among farmers, miners and factory workers. A magazine, *The Bible and Japan*, is used to enlist Christian laymen in the movement.

Toyohiko Kagawa has without ceasing, continued his efforts to win Japan to Christ. He finds the people more responsive than ever, and after two years 165,000 decision cards have been signed. He says that the Bible is the lifeblood of the campaign and is stressing everywhere the reading of the Bible.

Several factors contribute to such immediate results of the use of Christian printed matter in Japan. First, Japan was about 98 per cent literate before the war and has for years had universal education. It was already a nation of avid readers. Second, the prejudices against Christianity have largely disappeared, due to the Emperor's approval and General MacArthur's insistence that Japanese study the teachings of Christ. Third, the masses of the people have lost their old faith, or have begun to question its power. Also, Christian literature has been and is now, to some extent, available.

Before the war, thirty Christian publishers and twenty-four others that also published secular items produced 1,432 different religious books. The Christian Literature Society, largest Christian Press in Japan, published 24 new titles in 1940, a total of 269,210 copies.

Magazines have always been more pop-

ular in Japan than in any country. Before the war stopped the presses there were 11,118 magazines. Of these 380 were published under Christian auspices. At this rate, it is estimated that America would have 75,000 Christian papers and magazines. Many of these 380 periodicals survived the war years, and are gradually being improved in content and appearance. Some of them are strongly evangelistic and will go into homes and hearts where missionaries and other Christian workers cannot go.

It will be a bright day when Baptists can enter fully into the publication field and supply the vast reading public with our interpretation of God's Word.

Desperate Need of Reading Matter in Europe

Ever since the Renaissance and the Reformation Europe has been home and headquarters for life-giving literature. Now the continent is in dire need of all kinds of reading matter.

Libraries not destroyed by dictators or war have decayed through lack of funds and care. Paper is still almost nonexistent or strictly rationed.

New equipment for printing presses is one of the most imperative needs. Machinery is almost prohibitive in price. Many skilled craftsmen of the printer's trade were casualties of war. It will take generations to restore literature in Europe to its once high standards.

Since this is true of nonreligious literature we know that Christian literature has suffered more and is even more difficult to produce and sell.

Books from America are welcome in many countries of Europe, yet due to money shortage very small shipments can be made through commercial firms. Fortunately through Church World Service and CARE it is possible to send boxes of books to most European countries, except those behind the Iron Curtain.

Less and less is being known about those countries under the control of Soviet Russia. Yet we remember that thousands of copies of the Scriptures were distributed quietly throughout Russia in the years between the wars. It is believed they led to

the conversion of between seven and eight million Russians. The Holy Spirit can use the printed page again if we provide the presses and the paper.

In Italy where there is but a trickle of literature there should be a flood if the power and love of Christ is to be presented adequately to throngs who live under the shadow of the Vatican. It is the hope of our missionaries to establish there a publishing house to be used in all departments of church work and for propaganda purposes.

We in America have inherited a wealth of Christian literature from Europe in the last four hundred years. Does it not seem right that we should, out of our abundance, return at least a portion of that which we have received?

The Middle East Craves Reading Matter

A Moslem censor was complaining about a pamphlet he had taken from a villager. "Just look at it," he said. "Read it! There is not a single sentence you can put your finger on and say, 'this is bad, this is against our faith.' Yet everyone who reads it wants to become a Christian!" It was a copy of the Sermon on the Mount written in Arabic.

In the Near and Middle East there have been phenomenal results in recent years from literacy campaigns, and the new readers are craving reading matter. Young men are reading far more English than formerly. They are interested in history, in economics, science and other technical subjects. They want modern books, and even "love" stories.

Christian Mission Boards are being called upon to furnish not only the Scriptures but wholesome and well written informational material to satisfy this thirst for knowledge.

This is urgent, for here as in many other rapidly advancing areas presses are turning out tons of Communist propaganda, and also trashy, evil literature that will pervert the mind as well as the soul. Some of it is not actually bad, but is produced by commercial interests and is not chosen to develop character or to inspire.

It is important that we use the printed

page in the Republic of Israel. From recent accounts Baptist work there will be allowed to go on under the new Jewish state. Jews have always desired education and now the Hebrew tongue will unify the literature and make our task simpler.

In Lebanon there is more religious freedom than in any other Arabic country. The Lebanese have the highest percentage of literacy in the Near East. How great is the need for a publishing house not only for Baptist workers but for all readers wherever Arabic is the language!

It is encouraging to know that a Christian Art Press is to be established at Lahore where Iranian artists will be asked to contribute sacred pictures and posters for evangelistic and health work. Perhaps pictures will be produced that will portray graphically the Christ whose Sermon on the Mount affected so deeply the Moslem censor.

Unlimited Opportunities in Latin America

Many obstacles once hindered evangelism and limited the ministry of the printed page in Latin America. These have lessened in the last two decades, and are beginning to disappear in certain areas.

The Roman Catholic Church no longer completely dominates the minds as well as the souls and bodies of the people. The desire for knowledge has increased and an independence of thought is developing. This has prepared the way for the printed page.

Another advantage is the unbelievable development of air transportation all over Central and South America. All kinds of printed matter can be flown to key cities in the interior in a few hours.

There have been revolutions and counterrevolutions in many of these countries. The infiltration of fascism, communism and other ideologies has been a serious handicap to missions. Yet the fact remains that the masses, as well as the upper classes, are beginning to rebel against military and civil as well as ecclesiastical controls over their total life. There is a turn to democracy. This opens many doors to our distinctive message of religious liberty.

Although illiteracy is still high, the

FOR BETTER PROGRAMS!

Two nice generous offers:

You may write to our **All Spanish Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Texas**, and ask for a booklet telling much about that work.

And you may write to the **American Bible Society, General Headquarters, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York**, and ask for *Leader's Packet of Information About the American Bible Society*. Both of these houses are expecting to hear from you and hoping you will use well this fine material they have made available.

Another fascinating thing available for \$1. You can now see the koda chrome slide story of your W.M.U. publications. Lecture accompanies the slides explaining them. Better send two dates, one in a future month, to be sure to be on the schedule. Send your dollar to Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

spread of some education and the number of new readers has brought about an unprecedented demand for Bibles and other reading matter. This has thrust upon us an obligation to produce appropriate literature in plentiful quantities at once.

Among the many presses working for God in Latin America, Southern Baptists have two great centers from which pour millions of pages a year to missionaries, pastors, Christian workers and others who call upon them for the Scriptures and other Christian literature.

The All Spanish Baptist Publishing House located across the river from Mexico in El Paso, Texas, is owned and operated by the Foreign Mission Board. This continually enlarging press now supplies literature to Spanish-speaking people in twenty-eight countries from Canada to Chile, from Cuba, the Philippines to Spain, as well as to those who work with more than a million Mexicans in the United States. Books for pastors, and periodicals for church organizations and vacation Bible school supplies go to all these countries. The catalog of the All Spanish Bap-

tist Publishing House lists more than 200 books in Spanish, all its own publications. Northern Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and other denominations as well as many independent groups depend upon this house for literature. There have been several instances where those who studied its literature have written to the publishing house requesting that someone be sent to baptize them. Baptists in three different countries attribute their organization mainly to books and tracts from this press.

Thanks to past Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings, the stream of literature has been kept flowing. Through these gifts women and young people have made possible the publication and distribution of about one million free tracts each year.

In Rio de Janeiro, thousands of miles south of El Paso, is another vital center for Baptist literature. Our press there serves Portuguese-speaking Christians in Portugal, Portuguese East Africa and other places as well as in Latin America.

Each year this constantly enlarging Carroll Memorial Baptist Publishing House breaks all previous records. Edgar Hallock, secretary of Sunday school work, reported that the number of Sunday school quarterlies for January, 1950, was double the number printed in 1940.

The gift of Mrs. Carroll of Troy, Alabama, made it possible to begin in 1901 with one Baptist paper. Now the publishing house sends out ten widely circulated periodicals for Sunday school, Training Union and Woman's Missionary Union. It printed more than one million tracts last year and nearly 17,000 pamphlets. Because of limited facilities it can never catch up with the printing of books so sorely needed. Between forty and fifty manuscripts wait all the time to get on the press. In 1948, the publishing house sold more than 125,000 books and had to turn down orders for thousands of others.

It is physically impossible to meet the increasing demand for Bibles in spite of the new Bible Press housed in the same building. This Bible Press has been straining every resource to supply the calls for the Scriptures in Portuguese since 1944. They dare not advertise in the secular papers or over the radio that Bibles are avail-

able, for they would be even more swamped with orders than at present. It is estimated that they could sell 200,000 copies of the Bible a year if they had them. They can only print 70,000 at a time because of limited capital, space and equipment.

Dr. T. B. Stover is director of the publishing house. His task of providing literature for more than 50,000,000 people in Brazil is tremendous.

What Can We Do to Keep the Presses at Work for God?

Thinking about the whirling presses is exciting but also sobering. So much depends upon whether or not the millions who are calling for "something to read" will have the love of Christ or hate planted in their hearts. Literature is recognized by anti-Christian forces as one of the most powerful instruments for the communication of ideas. Great battles for the souls of men are being waged with words.

We cannot afford to stand idly by and deplore the evils that seem almost overwhelming. There are things each member of a Woman's Missionary Society can do.

We can keep ourselves and our fellow Christians informed about the needs and also the progress of Baptist work in Christian literature. We can look and listen for

news of achievements of secular and non-Christian groups. We can find out what other denominations and Christian agencies are doing. (Order a copy of Christian Facts, 25¢ from Foreign Missions Conference, 156 5th Avenue, New York, N.Y.)

In the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering our Foreign Mission Board included \$10,000 for the American Bible Society and there were several amounts directed to printing and publishing houses.

We can give our full title into the storehouse so that through the Cooperative Program every publication effort of Southern Baptists will receive support. We can send books, especially children's books and easy reading materials through CARE, and Church World Service. Write to CARE, 20 Broad Street, New York 5, N.Y., for instructions as to what is most needed. Sometimes our Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board have specific plans for supplying libraries on mission fields. We can find out about these.

We can continue to learn about the value of printing presses in mission study classes. We can be sure our young people and all our women subscribe to our missionary periodicals and read Christian literature. We can pray definitely for the preparation, publication and distribution of Christian literature in our country and everywhere.

Love Thy Neighbor . . .

Sixty million Americans above 15 1/2 years of age are "moderate drinkers." Of these 40,000,000 are problem drinkers who end up in jails and insane asylums, and who exist at public expense.

"For the world's population to enjoy an adequate diet, the earth would have to produce over 60 billion more tons of cereals, another 30 billion tons of meat, 250 million additional tons of fruit and vegetables, and no less than 35 billion extra gallons of milk." (Quotes are from United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization.) Yet there is too much food in some places. Those with food to sell are the ones who have the dollars: "The almighty dollar."

Surpluses can be measured by needs, by past standards of consumption, or by the demand for them that will give a reasonable income. "We have got to find solutions for our distribution problems or else our best efforts will bring us only the anger of ruined producers and the fury of hungry people aroused by the sight of rotting plenty denied to them . . . The penalty of our failure will be to invite world depression and drift toward a third world war."

As Christians we must feed the hungry, whether we make money on the transaction or not. We could restrain our own wants and share. "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

"Pray Ye"

BY MRS. B. A. COPASS



Christ: The Image of the Divine Substance

Made in the Same Image

7-SATURDAY

"Who is the image of the invisible God"—Col. 1:11

Rev. Sostenes Martinez and Mrs. Martinez, Ber-ville, Rev. J. Morales and Mrs. Morales, McAllen, Texas, evangelism

2-SUNDAY

"the express image of his person"—Heb. 1:3
Pray for Training Union Youth Week in our churches, April 29; Miss Emma Leachman, Mrs. G. Lee Phelps, Mrs. Pascual Arpaio, emerita home missionaries, Charlotte Arpaio, Margaret Fund student; annual meeting of W.M.U. in Cuba, April 29

3-MONDAY

"And God said, Let us make man in our image"—Gen. 1:26

Dr. M. R. Vivanco and Mrs. Vivanco, Miss Mildred Matthews, Miss Celia Perez, Havana, Cuba, educational evangelism, Samuel Robinson (Vivanco), Margaret Fund student

4-TUESDAY

"as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly"—1 Cor. 15:49

Rev. Leslie H. Gunn and Mrs. Gunn, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Rev. Carter Bearden, Waco, Texas, missionaries to the deaf; annual meeting of state W.M.U. in Winter Haven, Florida and Covington, Kentucky, April 4-6

5-WEDNESDAY

"he . . . did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son"—Romans 8:29

Rev. F. C. Rowland and Mrs. Rowland, Quapaw, Oklahoma, Rev. Marvin Sorrells and Mrs. Sorrells, Selit, Arizona, Rev. W. W. Simpson and Mrs. Simpson, Philadelphia, Mississippi, Indian evangelism, Herbert D. and Mary Ellen Simpson, Margaret Fund students

6-THURSDAY

"with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image"—2 Cor. 3:18

Rev. Pablo Flores and Mrs. Flores, Kenedy, Rev. D. M. Regalado and Mrs. Regalado, Rio Grande City, Rev. L. Flores, Belton, Texas, Mexican evangelism

7-FRIDAY

"the god of this world hath blinded the minds . . . which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ . . . the image of God,

should shine unto them"—2 Cor. 4:4

Rev. Paul C. Bell and Mrs. Bell, Balboa, Rev. F. E. Jones and Mrs. Jones, Gatun, Rev. V. T. Yearwood, Ancun, Canal Zone, evangelism, Carolyn and Paul C. Bell, Vernon Yearwood, Margaret Fund students

Gospel of the Glory

8-SATURDAY

"According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust"—1 Tim. 1:11

*Dr. N. A. Bryan and *Mrs. Bryan, Yanchow, *Dr. J. H. Humphrey and *Mrs. Humphrey, Dr. A. W. Youm, Chienchow, China, medical evangelism

9-SUNDAY

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"—Romans 5:8

Pray for all Southern Baptist Simultaneous Revivals west of the Mississippi, April 8-25; Miss Elizabeth Truitt, Alomukuta, Miss Ruth Walden, Lagos, Nigeria, educational evangelism

10-MONDAY

"And dwells in the temple, and in every house, they created not to teach and preach Jesus Christ"—Acts 1:42

Miss Josephine Harris, Rev. H. F. McCormick and Mrs. McCormick, Rev. Victor Koon and Mrs. Koon, Honolulu, Hawaii, evangelism, Betty Koon Petherbridge, Dorothy and Victor Koon, Kathleen McCormick, Margaret Fund students

11-TUESDAY

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ"—Romans 1:16

Miss Eunice Fenderson, Jerusalem, Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, Miss Rebecca Violet Long, Nazareth, Israel, educational evangelism

12-WEDNESDAY

"the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth"—John 1:14

Miss Mary Lucile Saunders, Miss Hannah Sallee, Miss Fay Taylor, *Mr. G. W. Strother and *Mrs. Strother, Shanghai, China, educational evangelism, Joyce and Wallace Strother, Margaret Fund students

13-THURSDAY

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved"—Acts 2:21

Rev. O. J. Quick and Mrs. Quick, Rev. S. C. Jowers and Mrs. Jowers, Rev. J. W. Cravens and

Mrs. Crawley, Chinese Language School, Bagoio, Philippine Islands

14—FRIDAY

"We preach Christ crucified . . . the power of God, and the wisdom of God"—1 Cor. 1:23-24
Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Rev. L. E. Blackman and Mrs. Blackman, Honolulu, Hawaii, evangelism

His Story—God's Glory

15—SATURDAY

"believed on in the world, received up into glory"—1 Tim. 3:16

Mrs. Anne Margaret, Rev. T. B. Hawkins and Mrs. Hawkins, Rosario, Rev. Z. P. Freeman and Mrs. Freeman, Tucuman, Argentina, educational evangelism, Luisa and Mary Jo Hawkins, Margaret Fund students

16—SUNDAY

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you"—1 John 1:3

Rev. R. E. Shelton and Mrs. Shelton, Medellin, Miss Darline Elliott, Rev. A. R. Dailey and Mrs. Dailey, Barranquilla, Colombia, evangelism

17—MONDAY

"All things are delivered unto me of my Father"—Matt. 11:27

Miss Blanche Groves, Miss Jennell Greer, Suichow, China, educational evangelism, pray for more church libraries, Miss Florida Waite, secretary of Church Library Service

18—TUESDAY

"Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God"—Luke 22:69

Rev. O. W. Reid and Mrs. Reid, Guadalajara, Rev. J. D. Crane and Mrs. Crane, Toluca, Mexico, educational evangelism, Rev. H. F. Duffer and Mrs. Duffer, Spanish Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Texas

19—WEDNESDAY

"Search the scriptures: for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they testify of me"—John 5:39

*Rev. I. V. Larson and *Mrs. Larson, Tsingtau, Miss Addie Cox, Hong Kong, Dr. J. D. Belote, Canton, China, Mrs. J. D. Belote, Bagoio, Philippine Islands, evangelism, Ivan Larson, Margaret Fund student

20—THURSDAY

"and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God"—Acts 7:55

Rev. W. W. Enete and Mrs. Enete, Dr. A. R. Crabtree and Mrs. Crabtree, Miss Ray Burder, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, educational evangelism, William, Noble and Happy T. Enete, Margaret Fund students

21—FRIDAY

"And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end"—Luke 1:33

Rev. E. B. Dotter and Mrs. Dotter, Tokyo, Miss Floryne Miller, Miss Cecile Lancaster, Miss Frances Talley, Kokura, Japan, educational evangelism

Mirroring of the Divine

22—SATURDAY

"To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen"—Gal. 1:16

Miss Evelyn Schwartz, Honolulu, Miss Bertie Kendrick, Kahului, Rev. W. E. Hallom and Mrs. Hallom, Hilo, Hawaii, evangelism

23—SUNDAY

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"—Gal. 2:20

Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit in the Baptist Hour radio service this Sunday afternoon; Miss Margie Shumate, Sun Hong, Dr. Frank Connely and Mrs. Connely, Shanghai, China, evangelism

24—MONDAY

"Take ye heed, and learn of me"—Matt. 11:29

Miss Bertha Hunt, Mrs. A. I. Dunston, Dr. O. P. Maddox, Brazil, emeritus missionaries

25—TUESDAY

"So God created man in his own image"—Gen. 1:27

Miss Martha Franks, *Dr. A. S. Gillespie and *Mrs. Gillespie, Shanghai, China, educational evangelism, Arthur and James Gillespie, Margaret Fund students, annual meeting of W.M.I. in Mexico, April 25-26

26—WEDNESDAY

"The new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him"—Col. 3:10

Dr. W. J. Williams and Mrs. Williams, Ogbomoso, Miss Frances Hammett, Miss Amanda Finkle, Shaki, Nigeria, medical evangelism, Mrs. L. M. Duval, Nigeria, emeritus missionary

27—THURSDAY

"The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men"—Acts 14:11

Miss Blanche Walker, Miss Lillian Thomason, Miss Edna Deal, Rev. E. I. Morgan and Mrs. Morgan, China, emeritus missionaries

28—FRIDAY

"he that hath seen me hath seen the Father"—John 14:9

Dr. W. C. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, Rio de Janeiro, Rev. C. W. Dickson and Mrs. Dickson, Parahiba, Brazil, evangelism, annual meeting of River Plate W.M.I. in Mendoza, Argentina

29—SATURDAY

"None is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him"—John 13:31

Miss Alma Graves, Fukunaka, Miss Elizabeth Watkins, Tsubata, Rev. A. L. Gillespie and Mrs. Gillespie, Kokura, Japan, educational evangelism

30—SUNDAY

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith"—Eph. 3:17

Miss Carree Speares (contract worker), Santiago, Chile, secretarial evangelism, Miss Oleta Snell, Rev. H. C. McConnell and Mrs. McConnell, Santiago, Chile, educational evangelism



THE eighth congress of the Baptist World Alliance will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 22-27, 1950. As these days of royal fellowship draw near, countless hearts thrill with the desire to meet together as Christian workers, to hear of what is happening around the world and to plan new ways for future days. Many will be unable to attend this meeting. These will remember that we can all meet together in the Temple Invisible. The united prayers of Baptists of the world will be needed for those who do meet in Cleveland.

The theme of the congress will be "And the Light Shined in the Darkness." This thought will permeate each and every session. All of the sessions will be held in the city auditorium except the Saturday evening one which will be in the stadium. At that time there will be the Roll Call of the Nations, a message from the President of the United States, and a closing message on "Basic Freedom," by Dr. McNeil Poteat, of North Carolina. Sunday night will be Youth Night, with the program presented by young people. A pageant, "The Light of Liberty," will be presented on Tuesday night. On Wednesday night our missionaries will tell of the power of the light of the gospel in other lands. We are indeed proud of our Southern leaders who have been selected to speak. Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Dr. R. G. Lee, Dr. McNeil Poteat, Dr. Baker Cauthen, Dr. W. R. White, Dr. Ellis Fuller, Dr. Duke McCall, and Dr. T. F. Adams. Surely we will place these on our prayer lists, remembering them by name, day by day.

Seven Commissions have been appointed and will meet the week prior to the Alliance meeting for study and discussions. The following subjects will form the basis for this study: Contemporary Religious Movements, the Church, Baptism, Evangelism, Missions, Religious Liberty, Social Justice. These Commis-

sionaries will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 22-27, 1950. As these days of royal fellowship draw near, countless hearts thrill with the desire to meet together as Christian workers, to hear of what is happening around the world and to plan new ways for future days. Many will be unable to attend this meeting. These will remember that we can all meet together in the Temple Invisible. The united prayers of Baptists of the world will be needed for those who do meet in Cleveland.

Interesting programs for the two sectional meetings of the women have been planned by Mrs. Edgar Bates, of Canada. These will be held in the city auditorium on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. The following persons have already agreed to speak: Mrs. Johannes Norgaard, of Denmark; Miss Lois Chapple, of London; Miss Gina Bassi, of Rome; Mrs. J. Meister, of Berlin; Miss Helmi Sivhonen, of Finland; Mrs. Adeola Adegbite, of Nigeria; Miss Nannie Burroughs, of Washington and Miss Margaret Applegarth, of New York. Other speakers will come from Australia, South America, India, Burma, China and Japan.

To Cleveland will come Baptists from the ends of the earth. To Cleveland will come brothers and sisters who have suffered for Christ. To Cleveland will come those who feel the inward and spiritual worth of our worldwide Baptist fellowship. To Cleveland will come many Southern Baptist women to renew and rekindle their enthusiasm by touching hearts and hands and exchanging kindred experiences. In Cleveland we will feel anew the thrill that our task is of God—and that it is a mighty one!

Send in your registration fee of \$5 now to Dr. D. R. Sharps, 900 Schofield Building, Cleveland, Ohio, be assured of a reservation.



HOSTESS COMMITTEE

First row left to right, sitting: state young people's secretary, Curtis Martin, Convention; state W.M.U. president, Mr. chairman, Mrs. John Hathaway, and co-chairman, Mrs. Noel; standing on arm of divan, Mrs. L. general chairman, Mrs. Jack W.

W.M.U. ANNUAL MEETING, CHICAGO, MAY 8-9

Standing, left to right: Mrs. J. M. Laughlin, pages; Mrs. I. E. Miller, luncheon; Mrs. E. H. Moore, luncheon; Mrs. A. L. Kirkwood, ushers; Mrs. H. S. Simpson, registration; Mrs. H. R. Moore, hospitality; Mrs. Ralph Squibb, lounge and rest rooms; Mrs. Geo. L. Johnson, signs and banners. Unable to be in picture: Mrs. C. A. Summets, BWC; Mrs. R. W. Hawthorne, treasurer.

Illinois

3 Welcome You

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For the first time since the our Woman's Missionary Union have the privilege of being h annual W.M.U. meeting. We are honored. With eager anticipation the 13,767 W.M.U. members in our state extend to each of you a hearty "WELCOME TO ILLINOIS!"

Bounded by the Ohio River on the south, Lake Michigan on the northeast, the Mississippi River on the west and the Wabash River on the east, Illinois is a state of varied interests. She is a principal coal producing state. Among her hills, which are foothills of the Ozarks, nestle many an apple and peach orchard. Oil wells have brought a comparatively new industry, and now Illinois vies with other states in oil production. Large acreages of prairie provide a soil which means fertile farms, producing corn in great quantity.

Nearing Springfield, state capital city, one begins to be aware of immense factories which are seen in one large city after another, culminating in the metropolitan area of Chicago, third largest city in the world. Manufacturers of every conceivable item from weather instruments to shoelaces are found here. Chicago's livestock yards as well as railway and air terminals rank among the world's largest. Mail order concerns find it a convenient location.

It is said that people from every nation of the world reside in Illinois. Some 98,244 Ital-

ians, 138,700 Polish, 387,330 Jews and 387,446 Negroes live here to say nothing of the thousands of Lithuanians, Latvians, Estonians, Danes, Hungarians, Norwegians, French, Japanese, Chinese and other nationalities which compose the total population of 8,221,000 in this great state.

Baptist work in Illinois was begun as early as 1818 by John Mason Peck. In 1907 two hundred twenty-six churches formed the present Illinois Baptist State Association. Since that date this organization has been in full fellowship with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Beginning in the southernmost part of the state our Baptist fellowship has grown to include more than 600 churches. Thirteen new churches were organized in 1949. There is a new zeal among our Illinois Baptists and new mission points are continually being established. Our work extends from the mouth of the Ohio River in the south to the border of Wisconsin on the north. We are moving on to the great mission task of winning Illinois for Christ.

Glowing words cannot express adequately our desire to have you know Illinois. You must visit us to know us. A native of any state will declare with justifiable pride that his state is best. We urge you to accept our hospitality and come to know Illinois as we know it. We welcome you to Chicago on May 8 and 9.