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by Mrs. George R. Martin

His Word—His World

*"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men."*

WE face the unknown New Year, unafraid, because God lives and loves and reigns. Though the days may sometimes seem dark, the world is not hopeless. Even though the clouds hang heavy and low, "God standeth within the shadows, keeping watch above his own."

"God Is Moving—Who Can Hinder?" is the theme of our program for this year. It is our purpose to stimulate our women and young people to study the great and mighty movements of God in today's world. As we explore the meaning of these words we shall be called to a more serious study of his Word and his world.

To his Word we must go for the very beginning of the missionary movement. From it we shall get the interpretation of the life and mission of our Lord. From it we shall gather the methods by which those first disciples began to make him and his message known. (As we hide his Word in our hearts we shall be ready for conflict and for conquest. Southern Baptists have a great plan and purpose to win the lost of our communities. As we participate in this evangelistic effort we shall need to study diligently his Word. It is quick and powerful and will win when we have failed. As we study our Bibles we shall understand the deeper meaning of prayer, and seek to follow the example of our Lord: "In the

morning a great while before day he rose up and went out and departed into a desert place and there prayed." Back of his ministry lay long hours of prayer. If we are to be real witnesses we must pray for the power to see and the courage to do the will of God. Only on our knees shall we be able to discern the signs of the times.

WITH clear and broad vision we look at God's world. The great unfinished task challenges us. We see earth's millions in their struggle for the more abundant life. In vast areas of our world today sin appears to rule with unrelenting fury. Violence and tyranny seem to be invincible. Wars, international misunderstandings, selfishness, greed, cruelty, and hate are a worldwide menace to civilization. Yet God is moving in this world and no man can hinder him.

There are vast sections of our world which are full of promise, and radiant with hopeful outlook. "He must reign till he hath put all his enemies under his feet." In the film story of Pierre and Marie Curie showing their long search for radium, Pierre is ready to give up in despair. "It can't be done, it can't be done! Maybe in a hundred years it can be done—but never in our lifetime!" Madame Curie replies, "If it takes a hundred years it will be a pity, but I dare not do less than work for it as long as I have life." World evangelism may take a thousand years, but we dare not do less than work for it as long as we have life.

O women, let us this year, be real witnesses of his Word to the remotest parts of his world! Let us

*"Ring in the radiant man and free
The larger heart, the kinder hands;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be."*

A Statement and a Question

by Edith West
Missionary in Brazil

GOD IS working. Who can hinder? A statement and a question. We cannot feel too snug in regard to this assertion, for though it is a fact that God is working, it is also a fact that you and I can hinder. Are we hindering or are we helping?

What a wonderful challenge it is to us that God is working and in spite of all the failures of mankind, his Providence is over all, and he moves steadily on! What a glorious privilege it is for us to co-operate with him and help to hasten the coming of his kingdom! Whatever may be the strength of the enemy, we know that God is all powerful, and if with faith we work with him, the hindrances cannot spell defeat.

The Lord is working here in spite of persecution. I was much impressed by Dr. Crabtree's report of his recent visit to the city of Bahia. For many years that city was one of the most difficult places in which to work. They say there is a Catholic church for every day in the year. Anyway for many years the missionaries and Brazilian workers struggled against persecution and fanaticism, but God was working through them, and today there is real progress for Baptists in that city. Who would have thought that on a big holiday after the patriotic parade and official discourse, the Baptists could conduct a program for an hour and a half, and hold the attention of that vast multitude to the preaching of the gospel? Dr. Crabtree said that never in Brazil had he seen such an enormous crowd listening to God's Word.

Yes, God is working in the growth of his kingdom. As I work in this great city of Rio de Janeiro, I can scarcely realize that sixty nine years ago there were no Baptist churches here. Now there are seventy churches co-operating with the Baptist Convention of the Federal District. I belong to the Itacurussa church, the college church. Fourteen years ago it was

organized with seven members. Now there are a hundred and thirty members. Satan used all kinds of tactics to hinder the growth of our church, but on it marched. Now one hindrance may be lack of money to finish our splendid new church building. If those who should contribute generously, become negligent, what would be the effect? We will move from the school into the new church building as soon as it can be used, but if it has to remain unfinished for sometime for lack of funds, will God be hindered? That question carries quite a responsibility.

Sometime ago I heard the pre-training school girls tell of their work among the churches during their vacation. Lucia reported that in one place the public school teacher, who is in league with the Catholic priest started holding the children after hours, so they couldn't attend the daily Vacation Bible school. Another scheme was to spy on the children during the recreational period of the V.B.S. and then report to the mothers that they would be excommunicated if the children attended. But in spite of these hindrances they had blessed days with some sixty children in the Bible school.

Maria Tavares, another girl in our school, keeps asking prayers for her church back home, where the pastor is undergoing a bitter persecution on the part of the local priest. His weapon is writing tracts against the pastor. He resorts to all kinds of insults, lies and attacks against the Baptists in general, and the pastor in particular. This has been going on for months, yet Maria was telling me today that the church has taken on new life. There have been fifteen baptisms and they are working hard to remodel the church building. The Lord is working. Who can hinder?

GOD IS working in the calling of Christian workers. As I heard this year's new Training School girls tell of their calls, I learned that many of them had to over-

come the protests of their parents. Elide's case called for special firmness. Her father felt sure she would give up the idea of going so faraway and preparing for missionary work. She had taken a course in pharmacy, and he made her partner in his business with the idea of holding her. But she remained true to her vision. With the money earned she gradually prepared for her expenses at school. She was greatly disappointed when the time came for her to leave, and he became more and more hostile to her call to Christian work. Now she is here and the year well-advanced, still he doesn't write, but gives people to understand he has lost a daughter. All this is a great trial to her, especially in view of the fact that her mother also has to suffer. During the July vacation she did some splendid field work in the state of Sao Paulo. The climate is quite different from that of the state of Bahia and she became ill. She is taking treatments for sinus trouble, but today as I was coming from my class, she met me with such a very cheerful "Good morning." I felt, "who can hinder her answer to the call?"

God is working in many different ways. Many are the seeming hindrances to preaching the gospel over the radio, but twice a week I hear the programs of our Home Mission Board. These bring many to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, as we learn in the correspondence from those who have heard the message. "Waves of Salvation from the Meyer Baptist Church" reach the masses every Sunday morning, and on weekday mornings at nine o'clock

a program is broadcasted by our Atlas News Service.

One of the marvelous phases of God's working is through the eighty or more workers of our Brazilian Baptist Home Mission Board. Pastor Dodanin Gonçalves, one of these missionaries, says the difficulty of the evangelization of the Indian isn't in the Indian, it is in us. In evangelizing the Indian as in any work, when we remove the difficulty that is within ourselves, no difficulty exists. He thrills us with his understanding of the Indian people who are included in the Lord's command to preach the gospel to every creature.

One Saturday we had dinner on Governor's Island, and saw the new church building in process. Later Dr. Cowert drove us out to the new plant of the Publishing House. The structure and the grounds in that suburb of Thomas Coelho impressed me as being so large I felt like swelling with pride over being a Baptist in Brazil, but immediately realized I had better pray for the gospel message streamlined on that great printing outfit, and then carried far and wide.

Yes, God has worked and is working in this adopted land of mine. Though the results have been marvelous, we are not satisfied. We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will break down the barriers in such a way that our lives will be full of power and precious souls will be reached and saved by the hundreds and thousands and millions.

God is working. Who can hinder?

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COVER—In spite of the tragedy of Communist control in China God is working there. This greeting brings reminder to pray for our thirteen Southern Baptist missionaries and for other missionaries still in China, for the Chinese Christians, Mao Tse-tung, his companions in leadership, and China's millions.

The characters in red read "To Know Him and Make Him Known." The brown characters to the left are the good wishes of China Baptist Young People's Missionary Organization members. The seals are those of Chinese W.M.U. organizations.

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Ye Are My WITNESSES

by Dr. Robert G. Lee

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Who Said This?

Jesus—just before he, marred and scarred with the stigmata of the cross, went back to the glory he had with God before the world was. These going-away words should set our women doing the greatest work that ever moved God's arm in power, that ever stirred a human heart in love, that ever laid claim upon the personalities and abilities and talents of Christian women.

To witness to the world of God's love to sinners and to give his life a ransom for many, Jesus came down from the heights of deity to the depths of humanity, down from the blessedness of heaven to the bruises of the cross, down from heaven's coronation to earth's curses, down from the throne to Calvary's cruel tree—from the place of honor to the place of horror.

Jesus who spake as never man spake—teaching us to live by dying, to increase by diminishing, to be reapers of spiritual sheaves in the harvest fields ready for the reaping.

And the insistence of these words is just as strong as when God found Moses, Gideon, Elijah, John the Baptist, and Paul for their peculiar tasks. Just as obligatory these words upon our women as when Moffatt and Livingstone witnessed in Africa, Carey in India, Morrison and Taylor in China, Brainerd in Indian lands, Williams in the South Sea Islands, Judson in Burma.

Who Are to Witness?

Our women. That they can do. That they should do. That God expects them



Dr. Lee takes time for individual conferences.

to do—individually and as groups—to individuals and to groups. Women are to be Christian witnesses. Women, if they witness for Christ, will not sing "I Love to Tell the Story" and never tell it—will not sing "Throw Out the Life Line" and not make personal pleas to people to receive Jesus Christ as Saviour. If women witness for Christ, they will transpose the short-meter hymn "Rescue the Perishing" into long-meter activity. I fear that often there is more resolution work than rescue work, more singing than soul-saving, more amiability than agony. If only our missionary societies would become soul-saving societies. Can our women rightly be called missionary who pray for the lost in other continents and do not seek by personal appeal to win those in the neighborhood corners? Can our women claim to be genuinely missionaries in practice when they study mission books and yet ignore the Sunday night preaching services when the pastor seeks to win those as much lost as the idol worshippers in heathen lands? If the home reservoir be small, can far-reaching streams issue therefrom? If we have only a candle spirit at home, can we be a sun in Africa? If we care little for the efforts of the pastor to rescue the perishing, will God credit us with caring much for what the missionaries do?

To Whom Bear Witness?

To loved ones who have not received Christ. To friends who keep a latchard door against his entrance. To neighbors

As pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. Lee has probably the largest Women's Missionary Union in the Southern Baptist Convention territory. As president of the Convention, he summons Southern Baptist women to new efforts in witnessing throughout 1951. He colors our watchword with new earnestness and zeal to be reflected in all loyal hearts.

who are as much strangers to Christ as ice is foreign to tropical lands. To friends in the business realm who by their rejection of Christ are enemies of the cross. To careless and callous folks who have drifted out of vital connection with any church, who either have their church letters in their trunks or in the dear old church-at-home—and consequently are of little worth to church east or west, north or south: To the backslider to whom an earnest and prayerful visit would doubtless mean a return to God. To children—as we remember that a child of ten won to faith in Christ is a Christian plus sixty years of service while a man sixty years old won to Christ is a Christian plus ten years of service.

To the old upon the sunset trail where shadows lengthen and burdens grow heavier. To all people in need of salvation or comfort or friendship or guidance, we are to witness according to the Gospel truth. To some of the thousands who, for one reason or another or for no reason, have grown careless and have forsaken their church and their Christ. To these at home, to those in all the lands of earth, we are to witness.

When to Witness?

Now—never saying that there are "four months till the harvest." Not one woman should say "Not yet is the time for me to witness." Already the fields are white unto the harvest. Harvest time is crisis time, and the harvest will not reap itself. And the harvest will not wait.

"To the work! to the work! we are servants of God."

Let us follow the path that our Master has trod!"

"He that sleeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame." Remembering this, women should throw themselves and their God-given energies and resources unreservedly into this great enterprise for souls in this crucial hour. Brief the time which women have to make their lives count as witnesses, for, as to duration, life is a "vapor that appeareth for a little while and then vanisheth away"—just as the glimpse of a passing ship, just as the stay of the postman.

How Are Women to Witness?

With Concern

The concern expressed by the psalmist in the words: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:5-6).

Yes—and the concern expressed by Jesus who wept over Jerusalem. Yes—and the concern of Paul who said:

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved" (Romans 10:1).

With Prayer

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38).

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4).

Prayerfully, women must witness. That's how! God will not take these prayers and scatter them to the winds. No. No more than you would scatter a child's toys over the city dump heap. Women, what a mighty thing prayer is! With it, Elijah reached up to the clouds and shook down the showers. With it, Knox shook Scotland. With it, Luther shook the earth.

With Christian Continuance

A red clover blossom contains less than one-eighth of a grain of sugar; seven thousand grains are required to make a pound of honey; a bee, hitting here and there for sweetness, must visit fifty-six thousand clover heads for a pound of honey; and there are about sixty flower tubes to each clover head. When a bee performs that

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Shelter in the Time of Storm

by Doris Knight
Deland, Florida

THEY have been dreadful years," she said. "but, after all, they have brought us closer to God."

The speaker was Mrs. Wang, a dear Christian friend and former student, who had just fled to our port city in North China to escape the Communists who were taking over the interior of the province. She and her two children now added three more to the approximately three hundred thousand refugees crowded into the city.

The dreadful years she spoke of had begun when the Japanese took over our province in 1938, and included for her the summer of 1947, when she had finally fled from her home.

To begin with, her paternal grandmother had been an outstanding Christian in the early days of our North China Mission. She was one of the eight teen-age pupils making up the first school for girls which Southern Baptist missionaries opened north of Shanghai. With six of her classmates, she was led to Christ by their teacher, the first Mrs. J. B. Hartwell (mother of Miss Anna Hartwell), who had had the vision for such a project.

Then her father was a pastor, and Mu Li herself (Mrs. Wang) had accepted Christ early in life. It was not, however, until the revival of 1932 and the years following, which had swept our Mission, that she had come to "count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus."

That day she told the missionaries something of those years. When the Japanese took over our part of the province, her husband and older son had fled to West China, leaving on her the responsibility of the home and the farm, since the father-in-law was too old to assume it. It was the only plan possible at the time—for them to remain at home was out of the question.

As long as possible she kept up the work, which, as a trained kindergartner,

she had done so long and so well at the Good Will Center in the city, but by and by the authorities closed the church. From that time, only church services were continued and these were held at the Mission east of the city. Then, too, the actual work of the farm finally fell on her, as unprepared as she was for it—the sowing, the reaping, the pushing of the wheelbarrow as she carried the grain to the threshing floor or to the market later.

And yet those were not the most difficult things to face. It was the inevitable coming of the Japanese and then of the Communists to demand a certain amount of money or grain or clothing. Then the realization, as times grew harder, that perhaps the day would come when she might not be able to give when ordered to do so. There were other dangers, too, which added to the weight of responsibility.

"Sometimes," she said, "I felt as if I could not go on another day. But on the Lord's day the two children, my co-worker during those days at the Good Will Center, and I went to church. And there the pastor was waiting for us."

There would be two services, so always she took some dry bread, and at noon there would be boiling water supplied at the church. This was their lunch.

There was earnest, agonizing prayer. There was the singing of hymns, and then there was a message of courage and strength and comfort straight from God through that consecrated pastor. A morning and an afternoon service of several hours each, but no one thought of time.

"Then," she concluded, "I felt that I could go on a little longer."

Thus Mu Li had come victoriously through those dreadful years, and now before her after the long bitter separation, was the prospect of reunion with her husband and older son.

The family is now in southern Formosa, where Mr. Wang has been transferred, and

letters concerning Mu Li's activities stir one's heart.

IN the vicinity to which they moved a year ago there was no Sunday school, no church service, no Christian witness of any kind. To Mu Li this was unthinkable. During those dreadful years in North China she had come to understand the way of those words in Hebrews: "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." Moreover, to witness to God's love and grace, as manifested in Christ, was as natural to her as breathing.

Her first step was to begin a story hour for the children. Work with the children gained her an easy entrance into many homes—some she might never have otherwise visited.

There she found many open to the Gospel. Some of them had heard the story of Jesus in other parts of China. As they saw and heard Mu Li, they longed for the peace and joy that were here.

The schoolroom is no longer being used. That group which came together through Mu Li's earnest, prayerful endeavor has secured a suitable place for a Gospel Center. There the story hour continues, but better still there is a Sunday school, there are church services, there is a witness of God's grace and love in Christ Jesus.

"They were dreadful years, but after all they brought us closer to God" and prepared them for better service. Shall we add "that all things worked together for good" to Mu Li, because she loved the Lord?

A WORTHY CAUSE!



SOME one has said, "It is no disgrace to be poor but it is often inconvenient." That is certainly true with many ministerial students who are struggling to get an education. They need help.

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention last May in Chicago the Southern Baptist Foundation was instructed to create a trust, the income from which will be used to help worthy ministerial students get an education.

The only way the Foundation can do this is to get those interested in helping these worthy students to give something to the Fund. Gifts may be made in any amounts and by any individual or group of persons. They may be made in money, in stocks and bonds, or real estate.

Gifts may be made as a memorial, thus honoring the name of some loved one or friend. The memorial would still be a part of the trust. A Woman's Society in one small church sent us an offering for this worthy cause and made it a memorial to a pastor who had served them many years.

The funds will be kept as a trust, and carefully invested. Only the income will be used. That will mean that the gifts will help needy students right along year after year so long as Southern Baptists operate.

All gifts for this fund should be sent to the
SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION, C. H. Bolton, Executive Sec.,
127 Ninth Ave., No., Nashville 3, Tenn.

Service Through Medicine

An Introduction to Benjamin O. Mbakwem *by Louise D. Brantley*

In the fall of 1947, two young Nigerians made the last lap of a long journey and reached the campus of the Florida A. and M. College in Tallahassee, Florida. These were Nigerian Baptists who had left their country and people to come to America to further their education. Other Nigerian Baptists who had come had been interested in the ministry or in teaching, but these two were out to conquer other fields: engineering and medicine. They were good friends, active workers in the Baptist church of Port Harcourt. They held promising positions with a business firm. All of these except their friendship they left in order to go to school here.

Benjamin Mbakwem, the author of this article, is of the Ibo tribe so he was not far from his home town when he lived in Port Harcourt. He had not been a Baptist very long, but he was always busy in the church there and showed a deep interest in its activities. His absence was felt keenly when he left; many people have commented on his accurate records and reports, for he was the church auditor.

Except for those in Florida, Southern Baptists have probably been unaware of his presence on the campus of the A. and M. College. However, he has made an excellent scholastic record of which his fellow Nigerians may be proud, and he has been a faithful representative of the Baptists of his own country. He graduated at the end of the 1950 Spring session, with a B.S. degree. He then hoped to enter some medical school where he can complete his training for the service which he dreams of doing for his own people. When he returns, he will be the first Nigerian Baptist doctor, trained under a Nigerian Baptist Convention scholarship.

He has written this article at my request because I have felt for some time that he is worthy of the acquaintance of Baptists in America. His American education thus far has been difficult. From his own savings, and from assistance from his brother, he managed the cost of his transportation

over and his initial expenses. My husband had secured for him and his friend, Samuel Ojo, work scholarships which have cared for room and board at the college. He has done many jobs during holidays in order to make money for his other expenses. God is moving in the work with Nigerian Baptists. Who can hinder the vast possibilities of a life trained for Christian service?

IT IS not unusual to run into families in Nigeria where some members are Christians, and others are not. In my own family my father is an adherent of the customs of our forefathers, and a strong believer in the tradition of the elders. He is a polygamist (though not a too successful one). My mother was the last of his wives and has been converted to Christianity. Through her influence all her children and those of other wives became Christians.

Open air preaching is common among the Christian churches in my locality, and my mother used to listen to these open air sermons whenever a meeting was held near. Although she listened to them over a long period, it was not until my father used a part of her savings which he was keeping to get another wife that she made up her mind. She went to the local preacher in my town and told him that she wanted to be a Christian. She received all the necessary advice and started to attend church services; eventually, she was baptized and confirmed in the C.M.S. Church (Church Missionary Society of the Anglican Church).

This miracle happened long after my two brothers and the elder sister were born; all of them were then of school age. The preacher told her of the usefulness of education and urged her to send them to school. They all started the same year

by Benjamin O. Mbakwem

to attend the mission school in my home town. My two younger sisters and I attended the same school. It was not as simple as it looked from the start, and my mother nearly worked herself to death in order to see us through school. She had invested a part of her savings in buying farming lands, and in pawning farm hands. At this critical moment some of the owners of the lands paid back the cost and a good number of the pawns-workers redeemed themselves. These payments enabled her to carry on with our school expenses. One evening, she called us together telling us that she had promised to God that if he would help her to carry our education through, I should work for him.

When my two brothers finished school, they were both employed in a mercantile house. My elder sister did not finish, and through my father's pressure, she was married. My two younger sisters and I were still in school. I came out before them. My mother took me to the pastor, and revealed to him her promise, requesting that I be employed as a mission worker. My age and size made her ask that I be kept in a nearby town where she would have access to visit me. If there was no chance in any of these places, she agreed that I should work without any salary until such a chance existed. Her request was turned down and I had to stay at home for a considerable period before my eldest brother obtained me a job as a lad clerk in another mercantile house in which I worked my way up.

BY this time I had almost lost my faith, even though I did not join any of the "isms" in Nigeria. The greatest turn in my life came when I got acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brantley. The first impression they created is indelible. At long last my faith and confidence in Christianity was restored. I became interested again in the church and its activities. I told the Brantleys my plan. They not only had the goodness to obtain for me the scholarship to my present school, but they have paved a way for me to fulfill my



Benjamin, at right, and his friend, Samuel Ojo, study on the library steps at Florida A. and M. College

mother's promise to God long overdue.

This is only the salvaging phase of the numerous works that confront our missionaries in Nigeria, who have, of their own free will, gone into the obscurity of the villages to spend their lives there in the service of God. Few people can believe or estimate the works of a missionary. He is a preacher, a teacher, a doctor, a nurse, a singer—he is almost anything.

The history of Nigeria is the history of Christianity in that country. It was in the year of our Lord 1553, the twelfth day of August, when sailed from Portsmouth two ships, the Primrose and the Lion with a pinnace, the Moon. Of force but not of will, the two ships anchored before the river of Benin. This is the earliest English-sponsored expedition to Nigeria. Other expeditions followed but it was not until 1911 that Nigeria was established a Protectorate under one central administration. The missionaries had begun their work long before this date. These Christian missionaries laid the foundation of education all over West Africa. True today as it was in those days, the education both for the physical and spiritual well-being of the Nigerians is mainly in the hands of the Christian missionaries.

The missionary believes in producing useful, thoughtful, and free individuals. He from the first recognized himself, and still does, as the guest of the Nigerian people in a way unknown to the trader,

the miner, indeed the government official. Co-operation and not domination has been the keynote of the missionary effort in both evangelistic and educational works.

The need for the evangelization of Nigeria is greater today than it was yesterday. This of course, sounds unbelievable but it is true. With the whole country in a political upheaval on one hand and political movements on the other, some of them sinister in the extreme, and with the eventual production of propaganda, the pressure from social changes will threaten the very life of Christianity. The Christian church must reinforce itself to cope with these changes and any emergency. What shall be our answer? Everywhere, the Word of God!

Our Baptist mission will not lose sight of the fact that many denominations in Nigeria have aligned themselves with the government so that even their good intentions cannot escape suspicion and have thus become their own gravediggers. How can our mission answer the challenge? Let us first have a bird's-eye view of the problems of the people. One of the basic problems is an inadequate system of education. As Rousseau said, "Plants are fashioned by cultivation and men by education." Education can bring the Africans to an average intelligence and make them

mentally free from ignorance. The second problem is poverty. This, I believe, can be reduced by teaching Nigerians the dignity of labour, and how to use their heads, hands and minds which make the American education the most coveted today. The third problem is the health condition which is a menace. The importance of health cannot be overemphasized. The following report from one of the territories on the west coast of Africa speaks for itself, though it is in no way accurate since approximately only one-third of the inhabitants in any of the territories may have access to hospitals or clinics. The infant mortality rate for this territory in 1947 was 117 per thousand, stillbirths 73, and maternal mortality of just under 20 deaths per thousand. Above all, if we can place New Testaments in the hands of the Christians and see to it that they are adequately instructed, we need not then fear any changes in the country, even if the communist bogey shows itself. This assumption may not be too far wrong because communism has an appeal to the conditions as they exist today all over West Africa.

What are we Baptists going to do? Will our answer be on the affirmative to the following question formulated by one church leader? He said, "The forces of communism can be dealt with successfully only by those who hold a faith with even greater conviction and serve a cause with greater resolution." Can it be said that the members of the Christian church are such people? The question is a great challenge.

I have chosen to study medicine and to serve my people through the Baptist Mission. It is true in Nigeria as it is in most other countries, that people who actually need help are seldom the people who get it. The mission is the only right path for it ministers to both the rich and the poor alike.

I cannot close without a word of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brantley who have encouraged a struggling stranger, to the Nigerian Baptist Convention, to the Woman's Missionary Union of Florida, and to the pastor and members of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Florida. To them, I say cordially, I thank you from my heart.



President of the Armstrong Memorial Training School, Miss Wingo (left) says that on October 2 she felt like saying Psalm 103:1 over and over again all day long.

Your School Is Opened

by Virginia Wingo

THE Armstrong Memorial Training School's opening service was held October 2, 1950. That date is significant as the anniversary of William Carey's starting the modern missionary movement and is doubly dear to Southern Baptist women as Founder's Day of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Louisville.

The actual construction had been completed before April, but other work, made possible by a gift from Louisiana W.M.U., had to be finished during the summer and early fall. At 11 o'clock Saturday night the last workman left the building. But the students and others worked so willingly and well on Monday that this school, erected by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering money, was as beautiful by early afternoon as you desired it to be.

Guests arriving for the reception and tour of the building saw, immediately upon entering, two pictures representing the double name—Armstrong Memorial Training School—L'Istituto Betania. The first, the gift of Southern W.M.U., is a portrait of Mrs. F. W. Armstrong. The

graciousness, serenity, and strength in her face were like a visible representation of these qualities which we hope will be in all who live here. The other was the beautiful painting in which our great artist, Paolo Paschetto, had symbolized the meaning of "L'Istituto Betania," the name which Italian Baptists have chosen to express the school's purpose. It shows a young woman who combines the qualities of work and worship, study and practical service, which we connect with the names of Mary and Martha, the two sisters of Bethany.

Mrs. Dewey Moore and Mrs. Cecil Faulkner supervised the arrangements for the reception. With willingness equal to that of Southern women preparing dinner for a quarterly W.M.U. meeting, the Italian women brought cakes. Mrs. Roy Starmer and the wives of our local pastors and representatives from each of the three W.M.S.'s in Rome served as a reception committee.

A half-hour organ concert gave all the guests opportunity to hear the wonderful Hammond electric organ, provided through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



New for Sunbeam Bands

How happy we are to make this announcement! A whole book of missionary songs and hymns! Music and words! Here it is! Every W.M.U. will provide copies for Sunbeam Band leaders. Mothers will want a copy for the home.

Missionary Melodies, price \$2, collected or written by Louanah Riggs Holcomb. Order from your Baptist Book Store.

At the evening service which officially inaugurated the school year, representatives of every local Protestant group as well as many visitors joined with our Italian Baptists in crowding the small, beautiful chapel to overflowing. The arrival of a delegation of congressmen forced U. S. Ambassador James Dunn to cancel at the last minute his plans to be with us, but he sent an official substitute from the Embassy and two unofficial representatives, his own G.A.-age granddaughters.

It was especially fitting for Dr. W. Dewey Moore to preside at the service, for he and Mrs. Moore have had a larger share in the dreams, plans and work for this school than have any others. Much appreciated messages from Mrs. George R. Martin, Miss Alma Hunt, and Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn lost none of their eloquence when translated into Italian by Miss Miriam Rosa, secretary of Italy's W.M.U.

The united interest and support of Italian Baptists for this school for young women were stressed by Pastor Ricci, of Naples, the president of our Italian convention, and Dr. Inguanti, the secretary of the Baptist youth movement, a professor at our seminary at Rivoli, Turin. Pastor Veneziano read a beautiful poem "The Hands of Martha," which he had written especially for the school. The inauguration address by Dr. Manfredo Ronchi, secretary of our convention and vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, emphasized the school's mission, to train young women for service for Christ in every area of life.

Signora Susanna Fasulo, the newly selected house director for the school, was introduced. Her training in nursing and dietetics, as well as the usual academic subjects, will make her invaluable. Her husband, Dr. Marco Fasulo, will be the doctor for the small clinic which will soon be opened in two rooms on the ground floor of the building. Miss Edna Halpin, secretary to Dr. Moore, was introduced as bookkeeper for the school.

All were especially interested in seeing

the teachers and in knowing about the subjects to be taught this first year. Dr. Moore will teach Bible; Dr. Ronchi, Church History; Signora Lidia Schiro, Religious Drama; Signora Fasulo, Hygiene; Signorina Rosa, Italian; Mrs. Moore and Miss Wingo, Religious Education; Miss Wingo, English.

But the greatest interest was centered in those who are, by far, the most important part of any school: the students. Four of these you have already met, through a recent article* in this magazine: Alma Cannavacciuoli, Naples; Maria Calderaro, Rome; Licia Colombu, Cagliari, Sardinia; Santina Nastasi, Catania, Sicily.



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BETANIA

There are eight others. Pasqualina Bara and Nunziatina Grasso also come from Catania and, like Santina, have long worked, planned, and prayed for this opportunity. Angela Denticco, small and fair, is our one student from Turin, in northern Italy. She looks so young that some thought her only thirteen years old, but she has already completed more than the full educational re-

quirements and has finished a secretarial course. Silvia Emiliani, a tall, dark-eyed girl from Rome, is our youngest student. By a remarkable effort, she completed two years of ordinary schooling in one year of night school, in order that she might enter this institution at its beginning.

Our one married student, Maria Finocchiaro, proudly says she is an African, for she was born in Asmara, in Eritrea. Her husband is one of the three Baptist students at the Waldensian Seminary in Rome. Wanda Pili, a slender, vivacious brunette with a lovely singing voice, comes from Civitavecchia, also the home of her fiance, a student at the Seminary in Rivoli. At the same Seminary is the fiance of another student, Nina Zampino, a quiet, gentle girl from Macchiavallfortore, a tiny village in the Abruzzi Mountains. The twelfth student is charming Margret Fehr, from Zurich. Though coming from the German-speaking section of Switzerland,

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Letter-ettes

"She has not had a chance . . ."

by Ida Nelle Holloway, Tokyo

I knew the minute I came home that something was different. It doesn't take long to miss merry brown eyes, contagious laughter and a cordial, "Welcome home!"

These treasures had been ours since our Japanese friend, Yoshiko San, had come to live with us. These, along with her willingness to work and her eagerness to learn, had soon made her an important part of our household. On this particular day, our home-coming was different. The work was all finished, everything was in order, but there was no laughter, no cheery greeting. Our son, Bill, was playing alone in his room.

I found Yoshiko San, moving quietly about the kitchen, the sparkle gone from her eyes. There were still signs of tears. I longed to be able to talk with her. Oh, we can speak to each other of course, pass the time of day, plan our breakfast menus and the like—but I've had only two months of Japanese and she hasn't had a day of English. With such a language barrier it is natural, I suppose, that we haven't attempted many serious talks. Nevertheless, little by little, throughout the day I got the story from her.

It didn't take me too long to understand that her older sister (whose husband died in China during the war) was quite ill with pneumonia in their little home village about eighteen hours to the north of here. But there was something deeper than this bothering Yoshiko San. She kept telling me, "She hasn't had a chance. Seventeen years ago she was just a child!"

When we got the story pieced together it was this: Seventeen years ago into their little village a Christian schoolteacher had come for one year. During that year

many had become interested in "finding the Way." In the last seventeen years no Christian has ever returned to show them the Way. Nevertheless, after so long a time, little bands of people are still meeting, talking, praying to this unknown God of the Christians that he will send someone to show them the Way.

"They meet in my father's house sometimes but after all," Yoshiko San repeated, "my sister was just a child 17 years ago. She has never had a chance."

We Need Chapels

by Alma Reid

Our work is growing by leaps and bounds. The only sad thing about it is that we do not have the money for the little chapels that we need so much. It has been a hard struggle and a long one to get to the place where we feel we can advance; now opportunities are opening up everywhere. If we can get just a little help for buildings and workers, we can have at least three or four new churches organized in and around Guadalajara within a year or so.

We have started some mission work at San Pedro Tlaquepaque, the pottery center, out from Guadalajara. We are renting a little room, paying four dollars a month, where we are holding the services. We need a larger place, for the room is in a very humble home and too far out on the edge of the town. Saturday, the Coles, Miriam McCullough, Orvil and I went to see a house that is for sale there. The house is just one block from the center square. The house has a big patio and could be adapted to care for a congregation and Sunday school of around 125 people. The sad thing about it is that we do not have the money to buy the house. That is just one instance among many others of where when we are ready to go forward we cannot go forward, and it is sad.

With the Advance movement and larger Cooperative Program gifts we hope there will be money for Mexico's progress.

We feel that your work there and the work here is all the same, one big piece of work that we are trying to do for the Master in extending his Kingdom.

Hints to Committee Chairmen

Community Missions Chairmen

How many times since your duties began as community missions chairman have you said: "I wish I could get across to the women just what community missions is. I believe if they understood, they would do more"? Here is good news for every community missions chairman. Just from the press and ready for use beginning in January is the community missions devotional booklet *To See and To Serve*.

Dr. Floy Barnard, dean of women at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, has written the booklet using scriptural bases coupled with illustrations from real life situations as backgrounds for the task in the local communities. *To See and To Serve* contains twelve devotions. You will want to use one each month, in connection with the presentation of your community missions activities.

Your W.M.U. president will receive a copy of *To See and To Serve* from your state W.M.U. office. Be sure to ask her to turn it over to you as soon as it comes, that you may begin using it immediately. Additional copies may be ordered from Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama. The price is 10¢ a copy. You will certainly want to order enough copies for each member of your community missions committee to have one. Many societies will have the material presented in the circle meeting by the circle community missions chairman. But if the devotion is given in the general meeting, several of the committee members should still be used in its presentation.

With your committee, read *To See and To Serve*. Study the material and the purpose for each devotion, follow the suggestions, and present the material to your members to the very best of your ability. The correct use of *To See and To Serve* will help you lead your members to see their community as with the eyes of Jesus and to serve in his spirit, sharing his message by word and deed with those who live around them.

—Edith Stokely

Mission Study Chairmen

First thing in the new year get ready for the finest home mission study courses your W.M.U. has ever had. Set the date, give every publicity. Select the best teachers—those who will prepare so well that they will really teach.

The new mission study books are on city missions. Here is the list of titles. All are on city missions so a teacher of any one will profit by reading all. The Sunbeam, Junior and Intermediate books give illustrative material for the facts of the adult book. The adult book gives the teacher of Sunbeams, Juniors, Intermediates and Y.W.A.'s information so that she will know more than the stories she is presenting.

The resource book, *CHRIST FOR OUR CITIES*, by John Caylor, price 50¢, carries teaching helps for each of the books in the graded series. Use the resource book.

W.M.S. and Y.W.A.

OH, JERUSALEM: OUR CITIES FOR CHRIST by S. F. Dowis, price 50¢

Y.W.A. and Intermediate G.A. and R.A.
WHISPER OUT OF THE DUST by Phyllis Sapp, price 50¢

Junior G.A. and R.A.

EXTRA, CITY EDITION by Mrs. J. Perry Carter, price 50¢

Sunbeams

PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT by Lucille Mann, price 50¢

Order from Baptist Book Store

Stewardship Chairmen

The New Year brings to you as Stewardship Chairman new opportunities and new responsibilities. You will not only make good resolutions about your stewardship work but be busy at once in carrying them out.

Early in the month call your Stewardship Committee together and make plans

for the promotion of stewardship through the year. You will be helped in formulating these plans by studying the portion of the 1951 Year Book dealing with stewardship (pages 20, 45, 47, 63, 64, 81-83).

You may want to make a calendar of stewardship activities planning something definite to be done each month. Certainly, your plans will include the study of at least one stewardship book, frequent presentation of stewardship in circle and general meetings, promotion of the offerings for the three special Seasons of Prayer, frequent reminders of the privilege of giving afforded by the Cooperative Program, personal efforts in enlisting new tithers, attractive ways of making reports each month, and constant prayer for the advance of faithful stewardship in your W.M.U.

You will not forget the young people

in your stewardship planning. It will be well to remind counselors that they should begin working on the stewardship education plans in the very first month of the year. Be sure that the new pamphlets of stewardship stories for Sunbeams and Junior R.A.'s and G.A.'s are in the hands of their leaders and that counselors of Intermediate R.A.'s, G.A.'s and Y.W.A.'s will be looking for their stewardship material in their magazine from month to month.

A stewardship chairman made a New Year's resolution to win a tither each month. At the end of the year she had won eleven new tithers. We wish that many stewardship chairmen would make such a resolution—then work to bring it to pass.

It could be done and tithers won in 1951. Will you be one to do it?

—Mrs. C. D. Creasman

Ye Are My Witnesses by Dr. R. G. Lee

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operation sixty times fifty-six thousand, or three million, three hundred and sixty thousand times, it secures sweetness enough for only one pound of honey.

Cyrus Field's cable for years was denounced as "a mad freak of stubborn ignorance." He made thirty-three different attempts covering a period of thirteen years. But he kept on. And here is history: One of the outstanding landmarks of that tardy but triumphant movement was reached on August 4, 1858. The Atlantic cable had at last been laid. And what was the message flashed from hemisphere to hemisphere? The problem involved much earnest thought, but eventually it was felt that no words could be more appropriate than this: "Glory to God in the highest—and on earth, peace, good will to men." If we will keep on after the LOST as Field kept on with the cable, there will be glory to God through the salvation of many on earth.

With Consecration

The true witness for the Lord Jesus Christ is a separated Christian. For his work as a missionary, Paul was separated from his mother's womb (Gal. 1:15), separated from the church at Antioch

(Acts 13:2), separated unto the gospel of God (Romans 1:1). It was thus that God called men into his service before Paul's time, and he is still doing so. And there are those who still reply, "Here am I; send me," in response to the Lord's question, "Whom shall I send?" (Isa. 6:8).

There must be no reservation in this act of consecration. "One reservation cancels the act of consecration," says Dr. Meyer.

Our women must be "always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." Our women must weigh themselves by the words in Titus:

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:11-14).

Our Young People

In 1912 the subject of the annual address of the president of Woman's Missionary Union was "The Immediate Task." In her message, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck mentioned the fact that few more than one-third of the Woman's Missionary Societies had seen their obligation to teach the children. She called it a "shortsighted policy" and said, "We are rearing a building without foundations—sowing a harvest to die for want of reapers . . . let us from this day count it a deep reflection on any Woman's Missionary Society not to have a large, wisely guided children's society under its care."

Not only was Miss Heck concerned about the missionary education for the children but for the boys and girls and for the young women. In her message she presented an illustration of an ill-shaped, top-heavy building representing the lack of wisdom in not strengthening the junior organizations, from which must come the leaders of the future. In her 1913 Jubilate address, she presented an ideal structure, the W.M.S. with the young people's organizations in correct proportions.

This ideal structure, a full-graded Woman's Missionary Union "to stimulate a missionary spirit . . . among the women and young people of the churches" is our immediate task for 1951.

You can help in this. You may be just the person to lead a Sunbeam Band or one of the other young people's organizations. You are a Christian, you are capable, co-operative, consecrated. You have a vision of the needs of the world for the gospel and you love young people. You could help build for missions by serving as a counselor or by helping to foster the young people's organizations.

The president's address in 1913 had as its subject "Efficiency" and that year a uniform Standard of Excellence was adopted for Woman's Missionary Union organizations. It was the desire of Miss Heck that the Jubilate year should be a "start-

The Immediate Task

BY MARGARET BRUCE

ing point for missionary efficiency as 1888 was for missionary organization."

Our immediate task for 1951 includes not only full-graded Unions but A-1 Full-Graded Woman's Missionary Unions. The Standards of Excellence should be thoroughly understood by every counselor and every member.

Each counselor should enroll in the Leadership Course for her organization. There are also leadership courses for Young People's Directors and Associational Young People's Leaders. Each of these is \$1 each, from 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama. Missionary efficiency should be our goal.

One effort to reach this goal will be the Leadership Conference at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, February 13-15. Carefully selected leaders will come from Arkansas, Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee for special training. These will go back to their states to teach leadership courses.

There will be missionary messages brought by our president, Mrs. George R. Martin, and devotional messages by our executive secretary, Miss Alma Hunt. Mrs. C. D. Creasman and Miss Edith Stokely will conduct discussions on stewardship and community missions for young people. The conference for Sunbeam Band Leaders will be led by Miss May Tindal, young people's secretary of South Carolina; for G.A. Counselors by Miss Sarah Stephens, young people's secretary of Georgia; Y.W.A. Counselors, Miss Doris DeVault, young people's secretary of Arkansas; R. A. Counselors, Mr. J. I. Bishop, convention-wide R.A. secretary, and Young People's Directors, Miss Margaret Bruce, convention-wide young people's secretary. We hope to have several such regional Leadership Conferences during 1952.

Our immediate task for 1951 includes building ideal structures which provide for the missionary education of each age group in our churches; structures that are large, efficient and wisely guided.

What of This Year?

BY MRS. DOUGLAS HARRIS

What about the year just spent? Did you feel at times that you failed in your task as a parent? Were there times when you were discouraged and almost afraid? The beginning of 1951 brings me up short as I take a look at self and I feel slightly "deflated."

But I find a message for us in John 14 and 15, and the first three chapters of Ephesians. As a mother who has so often tried to go on in her own strength I need to remember the words from John, "Apart from me ye can do nothing." Do you? Do you realize that as Christian parents we are chosen and appointed to bear fruit first of all in the things we build into the characters of our children?

Christ promises that if we abide in him we may ask anything of the Father in his name and the Father will give it to us. If we abide in him we will pray aright. Parents who take their work seriously face opposition in the very scheme of things. We are utterly lost if we do not know the sustaining power that comes through fellowship with the Master. Are we tempted to throw up our hands in despair and give in to the forces that seek to storm the citadel of our hearts and homes? Apart from Christ we are defeated before we begin. But as part of the household of God, his sons through Christ we will be victorious through the faith we place in him. We are a part of the eternal purpose in Christ Jesus.

The words of the apostle recorded in Ephesians 3:14-21 express my desire for us as Christian parents. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through faith: to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend—what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

Why, Mommy?



Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory. . . ."

What of this year? God will triumph yet it is within our hands to limit or hinder the working of his power in and through us.

It is of real interest that this article originally carried the same title as the one from Miss Littlejohn, page 20, "Chosen and Appointed." Do we truly appreciate the fact that a mother should be "Chosen and Appointed"?

For the Sand Pile Set

He saw my frown
And his small face reflected it.
I laughed
And he laughed too.
A song came to my lips
And he chimed in.
Carelessly I forgot to pray;
Small hands placed the Bible in my lap.
I expressed gratitude for the Father's care;
His child's voice thanked him too.
I tried to show love to others;
His sincere love for people shamed my efforts.

He sees the way I walk;
May the way I take each day
Lead my son into the only Way that
brings life to full fruition.

—MRS. DOUGLAS HARRIS

It's Happening Now

"WORLD CHRISTMAS Festivals" were held for the sixth year in seventeen countries, promoted by the Committee on World Friendship among Children. Schools, churches, scout troops, and other American organizations furnished the gifts which were shipped overseas and distributed in "festivals." Those who wanted their gifts distributed through churches labeled them with the big word "CHURCH."

KOREAN CHRISTIANS—a total of 600,000 south of the 38th parallel—are the most desperately needy people in the world this winter. Presbyterian missionaries who remained after the invasion have appealed for clothing, food, and medicines from America as soon as civilian shipping channels are reopened.

SINCE THE CHRISTIAN Rural Overseas Program was launched in 1947, it has shipped 3,555 railway carloads of farm products to Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. CROP made arrangements with the Commodity Credit Corporation of the government to use some of its huge stock of dried eggs and powdered milk.

A MISSIONARY in China reporting through Worldover Press describes the country's new marriage laws. "China's serious problem of overpopulation has at last been attacked by at least one constructive, sensible measure," he says. "The minimum age for marriage is 21 for men and 19 for women. This will do away with the bearing of children by child wives in their teens." The law also does away with the parent-made matches, freeing men and women to marry their own choice.

SPAIN'S DICTATOR is "slipping," as the result of the resentment of the Spanish

people toward vanity in a public official. Franco's photo appears every day in the papers. The most pessimistic opponents of the regime say 80 per cent of the people are against him, the optimists say 90 per cent.

AN AMERICAN relief administrator in Greece spoke at an official banquet and was embarrassed by the newspaper's report the next day. He said, "You Greeks and we Americans have very much in common. We like to eat. We like to drink. And we like to sit around and talk." The Communist paper quoted him as saying, "You are just like us Americans—gluttons, drunkards, and gossips."

AN ANONYMOUS Chinese Christian has given \$1,000,000 to the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., Board of Missions to establish a home for retired missionaries at Duarte, California. This is the largest single cash gift the board has ever received from a living person. "I make this gift in gratitude to God for my Christian education and life," he said, "and in appreciation of the service your missionaries have given to China." The 28-acre tract bought for the home is named Westminster Gardens.

AN OHIO PASTOR, touring South America, was impressed that "the most important thing the United States can do is to promote freedom of worship in Latin America." Dr. Hugh I. Evans of Dayton reports that the great defense against communism in that continent is to be found in the evangelical faith.

TWENTY thousand Americans saw the Passion Play at Oberammergau in 1950. The presentation attracted 18,000 from Great Britain.

THE CHRISTIAN churches of Pakistan have been plunged into politics by the granting of four seats in the Constituent Assembly to the Christian community. Contests for these seats have brought political rivalry into the church groups.



We'd like to know what your BWC is doing. Tell us. Exchange promotion ideas and suggestions with other BWCs which may need your help.

Alabama

Radio evangelism is one of the many interests of the DeKalb Federation in Alabama. The Federation voted to send \$20 to "The Baptist Hour," radio program of Southern Baptists.

Miss Doris Knight, DeLand, Florida, missionary to China, was the speaker at a meeting of the Covington Federation.

Rev. Sidney L. Goldfinch told more than 100 members of the East Liberty Federation about the work of Southern Baptist missionaries in Paraguay.

Illinois

Associational BWC Federation presidents attended the State Executive Committee meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union in Illinois, and made enthusiastic plans for Illinois business women for the new year.

New Mexico

According to their report, the organization of Business Woman's Circles in New Mexico has been slow but steady. The state now has eleven circles with plans for new ones.

Kentucky

Perhaps you have wondered why Kentucky in general and the Mary Sampson Circle of the St. Matthews Baptist Church in particular is mentioned almost every month in BWC Exchange. The reason is that they tell the Birmingham office what they are doing through the medium of their monthly bulletin, edited by Mrs. Evelyn Krebs.

Recently they gave a summary of their activities for 1950. Does what they have been doing give your circle ideas for future projects?

"Tray cards, magazines, tracts, and scrapbooks were furnished to the Red Cross Hospital. Fans, puzzles, flowers, get-well and birthday cards, and remembrances were sent to the ladies in Cottage 8 of the Masonic Home. Tray cards and scrapbooks furnished to the infirmary of the Masonic Home. Six visits were made to the Masonic Home. Vitamins were sent to Japan. Contributed to the Oneida Baptist Institute and to the Fellowship Center. Collected and sent discarded Christmas cards to mission fields. Held party at the Kosair Crippled Children's Hospital. Stockings were collected and sent to mental hospital for making rugs. Sent scrapbooks to Children's Center and to the Jewish Children's Convalescent Home."



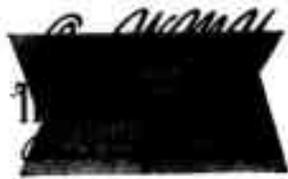
Students at the Armstrong Memorial Training School at Rome

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she has a good working knowledge of Italian and even greater proficiency in her use of English.

Throughout all of the wonderful service which God gave us here on the opening day of this, your new school in Italy, we in Rome were conscious of the prayers and love of friends all over the world, and of those in Woman's Missionary Societies and W.M.U. young people's organizations who follow our prayer calendar. Armstrong Memorial Training School is just beginning. We ask your regular, earnest prayers that its work may be done in Christ's spirit, for the blessing of Italy and of the world.



Chosen and Appointed

Last spring seventy-three young women marched out of the Training School Chapel at the close of the commencement program with the words of our traditional reessional ringing in their ears, "Take the Light—the wonder and the glory of the Light." They had just received diplomas, symbols of the two years of study they had completed, symbols that had now become commissions for service somewhere, any place where opportunity and need together opened the door.

The inviting doors in local churches enlisted nineteen of the group in that field: Frances Holladay in Alabama; Nellie Park in Florida; Betty Faith Williams in Georgia; Hazel Grady, Mrs. Davis Hill, Mrs. J. A. Ivey, Kathryn Jasper, Evelyn Stone in Kentucky; Betty Jane Hammett, Cita Harris in Mississippi; Gwen Miles, Irene Olive, Ora Turner in North Carolina; Bertha Compton, Mildred Mobley, Myrtle Turner in South Carolina; Katharine Ruth Ott in Texas; Emma McPherson, Elsie Minter, in Virginia.

The next largest group chose some form of mission work. Ruth Swann left the States in November to study Arabic in Lebanon; Akiko Endo has the very important responsibility of preparing printed material for use among her own people in Japan; Emily Gøon is working with the Chinese in Augusta, Georgia; Mary C. Page and Elizabeth Smalley are on the staff of the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans; Vivian Wilson is assistant in the Good Will Center in Baltimore, and Martha Sills holds a similar position in the Cary Street Mission in Richmond; Frances Jane Thompson is beginning a new Good Will Center in Covington, Kentucky; Margaret White is in the office of

the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. Mrs. S. E. Towell is working with her husband at the Central Baptist Mission in Louisville.

Joining the ranks of the student secretaries are Dorothy Hill to Georgia State College for Women; Mrs. William Patrick, Kentucky Baptist Hospital; Jane Ray Bean, Blue Mountain, Emma Grace Ross, Pearl River Junior College, and Nancy Lee Gordon, Sunflower Junior College in Mississippi; Virginia Dawson, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina; Beulah Wingo, East Tennessee State College; Frances Stuart, a city position in Richmond, Virginia.

Several who went into church positions wanted to be in Woman's Missionary Union work but doors into that field opened for only three: Marie Epley is field representative for the W.M.U. of North Carolina; Helen Sinclair is field worker for the W.M.U. in eastern Kentucky; Louise Whitmire is assistant in the office of the Georgia W.M.U.

Frances Horton is assistant editor in the Training Union Department in Nashville; Chrysteene Latham is the Church Library representative in Kentucky; Eula Windham is Sunday school field worker in Georgia.

Martha Hairston is director of field work and instructor in social work in the Training School; Billie McClellan is teaching in the grade school operated by the Parkland Church in Louisville; Marie McIntosh is an instructor in Grand Canyon College in Arizona; Evelyn Ridge is teaching Bible in the public schools in Lexington, Virginia.

Eighteen of the graduates were wives of Seminary students, and five have married since completing their work. All of these are busy in church fields or will be as soon as their husbands complete their Seminary work.

This privileged group has wonderful possibilities for service if they accept their stewardship in the light of the commission given by Jesus in the long ago to his disciples: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit."

Is this your question?

If the secretary of a W.M.S. fails in her duty, what is the next step? Should the president act as secretary at any time?

The president will be too busy presiding to be able to take down the proceedings of a meeting. Appoint a secretary *pro tem*, a temporary secretary until you can talk with the elected secretary. If she cannot fulfill the responsibility she accepted when elected, she will resign and a new secretary may be elected to serve.

Does the pastor of a church suggest who should be president of Woman's Missionary Union or other officers in any part of the W.M.U.? Or is this the responsibility of the nominating committee?

The nominating committee brings in the names of W.M.U. officers. Naturally it is wise to have the co-operation of the pastor in the selection of so important a

part of the leadership within the life of the church. In some cases the church also votes on the officers elected by the society.

Many of our young married women worked in offices before they were married. They say they feel more at home with the business women and want to belong to the Business Woman's Circle. Is this permissible?

A Business Woman's Circle is exactly what its name says. Because the work of the business woman makes it impossible for her to attend the regular sessions of the missionary society, special plans are made for her. If women who are not business women join that circle, it is no longer a Business Woman's Circle but becomes a regular circle. If the young married women prefer to meet at night there is no objection to that, provided of course they attend the monthly missionary program of the Society like any other circle except the BWC.

Your Circle Program

Woman's Missionary Union Fundamentals

Beginning a study of the 1951 theme, "His Command . . . My Task," we consider this month our basic fundamentals. "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Worship thoughts for this circle meeting may be found in the new Community Missions devotional booklet, *To See and To Serve*.

Join together in learning the W.M.U. Watchword, and in reading the W.M.U. Fundamentals, both found on page 18 of the W.M.U. Year Book. Prayerfully sing the W.M.U. Hymn for 1951, "Jesus Calls Us."

An article in *Southern Baptist*

Home Missions, designed for circle discussion in January, is written by Mrs. Carlton Binns and titled "Home Mission Crusade and Woman's Missionary Union."

The January issue of *The Commission* carries an article entitled "Biblical Basis of Missions," by H. C. Goerner.

From W.M.U. magazines use "I Am a Happy Girl," in January *World Comrades*; "Prayer Changes Things," in *The Window of YWA*; "In Italy God Moves," in *Ambassador Life*; and in this issue of *ROYAL SERVICE*, Dr. Lee's message, "Ye Are My Witnesses."

God Is Moving—Who Can Hinder?

Program Plans

Program chairmen will notice that this January program lays the foundation for the other eleven meetings of 1951.

Ask the women to bring their Bibles to this W.M.S. meeting; provide copies for those who will forget.

On a table in front of the meeting room place a large pulpit Bible opened at Isaiah 43 with a world globe behind the open book.

Ask your pastor if he will come and speak on the fifth topic, "Isaiah Presents God's Plan." If he cannot, assign this to a faithful Bible student. Ask the women to open their Bibles and as the speaker explains, follow the verses referred to.

Put some of these thought-stimulating sentences on the blackboard or on posters in front of the room:

GOD ^{will} his witnesses will win the world.

God keeps on working—and winning.

You might vary your program by asking two women to present in conversation the material in the four middle topics. One would confess her fears in this atomic age with expanding communism, mounting crime, decreasing religious liberty, etc. The other would calm her by the message of this program material.

Program Outline

Topic: God Is Moving—Who Can Hinder?

Hymn for the Year: "Jesus Calls Us"
W.M.U. Watchword for 1951:

"Ye shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8)
Prayer for progress in all the new year's work

Devotional Thoughts: I Chose You
Hymn

Look at Today's World
God's Story in History
God Is Always Redeeming Men
The Bible Promises Victory
Hymn: "Wonderful Words of Life"

by Dr. W. O. Carver

We turned to Dr. Carver as an authority on missions for this first program on our 1951 theme.

From his own home and from his classes men and women have gone as missionaries, and others have been stirred to faithful interest in the cause of missions

Isaiah Presents God's Plan
God Invites Our Co-operation
We Know the Way
We Must Work with God
Moments of personal dedication answering question, How can I, how will I, work with God in 1951?

Hymn: "The Kingdom Is Coming"
Prayer that each W.M.S. member will work with God loyally and let God work in her

ANNOUNCEMENT POSTER
Frightened About 1951?
Fear Not
God is at work
Be assured at W.M.S. Meeting
—day—o'clock

Your Program

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

I Chose You

BY PEN LILE PITTARD

Hymn: "My Jesus, As Thou Wilt"

Scripture Reading: John 15:11-27; Ephesians 1:1-4, to be typed or found in Bibles so each has a copy and the Scripture passages be read responsively.

Comment: How often we have glibly recited the words, "We love him because he first loved us," without thinking of the eternal significance of that almost unbelievable fact! God loved us first! Before we were born—before even the foundation

of the world, he loved us and chose us for himself! He planned us, deliberately, systematically, personally, as definitely as he planned the course of the stars for the centuries. Before the foundation of the world, God foreplanned that in 1951, you would be in his world for some specific reason. Why?

In the passage we read from John, Jesus was speaking particularly to the Twelve, when he said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." It is beyond human understanding to know why he chose those particular twelve men. We can guess. We may have well-founded ideas. But the fact remains that one reason many people merely laughed at Jesus was that his followers were such unlikely choices for a King of kings, so far as human eye could see. Yet so completely did each devote himself to discovering the thing for which he was chosen that the entire history of the world has been changed and you and I, twenty centuries later, are faced with the compelling impact of their influence!

Many of us whom Christ chose before the foundation of the world for the twentieth century are just as unlikely choices by earthly standards, as were the Twelve in their day. But it is God—not the world, nor ourselves, primarily who does the choosing.

Unlike the stars and the planets, human beings can accept or reject their choice in Christ. He chose us for himself. But he will not force us to fill the purpose for which he chose us. Paul said, "I follow after, if that I may lay hold on that for which I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus." What do you suppose Christ Jesus laid hold on you for? Why did he choose you?

1. "That ye should go." He chose you to acknowledge his authority and to proclaim it to the world by going when he sends you, where he sends you.

2. "And bring forth fruit" Merely "going," merely being busy, does not carry out the purpose for which you were chosen. The "going" is for the purpose of "bringing forth fruit." And "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22, 23). These fruits we are to bring forth in our own character first, then to produce them in all the society we touch.

3. "That your fruit may remain." What greater tragedy is possible than to spend our life efforts in some enterprise that can be wiped out by time or human disaster! But the fruit of the Spirit remains, and "against such there is no law."

4. "That whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you." We are chosen for a purpose—a responsibility. But we are also chosen for privilege. It is not the privilege of comfort and security. "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you." It is the privilege of being so completely and personally identified "in Christ" that our prayers may actually be made in his name! The entire resources of heaven are at our disposal, limited only to the degree in which we are living in him!

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love!"



Look at Today's World

Looking at our world today we might easily wonder if God is at work in it in any mighty way. Then we look at the Christian forces at work and find our hope encouraged. If the task seems more vast and more confused than ever before it is also true that the vision, the equipment and the Christian commitment to the task reassure us.

Everywhere in missions in all denominations and in all countries a new emphasis on evangelism stands out. We are familiar with our own Southern Baptist evangelistic campaigns for the years 1950 and 1951. There are similar campaigns by other denominations, in this country, in Europe, and in the mission fields. This is strikingly seen in the spirit, the effort and the results in the more difficult places, especially in China. This upsurge of evangelism throughout almost the entire Chris-

tian world shows how God is working to overcome the hindrances to his gospel in atheistic communism, pagan secularism, imperialistic nationalism and self-sufficient and arrogant "liberal culture."

The continued annual increases in financial support and in spiritual undertakings in behalf of all phases of our work encourage our hearts. We must be grateful for the quickening response to the "Forward Movement" in world Christianity under the leadership of our Foreign Mission Board. The advance in the number of our missionaries has gone as far as it can until our advance in finances catches up. But there is hope here.

While the enemy has succeeded in closing some doors, we see doors opening in many places throughout the world and opportunities beckoning us to increased effort. Our Mission Board is adding new mission fields after new mission fields. We are reassured too by the knowledge that the national Christians in China are revealing strength and courage which make us know that "the light is shining in the darkness and the darkness cannot put it out."

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remain . . .

Apart from God, the work of man only leads to destruction. God is moving in our world in spite of our lack of co-operation in many instances. May our fruit be that of the Spirit which "is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:22, 23).



The quickening of spiritual life and the awakening of the Christian conscience at home are other reassurances that God is moving. This all challenges us to re-examine our plans and our methods in the light of the powerful opposition, of the setback which we have experienced in some quarters of the world but also in the light of the enlarged understanding which the Spirit of God is giving us of his purpose, plan and program through the gospel.

God's Story in History

We know that today's world is our section of the world from its beginning to the consummation. All history that has real meaning and abiding significance consists of God's unceasing movement and the working out of his "Plan of the Ages." By this plan God progressively reveals his own nature and character, his purpose and intention, his aim and the outcome of his work through the years. God's field of work includes the entire universe. He is "over all, and through all, and in all." Our immediate and always insistent concern should be with God's movement in

our world and in our human race. The Bible is the story of God's relation to the human race, the story of his interest in men and of his movements in human history.

This story of God in human history takes account, and has to take account, all the way of what God does and of what men do in their reaction to what God is doing. Sometimes men know that God is at work. They sometimes know why God is at work, know what God expects of them and know how they can and should respond to the presence and working of God.

The sad fact of human history is that in a very great measure men have largely been ignorant of God, largely indifferent to him when not ignorant of him, alas also in great measure unwilling to work with God. So the chapters of human history are filled with opposition to God, resistance to his gracious approaches and rebellion against his rule. The first two stanzas of the second Psalm portray in dramatic picture this rebellious reaction of men to the moving of God in history. (Read Psalm 2:1-6.)

God Is Always Redeeming Men

Man has revealed himself as ignorant, self-willed, ambitious and sinful. Therefore in working with men and for men God always finds it necessary to work within men. God cannot have his way in human history, nor in any one human being, until he has first brought about changes within each man and with men in their relations with one another. Man must first of all be redeemed. Until he is born again he cannot enter into the realm of God's reign over men; he cannot even "see the kingdom of God," cannot understand or envision what God is aiming to do nor how God will do it.

At every stage of God's moving in human history his actions must be in part, and primarily, acts of redemption. God's "Plan of the Ages" always includes redemption. Therefore God is "in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." Paul tells us in Ephesians 3 that God "laid down his plan of the ages in Christ Jesus." The Redeemer represents for humanity the very heart of God and of his movement in men. By Christ, the eternal

Word, God made all things, and apart from him not one thing came into being. The Redeemer "was in the world and the world was made by him"; always he was "coming unto that which was his own," yet he could take possession only by redeeming it and reconciling it unto God (John 1:1-17).

The Bible Promises Victory

So our Bible is the story of God working in the face of repeated, persistent, continuous opposition and hindrance. The Old Testament shows rebellion and opposition which would discourage any God except "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," the God of "grace and glory." On the other hand the Old Testament is the story of God's persistent working and of his consistent victories over all the hindrances offered by human sin and weaknesses. If God seems to lose battles with the forces of evil and of opposing Empire we have only to look for a new chapter of victory.

The New Testament emphasizes particularly the actual, growing and finally triumphant victory of God. It will come by way of redemption, over all the antagonisms and hindrances which human nature offers to God, in the individual, in groups, in nations, in societies, in cultures and in empires. Man constantly makes difficult the moving of God toward glory in the outcome of history. We make it very difficult for God to save us. God has a hard time making a good world out of such material as we are. He has a hard task to make a good man or woman of any of us, to make us fit members of "the kingdom of the Son of his love."

But God will not be defeated, glory be to his grace. He will not give up, and he will not fail in us individually. We may defeat his holy intention in our generation. Any one nation may wickedly forget God and be turned into the Sheol of destruction. He declares in Isaiah 45:23: "By myself have I sworn, the word has gone forth from my mouth, 'Righteousness,' and it will not be retracted; that unto me every knee shall bow and every tongue shall swear allegiance." Well is God described in the New Testament as "the God of hope," "the God of patience," "the God of all grace."

Isaiah Presents God's Plan

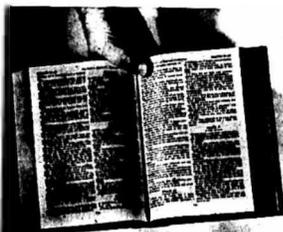
The statement of our program theme for 1951 comes from Isaiah 43:13. The verse is the climax of a wonderful paragraph. (Read aloud verses 8-13.) God asks his prophet and his people to bring together all the peoples of the earth for a comparison of their religions, their theories, their cultures (8-9). When they cannot vindicate their faith or justify their ways, "let them listen and confess that what they hear is the truth."

Then God turns to his people and calls on them to testify. He has saved them for this purpose, that they may witness to all men that there is and can be no other God, no Saviour (10-11).

It is no novel idea or new theory to which they (and now we) are to bear witness to the nations but it is a gospel tried, tested, proved. "Therefore ye are my witnesses saith the Lord, and I am God." God and his witnesses, God in his witnesses, will win the world (12).

Then comes God's challenge: "Yea, since the day began I am he, and there is no one who can deliver out of my hand: I will work and who shall hinder it?" (13)

This forty-third chapter is part of the long section of twenty-seven chapters (40-66) in which we find set forth in six cycles of dramatic appeal God's purpose to redeem the world; his plan of working through his redeemed people, his repeated disappointment with his unfaithful witnesses and his severe judgment upon them; his refusal after each failure to give up. Always he makes a fresh start, gives his witnesses a new chance with renewed as-



urance that he will win through them.

In chapters 40-42 of Isaiah God gives pledges to "his people" in the face of the heathen nations and of world conditions of that day. They are to be his witnesses and his instrument among all the nations. He tells them his plans and their place in the plans. He gives them a prophetic song of victory, "a new song" to be sung in "his praise from the ends of the earth" (42:10). He has waited long for recognition among men. Now he is out to gain his victory over heathenism (42:14-17). He calls upon the heathen who are deaf, but can be made to hear, who are blind but can be made to see. He expects his witnesses to deliver his message and cause the nations to see his redemption and righteousness (verse 18). But his people fail him. They are blind to the situation, deaf to God's call. "It was God's pleasure for his righteousness' sake to make the teaching great and glorious" (verse 21). Instead Israel is itself in disgrace, humiliation and distress (verse 22). God calls for someone to see the deplorable situation and arouse the people to take their share in world witness. For all God's punishment they fail to learn (42:18-25 gives the full picture of failure and of wretchedness).

In chapter 43 God makes a new beginning. He gives his people a new call, a new assurance, a new chance to work with him. "But now," he says, "the task remains and we must accept it" (43:1-7). Again he summons the blind and deaf heathen, and calls his witnesses to show them the truth of God (verses 8-13). This is the specific passage from which our 1951 program theme is taken. Again the people fail to use the opportunity, and again fall under God's condemnation (43:14-28).

"Yet now," God says to them, refusing to give up, "hear, O Jacob my servant, and Israel whom I have chosen." He renews the call and the assurance, and urges the supreme importance of the undertaking (44:1-11). After a graphic pathetic picture of the folly and futility and pathos of pagan idolatry God gives a very special challenge to his servant witnesses (44:21-23). Jehovah tells them he has redeemed Jacob with a view to glorifying himself in Israel by their successful witness to the heathen.

In chapter 48 we find a radical development. There is no longer hope that Israel,

even the redeemed Remnant of Israel, will serve God's great purpose. They have heard repeatedly God's plan and know God's dealing with them in periods of prosperity and of punishment. They see all this and yet they "will not declare it" (48:6a). In a lament which anticipates and parallels Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Luke 13:34-35; 19:41-44) Jehovah says, "Oh that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea; and thy seed had also been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like its grains . . ." (Isa. 48:18-19).

Now, and from now on, God introduces a new, vital factor: "I show you new things from this time. . . . They are originated now, and not from of old; and before this day thou didst not hear them" (Isa. 48:6-7). The new element is the personal Servant who will be "an offering for sin," will "bear the sin of many and make intercession for the transgressors." "By the knowledge of himself this righteous servant will justify many" (Isa. 53:10-12).

This truly wonderful portrayal of God's struggle with humanity and of his persistent determination to continue his task out of love and grace, comes to a grand climax in the last paragraph of the last chapter (66) of Isaiah. God is there represented as keeping before him always the blueprints of "the new heaven and the new earth" which he is making. Also he keeps before him his one unchanging method of working through the people whom he redeems. They are his resource, his instrument, his band of workers. He is to work through them and they are to work with him. The outcome is to be "that from one new moon to another and from one Sabbath to another shall all flesh come to worship before me. Thus saith Jehovah."

God Invites Our Cooperation

All this Bible record shows clearly that God in his grace and mercy, because of his own character, has the holy purpose of achieving a righteous order of redeemed society. It shows the utter helplessness of man to build a good order himself. It stresses throughout that God, in the nature of the case, unites his redemptive purpose with men and



VISUAL AIDS FOR JANUARY

by Mildred Williams

These motion pictures may be used with the program "God Is Moving—Who Can Hinder?" to show that God moves through each one of us in working out his plan of world redemption.

FROM FEAR TO FAITH is the story of a mission-trained, Rhodesian youth who returns to his village to teach his people a better way of life. He encounters bitter opposition but finally forgiveness and conversion follow. 25 minutes; sound; rental, \$6.

THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT is on the life of Dr. George W. Truett and the theme of the film is that a life completely dedicated to the will of God is an ever-enduring inspiration. 20 minutes; sound; color; rental, \$7.

IF IN THE CIRCLE OF HIS WILL was not used in December. It may be used this month. The film shows a young missionary couple, the Bradshaws, and their call to foreign service. 20 minutes; sound; color; rental, \$5.

BEYOND OUR OWN centers around a young lawyer who loses himself in business affairs. After the loss of his little child and through the sacrificial service of his missionary brother, he learns that he had not only overlooked the personal stewardship of life and substance which he owed to God and man but had missed the spiritual and lasting values which are the foundations of a happy life. 40 minutes; sound; rental, \$10.

Community missions chairman who desire to create a new consciousness of the needs in their community may show:

IN HIS NAME—This is an inspiring, convincing, and uplifting story of a young pastor and his congregation and their efforts to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the people of their community. 35 minutes; sound; rental, \$10.

Order through your Baptist Book Store

as he can have the co-operative response of man in his work. Only God can give to man the capacity to accept God's way and to work with God. The record also shows God's power to redeem and to win the service of his redeemed people and so win success for his purpose of grace.

When God made man he gave him at once a commission. God made the earth and set man in it "to replenish the earth, and subdue it; to exercise dominion over . . . every living thing that moveth upon the earth." God made the Garden of Eden and put man into the garden "to dress it and to keep it." Always it is true that even in the physical things of the world God achieves his ends by man's co-operation. By failure to co-operate man can relatively hinder God from achieving his purpose. It is the glory of man that God accomplishes his purposes through man's co-operation.

We remind ourselves of how God and Noah rescued the race from utter destruction; how God and Moses saved the chosen race for centuries of grace; how God and David won out in another great crisis; how God and the prophets carried forward the gracious purpose through centuries of sinful disaster in a wicked world of selfish nations and ambitious empires. God proposes to men that he and we work together, in co-operation. He works also by judgment and by destroying the works of men. We can see, if we give attention to it, how the aim of God through Israel might have been successful if only they had "obeyed his voice indeed, and kept his covenant" so as actually to be his "special possession among the peoples." Then he could have made actual his claim: "for all the earth (is mine)" (*Exodus 19:4-6*).

If only the peoples and rulers of the earth had listened in the past! If they would even now heed his invitation: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else" (*Isa. 45:22*). Then God would not have to close his wonderful messages with the final declaration of Isaiah 66: "They shall go forth and look upon the dead bodies of the men that have transgressed against me." He would not have to keep burning the fires of his rubbish heap of history that lift their lurid light in the last words of that great prophetic warning.

We Know the Way

In all this Jesus shows us the way. "He did always the will of his father." As God's Son he said, and the saying is for us as well as for himself: "The Son can do nothing until he sees what the Father is doing. But seeing the Father's intention and plan the Son joins in the work according to the Father's plan" (*John 5:19*). We recall the heart lament of Jesus that the Jewish people failed to see their opportunity so that by their blindness and opposition they lost their place in the kingdom of God. Instead of joining him in receiving that kingdom they broke his heart, sent him to death and delayed the realization of God's good will for his world.

The risen Christ took up again the long struggle of divine love. The purpose and plan of God remained unchanged. They are seen more plainly and filled with new light and hope. Jesus creates a "new Israel" and commissions them as his witnesses in the world which he will redeem. But has the Christian church not delayed the work of God by its failure to obey his commission?

There are even those who see the world and the course of history as being too much for the power of our Christ in his gospel "for this age," and who postpone to another era the achievement of the redemption through the blood of the atonement and of the covenant.

God will accomplish his good will for a good world by human co-operation. Since it is to be a world of good men living in brotherhood in the household of the holy God it can be achieved only by men working with God. This is true in every aspect of human life. Take as illustration the hunger, misery, and want of more than half the human race today. God provides means more than ample for all human needs, but men refuse to spread the goods of the material world to meet the needs in its various sections. God prescribes the principles by which in stewardship and brotherhood all could be fed and clothed. Men accumulate and exploit while their fellows starve by the millions. The United States government in co-operation with our economic system hoards millions of tons of food and other materials. It destroys potatoes, grains, dairy products and other



"Through Human Co-operation . . ."

God will accomplish his good will for a good world, says Dr. Carver, through human co-operation. One means of human co-operation is through sharing.

Many families throughout the needy areas of the world are still being helped regularly by CARE. Write to the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for the names of families to whom you may send boxes of clothing and food. Do not send boxes or clothing to the Baptist World Alliance. You may send money to the Alliance headquarters and the secretaries will supply names for CARE boxes. Ten dollars will send a CARE package to a family abroad.

You may send clothing to Church World Service at the warehouse nearest you. The addresses are: Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland; 100 Brannan Street, San Francisco, California; or 1200 North Rock Hill Road, Ladue 17, St. Louis, Mo. Send eight cents for each pound of supplies contributed to cover cost of sending overseas. Send checks or money orders under separate cover; do not put money in clothing packages.



substantial materials in vast quantities and refuses to provide for or permit their distribution to the starving. Surely this is hindering God's good intention for mankind.

John MacMurray, British theologian and philosopher, in his book "Clue to History" has powerfully shown that the clash and conflict between "God's intention" and man's systems, are chief features in the human story. And he rightly urges that only man's acceptance of God's intention would solve our human problem.

If the United Nations would study and accept the divine affirmations of the forty-fifth chapter of Isaiah they would justify their name and achieve their professed aim. They have, at long last, glimpsed God's idea of oneness in the human race. (*See Acts 17:23-31.*) But they have not accepted God's teaching of the means by which alone the unity and union can be brought about. (*See Eph. 2:11-21.*)

So long as men spend the major part

of their tax funds on means of "aggression" and "defense," and use their scientific skill mainly in ways of destruction they hold back God's plan for humanity. God's call in Isaiah 55 offers to human society the way to the good life. So long as we refuse his invitation we perpetuate our evils and delay God's ideal.

In the great matter of world evangelization God provides the means, Jesus gives us the commission. We hinder God's moving until we are willing to move with him. The little book, "God and Man in Missions" seeks to develop this interdependence of God and man.

Jesus knew that his redeeming enterprise faced vast hindrances. He knew that he must depend upon those whom he wins out of the world for causing the world to know that God had sent him and to believe in the redemption which he brought. He knew the weaknesses within those believers through whom he was to work. In his darkest hour, the night of the betrayal, he threw the light of heaven's

hope into the upper room and into the hearts of his troubled disciples. "Let not your hearts be harassed," he said, "believe in God and believe in me also." In every hour when the forces of evil seemed too much for the forces of redemption the Spirit of Jesus has again called out this assurance, this challenge.

In the dark days of Christianity in Great Britain God called through the Wesleys, Whitfield and others and wrought a mighty spiritual revolution that poured over into the American colonies for one of the great eras of the success of the gospel.

William Carey heard the call of hope in a world of darkest paganism. In the face of the ridicule of Christian leadership, in the face of the slow response of his Baptist brethren, in the face of hindrances too much for the stoutest heart he heard the encouraging word and started the modern missionary enterprise.

Today when a cloud overshadows the great promise of China, out of Japan we see a new rising sun. There is a resounding invitation, surging up into a clamor for the gospel of Christ. In response we are multiplying our mission forces, aiming to have at least a hundred in Japan by 1951.

We Must Work with God

"We are saved by grace through faith, and that not of ourselves. It is God's gift, so that we are a product of God" (Eph. 2:8-10). Yet God requires that we "work out to completion our own salvation with fear and trembling." This we can do

because "it is God who is working in us," and we working with him, within ourselves, to bring us "to will and do what his good will aims at in us and for us" (Phil. 2:12-13). In all things pertaining to God's working in humanity we must be ever "working together with him." Unless we do we cause God's grace toward us to be "in vain" (2 Cor. 6:1).

"God works." He works in all the affairs of men. He works with men. He works in spite of men. He works through chosen men and peoples. He works for salvation through redeemed people, singly and in groups, churches and organizations. "Who can hinder?" Who, indeed, does not hinder in greater or less measure? We hinder by opposing him. We hinder when we ignore him. We hinder when we follow afar, reluctantly, spasmodically.

Jesus was hindered by his enemies, by the religious organization and institution which had been produced from the call of Abraham to be the channel of his coming into the world. But he was hindered also by his friends, his family, his superficial disciples and by his very apostles.

"God is moving." He cannot be defeated. He will not fail, nor be discouraged. His goal of grace and glory can be delayed. Always "the kingdom of God is at hand" but men delay entering it. They wish to make their own terms for accepting it. They insist on taking with them into God's kingdom ways of behavior, attitudes in social relations, desires and values that can find no place in God's order of life. Yet God keeps on working—and winning.

ALIVE IN CHRIST

WOMAN'S Missionary Union feels keenly the loss our denomination has sustained in the death of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller. As president of our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he became a valued counselor in matters regarding our Woman's Missionary Union Training School.

His vigor in planning for Kingdom activities and in bringing his dreams to reality was always a spur to deeper faith and larger undertakings. Devoted to Christ with every fiber of his being, he would say with Paul, "So now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Prayer

BY MRS. B. A. COPASS, TEXAS

OUR DAILY BREAD

"What thou shalt today provide
Let me as a child receive"



1 MONDAY "I have esteemed the words of his mouth, more than my necessary food"—Job 23:12 Pray that in this New Year, Christians may live convincingly for Christ, winning the lost, and recognizing the Lordship of Christ in all the areas of life, national and international

2 TUESDAY "The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"—Psalm 27:1 Mrs. George R. Martin, president of Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. W. J. Cox, treasurer of W.M.U.

3 WEDNESDAY "As thy days, so shall thy strength be"—Deuteronomy 33:25 Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Rodriguez, Calabar, Rev. and Mrs. Domingo Hernandez, Guines, Cuba, evangelism

4 THURSDAY "For with God nothing shall be impossible"—Luke 1:37 Pray for the annual W.M.U. meeting in Chile which opens today at Temuco; Rev. and Mrs. Martin Russell Hicks, appointed for Chile, now at San Jose, Costa Rica for language study

5 FRIDAY "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous"—Psalm 52:11 Rev. Paul C. Bell, Sr., superintendent of Canal Zone work, and Mrs. Bell, Balboa, Canal Zone; Paul and Carolyn Bell, Margaret Fund students

6 SATURDAY "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry"—Psalm 34:15 Dr. and Mrs. W. Maxfield Garratt, Fukuoka, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Beverly Paul Emanuel, Tokyo, Japan

7 SUNDAY "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength"—Isaiah 30:15 Rev. and Mrs. M. V. Gonsen, El Prado, New Mexico, Indian evangelism. Pray that the Co-operative Program may receive much emphasis in January

8 MONDAY "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters"—Isaiah 52:20 *Rev. and *Mrs. L. C. Quarles, Buenos Aires, Argentina, educational evangelism. Pray today for the Guatemala W.M.U. annual meeting

9 TUESDAY "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray"—James 5:13 Miss Aileen Lintz, emergency home, New Orleans, La.; Charles Woolforth, Margaret Fund student * on furlough

10 WEDNESDAY "He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee"—Job 5:19

Miss Kathleen Manley, medical evangelism, Miss Josephine Scagg, educational evangelism, Joinkrama, Miss Neale C. Young, Ede, Nigeria, Missionary Director of Nigerian W.M.U.

11 THURSDAY "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance"—Psalm 2:8

Rev. and Mrs. James Olin Watson, appointed for Argentina, now in San Jose, Costa Rica, for language study

12 FRIDAY "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him"—2 Timothy 2:11

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Kolb, Recife, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. McNealy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, evangelism, Pray for W.M.U. annual meeting in Brazil today

13 SATURDAY "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him"—2 Timothy 2:12

Mrs. Melvina Roberts, Farmington, Rev. and Mrs. George Wilson, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Indian evangelism

14 SUNDAY "If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful"—2 Timothy 2:13

Pray for students on this Life-Commitment Sunday and for faculty and students in Baptist theological seminaries and training schools around the world

15 MONDAY "Be not faithless, but believing"—John 20:27

Pray for meeting of state young people's secretaries and state RA secretaries at Birmingham, Alabama, January 15-19, and for Miss Margaret Bruce, young people's secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, and J. I. Bishop, convention-wide RA secretary

16 TUESDAY "The Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil"—2 Thessalonians 3:3

*Dr. and *Mrs. D. F. Stamps, Yangchow, educational evangelism, *Dr. and *Mrs. J. T. Williams, Shanghai, Dr. T. W. Ayers, emeritus, China

17 WEDNESDAY "Be not weary in well doing"—2 Thessalonians 3:13

Rev. and Mrs. Ward Coachman, Rev. and Mrs. A. K. Walkingsick, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

18 THURSDAY "Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's"—1 Corinthians 6:20

*Miss Maye Bell Taylor, principal of Training School at Recife, Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson, Triunfo, Brazil, educational evangelism

19 FRIDAY "Seek not what ye shall eat, or . . . drink . . . rather seek ye the kingdom of God . . . these things shall be added unto you"—Luke 12:29-31

Mrs. W. C. Tyler, recording secretary of W.M.U., Mrs. J. Furniss Lee, assistant recording secretary, and Miss Ethel Winfield, assistant to executive secretary

20 SATURDAY "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above"—Colossians 3:1

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson W. Boggan, Sulphur, Rev.

If You Sent a Box to Tobata . . .

Will you each please consider this a personal letter just to you?

With all my heart I thank you for your most generous response to the suggestion that you send boxes of things for Christmas especially. Hundreds of people will be sure of getting a nice Christmas present when they hear the joyful story of the Saviour's birth. We have enough for this year. We also have enough summer clothes for the time being, since our storage space is limited here at the Good Will Center in Japan.

Many of you have been waiting to hear that your box has safely arrived. Writing letters became impossible because of limited time. Even sitting up into the wee hours each night or so writing cards leaves many who have not heard yet. We treasure your interest, love, and prayers. If it were not for all of you, this work would be utterly impossible. We could not be here. There do not seem to be enough hours in the day. Please be sure that your box has safely arrived, and that the contents, prayerfully and gladly given out, will be joyfully received.

Some of you asked about sending mission magazines and quarterlies. We cannot use them because they are in English. Our people read Japanese. We can use the colored Bible picture cards, common in American Sunday schools but not here at the Good Will Center. Some of our people put them up on the walls of their homes. Having them to distribute helps our attendance.

Elizabeth Watkins

and Mrs. A. W. Hancock, McAlester, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

21 SUNDAY "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper"—Proverbs 28:15

Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, Wauah, evangelism. Miss Lorene Tilford, *Miss Mary Alexander, educational evangelism, Shanghai, China

22 MONDAY "Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and given himself for us"—Ephesians 5:2

Pray for W.M.U. semi-annual meeting of state presidents and executive secretaries, January 22, 26, and for Miss Alma Hunt, W.M.U. executive secretary

23 TUESDAY "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life"—Proverbs 4:23

Rev. Daniel Delgado, Westaco, Texas, Mexican evangelism; Miss Grace Clifford, emeritus Home Board missionary

24 WEDNESDAY "The tongue of the just is as a choice silver"—Proverbs 18:20

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, Sao Paulo, Miss Blanche Simpson, Miss Letha Saunders, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, educational evangelism

25 THURSDAY "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"—Psalm 46:1

Miss Irene Anderson, San Antonio, Mexican educational evangelism; Mr. and Mrs. Andres Viera, Roswell, New Mexico, evangelism

26 FRIDAY "Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed"—Psalm 46:2

Dr. and Mrs. James Thomas McKee, appointed for Arabia medical evangelism, now in Beirut, Lebanon for language study

27 SATURDAY "Trust in him at all times; ye people . . . God is a refuge for us"—Psalm 62:8

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, emeritus, Rev. and Mrs. John J. Bice, Pernambuco, Brazil, educational evangelism

28 SUNDAY "The Lord is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous"—Proverbs 15:29

Rev. and Mrs. Carlos Parales, Austin, Rev. and Mrs. George B. Mixson, Brownsville, Texas, Mexican evangelism

29 MONDAY "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up"—James 4:10

Miss Cecilia Dominguez, Rodas, Rev. and Mrs. A. Travieso, Havana, Cuba, evangelism

30 TUESDAY "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble"—James 4:6

Rev. and Mrs. Gil Aldape, Eagle Pass, Rev. and Mrs. M. Leach, Sr., Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mexican evangelism

31 WEDNESDAY "Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe"—Psalm 119:117

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, president of Zurich Baptist Seminary, and Mrs. Nordenhaug, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Crabtree, professors, Zurich, Switzerland

Our World in Books

"I resolve to make more time for reading in 1951":
Did you make that resolution? Do you need to do so?

Let us all resolve not only to read more, but to select books that present new ideas, new outlooks, new areas, and widening horizons. It has been said that every good book will stimulate growth, either in wisdom or in stature or in favor with God or man. Many books combine these qualities.

Then add a resolution to become a better reader. Another wise man said "A good reader makes a good book." We should read not to escape life but to study it, learn it and share it. "It is as important," observed Charles Lamb, "to pray before you read as to pray before you eat." If we read with discernment, with a questing spirit, and with a prayer for understanding, our reading program for 1951 will bring blessings to ourselves and to others.

That suggests a postscript for these other resolutions: "I resolve to use what I read." That is a part of our stewardship. Twenty years ago, a minister was asked, "What do you do with what you read?" That question, never satisfactorily answered, has prompted me to accept many opportunities to serve and to share with others blessings brought to me in some book. What do you do with what you read?

In this spirit may I share some titles as starters for your 1951 reading program?

FOR YOUR PILGRIMAGE by Emma W. Dunlap (John Knox \$1.50)

Brief meditations, some only a few sentences, others a page or two, on various phases of Christian living. Prayer, the Home, Nature, receive inspiring group treatment. There is a series of twelve short devotions on the

calendar year. The last section "A Mosaic" brings together bright and precious thoughts from which we can get and convey blessings to others. A very attractively bound book.

DREAM WITHOUT END by Grace Jamison Breckling (Westminster \$3)

Here is a warm, very human novel about a contemporary American family. It depicts the difficulties the parents and their grown-up son and daughter had in an effort to recapture the mutual understanding of pre-war days. This is a book that is likely to make you think rather seriously, whether or not you would solve the problems in the way the author did.

HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTS by Robert G. Torbet (Judson \$6)

Do you like to read about your family tree? Most of us do. That is an added reason for the pleasure we get from reading the record of our spiritual ancestors, the men and women who through the ages have bequeathed to us as precious heritage, our Baptist denomination.

This readable book of over 600 pages, traces from the earliest records the development and growth of Baptists first in Europe and England and then through Colonial history in America to the present. Northern and Southern Baptist achievements are interwoven so that the spread of membership and influence is seen as a whole. The chapters on missions, both at home and abroad portray graphically a monumental march of faith. If this book is not already in your church library, it would be a service to see that it is secured. It will be source material for years to come, and is a thrilling volume to read this year.

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