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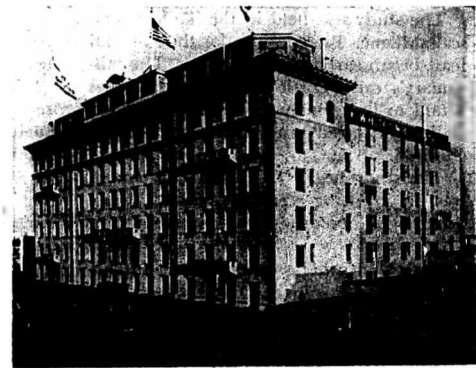
*by Mrs. Fred A. McCaulley*

San Francisco's Chinatown is the largest Chinese settlement outside of Asia, having its own post office, telephone exchange, schools, three temples and seven churches, hotels, theaters and clubs.

# A Welcome to San Francisco

IN HIS short story, "A Municipal Report," O. Henry says there are in the United States only three cities with souls: New York, New Orleans, and San Francisco.

A city of hills and of steep inclines, San Francisco lives up to its reputation for local color and atmosphere. When you come out in June, you must take the old cable car up Nob Hill, where you will see the only mansion left there from pre-earthquake days. When you reach the summit of Nob Hill, most likely your conductor will call out "The top of the Mark," for the Mark Hopkins Hotel, with its famous sky-room has come to be known as "The top of the Mark."



W.M.U. headquarters hotel

Colorful Chinatown, with the largest aggregation of Chinese people outside the Orient, asks for some of your time. Its shops, its food, its churches, its schools, its people are well worth seeing.

Fisherman's Wharf, with its perfect sea food; Cliff House; Japanese Tea Garden in the Park; the eight-mile-long Bay Bridge, connecting the East Bay Region with San Francisco; and spanning the open waters to the Pacific Ocean, the famous Golden Gate Bridge, under which our missionaries sail going out to the Far East—all these, and many, many more interesting sights clamor for your attention.

In the Bay Area there are representatives of some forty different nationalities. You will see them all in San Francisco, or on the campus of the University of California, at Berkeley, across the Bay.

Southern Baptists of California extend you a most cordial invitation to come to this famous Convention City next June 18-24. The civic auditorium will be easy to find, and so will our W.M.U. headquarters hotel, the Whitcomb, which is on Market Street, the only straight street in San Francisco. Two blocks from the Whitcomb is the auditorium, facing civic square, as do many other lovely, large state and city buildings. In one of these, The Opera House, the United Nations was born in 1945. Honoring that assemblage, gold leaf was applied to the iron grilling around the buildings. That gold leaf is now being polished in readiness to greet Southern Baptists next June 18.

# Daughters of the King in Brazil

by Rosalie Duggan Clinkscales

**L**EAVING the daily household cares and duties behind, thirty-two "daughters of the king" came to spend the day at a study course taught by Mrs. A. Ben Oliver from Curitiba.

The study was held in the T. N. Clinkscales' home. Preparations for the spiritual feast began early in the morning. The missionary's car, "Lottie Moon" was used as a taxi to bring many of the women, especially the aged and those with little children.

The study began at nine o'clock and it was an inspiring scene to behold. Many different nationalities were represented in

*The mission study group at attention and (below) relaxing in the missionaries' yard*



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newton Clinkscales serve as field missionaries in the state of Parana, Brazil

this group, including Brazilian, Italian, Hungarian, Spanish, Japanese, Syrian, Russian, Bulgarian, German, English and American. All listened attentively as the teacher presented the book "Filhas do Rei," (Daughters of the King). The teacher herself had a queenly look about her, in a fuchsia colored dress, standing in front of a table decorated with a beautiful bouquet of American Beauty red roses and presenting a message from the King of kings. All the chapters were illustrated and as chapter after chapter was presented, each resolved in her heart to try to live more like a king's daughter.

Lunch hour arrived all too soon but presently all were enjoying a feast prepared by all thirty-two women in their separate homes. Each had brought a plate of food and instantly the scene changed from a study group to a social group—eating, talking, laughing, children asking for food and crying, and the women expressing delight for the wonderful opportunity they were having.

After an hour of fun and fellowship studies were resumed. At four o'clock the last chapter was finished and the last illustration was shown. After a cup of Brazilian black cafezinho (coffee) Mrs. Oliver was presented with an embroidered tablecloth in appreciation of her splendid work. It was immediately decided to make this day an annual affair and it is being repeated again this month, we hope with the same fine results

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## OUR COVER THIS MONTH

Around the world Baptist women in national organizations undergird the spread of the gospel. Many wear a W.M.U. pin very much like yours. In the center top, you recognize the W.M.U. emblem of our Southern Baptist Convention auxiliary. To the left, the China Baptist W.M.U. pin and to the right, Brazil's in Portuguese. The row of four, left to right, shows Mexico's pin in Spanish, then 1 Cor. 3:9 in Italian with an adapted design, an emblem for Nigeria, and the Japanese W.M.U. pin. Below left is the pin of the Union Misionera de Senoras Bautistas de Chile, and right, the emblem of Argentina and Paraguay. Design by Colvin

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*W.M.U. leaders from Europe and South America encourage us with their enthusiasm always to*

## "GO AND TELL . . ."

### **Our W.M.U. Advances**

**by Dona Ester Dias, Brazil**

*President of Brazil's Woman's Missionary Union*

**T**HERE is much talk these days about the need for co-operation among the nations of the world, but we, who represent the missionary societies of America, Europe, Asia and Africa can rejoice in the fact that for many years, we have been bound by ties of love and fellowship in the great work of our Master. The girls and women of Brazil are zealously engaged in the program of evangelization and education. All of us, missionaries and nationals alike, have dedicated ourselves unreservedly to the glorious task of carrying on the work that was entrusted unto us. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the progress already made. Many of the churches are overflowing, and our Training Schools and Seminaries are sending forth great numbers of young people trained and ready to serve. From every corner of the nation, cries go out so frequently for more workers, more Bibles and literature that we find it impossible to meet even half of our needs.

Our greatest advance dates from 1930, the year that we received the visit of Miss Kathleen Mallory. It was a great inspiration to behold the countenance of that consecrated servant of God and the influence of her dedication has remained with us during twenty years.

Then we were greatly honored again when Mrs. Martin, president of the W.M.U. there in the States, came to pay a visit to South America. Her words of encouragement and challenge implanted in our hearts a greater desire to expand

our work, and her vision opened our eyes anew to the possibilities that lie within our means.

The Day of World Prayer is a happy day for us because we know that around the world Christians are uniting their hearts in gratitude for all of the blessings God continually bestows on his people. After Miss Mallory's visit, the Brazilian W.M.U. began to receive annually a substantial amount from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which has, to date, made possible the maintenance of thirteen permanent and forty-four part-time field workers, and also the publication of twenty books and other helpful materials.

The W.M.U. of Brazil is grateful to all of you for your interest and for your love. We face a new day in our work and seek to comprehend even more clearly the Commission of Jesus when he said to the women on the day of the resurrection: "Go and tell."

### **"May I Help You?"**

**by Gina Bassi, Italy**

*Secretary of European Baptist Women's Union*

**I**T WAS a long journey to America by ship—the longest trip I ever made. I left with visions and hopes of blue skies, seas of a beauty unimaginable and long days of sun, tranquility and rest, because it was summer in Italy. But I found that a voyage such as this one is not made always under favorable conditions. There were some beautiful dream days, but there was the sudden announcement of war in Korea which made me reflect on the possibility of being cut off in a foreign country.

The first trip which I took in an air



*Gina Bassi (seated) of Italy and Dona Ester Dias of Brazil when they visited our W.M.U. headquarters in Birmingham*

plane (I have made many since) reminded me a little of the sensation which I think we will have when we are finally detached from this earth and fly, this time without luggage but only with the passport of the blood of Jesus, toward the celestial country.

**I** AM not easily moved, but I must admit that I was thrilled beyond description at the sight of the Statue of Liberty and the skyscrapers which are so familiar to many of us because we have seen them so many times in the movies. Arriving in the port of New York, one has immediately the sensation and impression of the economic power of a country which knows how to give so much to its citizens.

But my emotions were not caused so much by this, as by the remembrance of those Pilgrim fathers who came so far at such terrible sacrifices in order to have the right to worship the Father in spirit and in truth, and then immediately began to thank God for the little or practically nothing which they had other than this right. All this that was now before my eyes was the fruit of that little seed. Not all of America is Christian, but these pioneers left much of their imprint. One does not go into a hotel without finding the

Bible in a drawer of the dresser. Almost never does one read a newspaper without finding an article regarding the Word of God. Certainly, one need not interest himself in the Truth even in the United States, but can anyone in that country say that the Word, in some way or other, has not arrived even to him? How I wish the same could be said of Italy! What changes we would see!

**B**EFORE going on to Cleveland, I went to Philadelphia, guest of dear Italian friends, Dr. and Mrs. DeDomenica.

On the train which took me to Philadelphia I received from the lips of a lovely young girl who was seated beside me my first message that America gave me. "May I help you?" she asked. Words that one hears repeated continually in America, in the shops, in the restaurants, everywhere, words of common use certainly, but which were for me a reality during my stay. At Philadelphia, at Cleveland, Washington, Richmond, at Birmingham, at Ridgecrest—everywhere, I found kindness and courtesy, a fraternal love truly great.

But the thing which impressed me most of all is the interest that the Baptists of America have for missions. "May I help you?" is no longer a common phrase merely pronounced with the lips when one enters in this field. They are truly interested to know what we are doing, what we need. Everywhere I went there was given to me the opportunity to speak, and wherever I went I met this great interest in missions and for Italy in particular.

These people are as the Good Samaritan who crossed the street and looked well to see what he could do to help the wounded man. This is the strongest impression which I brought back with me from my trip to America.

Are youthful people more enthusiastic in the things of the kingdom? Perhaps. But Baptist Christians whom I came to know, who have also a maturity in things of the spirit are at the point where they are busy with the command of Jesus, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Words cannot explain my intense emotion at hearing a chorus of 5,000 voices.

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Photos by the author

*They step across a ditch into the churchyard at Blanqueado*

**W**HEN the third crowded bus sailed past us, leaving us standing on a street corner miles from our destination and only ten minutes until meeting time, I was ready to give up. A local W.M.S. meeting wasn't exactly my idea of sightseeing in Santiago, anyhow, and after three weeks of steady travel, I felt the need of a good, long siesta every afternoon. Besides, it was a hot day.

"We're already fifty minutes late starting," I suggested to Oleta Snell. "Don't you think it would be foolish for us to go all the way out there now?"

"Those women will wait for us until sundown." She was emphatic. "I showed up more than an hour late last Tuesday, and they didn't begin until I got there."

Roberta Ryan seemed to think it would be best to go, so we three *Norte Americanos* boarded when the next bus slowed down and stopped. As we passed through the business district of the city, some passengers got off, and I had a chance to sit and see out the rest of the trip. Long before we got to the end of the line I knew we were in Blanqueado—I had heard about its dusty, rutted streets, dust-covered one-roomed houses, dusty weeds and grapevines. I tried to listen to what Oleta and Roberta were saying about the church but I was awfully drowsy.

"The last stop!" Oleta suddenly sang out, and she started down the aisle to the front door.

We alighted, walked around the nose of the bus, and strode down the street, trying to make up for lost time. I couldn't

## I Visited W.M.S. in Chile

by Marjorie Moore Armstrong

see any church, and when we turned left onto a smaller, more rugged street, I still couldn't see any. Children were playing in the dirt of the sidewalks where there were patches of shade from houses scattered along. Then half way down the block, Oleta turned and leaped a small ditch, picked her way through the ruts of the narrow street, and across a dilapidated bridge through a battered picket fence.

Then I saw the church. Some thirty feet back from the street sat a one-roomed building—adobe or mud—with a double door wide open. Oleta and Roberta started in first, then stopped and bowed their heads, and continued only after they heard the "Amen." We had to go around a pile of pews just inside the door. It is the only place the church has to store the furniture used in outdoor classes on Sundays. At the front of the room a plainly dressed, pleasant faced younger woman stood before what looked like a homemade violin music stand. At a nearby table sat another woman, and in the first two pews sat two others. They greeted the missionaries and their guest with wide smiles and cordial Spanish phrases. We filed into the third pew, and soon other members arrived to fill the vacant seats.

A hymn was announced and I was delighted to find it familiar enough to sing from the Spanish hymnbook Oleta shared with me and to help keep the pitch with out a piano. The usual W.M.S. program was given and I soon detected the trend of the subject. Under the topic "Sin Iglesia Hay Salvacion?" (Without the Church Is There Salvation?), these women discussed the mass, purgatory, *vice-cristo*, and saints. They spoke with only the slightest glimpse at the text.

"We made it a rule not to read it," Oleta whispered to me. When one of the

members spoke more eloquently and more fervently than the others, Oleta explained, "She's telling how she went to a shrine for healing and didn't get healed, so she left the Church for good."

The last speaker faced the group with considerable uneasiness, and said that, since this was her very first public speech, she would be grateful for the prayers of her listeners—and she had a highly sympathetic and appreciative audience. Every one of those members had been in her shoes, and only recently. In fact more than one could say that she could not even read when she joined the society a year or six months before.

In the midst of the last part, we heard a thud and then a scream. The younger of two little boys who had arrived with their mother late in the meeting, and took the pew behind us, had fallen asleep as he sat upright on the hard seat. He had dropped over, striking his forehead on the plank of the seat in front. His mother, red-faced, quickly lifted him back to the pew, and with her left hand clamped tightly over his mouth, smothered his yells.

The program over, the president called for the offering, and I couldn't help noticing that every single one of the thirteen members present put a coin or a peso note on the open hymnbook as it passed.

The closing prayer was offered by an elderly member who had two small patches—they looked like leaves of some sort—on her temples. "That's a superstition which is common here among poor people."

*After the meeting Oleta talks with the president, Berta de Guajardo, as they watch progress on new addition*



Oleta explained when I asked about it. "She thinks it will kill a headache. It never does, and eventually she'll see that such practices are inconsistent with her Christian faith."

**W**HEN the missionaries introduced me to the president, I congratulated her on the way she conducted the meeting and on the church. Through Oleta as interpreter, she invited me to come out the side door and see the new room of the church under construction. "Our church began in my patio," she said humbly, and I asked to see it. She was delighted that we wanted to stop by on our way to the bus.

A block from the church, the little Baptist leader opened a gate in the five-foot wire fence surrounding a vineyard with a small adobe (or mud) house. Four little boys, all wearing trunks and brown as berries from the waist up, came dashing toward us and nearly mobbed our hostess.

"You mean she's the mother of four children?" I demanded of Oleta.

"Three of her own and one adopted," she assented. "Her husband died suddenly last year."

"But how does she manage?"

"She sells grapes on the streets while they last, then she sells knitting yarns. She expects to open a store in the front room there, the one touching the sidewalk."

Proudly the little business woman showed us the progress being made in that room, then took us through the living quarters: a bedroom with a door opening onto the patio and one small window, furnished with two sagging baby beds and one broken down double bed, the dresses, coats, and small suits hanging

under a couple of shelves. Beyond that was a kitchen. I was amazed to see how neat a mud-walled, dirt-floored home of four boys could be!

In the yard I had noticed a spigot. "She used to have to go to the corner for every drop of water she needed. Now she has running water right here at her door!" Oleta spoke as if she were saying "hot and cold running water in every room!" Water is costly in drought-ridden Chile.

BERTA and her four sons waved us good-by from their gate when we caught the bus, and I asked all sorts of questions as we joggled through the city. Way back in 1948, Oleta related, the Guajardos bought property out here soon after their marriage. Both members of First Church in Santiago, they found the community had no church of any kind, and they wanted to get one started before their children came. They asked the J. W. McGavocks to help them.

Senora Guajardo invited her neighbors to meet in the patio—a dirt yard shared by the grape arbor—and she gathered the neighborhood children together for a Sunbeam Band and Sunday school. One summer they had a vacation Bible school, and they've had one ever since. "Can you imagine eighty-five youngsters in that patio?" Oleta asked. Eventually a W.M.S. was organized.

When that young woman missionary arrived in Chile, she took on Blanqueado as her regular assignment and spent every Tuesday afternoon and every Sunday afternoon there. At the Chilean W.M.U. convention she was able to announce that the Blanqueado W.M.S. was the first to become A-1 in 1949.

"You remember the little woman who took the offering?" she continued. "She's only eighteen, been married five years, mother of two. She tried to commit suicide when she fell out with her husband, and the folks in the church sent for me. I didn't know anything to do but we talked and she agreed never to try that again. She's getting along all right now, but oh, it's tough!"

A long blast of the bus horn interrupted us and we all gazed out to see what could

be holding up traffic.

"You remember the mother who brought the little boys—one fell off the seat? She has no baby sitter! (None of them have.) Her husband beats her every time he finds out she's been to W.M.U. but she never misses a meeting. She leaves home an hour or two ahead of time and drags those children around or sits in the shade some where until three, to get to come at all."

It was nearly suppertime when we sauntered into the seminary at 814 Argomedo, where the missionaries live, but of all the sights to see in Santiago, Chile, the one I saw that January day was the one I remember best.

### "GO AND TELL . . ."

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One thinks of the voice of a multitude which was as "the sound of many waters" described in Revelation. And what can I say of the power of the Holy Spirit in an assembly of thirty to forty thousand persons!

At one of the two women's sessions, a Woman's World Federation was formed, recognized by the Baptist World Alliance, with representatives in every country of the world. I will represent Italy on this committee, while Mrs. George R. Martin of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, whom many of us know and love and admire, was elected president.

THERE were many things which I greatly liked as I traveled in many parts of America and which I would like to see put into practice in our churches in Italy, because certainly they would bring forth much fruit and many blessings. Here are some of them:

The punctuality of all the members of the church at the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., the church which President Truman attends and the most aristocratic church I visited. Ten minutes before the service, all were on the stairs and in the corridors adjacent to the auditorium. Everyone was seated and in silence five minutes before the service began.

The general interest and the participa-

tion of all the members of the church in the work of the Lord.

The Sunday school attended by all—young and old—even the very oldest, which makes every Christian a student and worker of the Word of the Lord.

The beauty of the singing. Such an important part of our worship which in our Italian churches we must cultivate more. I recognize the obstacles, but I hope that with the help of the Lord and our earnest effort we can overcome them. It is such a fine thing to do all things well in the

Lord's house.

The willingness of the spirit especially of the young people, in responding to the appeal made in the name of the Lord. During Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest, one evening, two hundred young people went forward to dedicate their lives to the service of the Master.

Am I discouraged back in Italy? No. My earnest desire is that the Lord will help us here to see ever more clearly that we may be better co-laborers with God.

## Yu Hu and the Sunlight Band

by Floy W. Adams

NESTLED in the low land, close by the sea, lies the city of old Teng Chow, the home of Miss Lottie Moon for so many years. A very conservative people dwell within those high walls. They were not easily won to the Lord Jesus. During our years there some of the highlights for me, were our missionary society, our little school for married women, and the Sunbeams. It is of these little people, that I write.

The Chinese words for Sun and Beam, do not have the meaning used together in that language that they have in English. So the name Sunlight Band was used. From diaries kept in 1919 and 1922, I quote:

"Sunday, April 6, 1919. Visited the little Sunbeams. They were very interesting indeed. First time I had been with them, since they and the older girls had divided. Yu Hu, president; Hwei De, treasurer; and Ching Fang, secretary. They looked as sweet and frightened, as you please, at my appearance. The two leaders read from Romans."

"Sunday, April 23, 1922. Attended Sunbeam meeting in the afternoon and was overjoyed to have them enter so heartily in deciding how their little offerings should be used. One suggested that it should be divided into three parts. One part helping a poor pupil in the city day school, one part sent to help a Hwanghsien pupil, and the third part sent to the orphanage in Laichowfu. Bless their little hearts!"

One of those Sunbeams, she who was president in 1919, Miss Lan Yu Hu, is studying at Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. One of the Chinese workers in our Baptist headquarters in Shanghai, Miss Lan is here to prepare herself to better serve the young people of her own country. I am asking that the Sunbeams of bygone years keep Miss Lucy Lan (her English name) and others from her country in your hearts and thoughts. They get homesick, too, while in this country studying. They are your Sunbeam sisters, and sisters in Christ.

Lucy Lan at her desk in Shanghai, China

Many nationalities work together in Christian fellowship

## In Their "Little World"

by Helen Lambert

**D**ID you ever plant seeds, water them, tenderly care for them, and then marvel when the green shoots appear, watch them grow, bloom, and bear fruit?

One of the greatest joys I have as your home missionary is watching the growth of God's human flowers of many nationalities here in Granite City, Illinois. We began sowing the seed of God's Word ten years ago when we opened the work with a vacation Bible school. Many people have since sowed and watered through prayers, gifts, and service. We started a Bible class for women, and organized clubs for boys and girls and young people. How our hearts have thrilled and praised God as we have seen his Word take root in the hearts of many people and have observed their new birth and their happiness in growing and bearing fruit in God's service.

We began using our splendid W.M.U. magazines in our class and clubs, and it was not long until these born-again people caught a vision of the needs of the world for Christ and had a zeal to help extend his kingdom to the ends of the earth. The Bible class became a W.M.S., and the clubs became W.M.U. auxiliaries. We have had a full-graded W.M.U. for several years and rejoiced to attain the goal of being an A-1 full-graded W.M.U. in 1948 and 1949. We failed to reach this goal in 1950 by just a few points. Of course prayer helped us most in becoming A-1, and we feel that keeping the Standards of Excellence before the people, marked up-to-date, is a challenge to help us press on toward reaching those standards for Christ's glory.

One special blessing in the W.M.U. work of your Good Will Center here in Granite City is seeing the people take places of responsibility gladly. A Slavish Lady, who was very timid and at first would not lead in prayer in public, has become a capable and charming W.M.S. president and is also the efficient Sunbeam counselor.

One member of the W.M.S., who is part



Left—Mrs. Mary Starko, W.M.S. president, in her flower garden. Right—Helen Parsaghatian (Armenian) mission volunteer, is Y.W.A. president at our Granite City center

Jewish, has been Y.W.A. counselor for several years. She has artistic talents, which she uses in many ways for the glory of Christ. She teaches a class of Junior girls in Sunday school. She is deeply burdened for colored people and has won many of them for Christ. She and her husband have dedicated their home, their business, their car and truck to God.

A brilliant, cultured Armenian girl in the Young Woman's Auxiliary has surrendered to be a missionary nurse. She is superintendent of the Primary Department in Sunday school and president of the Y.W.A. A lovely Mexican Y.W.A. member, who was in our first Girls' Auxiliary, is now a consecrated counselor of the Intermediate G.A. She, too, teaches a class of Junior girls in Sunday school. She was influential in leading her parents, two brothers, and sister to accept Christ and be baptized.

One of our men has been Royal Ambassador counselor for several years and the Brotherhood president for two years. He is outstanding as a soul-winner. One young, brilliant, Armenian college student



Arrik Kachigian (left) is Brotherhood president. Hampo Hagopian is in University of Illinois. Both of these Armenian young men are products of R.A. activities

a product of the R.A. Chapter, having attained the rank of Ambassador, is now program chairman of the Brotherhood and a teacher of a class of Junior boys in Sunday school. Another outstanding Armenian young man, in the University of Illinois, is a product of the R.A., also having attained the rank of Ambassador. He is active in the new B.S.U. on that campus.

Some of our present G.A.'s and R.A.'s were saved when they were Sunbeams and all of them are now Christians. The G.A.'s love the forward steps and some of them are Queens. It is wonderful to see them and even the Sunbeams winning others for Jesus. One of the Primary teachers in the Sunday school is Bulgarian. She was saved when she was in the Sunbeam Band, and it has made us rejoice to see her growth for Christ through the years.

Another thing that is glorious in this work is the wonderful response people give in the stewardship of their money, as well as time and talents. Some are now tithers, and each organization gives monthly to the Cooperative Program. They give joyously to the special state, home and foreign mission offerings. There is an immediate response to help whenever a need is made known to them. At one time they sent \$90.00 to a missionary in Africa to help educate a young African. They sent \$50.00 to Brazil to help get some literature printed. They have given special gifts of money and boxes of various kinds for home missions and for world relief. They enjoy packing boxes of food, clothing, and toys to send overseas.

They have encouraged young ministerial students who have come to preach for us. The organizations have bought many

Bibles—one for a girl in Scotland which resulted in her conversion. They gave another one to a Belgian war bride and her Dutch husband who were saved through the Good Will Center. They bought a Bible for a Japanese war bride and one in English for her Swedish husband who were saved through the G.W.C. Then when her father in Tokyo, Japan, wrote and requested a Japanese Bible, it thrilled the W.M.U. to send it to him. Pray with us that he and the entire family will read it and be saved.

As we watch Hungarians, Bulgarians, Macedonians, Armenians, Slavs, Croatsians, Serbians, Russians, Germans, French, Irish, Indians, Mexicans, and other nationalities in this "little world," let Christ, the Prince of Peace, be born in their hearts and then as we observe them lovingly "labor together with God," we realize more and more that the only way to get the people in other nations to love one another and live together in peace, is to win them for Christ. We must all be "laborers together with God" through prayers, gifts, and service to accomplish this. The W.M.U. work in our churches, missions and Good Will Centers is one of the greatest means to this end.

We thank each one of you for all that you have done to help bring these things to pass here through your prayers, Annie Armstrong Offering, gifts, and service. Pray that we will always be faithful in doing our part in your mission here.

### It's new for you

Songs for Sunbeam leaders and for children in the home, price \$2. Order from your Baptist book store. Sing, sing and sing.



## What News from Rumania?

by Earl Hester Trutza

A frequent question today is: Does anyone hear from the brethren in Rumania, the country Southern Baptists entered in 1921? What about our friends after thirty years of co-operative work? How have the Baptists of that country fared since the missionaries left in 1942? After the Second World War? And with the setting up of the People's Popular Republic of Rumania?

Even though this land is behind the iron curtain, letters come to fellow Christians in America. Russian planes from Bucharest meet planes of the outside world at Prague. Letters from Rumania are delivered in America in five days after they are written. The few repatriates coming out of Rumania, leave Bucharest by plane and in two days are in New York. Money\* and medicines can be sent to Rumania. There is, therefore, an exchange of correspondence between Americans and Rumanians.

It is reported that churches are open and functioning with little interference and the churches are crowded. Members are loyal and active in the work of the churches. Large numbers of non-members or seekers attend services, accept Bibles and begin a search for the faith they see in the lives of the members.

Young people's organizations are a vital part of the church and its work. One recent letter reported: "We have a prosperous young people's society, very dynamic and talented. They bring much joy to our church." The music-lovers are extremely active. Small bands and orchestras have always been a part of Rumanian Baptist life. Schools for learning music notes and instructing in the actual playing of instruments are held. Choirs who sing lively but reverent church music are busy, contributing their inspiration and color to all church services.

The Seminary for young ministers has

\*Write the editor of ROYAL SERVICE if you wish to help in this.

doubled its enrollment in the last ten years. Young men with better basic preparation come to study for the ministry. Former graduates of the school are the pastors and workers in churches over the whole country. Although the Girls' Training School has been closed since 1942, its influence is still felt in the lives of the young women who are wives and mothers, teachers in the Sunday schools, and some few, who give full-time devotion to king dom tasks.

The spiritual life has been deepened. Letters from Rumanian Christians are full of talk about divine matters, about the shortness of life, the goodness of God, the desire to follow him even unto death. One young woman drew a tiny flower at the heading of her letter and above it wrote: Romans 15:13, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." A young man wrote asking about Kagawa and Albert Schweitzer, wishing for a greater knowledge of their lives and the secret of their great spiritual power.

War and its aftermath have brought damaging material scarcities and have resulted in serious injury to the health of many so that life and death are separated by only a thin, pale thread. But all this has made stout souls stouter and trusting hearts humbler and tender sentiments kindlier still. They share with people everywhere in a worldwide longing for an amelioration of the evils of poverty and disease. But their faith is in God. One Christian asked that we read Ephesians 1:3-6, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

They never fail to say, "We are praying for you." What humiliation for us who in our minds and hearts may have scratched the Rumanian friends and churches off our prayer list!

## One Missionary's Memories

by Mrs. Marlin R. Hicks

FROM the picturesque land of Costa Rica, as one of your newly-appointed missionaries, I would like to express my gratitude for the leadership I have received through the young people's organizations of the W.M.U. Apart from the training received in my Christian home in Meridian, Mississippi, I feel that the guidance through these organizations has been one of the greatest blessings of my life.

Among my earliest recollections of childhood days are the good times in the Sunbeam Band of the First Baptist Church. Most of these memories are faint, but I can remember how I loved to hear the stories that were told to us. During this Sunbeam age, I clearly remember hearing Dr. T. W. Ayers,

medical missionary to China, speak at our church. Although I may have heard other missionaries before this time, my memory permits me to trace to him the beginning of my interest in hearing missionaries tell of other lands. Because the W.M.S. of our church and of the other Baptist churches in Meridian realized the value of direct missionary information, they have worked together through the years to bring many missionaries to Meridian. This was a joy and blessing for me.

During the happy G.A. years of my life, there were G.A. camps and the state G.A. house parties at Blue Mountain College and Mississippi Woman's College where attractive programs were planned by Miss Edwina Robinson, then our state young people's secretary.

There were spend-the-day mission studies, made interesting by our leaders. There was the fascinating plan of the Forward Steps which I enjoyed completing. There were also the statewide stewardship declamation contests which I entered several times and in which I placed second one year.

Following these came the Y.W.A. days.

Since I had my first college years at the Junior College at Meridian, my first Y.W.A. experiences were in the same W.M.U. organization in which I had grown



up from childhood. Some of my greatest joys came through the fostering work of Y.W.A. I began by helping with a G.A. organization at the Good Will Center and later became counselor of a Junior G.A. in my church. It was also a joy to work with the city-wide Y.W.A. organization which we had in Meridian. At this time, too, I was given a broader vision of missions at Y.W.A. week at Ridgecrest.

After attending Y.W.A. at Blue Mountain College while completing my college work, I again found myself working with G.A.'s and even a few months with R.A.'s while serving as pastor's assistant at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church in Meridian.

Again I became an Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. member while doing some advanced study at Baylor University. It was there that I met and said "yes" to a ministerial student. On becoming a pastor's wife, I also became a member of the W.M.S., and was later given the responsibility of young people's director.

So the years in W.M.U. organizations as a member and as leader have rolled by, and now I am here in this section that is the "handclasp of the Americas," studying the Spanish language so that we may go to Chile to tell the people of the Christ who brings life abundantly.

And how do I sum up the blessings that these organizations have been to my life?

1. Through the work of the Forward Steps and all the interesting programs, my knowledge of God, the Bible, stewardship of life and possessions and of world needs increased.

2. Through these organizations friendships were formed with other young people, with missionaries (Turn to page 15)

# Hints to Committee Chairmen

## Stewardship Chairmen . . .

Are you wishing for something new in stewardship literature? Well, here it is—a packet of stewardship leaflets for sale by Woman's Missionary Union. Opening this packet will be like opening a Christmas package for you will exclaim, "This is just what I have been wishing for."

The packet contains eight leaflets. You may have seen some of them before, for two are taken from the many splendid tracts published by the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. If you are familiar with these, you will have the pleasure of passing them on to others.

Others will be new to you. One is by Dr. Robert E. Speer on "Christian Tithing a Privilege," another gives an arrangement of Scripture passages answering three questions about tithing. But if I describe all that is in the packet there will be no surprise when you open it.

The packet does contain one playlet, a very short dialogue—two women talking about tithing. It would fit into almost any stewardship program. Two women could prepare it then visit the circles presenting it as a stewardship feature in the meetings. Or you could ask for a little extra time at the society business meeting some month and use it when giving your stewardship report.

This packet will be valuable to you. It will enrich your stewardship thinking. It will help in the preparation of your stewardship talks. It will provide you with good leaflets to give to those you wish to influence to become tithers. When someone asks you where something good on stewardship may be found, you can say "Buy the W.M.U. stewardship packet."

The price? Only fifteen cents! Yes, it is a real bargain. Eight good stewardship leaflets for only fifteen cents! Order the packet from Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama. Why not order a dollar's worth of

stewardship literature all at once? It is so much better to write a check than to send coins or stamps. You could order several of the packets to use in your work. Also you could order a copy of "We Have a Treasure," price ten cents, for each circle. Then perhaps you will want one or more of the plays and pageants listed on page 84 in your 1951 Year Book.

## Community Missions

On a warm Sunday afternoon in early Spring a group of Negro children sat on a small porch listening eagerly to the white woman speak. She was telling them the story of Jesus and of his love for all the children of the world. There was no Negro church in that small rural community, but there were several Negro homes with many children. A Christian woman saw these children with the eyes of Jesus and did something about them. Every Sunday afternoon she walked several miles, stopping at first one home and then another, calling the children around her, and teaching them from God's Word.

What about the community in which you live? Are there those of other races around you? Do they have a place in which they can worship God? Are the children learning about Jesus? Should the women in your society have a Bible story hour each week for the children for whom no church is provided?

Or perhaps you know that there are churches for other racial groups. Have you talked with the pastors and leaders to find out how your society can strengthen their work? Some Negro churches have worship services, but have not developed enough leadership to have missionary organizations for the young people. Some Mexican churches as well as Negro churches have never had a vacation Bible school. You can help!

Find out the need. The pastor and lead

ers may tell you that your women are needed to organize and lead young people's organizations. They may ask that you begin to plan now to conduct a vacation Bible school this summer. On the other hand, you may find the need is for training the potential leaders in their own church membership. Here again is an opportunity for your society. Those who are leading your own young people's organizations would surely be glad to help in conferences for these potential leaders and to carry their own young people to the church for demonstration programs. Several societies have had the joy of helping with training classes in vacation Bible school work.

Any program of training for any group of people demands one's very best. Surely as you seek to strengthen and help the Christian leaders of other races, you will plan carefully and present a thorough program led by experienced and well prepared leaders.

As long as there are children in your community, no matter what their color, who are without the opportunity to learn about God, then there is a job that the Master is depending on you to lead the women to do. —Edith Stokely

## Mission Study—A Magic Bridge

In a great northern city there is a room known as "The Mapparium." It is thirty feet in diameter, made of glass and shaped like a globe. A painting of the continents is on the inside of the globe-room. When the visitor enters through an opening at the side instead of falling to the South Pole, as might be expected, he finds himself standing on a bridge made of glass which reaches from the entrance to the opposite side of the room. India is just below the entrance with Africa to the right. The North Pole is over the visitor's head and the South Pole under his feet. The United States is at the other side and India seems very near, just like a neighbor.

Because the glass bridge shows how close together all nations are, it may be called "A magic bridge into all the world."

Mission study is also a magic bridge. The study of books on world missions

brings us face to face with the social, political and religious needs of the world. Understanding sympathy so essential to oneness of heart, is aroused, barriers are broken down and a nearness, a kinship of feeling results.

Racial prejudices are wiped out. The unrest in Israel, the suffering millions in China, the persecuted Jew and the hungry of Europe are close to sympathizing hearts.

The history of missions, stewardship, prayer, the Bible and missions, W.M.U. activities are all subjects of mission study.

Every Baptist woman should be grateful to Woman's Missionary Union for providing the magic bridge, mission study. Challenging books are constantly coming from the press with mission study plans as new as the newest in this changing world.

May the members of Woman's Missionary Union travel this magic bridge until the world is, to them, a vast whispering gallery in which the pleading voices of brothers and sisters, friends and foes of every nation are as clear and near as their own. Then "one world" will become a reality. —Mrs. A. I. Aulick

## One Missionary's Memories

(From page 13) and with friends from other countries whom we met at camps, house parties, rallies and so on. All of this helped give a worldwide outlook and understanding which is so important in these days.

3. These organizations, along with my Christian home and other church activities, served as a guide in all of my choices:

- (a) of many of my activities as a teen-ager,
- (b) of the college I should attend since I was introduced to Blue Mountain College through the G.A. house parties, and
- (c) of life decisions. It was at Ridgecrest Y.W.A. camp that I made the decision to follow God's leadership in my life.

Through my knowledge of world needs and my firm conviction that the world's greatest need and only solution is Christ, I am here in Costa Rica with my husband and young son on our way to Chile.

IT is my desire to work again with young people when we get to Chile, guiding them toward a future with Christ. (To page 21)



### Curiosity Leads to Life

from the Rev. Joshua Grijalva, Texas

It all began when a Catholic woman became curious enough to investigate the words and meaning of the hymn, "Bellas Palabras de Vida" (Wonderful Words of Life). A strong Catholic Mexican woman heard these words as she passed a little Mexican Baptist church many years ago. She tried to forget them, but couldn't. In search for the true meaning of these words she appealed to her husband, then her priest, but neither could satisfy her want. In desperation and disguise, she visited the Baptist minister from whom she learned that these wonderful words of life had reference to salvation and eternal life.

If she had been afraid, she was no longer so; if she had been impatient, she now found peace in Christ. It was not too hard to convince her husband of the meaning of "Bellas Palabras de Vida." Over a period of years the home of this couple has seen the salvation of their children and their grandchildren. Though they are approaching the age of eighty, both of these fine Christians still experience in their daily life the power of the "Wonderful Words of Life."

### Italian Women Progress

from Alice Speiden Moore, Italy

Our W.M.U. held consecutively two regional conferences: one in Catania in Sicily and the other at Bari on the Adriatic. I never cease to marvel at the progress the Italian women have made along the line of organization and giving during the past three and a half years. They now plan, conduct, and carry out their programs in a way that would do credit to any well-organized group in the States. They are serious and enthusiastic about the women's work, and one sees great progress just over a period of a few months.

The Armstrong Memorial Training School is going along in a fine way. Miss Wingo has proved capable not only in being an excellent principal, but in being a good mother as well. The girls are genuinely fond of her, and she has made remarkable progress in understanding the Italian way of thinking. As with all new missionaries, she is enthusiastic to the point of going beyond her strength; but with all of us constantly warning her to be careful, she seems to keep an even keel, and there is no question but that she is happy in the work.

We are all, Italians and Americans alike, terribly proud of the school. As you know, it is the only thing of its kind in Italy of any denomination.

### At Home with Pins and Hymns

from Martha Knos, Japan

Our days at language school in Tokyo have shown us already why missionaries study the language all their lives. Surely as much as there is to do and as eager as we are to do it, we will do our very best to learn it as quickly as possible. I knew the fields would be white, but I hardly realized there would be so much to choose from for the two weekly assignments that language school students are allowed. At our first station meeting, there were more requests for work to be done with interpreters than we new ones could fill.

The first Sunday at our newest church in the convention, Hiratsuka, the pastor's wife was trying to talk to me in Japanese. We weren't doing too well, until I caught "Lottie Moon." Then her face lit up as mine must have when we both understood. There and at Tanzawa Home we have been thanked for relief boxes from home. I hope that those will continue.

That first Sunday night we went to a musical program by the young people at Tamagawa. I felt so at home when I saw their G.A. and R.A. pins. Can you imagine how we felt when we heard the only English on the program—the R.A. hymn by four R.A.'s? I didn't have to cross the ocean to appreciate W.M.U. but I can see I'm going to enjoy continuing to appreciate it with all my heart.

ON top of a stack of mail, opened and placed on a Congressman's desk for his attention one morning, was a letter written with a scratchy pen. The stationery was a sheet from a small school tablet; it had a ragged top edge.

"Another plea not to draft the eighteen-year-olds!" my husband sighed as he picked up his glasses. "Or another bid for higher pay."

What he read was:

"Our missionary circle in the Memorial Methodist Church will meet on the 9th to pray for you as our Congressman from this district. We hope you will be praying for us that day."

That particular member of the House of Representatives had been on the job a month. It was the first, and until yet is the only, letter of its kind. He considered it a word from heaven.

He knows that he could not have been elected to Congress without the votes and the vote-getting activities of the Christians of his district. Yet, like many another Christian layman in Congress, he experiences the strange feeling of having been "thrown to the wolves"; his mail contains no letters from church people assuring him of their prayers and concern for righteous government, but it is full of requests and veiled threats from labor leaders, commercial interests, and pressure organizations.

A Sunday school teacher from the age of thirteen, a Baptist deacon, and a citizen who feels that God planned for him to devote his life to public service, he covets the prayers of those who voted for him and those who did not: all of the 290,000 persons whom he officially represents in the United States Congress.

And he is only one of the sincere Christians in the 82nd Congress. Of the 435 Representatives and 96 Senators, none would laugh at or ignore even a poorly hand-written letter offering a promise of prayer.

Most of the men and women who come to Washington for two-year and six-year terms in the Congress know they need resources greater than their own. They recognize God; they seek divine help. Half of the members, according to one who knows the personnel of the new Congress,

## It's Happening Now

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

are church members and active participants in Christian activity. Others are professing Christians. A pagan would hardly get enough support in any district in the United States to be elected to Congress.

To appreciate the average Congressman's feeling of personal inadequacy for his job, think of the responsibilities of the freshman Congressman who received that letter. As a newcomer he has no chairmanship and no major assignment as a member of the House of Representatives, but he belongs to the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. What he and his colleagues do affects the daily life of the postman on your block or route and his family, and every man and woman you know who works under civil service. The postal service in America, and the heavy debt it incurs every year, are the concern of this committee. Can they make the post office pay its own way without putting ROYAL SERVICE and other nonprofit magazines out of business by raising the mailing costs?

Regular attendance at the sessions and voting on the bills that come up are no petty routine for the conscientious Representative. He must try to keep informed, be ready to rethink his personal opinions and prejudices when new facts and conditions arise. He must square his vote not only with his personal principles of right and wrong but with his duty to represent the people of his district who have no other direct spokesman in the nation's capitol.

Every Wednesday morning some of the Senators meet for prayer at the breakfast table in a Senate dining room. Every Thursday morning members of the House meet for the same purpose. My Representatives from Southwest Missouri and the Representative of my former district, along with other devout Christian men of many different states and all denominations, take part in this weekly prayer meeting. The leader of this movement is

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## "I Love You"

BY MRS. DOUGLAS HARRIS

A VISITOR at one of our Baptist orphanages was feeling happy about the boys and girls as she walked around the buildings and grounds. How fortunate that these children could get proper care! Suddenly a little fellow about two years of age ran up and hugged her around the knees saying, "I 'uv 'oo!" She picked up the child and he squeezed his arms tightly about her neck. Fortunate enough to be cared for, yet because of the number of children in the home not fortunate enough to get the "loving" that all children need.

Those of us with small children know that we have to take time out during the day to "love" them. When we fail to do this we can see the effect on the child's disposition. Loving and pampering are two different things and we ought to be mature enough to distinguish between them.

If you ever spoke abruptly to a child in your impatience did you notice the question come to his face? And if you used the same tone in asking him to do something, did he go quickly with a pleasant manner or did he frown a little and scuff his feet along to do the job?

One boy answered such harshness with a frown and, "Well, you didn't have to talk like that."

The mother could not reprimand her son for she was the one who needed the reproof and she was the one to say, "Son, I did speak crossly, and I'm sorry." Such an apology and a new statement to the child about something he is to do works at the time and bears good fruit in the later attitude of the child. In fact, with this attitude in the parents boys and girls will come to them with questions about life and will ask about the things they hear from other children, especially after

they start to school.

We certainly do not want to surround our children with the kind of love that only shelters and protects. Even before they are ready for school they need to have contact with other children and with adults other than their own parents. The love we desire to show as Christians is the kind that protects and strengthens if the child is a thousand miles away from his family. This love originates in God through Christ living in the hearts of the parents. He is the foundation upon which the family is built and the center of all their living.

We ought to be able to leave our small children for an hour or for several days and those children should stand and wave good-by to us undisturbed, because they know mother and daddy will be back.

Each child is an important part of the whole—the family. Children get the feel of this as we love them in the right way. We need to love, and love, and love. Have you noticed that people coming from homes of real love have usually "grown up"? That they are well adjusted to life?

## For The Sand Pile Set

This is the month we have been waiting for. Spring has really sprung, we hope, and the children will spend more time playing outside. The sand pile comes into its own now, and pretty soon anything that resembles a wading pool. The sand pile or the yard make ideal places for play with the cars most boys and girls like. They usually like the tiny ones and feel that any number would not be too many.

Empty spoons make dandy cars. They can be colored with wax crayon. Tanks or tractors that actually move under their own power can be made by putting a rubber band through the hole in the spoon, securing it at one end to a short match stick and at the other end to a full-length match stick under which a washer made out of paraffin or soap is placed. The long match is used to wind the toy.

There are mission stories for small children. They will like the Nursery Series, see page 27 in *May World Comrades*, price 75¢ each.



BY MARGARET BRUCE

"The first Regional Leadership Conference was wonderful . . . I believe it will bring the best results of any young people's leaders' meeting in the history of our work. We shall surely be better leaders than ever before."

"I am grateful for everything the Leaders' Conference meant and for the joy of being a part of it. I trust we can make our state conferences as helpful."

"May there be many more like it! All from our group agreed it was as worth while as any meeting we had ever attended."

"I do believe it was the most helpful thing I've attended since Training School days."

These are quotes from letters received from some of those who attended the first Regional Leadership Conference at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, February 13-15.

Mrs. George R. Martin, president of Woman's Missionary Union, challenged us with her two messages. Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, brought four inspiring devotional messages. Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, prepared our minds and hearts for the Home Mission Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Offering.

These were the conference leaders: Sunbeam Band Leaders, Miss May Tindal, young people's secretary South Carolina; Girls' Auxiliary Counselors, Miss Sarah Stephens, young people's secretary Georgia; Royal Ambassador Counselors, Mr. J. I. Bishop, Royal Ambassador secretary, Woman's Missionary Union; Young Woman's Auxiliary, Miss Helen Falls, teacher of missionary education, New Orleans Baptist Seminary; and Young People's Directors, Miss Margaret Bruce, young people's secretary, Woman's Missionary Union.

There were demonstrations of coronation and recognition services, G.A., R.A.,

and Y.W.A. initiation and installation services, a Sunbeam Band mission study class, a Y.W.A. gift Bible presentation, a model Y.W.A. program, a demonstration of the meeting of a committee on young people's work, and a magazine skit.

All of the discussions, demonstrations, and messages were very fine. We believe that these will enable the leaders to hold better leadership conferences in their own states.

The registration was as follows: Alabama 7, Arkansas 77, Arizona 1, Illinois 7, Kentucky 6, Mississippi 18, Missouri 54, Tennessee 58, speakers and leaders 12; total 240. The original plan for this conference was that the states for which it was planned send a Sunbeam Band leader, a G.A., an R.A., and a Y.W.A. counselor, and a young people's director. These five leaders were to go back to their states and hold similar leadership conferences in their districts. After the district leaders had had their conferences, the district leaders would hold leadership conferences in their districts and then the associational leaders would conduct conferences in their associations. Since some of the states were so eager for more of their leaders to take advantage of this first conference, our registration far exceeded our expectation. Many Memphis leaders attended the conferences; including these, there were 80 registered in the Sunbeam Band leaders' conference, 60 in the conference for R.A. counselors, 70 in the G.A. and 50 in the Y.W.A. counselors' conference, and 172 in the young people's directors' conference. That made a total of 432.

The first Regional Leadership Conference is past and now we look toward the future. We will plan for two Regional Leadership Conferences in 1952, one for the eastern states and one for the western states. We anticipate a better trained leadership in our W.M.U. young people's organizations as a result of these conferences.

The past and the future . . . and now for the present. It presents the Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week, May 6-12. See your May number of *World Comrades* and help the girls in your church to "girdle the world with friendliness" as they study, serve and share during G.A. Focus Week.



BY EDITH VAUGHN

Director of Portland Good Will Center, Louisville, Ky.

## In Jail or at Good Will Center?

The bright-colored jig-saw puzzle of the United States held the boy's rapt attention. He spoke as he put together the pieces. "My club leader is from Florida, another worker says she's from South Carolina; where are you from?" He was getting the right idea, for the twenty-two Training School girls who work at the Good Will Center this year come from nearly every state in our convention territory. In a sense this will always be their Center. You might not think these very dignified jobs for Training School students—enameling, varnishing, upholstering, and arranging furniture—yet just such initial tasks as these have made the Center belong to these girls in a way that it cannot belong to the others who will work here in future years.

"When are you going to get this place open?" "If you don't hurry some of us boys will be put in jail." "Why just this week the police were after us three times!" Remarks such as these made the workers realize the challenging responsibility that was theirs.

Small beginnings, very small ones, can be discouraging. There were afternoons when the girls waited, hoping, praying that more would come; and as they waited they wondered how they could lead discussions in their groups that would be helpful to non-Christians, Pentecostals, Baptists, Catholics and others. But now these leaders are wondering how they can take care of all who come. They have become well enough acquainted already to help in the emotional, family and religious problems of some through home visitation and through different club programs in most cases Bible centered.

At first, several of the leaders were somewhat shocked by living conditions and the personal appearance of some of the children. After visiting in the homes, they

wonder what possible chance their people have to live well-rounded, happy lives. But after contacts with teen-age boys making candy and with different groups in games, stories and informal conversation, these same leaders are amazed at the friendliness, intelligence, and promise which now are so obvious in their club members.

Each week the leader of a club for younger Junior boys tells something that Jimmy has taught her. It seems that regardless of the topic of conversation, he always gives the right answer and then launches out into an intelligent discussion of all types of machines used in armed warfare. "It's all over my head," she reports, "suggest something for me to read! My inferiority complex was helped a little today, when Jimmy asked me how to spell 'valentine,' and when he said the story of the prodigal son taught that one should not be wasteful."

Every week one of our story hour leaders visits in the homes of her little ones, playing with them and talking with their parents and grandparents. A friend noticing this leader's enthusiasm said that one of these days we would be hearing about her Good Will Center in Nigeria.

The Portland Good Will Center has a two-fold purpose: to contribute to the social and spiritual needs of the people of the neighborhood, and to train young women in Good Will Center work. The need for this type of mission work is worldwide; and as these leaders leave the Center, they can take their places in undergirding the spread of the gospel.

Oklahoma W.M.U. has some copies of Mrs. A. L. Aulick's book *Adults Study Missions*, price 15¢. Order from Okla. W.M.U., Baptist Bldg., Oklahoma City 3, Okla. It teaches you to teach.

## South Carolina

South Carolina publishes each quarter a four page leaflet titled "B.W.C. News." This goes in bundles to each circle chairman in the state for distribution to circle officers.

A recent copy was devoted to the new Good Will Center in Charleston, South Carolina in which all are especially interested. The churches of the Charleston Association are promoting the Good Will Center and are grateful for the B.W.C. interest. Miss Ruth Parker is the director and spoke to the state federation at its first meeting in 1951 held in Columbia. At that time Miss Parker had two children

who were participating in the Good Will Center program of activities tell something of what they did and what they had learned in the few months at the Center.

The B.W.C. News carries a question column "How Well Informed Are You?" South Carolina BWCers want to know all they can about B.W.C.

## Kentucky

"The Buzzer, Kentucky—A Call to Service," Business Woman's Circle Bulletin of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky continues to keep Highland's BWC up-to-the-minute on church and denominational happenings. By the faithful mimeograph it tells program plans, announces coming activities, community missions projects, who is sick, married, recovered, moved, etc. This B.W.C. has a goal of 100 members and already has 77.

## One Missionary's Memories

(Continued from page 15)

You, too, can guide the young people of your church and community even as others guided me through these organizations. You mothers can help by seeing that your children attend the organizations. All can help either as leaders of organizations, as helpers to the leaders, or through the fostering work of the W.M.S. You can help by making the programs alive through visual aids, handwork, songs and games of other lands, etc. You can help through camp scholarships to encourage camp attendance. You can help with transportation if needed.

When God wanted Moses to guide the children of Israel out of Egypt, Moses lacked courage and began to make excuses even as we do. But God said to Moses, "What is that in thine hand?" God showed Moses that he could use the thing that he had to fulfill his purpose. God can use whatever you have in guiding the youth of today into their future for him.



## "Arise, Shine, For thy light is come"

Your circle meeting gives opportunity to learn about Girls' Auxiliary. Sing the G.A. hymn, "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations." Pray for the 142,000 girls in 15,161 Girls' Auxiliaries. Perhaps many of your members do not know about G.A. Forward Steps, coronation services, initiation, and other girl-appeal plans.

Let those who belonged to G.A. tell what it meant to them. Hear from your G.A. counselor; let G.A. members give a G.A. program, or initiation, or show some of their forward step work. See Miss Bruce's article in *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, on "Young Women as Home Missionaries." See articles in *The Commission*. From this *ROYAL SERVICE* retell "One Missionary's Memories."

Have a copy of *World Comrades* to look at so you know what excellent stories, articles and programs are ready for your girls. G.A. Focus Week, May 6-12, is time for your society to look at Girls' Auxiliary and renew your fostering interest in girls for missions.

## Is this your question?

by Eula Mae Henderson,  
Executive Secretary,  
Texas W.M.U.

*We have meetings of our missionary society every week. What should we do each time?*

There is real value in meeting each week. During the first week of the month why not have your business meeting? Quite often a president plans for some special emphasis each month and the officer or chairman in charge of that phase of the work has ten or fifteen minutes to emphasize her particular work. One time the stewardship chairman would have that time, another the young people's director, or the community missions' director. The next week could be for mission study either in circles or for the entire society. Then in the third week have the monthly missionary program for the society from ROYAL SERVICE. This is the meeting that counts on point one of the W.M.S. Standard of Excellence. The fourth week could be for circle meetings using circle program suggestions in ROYAL SERVICE or if you do not have circles the time can be used for planned visitation.

*Can you help me to know where to order materials and magazines for our organizations?*

Remember that all free W.M.U. literature should be ordered from your state W.M.U. office. See your state Baptist paper or directory in W.M.U. year book for address.

Remember to order priced materials from the W.M.U. headquarters, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama and send remittance with each order.

Remember ROYAL SERVICE, *The Window of Y.W.A.*, *World Comrades* and *Ambassador Life* are secured only from Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama. Each subscription is \$1.00 per year.

Subscriptions for *Southern Baptist Home Missions* should be sent to the Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street

N.W., Atlanta 9, Georgia; price 50¢ a year. Subscriptions to *The Commission* should be sent to the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Virginia; price \$1.00 a year.

*How can we make our mission study more interesting?*

Mission study is such an important phase of our work, we want everyone to join in our studies. These suggestions will help. 1. Have mission study sometimes in circles and sometimes at meetings of the entire society. 2. Secure the book to be taught far in advance so the members can read it before it is taught. 3. Secure the teacher or teachers for the book in plenty of time for them to prepare. They need to collect pictures, curios, etc. They need to have the free helps from Foreign Mission Board, or Resource Book or Teaching Helps purchased from Baptist Book Store. They need to read other books on the same subject. 4. Plan the teaching time--for an all day meeting or for a chapter at a time. 5. Ask the teachers to make assignments for the study. 6. Have necessary maps, blackboard and bulletin board. 8. Create interest through good announcements and posters. 7. Tell the teachers you want them to ask thought-provoking questions and secure participation of the members. 9. Apply the message of the book to the group being taught. Summarize and make it practical for them.

*Will you explain point three on the W.M.S. Standard of Excellence?*

If 75% of your W.M.S. members give regularly through your church and your church forwards money regularly to the Cooperative Program, your society has met point three. Most states do not try to know the amount of money given, but we do need to know that 75% of the members are contributing through the Cooperative Program.

## Your Program

by Blanche Sydnor White

Miss White gave fruitful years to missions as southwide W.M.U. field worker and as Virginia W.M.U. executive secretary

## Women Undergirding the Spread of the Gospel

### Program Plans

Notice the use of all the women in the devotional period. Your B.W.C. will make copies if your membership does not yet subscribe 100 per cent to ROYAL SERVICE. (Prod your Literature Committee a bit then.)

To illustrate "International Covenants" have three long kindergarten chains in lavender, white and gold. When telling about "Greetings from the Mission Fields" hold out the lavender chain. Extend the gold one in talking about the Day of Prayer. And intertwine the lavender, gold and white as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is mentioned.

Three different women may talk on these three ties or one woman may do it all with a helper for the chains.

Have a large globe of the world and a large replica of the W.M.U. pin. While singing the hymn "Blest Be the Tie," loop the three-fold chain from the pin around the globe.

"Hear the Interpreters" will be effective as a radio broadcast or television program. Use eleven women in costumes for Mrs. Ling of China, Mrs. Hara of Japan, Miss Saito of Hawaii, Mrs. Ayorinde of Nigeria, Miss Gina Bassi of Italy, Mrs. Celma of Spain, Mrs. Ester Dias of Brazil, Mrs. De Quilo of Guatemala, Mrs. Margaret of Argentina and Paraguay, Mrs. de Lerin of Mexico, Miss Mildred Matthews, missionary to Cuba. You will need the announcer to introduce these speakers as indicated. Urge each one to learn her message by heart. A brief period of silent prayer should follow each interpreter's message.

### Program Outline

Topic: Women Undergirding the Spread of the Gospel

Hymn: "The Woman's Hymn"

Devotional Thought: Many Women Ministering

Hymn: "O Zion Haste" (one stanza)

Talk: Always a Mainstay

Talk: International Covenants

Hymn: Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Messages by eleven women: Hear the Interpreters

Hymn: "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations"

Prayer: that each woman will expand her heart in this worldwide fellowship that Woman's Missionary Union may be increasingly a channel for undergirding the spread of the gospel.

### Many Women Ministering

by Pen Lile Pittard

For most effective presentation, ask the women to bring their magazines or have copies of the following for all present so that the whole may be read responsively after the Scripture passages. If this is not possible, let two good readers, who have rehearsed in advance, read the statements. Have the pianist at piano ready to begin the hymn stanzas as indicated.

Scripture reading: Matthew 27:55, 61; Matthew 28:1, 2, 5-10.

Leader: There has always been a need for the service of women in Christ's kingdom.

Women: Even so the gifts of womanhood today, as when Christ was here on earth, come to their only full and natural fruition in his service.

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us" (one stanza)

Leader: Though early women witnesses were deeply hurt by the crucifixion, with-

ing could alter the faithfulness of their devotion to Jesus nor their determination to be actively doing something for him.

**Women:** Though hurt by death and war in our time, devoted women the world around still cherish the privilege of loyalty to Christ.

**Hymn:** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" (one stanza)

**Leader:** *Mary Magdalene and the other Mary knew the difficulty in their way—"Who shall roll us away the stone?"—yet they did not wait to have it removed before they started. They simply spoke of it as they neared the tomb. But God had foreseen their problem and had already solved it.*

**Women:** Two centuries since the dawn of the first Easter day, there are still stones in the way of the services of godly women. There are stones of personal and national greed, of bigotry in ourselves and others. There is the stone of contempt, of gossip, of distrust, of pettiness. There are dozens more and we wonder soberly, "Who shall roll us away these stones?"

**Leader:** *Yet let us not wait to wonder, but simply keep advancing to the task. Presently we too will find that God, foreseeing our difficulties, is removing them one by one, as we have faith to proceed in his name.*

**Hymn:** "I Need Thee Every Hour" (one stanza)

**Leader:** *The only desire of the two Marys was to show the depth of their love for Jesus by some service. They were not calling anyone's attention to themselves. Yet their faithful devotion was rewarded by one of the most magnificent assignments of all history—to be the first to tell of the resurrection.*

**Women:** Today, the humblest Christian woman, facing the lowliest, unseen task for her Lord finds it transformed into a magnificent ministry of message-bearing for Christ.

**Leader:** *"As they went to tell . . . Jesus met them!" He had a special message for them: "Rejoice!" And he had a special message for them to give his disciples, especially Peter: an assurance of tender understanding of their cowardice and of forgiveness for their human frailties.*

**Women:** His message to today's woman, personally delivered, for he will meet her, too, as she goes to tell, is "Rejoice!" And his message through her to the world is tender understanding and loving forgiveness which waits only for our faith.

**All:** "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us!" 1 John 5:1

**Hymn:** "O Zion, Hasten!" (one stanza)

## Women Undergirding the Spread of the Gospel

### Always a Mainstay

There were missionary societies among Southern Baptist women before Luther Rice dreamed of a missionary organization which included the district association, the state association and a Baptist General Missionary Convention. It would "elicit, combine and direct the missionary energies" of American Baptists everywhere. Southern Baptist Female Missionary Societies worked through the General Convention (known as the Triennial Convention) from 1814 until 1845. Multiplied many times in numbers and strength, missionary societies of women and young people were a most dependable mainstay when, in May, 1845, the Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards of the newly formed Southern Baptist Convention looked at their fields and financial prospects. The first monthly financial reports of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Boards record a large proportion of their contributions flowing through Female Missionary Society channels. Reports since then have followed that earliest pattern.

State Central Committees and, after 1888, Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, undergirded every missionary movement launched by our denomination. Through its effective missionary education ideals Baptist women and young people have mightily supported the Baptist cause throughout our convention and overseas in twenty-three nations. Much has been said about the missionary service and the financial gifts of the Union but not so much recognition has been given to one

of the most valuable contributions Woman's Missionary Union has made to the spread of the gospel, namely, the multiplication of its organization along national lines in seventeen nations. Today we will look at this international fellowship of Woman's Missionary Unions.

### International Covenants

Individuals and nations have traveled a long way since Abram and Abimelech made their first covenant. So have Baptist women come a long distance in international relationships.

In 1842 a homeless Chinese girl was taken into the home of Henrietta Hall Shuck, who lived and worked at that time in Hong Kong, China. For two years the devoted missionary prayed for, taught and lived the Christian faith in Meecha's presence. "She has a hard heart," Henrietta wrote friends in America.

When Mr. Shuck brought his motherless children to the United States, Meecha came with them and went to live in her foster-mother's old home on the Northern Neck of Virginia. In the fall of 1846, Dr. Jeremiah Bell Jeter, president of the Foreign Mission Board, who, fourteen years earlier, had baptized Henrietta Shuck in that same place, buried Meecha with her Lord in baptism. On the day of her baptism, Meecha became the missionary of the Female Missionary Society of the Second Baptist Church, Richmond, the first of a mighty host of redeemed Chinese women, the first in a long line of Chinese Bible women who did so much to change the course of that mighty empire.

From Meecha to seventeen national Woman's Missionary Unions might be the name of the story of Woman's Missionary Union in her international fellowship. The first contacts came through annual meetings.

In the first annual meeting "when the brethren had retired" Woman's Missionary Union heard, with unspeakable joy and gratitude, from women ambassadors who had been serving in China, Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Louisiana and Texas, and from Rev. A. J. Diaz of Cuba. He came to tell of the Union's first missionary "project," the transformation of an Havana theatre

into our first Havana Baptist Temple. Women appointees of Home and Foreign Boards were presented. The first report of the first Christmas offering for China was received with humble gratitude. So the pattern for succeeding annual meetings was fixed in that 1889 session.

There are quaint stories in some meetings read today in the atmosphere of automobiles and airplanes. One tells of three offerings taken in one annual meeting, resulting in a fund of \$309.41 which was sent to "buy a horse and buggy for Mrs. Z. C. Taylor, missionary in Bahia, Brazil."

In 1913 the foreign missionaries at the W.M.U. Jubilate sessions presented the following resolution:

"Whereas, the work among women in all our foreign mission fields has grown to such an extent that there is or ought to be a definite organization of the women's work in each Mission and

"Whereas, there are generally returned missionaries in attendance at these meetings, he it resolved that such organizations of women's work in each Mission on the foreign field be requested to send a copy of their annual report to the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention."

With the adoption of that resolution, the annual "Greetings from the Mission Fields" became one of the most interesting sections in our annual meeting minutes. A new day in international ideas had dawned.

At that time there was one national Woman's Missionary Union, the Brazilian Union. Cuban women had decided to organize their Union; Regional Woman's Missionary Unions were functioning in the Central and North China Missions. There were woman's missionary societies in other lands, but national organization was just beginning.

The second channel which strengthened international co-operation between Baptist women around the world was the Day of Prayer in December.

In 1931 Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention proposed that on the first Friday in December the national unions join her in a chain of united prayer. That chain bound the Unions together as nothing else had done.

The first year, proposed as an experiment, convinced the leaders here and there that this covenant of prayer made their ties indestructible. Now themes and programs are translated and adapted to the needs of each Union. Requests for prayer are shared and carefully studied. With one heart and one purpose, Baptist women on every continent, except Australia, have undegirded each other and the spread of the gospel each first Friday in December.

When the Woman's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance met in Cleveland, Ohio, last summer, this circle of prayer was widened to include the British Women's Union, the Canadian Baptist women, the German's Woman's League, the Danish, Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish Women's Leagues. These, with the women of the American Baptist Convention, voted heartily and unanimously to make the first Friday in December a special Baptist Day of Prayer around the world. Messages were sent to the Baptist Leagues of Australia and New Zealand, requesting them to join in this mighty means of promoting the gospel. In this way all Baptist women are bound by golden chains of prayer around the throne of God.

A third means of promoting our international fellowship in service grew out of the depression which crippled missionary extension during the "thirties." It came to the attention of Mrs. W. J. Cox and Miss Kathleen Mallory, president and

executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., that the woman's work would be the first cut off in the necessary retrenchment. Then it was that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering reached out its hand in another covenant of fellowship. An average of two hundred dollars a year was sent to each National Union. What could one do with so little?

Amazing reports came of literature provided, field work made possible, evangelists and Bible women employed, scholarship funds established, headquarters' offices supplied. Each Union seemed able to stretch its share until the most pressing need or needs were met. When in 1933, Mrs. W. J. Cox retired as our president, her name was given to this life line which binds our Woman's Missionary Unions of the world together.

#### *Hear the Interpreters*

When the United Nations Assembly is in session, representatives from many nations speak in many tongues; yet each delegate hears in his own language. Interpreters, seated in niches around the room, catch up the discussions and send them out in the languages of all the nations represented. Especially constructed ear-phones shut out the voices of other interpreters and bring in that of the interpreter desired.

Woman's Missionary Union has skillful interpreters. Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling, secretary

of the All-China Woman's Missionary Union, will be our first interpreter.

"The All-China Woman's Missionary Union is happy that the first Woman's Missionary Society formed in our overseas fellowship was organized in Canton, China. While that society is not now in existence, five other societies were organized to take its place before it was disbanded. China is so large that we were a long time in thinking that a National Woman's Missionary Union would be possible. We organized, therefore, our Regional Unions,—the Central China in 1910, the North China in 1911 in Miss Lottie Moon's parlor, the South China in 1916, the Interior China in 1916, the Northeast or Manchurian Union in 1938.

"In the fall of 1936, the year of our China Centennial Celebration, representatives of these Regional Woman's Missionary Unions met in Shanghai and formed the All-China Union. In spite of almost continuous war, famine and distress, we have kept open the line of communications between us and we have held our committee meetings with amazing regularity until it seemed necessary to close our headquarters office at the end of January this year.

"In spite of the heavy pressure of the present situation, our women have been faithful in winning others to Christ. Like May Hwa, our national flower, they blossom even in the coldest weather. When we lift up our heads and look at the cross on which our Saviour has died for the world and for China, our tears wet our cheeks; we ask only for more faith and strength to seize our opportunities to tell the lost souls to 'come home.'"

Mrs. Junko Hara, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of Japan, will interpret next:

"Japanese women did not know for a long time that they could unite in spreading the gospel. They were timid in leaving their husbands and homes to hold general meetings. In 1916 the lady missionaries of the Japan Southern Baptist Mission organized themselves into the Woman's Missionary Union of Japan. As we prayed together, strength came into our hearts and in 1920 we dared to plan for a meeting.

"Our most daring dreams were more than realized. That meeting was our organization meeting. Scholarships in our two schools, the support of the Tobata Good Will Center, a fund for foreign mission work,—these and united efforts in personal soul-winning have been some of the activities of the Japan Woman's Missionary Union. During these days of uncertainty, when every nation fears the power of the dreadful atomic bombs, we feel more and more that only through the Word of God and the power of Christ can the people of the world receive real peace in their hearts."

Next let us hear from Miss Itsuko Saito, speaking for the Hawaiian Woman's Missionary Union:

"Southern Baptists came very late to the Island Territory of Hawaii. When they came, we welcomed their missionaries with glad hearts. Our Hawaiian Woman's Missionary Union is like the leis we love to give,—the circle is complete in Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassador Chapters, Young Woman's Auxiliaries, and Woman's Missionary Societies. Like the leis, the fragrance of prayer and service is very sweet and refreshing. New islands are hearing the message, 'Jesus Saves'; new groups of women are broadcasting that good news. We are very happy over the new camp property which you have made possible through your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. More and more Hawaiian young people will be using the camp in evangelism, in missionary enlistment, in dedication of our lives to full-time Christian service."

We leave the Orient and turn the microphone to Mrs. Mobolo Ayorinde, vice president of the Nigerian Woman's Missionary Union, and vice president for Africa of the Woman's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

"For many years our beloved American missionaries had to write you: 'It is not yet possible to organize African women.' But one glad day in 1915, Mrs. Adeotan Agbebi and her husband made it possible to organize the Baptist Women's League of Lagos. African Baptist women were on the march. In 1919 the Nigerian Woman's Missionary Union was formed, with Mrs. Agbebi our first president. Miss Susan

*In Mrs. Hara's neighborhood circle, twenty-two of some thirty-four women have become Christians*





Baptist women in convention in Italy. Front row, Mrs. Starmer with glasses; Virginia Wingo, Mrs. Dewey Moore; Miriam Rosa, secretary; Gina Bassi, president; Mrs. Ada Landi, treasurer.

Anderson served with Mrs. Agbebi for a short time and then Miss Neale Young, whom we love to call 'The Dauntless One,' became our missionary leader. Miss Anderson once wrote of Miss Young: 'In rains often, carried across streams on substantial shoulders, ferried in canoes or a big calabash, but always arriving.' Into many sections of Nigeria, Miss Young and her African associates went, often the first to carry to the people the good news of the gospel.

"Through institutes and medical clinics, through field workers prepared for service at Idi Aba and other girls' schools, through programs and year books, through camps for our young people, our Union has grown. 1950 was the centennial year of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and our Union accepted high goals in souls won, daily Bible readers, tithes and offerings, and illiterate women taught to read. Early in the year 1950, officers of the Nigerian Union visited personally, the societies on the Gold Coast. Pray for us as we enter the second centennial of Baptist work in Nigeria."

From Africa we turn to Europe. Miss Gina Bassi, president of the Italian Woman's Missionary Union, and secretary of the European Baptist Women's Union, will interpret for some of the national unions:

"We of Italy salute you." We do not know how to date the organization of our Italian Woman's Missionary Union. An organization of Baptist women, formed in Rome in 1914, sent to you ten francs as a

Jubilate birthday gift. In 1915 societies were reported in Florence, Naples, Chiavari, Ferrera and Milan. National meetings of women were held before the outbreak of World War II. Then darkness descended upon us. God enabled us to keep the covenant we made with you just before we were cut off by war. This was that covenant: 'Come what may of trials or privations, sacrifice or suffering, we shall strive to battle through for Christ and his cause.'

"With the end of the war and the return of the Dewey Moores, our beloved American missionaries, the Italian Woman's Missionary Union was reorganized. We call the year 1947 our real birthyear. Since that time, our Union has grown rapidly in number of societies, in understanding of our potential strength, in acceptance of our responsibilities. 1950 was the year called "holy" by the Roman Church. Italian Baptists made it a year for special evangelistic emphasis. In every meeting our women remembered that this and every year can be made holy only as we win for the Master the precious souls for whom he died.

"I present your Spanish sisters, as Senora Concha Giron de Celma, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of Spain, interprets:

"While we organized our Spanish Woman's Missionary Union in 1948, we are still very weak and few. More and more we sense the help of the Master and your love and prayers for us. So our courage

is growing."

Miss Bassi continues her interpretation of European organizations:

"We are conscious that three National Woman's Missionary Unions are silent. The Iron Curtain hides them from our eyes, but our Father watches over them every hour of every day; their voices are not able to penetrate that curtain and reach us, but the ear of our Father hears their voices as they plead with him for strength. The Rumanian Woman's Missionary Union, organized in 1929; the Hungarian Woman's Missionary Union, reorganized in 1923; the Jugo-Slavian Woman's Missionary Union, organized in 1934, were built on the rock of God's promises. They will not be swept off of that Rock by persecution or false teachings. Let us undergird these, our sisters in distress, with our arms of unceasing intercession."

We come now to the Unions in Latin America. Dona Ester Silva Dias, president of the Brazilian Woman's Missionary Union and vice president for South America of the Woman's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, will interpret as we hear from this, the largest section of our sisterhood in service.

"My friends who speak the beautiful Spanish language will forgive my Portuguese tongue. I will begin with our youngest Union, the Colombian Woman's Missionary Union, organized in the year 1950 and including Venezuela. To you the Baptist women of Colombia and Venezuela send their sincere word of greeting and the assurance of their fervent prayers. They request that women everywhere join them in prayer and effort to bring the gospel to 'shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death; to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

"The Woman's Missionary Union of Guatemala, organized in 1946, speaks to you through its president, Senora Raquel S. de Quillo:

Without a doubt we have labored the shortest time in the great fraternity of Baptists of the world. We hope that not in the far distant future we shall be able to surpass our present efforts for the cause of Christ in our native land of Guatemala and in the world."

(Mrs. Dias resumes speaking) "Our sisters of the Baptist Woman's Federation of Uruguay, organized in 1934, salute you in the name that is above every name and in the hope that this name may be made known and loved in all the world. In the early days their Union set aside not a day, not a week, but a month of prayer and self-denial for a revival. From that first sacred effort, came offerings in money which opened work in a new section of the Republic. Later from that new field came two native missionaries who were supported by the Uruguayan Women's Federation. Once a part of the Woman's Missionary Union of the River Plate Republics, they helped in many other missionary projects. Since they have withdrawn from the River Plate Union, they ask that you keep in mind their participation in the achievements which will now be presented through Mrs. Anne Sowell Margaret for the Woman's Missionary Union of Argentina and Paraguay. Mrs. Margaret is speaking."

"The Woman's Missionary Union of the River Plate Republics, organized in 1929, pioneered in the support of missionary work in Paraguay, in Corrientes and in the Chaco jungle districts of Argentina. Our Union supported evangelistic work in the Leper Camp in Paraguay and began a fund for medical work in that Republic even before the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention sent medical missionaries to establish in Paraguay clinics and a hospital."

Dona Ester presents to us the Chilean Woman's Missionary Union, established in 1924.

"The first report from this Union tells of a scholarship girl in the Temuco School, of chapel building among the neglected Chilean Indians. In 1931 they established two 'feasts of prayer.' They tell of the joy which came to them in the discovery of little bands of women among the foothills of the Andes, meeting in the face of tremendous difficulties, holding together, through prayer and consecration, a few scattered Christians, even in places where there were no churches. The Chilean Woman's Missionary Union has large numbers of young people enlisted in Sunbeam Bands, Girl Auxiliaries and Young Women's

an's Auxiliaries. They are deeply grateful for the privilege of being part of this great group of National Woman's Missionary Unions and of helping to evangelize a lost and needy world.

"Let me take you, now, to the North American continent, as the Mexican Woman's Missionary Union, organized in 1920, greets you through her former president, Senora Olivia S. D. de Lerin. Mrs. de Lerin says:

"As you gather up the sheaves of ripened harvest, we present our small gleanings to make yours larger. Our first united missionary work was in chapel building, not for ourselves but for our Mexican Indian brothers and sisters, and in supporting among them evangelists of the Word. Your first gift to us, through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we used to publish our first mission study book, 'Looking at the Mission Fields.' Our Union is growing steadily.

"Within the territory of your Union, there are two other sister Unions, the Mexican Baptist Convention of New Mexico, organized in 1917, and the Woman's Missionary Union of the Spanish-American Convention of New Mexico, organized in 1941. All that other National Unions are doing in undergirding the spread of the gospel, these two Unions

within your midst have done and are doing."

In 1913, Mrs. H. C. Peelman, of the Florida Woman's Missionary Union crossed over to the Island of Cuba to encourage the women and young people connected with the Cuban Baptist churches. Miss Mildred Matthews, for twenty-six years the Executive Secretary of the Cuban Union, reports:

"An increase in the number of societies, in A-1 societies, in membership, in gifts makes our latest annual report an encouraging one. We are very happy that we now have a small encampment where we can have our conferences. Please pray for us!" Dona Ester resumes speaking:

"Now, may I bring you home with me to Rio de Janeiro, the city in which my Woman's Missionary Union, the Woman's Missionary Union of Brazil, has established its headquarters. Our hearts are full of gratitude to you for our offices, for our two Woman's Missionary Union Training Schools, for the funds which help us to support full-time and summer field workers in needy places, for many, many other blessings which have come to us through you.

"Our National Union was organized in 1908. Our anniversaries follow yours in twenty-year intervals. We have our "epochs of prayer" and our special days of offerings. Our Y.W.A.'s, support two missionary teachers, one in the hinterland of Brazil, the other in Bolivia. Our Girls' Auxiliary House Party, in which 57 Junior and Intermediate girls gathered, was a thrilling adventure. Twelve of these girls dedicated their lives to Christian work and two accepted Christ as their Saviour before the end of that first House Party.

"I return you, now, to Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, reminding you that as your sister Unions of Latin America, of Europe, of Hawaii, of Africa, of Asia greet you with loving gratitude, we say to you in the words of the first President of the Nigerian Woman's Missionary Union: 'Though we are of tender age, our feet are being trained to walk in the path you are treading.' You of Woman's Missionary Union, of the Southern Baptist Convention, walk carefully, walk prayerfully, for we follow as you lead."

## Our Daily Bread

**1 Tuesday** "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."—Matt. 5:6

Rev. and Mrs. James H. Dickenson, evangelism, Fort Worth, Mrs. Elizabeth Escobedo, educational evangelism, Spanish-speaking, San Antonio, Texas

**2 Wednesday** "Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee."—Psalm 63:3

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Willis Bryan, appointees for Costa Rica, at Costa Rica language school, Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Culpeper, Buenos Aires, Argentina, educational evangelism

**3 Thursday** "Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us."—Psalm 62:8

Mr. Fred McCaulley, Berkeley, California, Home Mission Board field secretary for Western work; Dr. J. B. Rounds, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Home Mission Board emeritus field secretary for Indian work

**4 Friday** "When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet."—Prov. 3:24

Dr. and Mrs. Paul S. Cullen, medical evangelism, Eku, Nigeria, Mrs. L. M. Duval, emeritus, Nigeria

**5 Saturday** "This is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life."—1 John 2:25

Rev. and Mrs. A. Pucciarelli, Italian evangelism, Tampa, Florida

**6 Sunday** "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."—Job 23:10

Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week, May 6-12, Christian Home Week, May 6-13

**7 Monday** "In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."—Psalm 5:3

\*Miss Blanche Bradley, medical evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Fielder, emeritus,

\*In this country now

by MRS. B. A. COPASS, Texas

"Come, every soul by sin oppressed,  
There's mercy with the Lord."

China, Florence Ann Fielder, Margaret Fund student

**8 Tuesday** "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."—John 4:34

Rev. Fred Banda, Alamo, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Parker, El Paso, Texas, evangelism, Spanish-speaking, Wendell, Robert and John B. Parker, Margaret Fund students

**9 Wednesday** "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."—Mark 5:19

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Herbert Cockburn, appointees for Argentina at Costa Rica language school, \*Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Buenos Aires, Argentina, educational evangelism

**10 Thursday** "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope."—Rom. 15:13

Rev. and Mrs. Fernando Santana, Cotorro, Rev. and Mrs. Luis Napoles, Marti, Cuba, evangelism

**11 Friday** "If thou seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and soul."—Deut. 4:29

Rev. and Mrs. Ruben I. Franks, appointees for Chile, at Costa Rica language school, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, emeritus executive secretary of Foreign Mission Board

**12 Saturday** "For your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."—2 Cor. 8:9

Miss Erlene Howard, Belen, Rev. and Mrs. Aubry Reaird, Las Vegas, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Godsoe, Raton, New Mexico, evangelism, Spanish-speaking

**13 Sunday** "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."—Matt. 21:22

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn M. Bridges, Campo Grande, evangelism, Mrs. A. L. Dunstan, emeritus, Brazil

Three little Sunbeams with a group of China's W.M.U. leaders



14 Monday "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."—Rom. 8:1

Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Romo, Rev. George Saenz, Brownwood, Texas, evangelism, Spanish-speaking

15 Tuesday "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."—Psalm 34:10

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Craighead, Encarnacion, Paraguay, evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Leland James Harper, appointees for Paraguay, at Costa Rica language school, David Craighead, Margaret Fund student

16 Wednesday "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."—Luke 15:10

Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Rowland, Quapaw, Rev. Gabe Paxton, Jr., Shawnee, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

17 Thursday "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."—1 John 2:15

Dr. and Mrs. George Green, emeritus, \*Miss M. Antonina Canzoneri, medical evangelism, Ogbomoso, Nigeria

18 Friday "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it."—Psalm 34:14

Rev. Garland K. Offutt, Louisville, Kentucky, Rev. T. W. Talkington, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, evangelism among their own Negro race

19 Saturday "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."—Prov. 16:7

Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Dailey, evangelism, Miss Emily V. Head, special appointee, medical evangelism, Barranquilla, Colombia

20 Sunday "I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee."—Jer. 31:3

Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Rodriguez, Calabazar, Rev. and Mrs. Filomeno Hernandez, Catalina, Cuba, evangelism

21 Monday "The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life."—Prov. 14:27

Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, and Miss Florence Jones, emeritus, China

22 Tuesday "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and

peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."—Rom. 14:17

Rev. and Mrs. Camilo Rico, Alice, Miss Leonila Galan, San Antonio, Texas, educational evangelism, Spanish-speaking

23 Wednesday "He that walketh uprightly walketh surely."—Prov. 10:9

Rev. and Mrs. Worth Collins Grant, Tokyo, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Gillespie, Osaka, Japan, educational evangelism

24 Thursday "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious."—1 Pet. 2:7

Italy's W.M.U. convention during May and the River Plate annual W.M.U. meeting at Buenos Aires, May 24

25 Friday "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."—Psalm 147:3

Misses Celia Perez, Ruth O'Dell, Eulalia Martinez, Havana, Cuba, evangelism

26 Saturday "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."—Mark 2:17

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Haltom, Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Honolulu, Hawaii, evangelism

27 Sunday "It shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."—Isa. 65:24

Rev. and Mrs. Lester Carl Bell, Rio de Janeiro, evangelism, Mrs. Emma Ginsburg, emeritus, Brazil

28 Monday "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed."—1 Pet. 4:16

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Sanchez, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Queen, Havana, Cuba, evangelism

29 Tuesday "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."—Psalm 126:5

\*Miss Waller Ray Buster, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Hatton, Royal Ambassador work, Brazil

30 Wednesday "Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."—Psalm 37:4

Miss Frances Hammett, educational evangelism, Shaki, Rev. Frank and Dr. Roberta Cox Edwards, medical evangelism, Joinkrama, Nigeria

31 Thursday "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."—John 7:37

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Anderson, and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, emeritus, China

For this time of confusion  
grow a strong faith

## Our World in Books

by Thelma Brown Burland

TODAY IS MINE, compiled and edited by Thomas Curtis Clark, Harper, \$1.50

There are so many tried and true daily devotional books that when a new one appears it is often viewed somewhat critically.

This book will stand many tests. The author is the well known compiler of "Quotable Poems" and other collections of Christian verse. He is also a beloved poet who has produced many poems of trust and hope and beauty.

Through the years Mr. Clark has gleaned great thoughts from the past and in nine recent times, has assembled gems of Scripture, and selected uplifting poetry and prayers. These he published in page-long day-by-day readings for one year.

The emphasis he gives shows how invisible things of the Spirit become supreme realities in our lives when they are appropriated by faith in God. The assurance that we are dependent upon God's guidance, and forever safe in his keeping is the recurrent theme of the book.

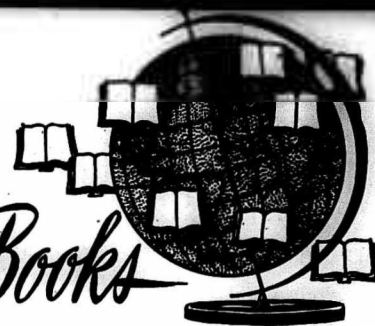
For private or family meditations, or as a basis for group devotions, "Today is Mine" will doubtless earn a place on many tables among favorite devotionals.

DEEP IS THE HUNGER by Howard Thurman, Harper, \$2.50

"No one ever wins a fight,"—thoughtfully repeated my grandmother—as she looked at the small boy with eyes swollen, jacket grimy and trousers torn. He had just made an older and bigger boy "eat dirt."

"But I beat him," the boy faced his grandmother. Her only words were "Yes, but look at you. Maybe you beat him, but you will learn that no one ever wins a fight."

Howard Thurman says that he has had many occasions to think through these



words of his grandmother during this half century of wars between nations and struggles between peoples. It will help us all to think about them.

Dr. Thurman, distinguished scholar and Negro leader, is pastor of The Church for Fellowship of all Peoples in San Francisco. He customarily writes a weekly meditation presented on Sunday morning preceding the sermon.

This book gives us unusually thoughtful paragraphs from these meditations on subjects closely fitted to our times. They contain many words of wisdom on various aspects of life and religious experience. Each passage is beautifully written and is illustrated from life. The last section is made up of a series of reflections on the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, and the Psalms.

"Deep is the Hunger" is addressed to those who are aware of that which is vital in life. He calls these people, "Apostles of Sensitiveness." If read prayerfully with pauses for study and self-examination, it will bring to many a feeling of new energy and higher resolution.

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prayer among government leaders says 104 Representatives and 64 Senators attended at least once during 1950; except for the terrific pressure of duty—which has to be seen and felt to be understood—the number would be nearer the possible 455 and 96.

If these officials are to be faithful to their task in a democracy, they must have all the spiritual help they can get. More than anybody else, they know it. They thank God for the Christian folks back home who send them to Washington and sustain them there with prayer.

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*by Mildred Williams*

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