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MISSIONARY MAP OF THE AREA



MAKING MISSIONS OUR MISSION

A challenge from the president of the Southern Baptist Convention to the women of its auxiliary

by J. D. Grey

IN the hushed and hallowed session of the Foreign Mission Board, October 9, 1951, eight of our finest young people were appointed as missionaries. All of them gave inspiring accounts of their conversion and call to the mission field.

One of these gave a simple personal testimony that was especially appealing. She was Mrs. Paul Dennis Rowden, Jr., (nee Marjorie Ann Cole) of Georgia, who along with her husband was being appointed as a teacher in the school at Nazareth. She was converted at the age of nine. But even before that she was in the Sunbeam Band of her home church. With the other children she had learned that simple yet beloved children's song, "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World." It had made a lasting impression upon her young heart. Following her conversion through her days in the Girls' Auxiliary and later in the Y.W.A., the message of that song kept ringing in her soul. That song, together with the instructions she received in missions through these missionary organizations, tended to crystallize her assurance that God wanted her as a foreign missionary.

As Mrs. Rowden spoke, the conviction I have always had came to me with renewed force. That conviction has continued to deepen. It is this—we must do more than ever before to instruct, inspire, and guide our children and young people in missionary thinking. New recruits are constantly needed by our State, Home, and Foreign Mission Boards. To be sure, only God can call them to the work. But we who lead the young can create such an atmosphere that will make it easy for them to answer that call.

Our young people are studying geography and world events in school. Radio, television, and the cinema give them a world consciousness. We Christian parents, pastors, and church leaders have a precious privilege of helping them see their newly discovered world in the light of the missionary ideal. We must lead them to see every map and every globe of the world through the eyes of Christ with compassionate concern. To do this effectively will

raise up not only Adoniram and Ann Hasseltine Judsons who will actually go as missionaries, but also Luther Ricea who will stay at home to provide the means and dynamic for missions.

Southern Baptists must bring to bear all their facilities and resources in a re-evaluation of our total missionary objectives in this crucial hour. They must be constantly reminded that "missions is still our mission." One of the most significant statements at the Chicago Convention in 1950 came from Dr. Baker James Cauthen, our Foreign Mission Board secretary for the Orient. He said, "Whatever happens in China, we are not released from the obligation of the Great Commission." Even though certain fields are temporarily closed to us, there must be no lessening of our interest in missions. "Southern Baptist advance" is our watchword these days. The Home Mission Board is meeting the challenge to advance in new areas and new activities. The Foreign Mission Board has adopted as its 1952 fall missionary study theme, "Advance into new areas." It is significant that since 1940 the Foreign Board has expanded its work into twenty new areas. Southern Baptists generally know very little about these new areas. Significant advances will probably be made in most of these within the next decade, so this mission study theme is particularly timely.

LAST October 22 I was invited to attend a White House Conference between 75 national leaders from various walks of life and top government and military officials. General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Secretary of State Dean Acheson displayed huge maps of the world, showing where our military and diplomatic forces were deployed. As they pointed out the diplomatic and military operations against our vicious foe, we were impressed by the strategy and know-how of our government. I kept thinking how we Christians ought to have a map of the world spread out in our hearts. We Southern Baptists need a more vital concept of our missionary strategy. (continued on inside back cover)

The Tale of a Stolen Bible

by James D. Crane

President of Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary

PEDRO Ibarra was not a thief. He was an honorable man. His father had early instilled into him two solid principles of life: respect for the honor of the family name, and appreciation of the value of hard work. Those two principles had saved him from the evil influence of bad companions during his normal school days and enabled him to get a firm footing in an economy still shaken from the excesses of revolution. Why then should he steal a Bible?

It was his wife's fault, although she was unaware of it at the time. Senora Ibarra was a fanatical Catholic, and Don Pedro wasn't too happy about the time she spent going to mass and to confession. His father had always said, "Pedro, respect the priest while he is in the altar. But once outside, beware. He is the worst scoundrel alive." So Don Pedro wanted to find a way to blunt the edge of his wife's religious fervor. But how?

Somewhere along the way, Don Pedro had heard that the Bible said a great deal against idolatry. That, he thought, would be a fine thing for Doña Conchita to know. If she could read from a Catholic version of the Scriptures that it is wrong to bow down before images and the like, maybe she would not be so devout. Knowing that a kinsman, who was a priest, possessed a Bible, Don Pedro "appropriated" it at his earliest opportunity. The priest didn't read it enough to miss it, and it was for a good cause.

The plan was quite successful. Doña Conchita became interested at once. It was a Catholic Bible, so she felt quite safe in reading it. She would never have touched

one of those "adulterated" Protestant Bibles the priest was always warning them against. But as she read, her sense of security vanished and there rose up within her a feeling of outrage as she realized how completely the practices of her religion were condemned by the Word of God. Don Pedro was happy indeed. This had been a very gratifying experiment.

But matters didn't end there. Doña Conchita was not a woman to be satisfied with a negative experience. The foundations of her faith had been rudely taken from under her, and her heart cried out for something better in their place. She continued to read from the Bible and, as she read, she came into the knowledge of Christ as her Lord and Saviour. Don Pedro had not calculated on that. Maybe this thing was going too far.

But in the years that followed, matters went a lot farther still. First Doña Conchita was baptized. Five years later her prayers were answered and Don Pedro joined her in becoming a member of the Baptist church. Then, one by one, the four daughters and three sons were each won to faith in the Lord.

Today Don Pedro is a prominent leader in civic and agricultural circles in the state of Coahuila. As head of the League of Independent Farmers in the richest agricultural section of all Mexico, he has worked out a plan to supplement the present single-phase economy of the region with the establishment, on a co-operative basis, of a great dairy industry.

The President of the Republic was impressed when Don Pedro laid the plan before him. (Please turn to page 12)



Pedro Ibarra

"Count the Offering"

by Patsy Lawton

whose husband, Dr. B. R. Lawton, is principal of Baptist Bible School, Rivoli, Italy

When the Rivoli, Italy, Baptist Sunday school began there was no offering period. I didn't have the nerve to ask these desperately poor people for an offering. Two months passed by and no offering was mentioned.

One day one of the mothers came to me and said, "Signora, I've been thinking. It isn't fair for you to pay for the notebooks, pencils, paste and the like that the children use in Sunday school. Each one of them should help."

I wasn't sure what to do. Many people in Italy had told me the people in Italy couldn't give, so I replied, "I cannot ask for it; if you think it should be done, you be responsible." The next Sunday Mrs. Baschero arrived with a big shoe box with a slit cut in the top and asked the children to give what they could for our little expenses. They made their first offering. Weeks went by and they continued to give. During this period all the children were given New Testaments.

One day in the spring the children were told that the evangelicals of Italy wanted to give New Testaments to the evangelicals of Spain. They quickly figured out how much their New Testaments would have cost if they had bought them and they said, "Take the money from our offering box." Our first money went to Foreign Missions.

The summer passed and the old shoe box became stuffed so tight with 1, 2, 5, and 10 lire pieces that the top seemed about to pop off. About that time the new missionary residence was finished. Its big living room would make a lovely Sunday school meeting place, for they had outgrown the dark tiny chapel of the seminary. But they had no chairs. Strong folding chairs would cost \$1.50 a piece. "Count the offering! Count the offering!" the children shouted. For more than an hour they counted! There was \$7.50. Five new chairs were ordered.

We were so proud of those five sturdy

new chairs but we needed twenty more. I couldn't ask them to pay for twenty chairs so I wrote Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, executive secretary of Italian Baptist work, and asked him if he knew of any extra money. He didn't but he sent us enough to buy the other twenty chairs we needed by return mail.

There we sat in Sunday school on our nice new seats when the lesson was a selection from the Old Testament. "How many complete Bibles are there?" I asked. Three hands went up. Two of these had been given by our seminary students to families living on the campus. I wondered how the other child would have a Bible so I asked, "And your Bible, Eugene, do you read it?"

"Oh no, Signora," he laughed, "it's in Latin."

That meant that there were nine families coming to the Sunday school who did not have a Bible in their home. We would have to have at least one Bible in each home if the children were to study. Nine Bibles would cost \$9. Perhaps they could do it, they had surprised me before. I made them a proposition. "Next Sunday I will give each family a Bible. No one will be asked to pay for it. We will all pay for them through our offerings. Let's try to make them our own in four months."

Saturday night I went to the student who had promised to get me the Bibles. He had eight with him. I asked him what the cost was and he said, "The seminary students took up a collection and paid for two. Five students said they had extra Bibles they didn't use regularly so they gave five Bibles, that makes seven. You'll have to pay \$2." It was nearly too good to be true. The children thought the same thing when I gave them the Bibles and told them what had happened. These will be paid for by the children in a few months now.

We never can tell what will happen when a group of children begin to see what God will do through their gifts.

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OUR COVER—Pictured is the family and a friend of Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Left to right are Mrs. Grey, the W.M.U. Young People's Director at the First Baptist Church in New Orleans, J. D. Grey; second row, Junior R.A., Miss Green, and the Grey twins, Martha Ann, left, and Mary Beth, right, who are Junior G.A's.			

European Baptist Women's Union

As seen through the eyes of the youngest observer, MARYLU MOORE

HOW nice it was that I could go to the European Baptist Women's meeting in Hamburg, Germany! I had read the minutes of the meeting they had had in Switzerland in 1950, and being a missionary's daughter, I had heard about it from my mother, who was there. Since there is no G.A. in Rome, I am a member of the Y.W.A. at the Armstrong Memorial Training School here, and am interested in the women's work too.

When Mother hinted at the possibility of taking a vacation in Switzerland, going first to Germany for the meeting, there was not a girl in Rome as happy as I. There were many moments of indecision, but soon we actually started making plans.

The weeks passed like hours and we were on the way to Hamburg! We had to drive about two-thirds the length of Italy, straight through Switzerland and up almost to the top of Germany. That took about five days and we arrived, as planned, two days before the conference began.

When we reached the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, where we were supposed to stay, we found that there were more guests

Marylly with German women who went to all the meetings



than expected. So we four children and Dad went to the Baptist Deaconesses Home. We didn't much like the idea at first, especially since I was sure that I'd miss half the meetings as the *Diakonissenhaus* was almost an hour's ride from the seminary. But I missed no meetings and wouldn't have missed the Home for anything.

The Deaconesses are a group of about eight hundred in all parts of Germany, women and girls, some not over 14 or 15 years old, who set themselves apart to work for the Lord. They are all trained nurses and have their own hospitals and old people's homes to take care of, beside private nursing. They're lovely people, looking quaint in their long blue or black dresses and aprons, with little white caps and bows under their chins. They were wonderful to us "motherless kinder."

While we were getting settled, the delegates from the various countries of Europe were arriving at the seminary. I had already had the pleasure and joy of meeting some of them and soon knew the rest. There were women from Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Italy, Switzerland, France, England, Germany and Austria. Mrs. Edgar Bates and Mrs. George R. Martin were there also, Mrs. Bates being the president of the North American Baptist Women's Union, and Mrs. Martin, whom everyone knows, chairman of the Women's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. I had already met Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Bates when they were in Rome a week earlier.

THE conference began officially at a tent meeting on Sunday afternoon, the twenty-ninth of July. In Germany they have been having a series of evangelistic meetings all over the country this year. These meetings were in tents which held one thousand people. The tent was pulled out that afternoon and all women I only

MEETING IN 1951

From the Author



Left to right: Guests in their national costumes from Finland (first and last two persons), Italy, Norway, and Mrs. George R. Martin from U.S.A.

saw two men: my brother and my father. The delegates sitting on a big stage were introduced and each made a little speech telling something about the place they came from, "in twenty-five words or less." Not much for women who had so much to tell!

Then the people listened with great interest and sometimes with tears in their eyes while Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Bates each spoke about woman's part in the missionary world. The choir, made up entirely of deaconesses, sang beautifully some German hymns and after an hour and a half we were outside the tent in a crowd you'd expect to find at a circus. Five of the delegates wore beautiful costumes and they stood several minutes with Mrs. Martin, having their pictures taken. Then they must sing some songs in English. This they did with the crowd joining in if they knew the hymn in their own language. After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" for the second time, the crowd thinned out and we took a street car back to the seminary. After supper we all met in one room and sang hymns in the different languages. One of the women from Finland had brought her guitar and she sang the Finnish National Anthem. It was lovely.

THE next morning the meetings began in real earnest. I was there on time, too. The theme was "This is the victory even our faith." It seemed very appropriate for these times.

After a short devotion by Mrs. Bates, we heard reports from various countries. It was so interesting to hear the progress the women were making in the last few years. The main thing was the main thing. This morning

facts and incidents from each country.

In France, the women make up nine-tenths of the church membership. In Sweden the government has recently passed a law that Baptist preachers can marry or bury their own church members without being members of the state church. In Salzburg, Austria the women's work began with five women meeting in each other's homes; now there are two hundred. Germany has one of the largest women's unions in Europe. It was thrilling, yet heart-moving, to hear about the work German women are doing in Berlin's East Zone. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Bates had just come back from a meeting in the West Zone of Berlin to which women from the east had come and they told us about this meeting. One woman who spoke had on a dress that she had made from scraps of black material which she had found in some relief packages. It was a lovely dress, Mrs. Bates told us. She could have taken a nice dress but she left them for people who couldn't sew.

After hearing their last reports, the suggestion was made that we take an offering for those women in the East Zone. We had this Wednesday morning at the close of the conference. In all, counting money from the United States, we had over \$500.00 or \$102.

In the afternoon there were no meetings. We went out to the garden. There are many flowers on inside back...

Christmas Is Always

by Christine Garnett

LET'S stop saying "Christmas has gone." Christmas is always in hearts where Christ is. All the year we are fixing pretty things, praying for people, loving people, and giving. At least you, my helpers, have excelled in these virtues 365 days of every year from 1918 to 1951. And here I was thinking that this would be your last year to stand back of me, when the Board wrote "Keep on working."

Some of you are calling our new Educational Building which includes the library, a church. Our church in Consolation del Sur is the old one made new. The vacant lot is still standing on the corner calling for a new church.

But I was speaking of Christmas. What a time we had in our three or four weeks of celebration. More than 80 Christmas songs copied and pasted in old *Reader's Digests* kept us singing daily to learn all of them. Children and young people in and out, day and night rehearsing for children's night on the twenty-first. Counting on candy sent by friends from the States we spent all our budget, then the bonbons were held up in customs in Havana for weeks! Did you hear our exclamations of relief when they came the day before?

I had written a play "The Return Home" and when the grandmother wept because she had no Christmas for the kiddies and six-year-old Johnny said, "But Grandma,

I am almost a man, and should give to you instead of you to me," we cried along with her. Again when the father peeped in the window and little Olga who is a born artist said, "Oh, papa, papa, you have come back to us by the light of the Christmas candle," there was not a dry eye in the house.

One of the sweetest numbers was little Joseta dressed as Mary, singing a lullaby to the babe in the manger, as I played for her. Her tiny voice carried us to Bethlehem. But funny things will happen: I went to bed at two A.M. and later waked laughing as I remembered that I had not put one thing in the manger, and Mary had sung to an empty box.

When the time came to give out the boxes of candy, oranges and tangerines, little eyes bulged out, little hands . . . yes, grabbed at them. That would be the only Christmas for some of them. Our full house did not go away empty.

Christmas Eve is no hallowed time in my Cuba. And well did we know that a White Christmas on that night would be seen only by church members so we postponed it to the thirty-first.

What a watch night we had! At 8:30 o'clock a hundred fifty people, responding to lovely printed bulletins which were a combination of invitation, program, and Christmas message, were gathered in the upper story of the Educational Building for a study of prophetic passages referring to Jesus. The motives were ignorance, curiosity, and interest. It was planned this way: I was in my living room and three girls came to visit and talk of Christmas and its meaning. In answer to their questions and remarks I explained the



The impressive silver and white tableau for White Christmas in our mission in Consolation, Cuba

virgin birth, the much believed immaculate conception, Christ the only mediator and priest, and on and on, and I did not put on gloves to talk either, though surrounded by many staunch Catholics.

Then we took that crowd in almost silence to the church for White Christmas. I went trembling for fear some details would be forgotten by the ones who were arranging the platform. When seated, I explained White Christmas, lights went off and reflectors on. The curtain opened, and we sang six songs while looking at an all white platform. Six lovely little angels raised at different heights, were bound together with silver drapings. In the center sitting on high pedestals were two young women in cotton dresses that touched the floor, and caps all sprinkled with shiny stuff. Each held a decorated white tree, supported by silver columns and forming an arch under which we laid our white gifts which were guarded by a darling boy. It was so beautiful and solemn and reverent.

When we sang "Silent Night" and the curtain closed, we found huge knots in our throats tugging to keep back the tears. And your missionary forgot the midnight oil and perspiration spent on those costumes.

Upstairs again to sing carols on the roof where we had installed loud speakers so that our songs were heard far away. Then the two who had prepared chocolate

in the kitchen sent up the three large boilers and almost silently we enjoyed hot chocolate and crackers. It gave me many opportunities to go quietly in and out among the visitors.

Again to the church for watch service. All the white and the angels and the North Pole girls had disappeared as if by magic. I knew it was by hard work of the helpers. There was a male duet, "Christ at the Door." The Old Year appeared in black. In a beautifully given poem, the Old Year was ushered out and the New Year, dressed in rose, called in. Then it was five minutes to twelve and time for a prayer that would carry us into the new year.

But Christmas was not all in church. On the twenty-fifth, I left at 6 A.M. with a big coconut cake to have a happy day with other missionaries. At Thanksgiving we had drawn names, so late in the afternoon, each went home carrying one nice gift . . . mine was a double boiler . . . leftover turkey, candies and tidbits. One afternoon I went with my projector to help Dreta Sharpe in her program at the Methodist church, showing "The Birth of Christ."

It makes me feel very humble to see all the beautiful cards that have come and especially those from circles that bear my name. I am ashamed to count them. My house looks like a Christmas shop. Next year I will buy from them to send to you!

• Christine Garnett, one of our noblest missionaries, is laboring beyond the year of retirement in her beloved Cuba.

Over My Keyboard

by Salle T. Fite



lot of new faces. How many other strange words rolled over me there--from chemistry formulas to accounting terms.

That summer I sat idly at home while my owner went to camp to hear missionaries speak, study mission books, and become Queen Regent. After she returned she wrote some letters so I knew what camp was about, but one letter to a friend mystified me. It mentioned that she had surrendered for foreign missions, and I wondered what that might mean.

That fall we returned to college. Its faces were now familiar and so were the accounting terms and typing lessons. There were Training Union programs and stencils cut since my owner was Training Union Representative on the BSU Council, and there were occasional letters to missionaries and other volunteers and Y.W.A. Houseparty friends, too, that she wrote to.

In June, 1943 my owner started adding another name to her papers and letters and I learned she had married. But what about this foreign mission idea? I waited to learn more about that.

The next year I moved all the way to Grenada, Mississippi where I landed in the office of the First Baptist Church. My owner was church secretary and there was war so the church could not buy a new typewriter and she used me. There were more stencils for church bulletins, cards to the

I am just an ordinary Royal typewriter, 1940 Model, but these eleven years of my life have certainly seen a vast amount of words pecked out on my roller. I had expected the usual typing exercises and business letters but other strange items make my story.

The first few months there were the usual "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country," and other beginner's exercises, but then my keys struck such strange words as tithe, missionaries, Cooperative Program, Margaret Fund, and "House Beautiful."

One day I heard my owner say as she pulled out a sheet, "That finishes the requirements for Queen with a Scepter." I must have done all right because it was not long before the girl who typed on me was at work on some other papers that I heard her say were for the step of Queen Regent. That was also the year I went to college and saw a

visiting soldiers, and letters to their parents to let them know that their boys were still attending church. That went on for six months and then we returned to college for our last year. That year there were letters everyday to her husband overseas.

After that it seems I moved every few minutes. They called it, "getting settled down after the war." For a while my owner was teaching typing and bookkeeping in a high school near home. So I typed test questions and did other odd jobs. Then we moved to a Veteran's Housing Project and there I had to play second fiddle to a baby so I mostly collected dust. From there I went to a place they called a farm. Here I typed opening assembly programs for a Sunday school department (whatever that is). Later we moved to town and my owner became Youth Director for the church so I wrote letters asking for speakers and retreats, inviting people to conferences, announcing missionary meetings (that word again!) and even typing radio manuscripts.

I was in a box again and back to the Housing Project. "Husband" was in college majoring in agriculture and I was typing notes, manuscripts, and themes. There were test papers and morning watch programs too for my owner was teaching in a business college and was sponsor for the Religious Council at the school.

This was about to become boring after two years, when suddenly I saw a new address--Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Virginia. I remembered the words--missions, missionary, missionaries--camp days were not forgotten. Was something finally happening about that? There were several letters and in the meantime I moved to Seminary Hill. There were more themes with long Bible names and such words as "visual aids" and "church recreation." Then came a series of forms of various lengths and colors and life histories to be typed: all addressed to that Foreign Mission Board in Richmond.

Then there were many letters like an announcement--"We were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board September 14 to do agricultural work at Corrente, Piaui in North Brazil. Baptists have a school there and several farms that we hope can be made to produce enough to care for the school. We also help the R. Elton Johnsons with the school and church."

At last she would fulfill that dream of being a foreign missionary, that dream begun in a C.A. camp eight years before. I had often wondered about what it meant as we had gone to the different places but it seems God had a purpose and plan for it all: that was what she typed often.

I see the boxes are beginning to pile up again, so we are going to be moving soon. This time it will be to this Corrente place I announced about. They say there is a lot of work waiting for us there too. Even I can feel that this is all very important. It's wonderful to be a missionary typewriter.



What is East of the Jordan?

MANY centuries ago in the Near East men traveled along the steep paths of barren terrain on foot, on small sure-footed donkeys, or on haughty camels. Their loose, long flowing robes and head-dresses served as protection from the hot summer sun and wind and from the fiercely-biting cold of night. Their homes were made in isolated goat hair tents sheltered from the east wind. Some lived in caves carved into the side of a hill, or in flat-roofed houses or mud and hand-chipped stone collected into tiny villages of the plains and valleys. Flocks of sheep and black goats roamed the hills, managing somehow to find enough to eat among the rocks and from the leaves of the lowest branches of scrubby trees.

With the help of oxen, camels, and donkeys the people labored hard to cultivate the stony soil. Tiny patches of grain and vegetables were grown where the smallest bit of soil could be gathered and sufficient water be found. Terraced olive orchards and vineyards with the heavy stone animal-turned presses were prized possessions and carefully tended.

The Jabbok, the Yarmuk, and the Arnon River valleys wound like narrow green ribbons in the steep gorges cut for themselves through the high plateau of this land of the Ammonites, the Hivites, and the Moabites. Theirs was a hardy livelihood. Anxiously they watched for the winter rains. They feared the onslaught of desert marauders that swooped down on their tiny cultivated areas which were so tempting to those who know only desert sands and widely scattered watering spots.

JUST so is the life today. Roads have been made which allow automobiles to travel during the dry season; the latest models of American cars and trucks dash along, passing the heavily loaded camels and donkeys. Planes on scheduled flights zoom overhead from which the passengers

may look down upon the huge relief map of the countryside. At a glance may be seen the whole of the country from Mount Hermon of the Anti-Lebanon range in the north, to the Dead Sea at the southern end of the Jordan Valley.

The lands just east of the Jordan were of interest and importance to those who lived as even earliest Biblical history was being made. Somewhere in the valley of



Ruth Swann

Main street in Ajloun, Transjordan, with Crusader's Castle Qal'at er Rabad on spur of Jebel Ajloun Range in background

the Jabbok, Jacob became reconciled with his brother. It was here that he wrestled with God and received his name of Israel. His descendants, upon their return from Egyptian slavery, found this a promising land and three tribes chose to live here rather than take their families across the Jordan. From the heights of Nebo, God showed Moses the land that was to be claimed by those who were his people.

Today, Transjordan waits again for such experiences within her borders. Long a poor country and relatively sparsely settled considering the available means of securing a living, the land was being utilized to capacity. But with the Jewish-Arab difficulties in Palestine, the

Ruth Swann



population of this area was increased by about fifty per cent. Thousands of people are now living on a bare subsistence level in whatever sort of shelter offers any protection from the elements.

ROMAN Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Anglicans, and a few independent persons carry on most of the work now being done in the name of Christianity.

Southern Baptists have recently accepted the challenge presented here and are beginning work with a small twenty-seven bed hospital under the direction of Dr. Lorne E. Brown. The hospital is located just east across the Jordan River from Mount Gilboa where Saul and Jonathan

Desert areas of the Near East will be fruitful—thanks to the energies of the citizens

Black Star



were killed in battle. To the south, across the Jabbok, is Amman at a distance requiring about two and one half hours by car over the unpaved road of the rugged, barren, and peculiarly beautiful region. The picturesque mountain range of Jebel Ajloun is just north across the valley from the hospital compound above the village of Ajloun.

This is the only hospital supported and supervised by an evangelical group in the predominately Moslem country of Transjordan. The beginning of the hospital some ten years ago, was due to a plea of the community for such medical aid. In trying to meet the needs which prompted this request, the respect and confidence of many of the people have already been gained. Something like seventy villages have been contacted as word has spread about the help available here. Patients come and they are treated in so far as is possible with no X-ray, no electricity, no laboratory facilities, a very inadequate water supply, and a severely restricted personnel.

Daily religious services are held in the wards for patients and visitors. When clinics have been held in the villages and when calls have come for relief and assistance from individual homes, the gospel story has been told there also.

A service in love is beyond the understanding of the people but it gains a receptive ear for the story of the Saviour whose earthly life was one of doing good and whose death was an expression of love.

The number of patients who need medical care because of quarrels and fights, the presence of thousands of needy refugees here because of Jewish-Arab conflict, show that men must come to reconciliation with their brothers. For those who have known the laws and courtesies that govern life where there has been the advantage of a culture rich in Christian heritage, it is difficult to realize how imperative is the need that man shall meet a living Christ if his fellow men are to be considered brothers.

To date, there has been nothing of a church organization. Sunday school for the village children has been discontinued

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weekly" in Ajloun. Study classes and worship services have been conducted in other villages with some degree of regularity. On the average, nearly six hundred patients are treated annually in the hospital, and at least five thousand are seen in the clinics. Many hear Christian truths for the first time through these contacts. All of this is bearing some fruit though the results are not spectacular. Some have openly confessed their belief and trust in Jesus, and the interest shown by many others indicates the working out of the promises of God that his word shall accomplish the purpose for which he sends it.

WITH the many difficulties customary in Moslem-dominated countries, the eagerness of many people of this area for the continuance of the Christian ministry and their frank willingness to hear the gospel make this a land of opportunity and promise.

Paramount in the life and teachings of Jesus is the idea of greatness which is

found only in the capacity of a servant. There is little anyone can do in serving God except as he seeks to understand and supply the needs of people in the place where God has put him. That means that his followers must even be "as a slave of all" in the spirit of love. Especially with Moslem people, whose minds are deeply prejudiced against Christianity, must all be done in patience and love. Though we work with all the skill of modern scientific discovery and equipment; though we speak with all the eloquence of which men and angels are capable, if we have not love, all our words and actions but echo the empty meaninglessness of our own hearts and lives. Seeing and accepting the boundless love of God as poured out upon Calvary, love fills us to overflowing. Then shall it be that we love, yet not we, but Christ loves in us, and roses shall bloom in the desert wastes of men's hearts who hitherto have known only the emptiness that was once in our own.

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"Go home and work out the details," he said, "and when you are ready, I will guarantee you and those associated with you fifty millions of pesos to implement your program."

Then, there's the Clinica Cuauhtemoc, an evangelical hospital recently organized in Torreón, mainly through the efforts of Don Pedro and his family.

The First Baptist Church of Torreón leans heavily upon the Ibarra. Doña Conchita is president of the W. M. S., and he is wherever he is needed most. When the present church building was constructed six years ago, Don Pedro gave forty per cent of the building fund. Two years ago, as a tribute from his cotton crop, he gave the church a fine Minshall-Estey electric organ.

But that is not all, not even the best. When a study course on soul-winning is being taught, you can count on Don Pedro being there, with a group of his farm laborers seated on the bench by his side. And when the Credit Association holds a meeting of the Board of Directors, you can

depend on Don Pedro watching his chances to slip in a word of testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ.

"My word . . . shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11).

WHY SHOULD I PRAY?

BY A. H. PAGE

Why should I pray?
Tiny atom in immensity,
Puny midget in infinity,
Shall not God's will be done
Uninfluenced by you or me?

Why should I pray?
Part of the boundless, limitless whole,
With the power of the will to control,
Things are accomplished by praying
In league with the Infinite Soul.

Why should I pray?
Prayer is the voice of supreme desire,
Prayer is the will of a man on fire,
A will united with God's good will
Can lift humanity higher.

It's Happening Now

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

"I believe that there exists in Japan unusual interest in Christianity, a desire to know more of it and to afford Christian missionaries full opportunity to present their case," writes John Foster Dulles, the Christian statesman who forged the peace treaty, in a personal letter to a congressman.

"The Japanese people are aware of the Christian qualities which animated the Occupation and the peacemaking and they realize that Christianity represents a force for good which they should understand better."

Mr. Dulles had a vital part in ushering in a new era for Japan. Inevitably, death has played a part in all the changes, too.

Those who read *Ring in the New* and heard the author, Akiko Endo, speak in 1949 and 1950 will want to share the story of how she experienced this sorrow personally. On last September 14, which was Saturday in the Orient, Miss Endo was called from her desk at Jordan Press in Tokyo at noon. Her father had died suddenly during the morning of cerebral hemorrhage. Her mother was sick in bed.

As her friends know, it was just this eventuality which caused Akiko to decide not to stay for an extra year of training in the States when she finished the W. M. U. Training School in 1950. "My parents are old. They are lonely and often ill," she said. "They are not Christians. I am their only hope."

Akiko thought of her mother with tenderness and pity. She had shown a wistfulness toward the new faith. Her father was the one who made it impossible for his teen-age daughter interested in the Bible to remain at home.

Back in Tokyo, the baby of the family made a home for her parents. Now the father was gone. After her two brothers and sisters-in-law arrived, dazed and bewildered, the family held counsel. Nobody knew what to do—except Akiko. She had been thinking for months about what she would do when death came. She proposed a plan and they accepted it.

"You know," she wrote, "our family has been Buddhist for generations. Our burying lot is in a Buddhist temple. When the family agreed to my plan, I went immediately to Missionary Edwin Dozier's house and we worked out the details. We did not invite our friends for the usual farewell service—with expensive food and wine. We only notified our closest friends and relatives. Instead of the customary Buddhist services at home, we called an undertaker. The next Friday we invited all our friends and relatives to my church for a Christian service. Mr. Dozier's message was a call to repentance. Most of those who came were in a Christian church for the first time."

In Japan land is so precious it is not wasted on graves. Cremation is practiced.

"The guardian of the cemetery, not the priests, removed the gravestone beforehand," she continued, "and the remains of our father were placed by our own hands, not the hands of the priests according to Buddhist ritual. The priests' faces were sullen when we told them our plans, and my aunt wore a puzzled expression when we explained to her, but my brothers and I stood together for our plan. Father's death and funeral were a deep religious experience for me."

Was he ever reconciled to her acceptance of a "foreign" religion? Apparently not. "Father and I were never close to each other. But since his death I can remember only good things he did for me. He did not accept Christ in his lifetime but he had a chance to hear the way of salvation. How he is now in the other world, I do not know; I just accept everything with faith in our good Heavenly Father."

Meanwhile Akiko recognizes a definite change in the hearts of her brothers, one of whom has become a believer, and the other a regular church attendant. Her mother has made a profession of faith.

I am reminded that the author of *Ring in the New* suggested a longer title for the book: "Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New." Doubtless she knew it would take both in Japan.

Hints to Committee Chairmen

To Community Missions Chairmen

"Good news for all who seek" is the missionary topic for January. The theme for the year is "The Seeking Peoples of the World." What better time could there be to begin to lead your women and young people into a year-round program of soul-winning visitation, telling the good news? Perhaps you already have such a program. Fine! Or maybe you have observed one week of special effort. Again, you may have suggested such a plan and it did not go over with your women. Now is the time to try again. Some of the seeking peoples of the world live in your community.

Woman's Missionary Union is urging every society and young people's organization to include regular soul-winning visitation in its calendar of community missions activities. Three new free leaflets have been carefully prepared to help you make this venture a success. Order them from your state W.M.U. office.

"Soul-Winning Visitation" is the leaflet telling you how to plan such activity for your women and young people. Various plans are suggested that are being used successfully by other W.M.U.'s. Order enough of these for your community missions committee, and each of your young people's counselors.

"You Can Tell" is the leaflet prepared for you to place in the hands of each of your women. It is addressed to the individual woman and contains suggestions and helps that will make the way easier for her as she goes to visit. Order as many of these as you have members in your W.M.S.

Remember your young people. They can win other young people to Christ. "Youth Winning Youth" is the leaflet provided for the use of the young people to help them as they visit. You will want enough of these for the members of your Y.W.A., Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador chapter, and the girls and boys who are Christians in your Junior G.A. and R.A.

Ordering the leaflets is but the first step. Study the suggestions you find there. With

your committee and young people's counselors, prayerfully formulate your own plans. Prepare the hearts of your members for such an effort before placing in their hands the individual leaflets. Undergird all their efforts with prayer. Such a program of visitation will bear fruit in the kingdom of God. All of your community missions activities will become more meaningful as your members learn to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Edith Stokely

To Mission Study Chairmen . . .

Someone has said that the Bible tells God's plan for the redemption of the world and mission study tells how far Christians have gotten in carrying out his plan.

In the Home Mission Graded Series for 1952, we shall see how much progress Southern Baptists have made in carrying out God's plan here in the United States, Cuba, Panama and the Canal Zone, and Alaska.

The theme of the series is *Ministering to Spiritual Needs*. Since the Kefauver expose the whole nation has been made conscious of the need for reforms in morals. This study for 1952 should lead every Southern Baptist to scrutinize America, to look at himself in the light of the knowledge that comes from scrutiny, and to become keenly concerned for the spiritual vitalization of his country.

Begin now to plan for your classes. In the first place, become familiar with the entire series. There are five possible text books for Sunbeams. You will have to know something about all of them in order to help the leaders make a suitable choice. Of course, you will select a book these children have not studied before.

Your second consideration will be supplementary materials. Get the *Resource Book* for this new series, published by the Home Mission Board, price 50c. Even before a textbook is read, it is possible for you to begin building up a file of pamphlets and articles on related subjects such

as migrants, city slums, juvenile problems, alcoholism, minority groups, communist activities here, in Cuba and Panama and the Canal Zone in particular. Write to the Home Mission Board for free pamphlets.

Read not only *Southern Baptist Home Missions* and W.M.U. periodicals but search through the magazines that come into your home and the daily newspapers for information and spot news both of a missionary and secular nature. Collect pictures that are suitable not only for adult classes but for the young people too.

Juniors will be studying *Everywhere Preaching The Word*. The teachers will need pictures of people, horses, cars, trains, boats, and airplanes to illustrate these exciting true stories.

Consult *Focus* (free from your Baptist Book Store) for the recommended audio-visual material.

Read *Mission to America* by Truman Douglass. You will find it inspiring and thought-provoking.

Publicize your class several weeks in advance. This means early planning. Try these ideas or your own which may be better.

Make a large poster showing an index finger around which is tied a bright red ribbon. Use real ribbon. Print boldly—AN IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER, followed by the date only of the mission study class. For the next week, feature a large umbrella. Print RAIN OR SHINE BE AT PLACE AND DATE. In these posters do not print the words "mission study class." Use just the date and place of meeting. For the third poster use the Home Mission map which will come with the week of prayer material. Paste it on poster board. Superimpose on this map in outline, a large heart. Print: ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE HEART-HUNGER OF AMERICA? IF YOU ARE, COME TO PLACE AND TIME OF CLASS.

Try tagging the women on the Sunday preceding the class. Use tiny maps of the United States drawn on construction paper. Write: "I am one of goal set for class attendance" tagged for the mission study class." (Cate)

The very day the *Resource Book* by Mary Christian and all the mission study books are available (December 15) order them from your Baptist Book Store. Meanwhile, be busy accumulating, reading, clipping, filing, studying, advertising, and praying.

Mrs. William J. M. Murray

To Stewardship Chairmen . . .

Give a seasonal touch to your January report by using a New Year stewardship poster. On colored paper paste the January page of a calendar. Across it print in large figures in a contrasting color the fraction 1/10. Above, print the words: START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT; below: BY STARTING TO GIVE.

In some states the new W.M.U. year begins in January, in others the second quarter of the W.M.U. year is beginning. With all stewardship chairmen it is a good time to "check up."

1. Check up on the number of tithers in your society. Be sure that your list is correct. Remember that you should keep a list of non-tithers too, so that you and other tithers may pray for them and make definite plans to win them as tithers.

2. Check up on your supplies. Do you have a copy of the current W.M.U. Year Book and your state guide book and have you studied particularly the pages of stewardship emphasis? Do you have stewardship leaflets for free distribution? You can order some from your state W.M.U. office and from the office of your Baptist state convention. Do you have the packet of stewardship leaflets which can be ordered from the Birmingham office? (price 15c) Do you have covenant cards for new tithers to sign? (free from your state W.M.U. office)

3. Check up with your mission study chairman on plans for stewardship study classes. Aim that every organization shall study a stewardship book sometime during 1952.

4. Check up on the progress of the stewardship education plans in your young people's organizations. Be sure that your Sunbeam leaders and counselors of Junior G.A. and R.A. have the booklets containing the monthly stewardship stories. If they have not received these, they can be requested free from your state W.M.U. office; additional copies are 10c from Birmingham headquarters.

5. Check up on the date for your Church Night of Stewardship. If your church plans a calendar of events for the year, be sure this date is included.

6. Check up on yourself. Are you a Christian steward and found faithful? Are you faithful with your tithes and offerings? Are you faithful in using your opportunities as stewardship chairman? The stewardship of your W.M.U. is not likely to advance beyond the vision and practice of its stewardship committee. Realize that you have much to do as a steward true for your W.M.U. in 1952.

Mrs. C. D. Gammah

Are the two mission study classes referred to in Point VIII in the Standard of Excellence the ones required before the weeks of prayer for foreign and home missions?

There is no "required" study preceding the weeks of prayer. For a number of years there has been a graded series of books prepared for study before each of the weeks of prayer for foreign and home missions. These are meant to cultivate hearts and minds and to "whet appetites" for a worthy observance of the week of prayer to follow soon. They offer opportunity for a study of current missionary endeavors, accomplishments and needs. Informed women are intelligent prayers! Although not "required," those studies enrich the lives of those who participate and should be "musts."

What is the Correlated Church Study Course; and what credit is given members

Is this your guide

of Woman's Missionary Union who participate?

Study has an important place in the educational program of Southern Baptist churches. In the Correlated Church Study Course the books fall into four categories: A—Home Missions; B—Bible Teaching and Workers' Training; C—Training in Church Membership; D—Foreign Missions.

W.M.U. organizations are urged to cooperate in this plan of study. Since there is only recognition of classes and no individual awards are given in W.M.U. organizations, credit on the Standard of Excellence will be given any W.M.U. organization participating (regardless of number of members enlisted) in the Correlated

Answered by Nancy Cooper

W.M.U. Executive Secretary

Church Study Course, notwithstanding individual credits granted in Sunday school or Training Union, provided the book studied is on the W.M.U. approved list (Category A—Home Missions and Category D—Foreign Missions).

Should a missionary society have "regular" Bible study? And may Bible study be counted as mission study?

The Bible is recognized as the source and foundation of all missionary effort, but any study of the Scriptures in a missionary society should be of the missionary message of the Bible. A book by book or chapter by chapter study as an organizational activity is discouraged. Recommended books

for a study of the missionary message of the Bible will be found on page 56 of the 1951-52 Year Book and others are listed in *The World in Books*. Completion of the study of any of the recommended books may be counted as a mission study class.

What are the books to study before Week of Prayer for Home Missions in March?

Crusade in Home Missions, price 50c; *Tangled Threads*, for Y.W.A. and W.M.S., price 50c; *I, Too, Can Be a Missionary*, for Intermediates, price 50c; *Everywhere Preaching the Word*, for Juniors, price 50c. Any one of these five Sunbeam books may be used: *Anthony Becomes Eagle Heart*, price 50c; *Katie of the Canyon*, price 50c; *The Farmer Twins*, price 50c; *Precious in His Sight*, price 50c; *Strawberry Road*, price 50c. The Resource Book for all teachers, *Home Missions Meeting Spiritual Needs*, price 50c.

W.M.U. Training School IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Thoughts from Our New President

BY EMILY LANSDALE

ONE morning in October as I returned from a stroll to the rear of our campus, I looked up the hill through the bronze and yellow leaves outlined against a blue sky. I saw the massive white columns rising high above the red brick wall surrounding the terrace. I sensed something of the beauty and permanence of the structure. I looked at the young women dressed in pretty bright colors, chattering gaily while going across the lawn to the seminary for their first classes of the day. As I viewed this scene and reflected on our school with its opportunities and purposes, my thoughts were sober and not altogether in accord with the gay carefree air of the students or the "bright blue weather."

The Training School I saw when a student ten or twelve years ago and even as a visiting teacher for a month last year, is different from the Training School I see now from the president's chair.

Miss Littlejohn writes with zest of her leisurely days at home in Spartanburg, South Carolina, trying out cake recipes and dabbling in domestic things. She and Miss

Mary Mitchell, dietitian here for many years, were observed in the corner of a hotel lobby during the convention in San Francisco last summer plotting a visit to the Training School. They said they would stay in the school's guest rooms, sleep late and do as they pleased, oblivious to the ever-present problems and responsibilities—and they laughed and laughed.

Now, I am beginning to understand, and to me 'tis no laughing matter—not to this president so new to her tasks.

The mail, bringing letters from home, is a noisy joyous time for the students. For us in the office it means getting the assignments for the day. Letters come with the many requests and matters of business necessary and desirable to maintaining the school. And the mail comes every day.

We of the staff discover that being a hostess in the dining room is not altogether an honor. Trying to serve elusive fried eggs at breakfast and making efforts at conversation with a sleepy group of eight calls for skill and practice, and so early in the morning! Some are stiff and ill at ease

just because you're the president, not realizing that you are perhaps afraid of them, too, and just as sleepy!

Budget headaches. With rising prices and increased student body we are trying in vain to keep within the bounds of the current budget. We must labor with the proposed budget for 1952. Lights burning unnecessarily in the halls, heat escaping through opened windows, the price of eggs—these things have more meaning to me now.

And, I never dreamed so many things could go wrong and need repair. A few days ago the student on duty at the main office came in to report that the communication system by which we contact the various sections of the building had suddenly ceased to function. A huge delivery truck backed into the garage causing considerable damage. The roof needs repair. Yesterday an engineer visited us to install some new parts for the furnace. I tried to understand his explanation of pressure and valves and such stuff.

At night we wonder if the doors are locked, if the noise will ever stop, if some student showing signs of strain is getting the needed rest or is poring still over an assignment in Old Testament. To these things and many others previously I gave little notice or concern. I am discovering

how wonderful it is to share these with faithful and co-operative staff members and trustees who are likewise concerned for the welfare of each student and of the school. The joys are many as we see students unfold and develop and come nearer to God and to an understanding and commitment to his purposes in the world. Together we shoulder responsibilities and joys.

In the quiet lull before supper, students gather for their usual Tuesday afternoon prayer meeting in the president's living room. This fellowship I consider a real privilege and joy. Lighted logs in the fireplace and quiet music help us to relax and lift our hearts to God. As news from missionaries is shared and requests for prayers are made we reach out with widened vision and concern to the ends of the world.

At the close of the last Missionary Day we met in our chapel for a service of praise. Staff and students came wearing white, and all of us were one before God. A young woman rose to praise God because she had found purpose and peace in a decision made that day to do Christian service overseas. Each of us covets that peace, a sense of purpose, and the joy of following the will of God and being used in his kingdom, even in the Training School, and whether student or staff member.



Churches throughout the country observed Reformation Day by protesting the appointment of an American ambassador to the Vatican. Photo shows members of First Baptist Church, Elmhurst, Illinois, signing petitions on church steps.

Write about Vatican Ambassador

Do you want to recognize the Catholic Church as a state like France or Italy? The Vatican is the home of the pope. To send an ambassador to the Vatican would be like sending an ambassador to any denominational headquarters in U.S.A. except the denomination does not control its constituency as the pope controls the Catholic Church. Our Constitution guarantees separation of church and state; how then can our government recognize one church as a state? Write the President or your representatives in the Senate. Simply say you do not approve of our country sending an ambassador to the Vatican. If you wish to say why, say so, but register your protest against it.

Your Circle Program

Select hymns of missionary action like "To the Work," "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

This program should be a general study of Southern Baptist Convention activities. Assign someone to read the message from Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Convention, on the inside front cover, and give a resume. If all your women do not subscribe to ROYAL SERVICE, show the cover picture of Dr. and Mrs. Grey, their twin girls, and a Junior R.A.

Write your state Baptist office for posters and leaflets telling how your state divides the Cooperative Program money. Ask your pastor or chairman of your church finance committee to come and trace progress of your Sunday offering around the

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world in definite sums. Ask a circle member to read and tell the article in January *The Commission* about one bit of work in Japan. "The Acts of the Apostles in Yoshimura." Select an article from January *Southern Baptist Home Missions* and tell about some phase of home missions also.

You might take paper and ink to the circle meeting and write the letters about the Vatican ambassador while you are together but mail each letter in a separate envelope.

Be sure your circle members know the 1951-1952 W.M.U. watchword, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29b AV). It is the essence of our work for the Lord. Plan your community missions. Hear committee reports.

Our Young People

It Is High Time

BY MARGARET BRICE

The month of January always makes us time-conscious. We start out on a new adventure, a new year with twelve months, fifty-two weeks, three hundred sixty-six days. The new year for your Woman's Missionary Union may have begun in October and if so, the first quarter has passed.

This means that it is time to report. According to the plan of reporting in your state, give correctly and completely all the necessary information concerning each young people's organization. As you make your report I hope you will discover that your organizations are keeping up with their standard of excellence requirements.

A new year suggests that it is time to organize. Organize new auxiliaries in your church or in nearby churches. There are so many young people who need missionary education and they must be enlisted in a missionary organization.

It is time to study. If you have new leaders now or did not do this in October, the W.M.U. Year Book, your state handbook, the organizational manuals, G.A. and R.A. Counselor's Guides and the Leadership Courses for each organization should be thoroughly studied. The success of your young people's organizations will largely depend upon how well your counselors are trained. Encourage them to study and to take advantage of associational, district and state leadership conferences.

It is time to work. "Work while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." This day in which we live makes these words more imperative. Work! We must work at this business of fostering our young people's organizations. Greatness is measured by results. Let's work to produce great missionary organizations which bring things to pass. Work to help young people pray for world missions, work to help young people study missions, work to help young people be missionaries in their communities and around the world. Yes, it is time for us to work!

BUILD UP BWC

What is your BWC federation doing?

Kentucky

Mary Sampson BWC of St. Matthews Baptist Church near Louisville, Kentucky got out a special BWC Tidings at the close of their year's work. It was done in maple leaf shape with a page for each officer and chairman to give resume of the year's activities and report plans. It surely carried out the idea of "turning over a new leaf."

Alabama

At Colbert-Lauderdale BWC Federation, the Literature Chairman, Miss Tommie Stanphill, wrote a clever skit on magazines. She planned a one-end telephone conversation with effective pauses for the imaginary voice at the other end. The subject was a business woman asked to speak on one of the program topics who couldn't accept because she did not have ROYAL SERVICE. It went something like this:

"Hello. . . oh, yes, Mrs. Smith. . . Oh, I couldn't do that. I don't take ROYAL SERVICE. . . I know but I take so many magazines and I don't have time to read all of them even. . . I suppose you are right. . . There are other things in ROYAL SERVICE beside the program? . . . No, I don't know too much about what Southern Baptists are doing. . . You don't say? . . . And that was in last month's ROYAL SERVICE? . . . Well, I would have enjoyed reading that. . . No, I didn't know we did all that—in home mission work, you say? How does Mrs. Jones know all those things? . . . Oh, she takes ROYAL SERVICE. . . Well, I'm so tired at the end of my workday, maybe I don't hear everything at the meeting. . . You think I'd understand it better if I read it first? But would it be just the same stuff we had read? . . . Oh, I see. . . The prayer calendar? No, I never have learned missionaries by name. . . It would be interesting. . . Well, maybe I should. . . I'll tell you what, drop by and get my dollar and I'll try it—yes, I promise I will take time to read it. . . No use just fooling myself when I'm a missionary Baptist and not doing anything about liking the world to Christ, is there? . . . All right. . . Thank you."



... from Mildred Cox Mein, Brazil

We had the most wonderful experience in Pernambuco with our second simultaneous evangelistic campaign. Forty-seven churches held a week's revival with huge open-air services every afternoon in central parks. As a result there were 750 conversions, many reconciliations, and now the churches are baptizing in large numbers. On Independence Day, September 7, more than 12,000 people stood from 2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., in the largest park in the city under a hot sun to sing hymns and listen to four short evangelistic messages. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude.

In one small suburban church where the pastor did his own preaching and whose temple will hold no more than 150 people, 78 were saved because the church members stood on the outside and pushed the unsaved inside. A mighty awakening seems to be taking place in our midst.

We graduate seven from the seminary on October 29 and eight from the training school, but what are these small loaves and fishes among so many? Only the Lord's multiplying hand will be able to place them successfully among the many places open to each of them.

... from Mrs. Felton H. Griffin, Alaska

A new experience has come my way—Thursday night a Wheel Chair Club is to meet in our home. I am having visions of an extension Sunday school class as well as helping teach them some things they can do with their hands to use their time to advantage. Many come from homes that have little to offer.

One of our five mission churches has a new building with walls up this summer. Our program in Anchorage has really gone forward. Palmer has secured a lot for their building and a new missionary, Mr. Avery V. Richey, has come as pastor. Our W.M.S.

has pledged \$500 for territorial missions in September. Some of this has already been paid so that these churches may have clear titles to their property and the Home Mission Board can help them build their buildings.

Our convention met in Kodiak and was a marvelous success with superb spirit. We ate all our meals at the church and were housed in the educational building since everything was full because of the fishing season.

Our theme was "Fires of Evangelism" and Thursday night some 58 of us marched downtown with a violin and held a street service. A lot of cannery workers and fishermen were on the streets waiting transportation to the airport to go back to Seattle. Many were drunk and some indifferent. Some flaunted in front of our speaker but many listened and expressed appreciation. Many Filipinos come to Alaska during this busy season so they heard the gospel and Indians, Aleuts, and half-breeds also.

Kodiak was the last capital of Alaska when the Russians owned it. We visited the Russian Orthodox church and talked to the Russian priest. Many natives hold to this religion and the church has been so thorough in its training that it is hard for them to understand a religion without ritual.

American Baptist Convention has a fine children's home there with four large cottages housing 54 children with twelve to seventeen in each cottage.

We have six organized Woman's Missionary Societies and hope to organize soon in our three new churches. We have 113 women enrolled and 122 in our young people's organizations. Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was \$1041.30 and Annie Armstrong Offering \$469.66.

This progress all thrills Brother Griffin and me because we are the "oldest" Southern Baptist workers in Alaska. We have been here seven years and sometimes I get so excited over the growth of our work that I want to cry and laugh at the same time. We want to keep so close to the Lord and so humble that we will never be proud of what we have done but of what God has been able to do with such weak vessels as he chose to work for him here.

from Nella Dean Whitten, Argentina

Mr. C. Y. Dossey of the Home Mission Department of Evangelism has been with us for four months and our River Plate Convention is having its first Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. At first there seemed to be many difficulties that stood in the path of such effort but lately we have witnessed a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Old "saints" who have prayed many years for a genuine revival feel that at last their prayers are being answered. The work here has been slow and often there have been only a small number of conversions despite the great field that surrounds us. Mr. Dossey is a keen student of human nature and he has led the campaign most efficiently. The folks love him!

I am enjoying my work with the newly organized W.M.U. Association of Buenos Aires. I was heartily surprised to be elected president and perhaps healthily scared. We had four sectional prayer meetings during August and September to pray especially for the crusade. Then we had a rally which took in all our organizations of Buenos Aires and the surrounding areas. Our largest church was more than filled with an attendance of over 400. I might say that the weather was nothing to boast of, but the women came anyway. The R.As. of two of our churches served as ushers and an R.A. quartet from Velez-Sarsfield church sang.

Charles is in a two week series of meetings in Tucuman and he writes that they are receiving great blessings. In his absence I am teaching his classes in New and Old Testament, and continuing with the Church History class.

The children are a constant source of joy to us. Helen is twenty-five months old and David is eight months old. Helen is learning to ask the blessing at the table. She speaks English and Spanish equally well and counts a little in each language.

In about ten months we'll set foot on U.S. soil again. The Lord has abundantly blessed us personally and has given us joy and peace in the work he has given us.

Baptists Urged to Send Clothing to Yugoslavia

A square yard of ordinary cloth costs more in Yugoslavia than a man can earn there in a month, Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, tells us. His information came in a letter from Dr. W. O. Lewis, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. A man would have to work a year to get enough money to buy a new suit of clothes. Then the quality of material would be very poor.

On a trip to Yugoslavia, Dr. Lewis found distress on every hand. There was very little rain in many districts in 1950 and this past year there has been too much rain. "Baptist leaders say that many of the members of their churches do not have enough to eat." He writes, "In many cases food and clothing cannot be bought, for such things are unobtainable. And sometimes it is impossible to get ration coupons for certain things."

Dr. Lewis appealed to the relief committee of the Foreign Mission Board, of which Dr. Sadler is chairman, for \$5,000 with which to purchase CARE (Co-operative for America Remittances to Europe, Inc.) food parcels.

Dr. Sadler urges Southern Baptists, in the light of this distress, to send clothing to Yugoslavia immediately. There are no difficulties relative to the receipt and distribution of clothes. Gifts of clothing sent from America to Yugoslavia are free from customs and all other taxes.

Dr. Sadler said his office would be happy to supply individuals or churches with names of responsible people in Yugoslavia to whom these clothes may be sent. "But please do not send any boxes to Richmond," he added. Communication should be addressed to Dr. George W. Sadler, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia.

Send money for CARE boxes, \$10 each, for Yugoslavia to Baptist World Alliance, 1625 16th St. N. W., Washington 5, D. C. Do not send boxes of clothes to this address.

Program Good News for All Who Seek

Planned by Mrs. William McMurtry

Program Outline

Topic: "Good News for All Who Seek"
Hymn: "Love Divine"
Devotional Thoughts: Worldwide Missions
Prayer that those who are lost will seek, for they will surely find
Moments of worship and meditation
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Hymn: "I Would Be True"
Prayer

Program Plans

Create an atmosphere for this program by displaying Bibles in different translations and Bible posters. Order from American Bible Society, Department U, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y. (10¢ apiece or \$ for 25¢) colored posters to make effective decorations for your meeting place or to use as announcement posters. Ask for "Now in 1000 Tongues," "The Book of All Nations," or "The Bible—A Light and Guide."

In the shape of the Bible, make small program folders out of dark brown or black construction paper. Letter "Holy Bible" in white ink. Write or type with carbons the program outline on an inserted page.

As a center of worship, arrange on a table a large open Bible, a globe and a lighted candle. The Scripture passages in the worship period may be read by one or by four women.

Make five long, narrow scrolls out of brown or white wrapping paper. Fasten each end to a

length of broom handle. Print the italicized sentences on these scrolls. Make them large enough to be read easily by everyone present.

At the indicated place in the program have two members unannounced come to the front, unroll the scroll, and stand long enough to give the slowest reader time to read the message.

Three of these statements in italics are too long to print entirely. For the one beginning "In the first century A.D.," print only the first sentence. Then let the women holding the scroll say together the remaining sentences. For the second long part, let the scroll bearers ask the question, "Can a man be quite sure?" etc. Then unroll the scroll which has the second sentence printed on it. They may quote the last two sentences. For the remaining one, print on the scroll the Scripture verse, "The works that I do in my Father's name" etc. Quote the other sentence.

Or the women may alternate in reading these unprinted sentences.

Or a small speech choir made up of six women, two light voices, two medium voices, two heavy, may read all the italicized parts. Let them be dressed alike in choir robes or dark dresses and sit to one side facing the audience. Designate a leader among them to help them begin and stay together.

Or one member with a strong but resonant voice may be concealed or sit at the back of the room and read these italicized statements.

Ask the member discussing *Growth of the Missionary Idea* to use a map of Palestine and a Bible. Notice that a scroll display comes before the conclusion of this division. The break will add rather than detract if the readers move quickly.

For special music use one or more of the hymns based on Psalms, as "Jesus Shall Reign," "The Lord is My Light," "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," "The Heavens Declare Thy Glory," "Lamp of Our Feet."

Good News for All Who Seek

Program Chairman: This program is to undergird our belief in and practice of missions. The emphasis is on the missionary message of the Bible. To increase the feeling of our obligation to the world and of hope in the eventual triumph of God's purpose for its redemption, let us read reverently and in a spirit of worship some of the great missionary passages. These were given to us by poets and prophets inspired by God to write not for their own but for all time.

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Moments of worship and meditation

Worldwide Missions

(These Scriptures have been written out so that you can place this page in your Bible and avoid the delay of turning to them. Do not read from the magazine.)

A. The Triumph

Psalms 96:3. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

Psalms 68:31. Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

Isaiah 2:2. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it.

Isaiah 11:9. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

B. The Conversion of the Gentiles Foretold

Genesis 22:18. And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Isaiah 9:2. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Daniel 7:14. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom that all people, nations and languages should serve him.

Hosae 2:23. . . . and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people, and they shall say, Thou art my God.

Ephesians 3:6. That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.

C. The Growth of the Kingdom Prophesied

Psalms 72:16. There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

Isaiah 9:7. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

Isaiah 55:3. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

D. The Culmination—Universal Worship

Psalms 22:27. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

Psalms 86:9. All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

Isaiah 66:23. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.

Philippians 2:9-11. Wherefore God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, in the glory of God the Father.

Revelation 15:4. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name: for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Special Music: See Program Plans for suggestions.

Program Chairman: There never was a time when people read as many books about the Bible as they do today, but too few are reading the Bible itself. That accounts for much of the confusion about what God teaches. Strange to say, people are accepting hearsay evidence instead of truth, especially about salvation. Let us go back to the Bible for the simple but profound truth God has given to us concerning the only way that man can be saved from himself, from the penalty of sin, and for a life of service to God, his creator.

The Fall

We are told very little of the life of Adam and Eve in Paradise. We do know that they were charged to dress and keep the garden, and in addition were given one command. It was what they were not to do. They were forbidden to eat of the fruit of a mysterious tree called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. In this simple way he would test their loyal obedience to their Creator. How long they were faithful and obedient we are not told.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil implies that Evil was already present in God's world. The creation of man had been watched by a supernatural being of infinite subtlety and malignity, the enemy of God and goodness. Created originally good like all the works of God he "abode not in the truth" (John 8:44) but rebelled against his Maker and fell from his high

How, then, to abolish war? It is by building the moral fibre of peoples, by really attaining the stature we profess in our broadcasts to other nations, by showing the people of other lands that we ourselves seek greater compensations than materialism offers—the happiness and peace of mind that comes from following in international conduct the same simple rules that govern the behavior of individuals as law-abiding members of the local community.

Law we shall always need. Armament for internal police purposes we shall always need. But some day, when peoples realize their true strength and assist each other in preventing the rise of dictatorships—when we cease to regard as beyond our jurisdiction those acts of an internal nature in other lands which threaten external peace—we shall perceive that the key to the abolition of war is within our grasp. It calls for an understanding by peoples of their moral power even more than their material power. It calls for faith in the code of the Master and a willingness to apply it to ourselves as well as to others.—DAVID LAWRENCE

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position. At the head of numerous other spirits whom he had dragged down with him in his fall (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6) he set himself deliberately to oppose God. This being, called here the serpent and other places Satan and the Devil, appeared to Eve and induced her to eat of the fruit. Adam followed her example. Through lack of faith in God's word, through a longing for independence, through a vain desire to become as great as God, our first parents were beguiled into sin.

The doctrine of the origin of evil and of the fall of man is of the greatest importance. When man disobeyed, he brought sin and

its wretched results on himself and all succeeding ages. There are those who blame God for the fall of man declaring that he had no right to make him so he could fall. God did not want a mechanical allegiance but a deliberate, intelligent choosing of good; therefore, in creating man he gave him his greatest attribute, freedom of will. But this freedom to choose proved that man's chief sin is rebellion against the authority of God. He cannot be content for God to be over and above him. From that day in the garden to the present hour this warfare between man and God has continued. Man was created free to stand but also free to fall!

The Promise

Having given man freedom of choice and having permitted evil to come into the world, God would have been neither just nor merciful had he not provided a way for man's eventual deliverance. The infliction of punishment on the disobedient pair was accompanied by an extraordinary promise known as the first promise of a Saviour (Gen. 3:15).

The seed of the woman should bruise the head of the tempter and the effects of man's transgression would be in some way reversed. It is with this encouraging assurance given to Adam in the first promise of a Saviour that the Bible begins the account of God's plan for the redemption of the human race.

Abraham and the Chosen People

With the call of Abraham we see that it is God's will to select a man and through him a nation to be his witness upon the earth. Varied as were the fortunes of the chosen people, the belief in God's pur-

pose of love to provide the promised seed was never wholly shaken. When the people turn away from Sinai, Moses predicts the coming of a greater prophet. When David becomes king, he himself speaks of a greater king, "One who shall sit upon his throne and of whose kingdom there shall be no end." At the close of Solomon's reign it is evident that he is not the destined king.

As time moves swiftly on, one prophet after another throws additional light on the birth place, or on the offices, or the works of the Messiah. Isaiah speaks of the coming of "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief," of his being "wounded for our transgressions and bruised for iniquities." In this way the person and the work of man's Redeemer were gradually unfolded.

The Redeemer—Christ

At length in the "fulness of time" a Babe was born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger. "Seed of the woman, of the race of Shem, of the descendants of Abraham, of the tribe of Judah, of the lineage of David, he lived, he died, he rose again." The predicted Redeemer of the Old Testament, the revealed Deliverer of the new had at last come to help man find his way back to God. Living he set an example for us; dying he provided eternal life. By laying the sins of the race on his Son, "God dealt in an awful way with the awful reality of sin." Christ died for each one of us as literally as he died for all.

It is this truth that melts men's hearts and is the proof that he loves every one individually. Man did not dream this story nor did he fashion it out of his own thoughts. But who can understand the mystery of the cross? Who is able to comprehend how Christ was made sin by God that man might live forever: how the death of Christ brings about the destruction of man's own evil self; and how the power of sin perishes through the individual's union with Christ? The mystery is unfathomable, but the fact remains. This is indeed good news. It is the missionary message of the Bible.

"Go Ye"

Program Chairman: Every one who acknowledges Christ as Saviour and Lord accepts "Go ye"—"Be my witnesses" as his marching order. Here are two scriptures

together containing only five words. Look at how definite they are. Both are addressed to you. They are direct commands. They are in the present tense. They are so clearly stated that no one can give the excuse that he does not understand their meaning. Here, then, is fixed the responsibility for bearing the greatest of all news to spiritually dying people. Where did those first Christians begin?

Growth of the Missionary Idea

After the ascension Christ's disciples, family, and friends made Jerusalem their headquarters. If you asked the question, "Why Jerusalem?" we reply, "Because that was where they were!" Every missionary must show Christ first at Jerusalem which means where that missionary is. Let us read again Acts 1:8. (Quote Acts 1:8)

A look at the map of Palestine shows that Judea is the province in which Jerusalem is located. Judea, then, would be normally the next step in missionary activity. But the command does not stop there. "And in Samaria" says the Scripture. As you read that part of the divine marching orders remember that the "Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans." These people were neither of "pure Hebrew blood" nor of uncontaminated worship. They did not go to the temple at Jerusalem, but had their own place of worship on Mount Gerizim.

So long as the missionary command was to preach Christ in Jerusalem and Judea these Jewish Christians could follow the Master's plan. They heeded only a part of the angels' song announcing Christ's birth: "For unto you a Saviour is born." They thought only of a deliverer for the Jews, and had not heard "which shall be for all the people." Now Christ commands them to carry this good news of a Saviour to Samaria, the very last place they wanted to take anything good! But the command keeps going . . . "and to the very ends of the earth."

It was not easy for the narrow Jewish mind to grasp the idea that Christ was the Saviour of the world. The Jews had to be made conscious of that truth by persecution. As a result of Stephen's death and Saul's broadside efforts to stamp out Christianity, the Christians were scattered throughout all Judea and beyond.

some of these early Christians did not believe in foreign missions. The lesson to be learned was written in blood and fire.

Whatever prejudices Philip may have had, he evidently overcame for in the city of Samaria he was preaching the gospel with great effectiveness. Later he encountered an Ethiopian and climbing up into his chariot at the official's invitation Philip led him to Christ through an explanation of the Word.

Peter's vision is an important and necessary part in the growth of the missionary idea. He was an earnest but narrow person. And as all narrow people are, he was obstinate and militant where his own views were concerned. He did not believe in soiling the kingdom of God with an unclean Gentile. But when he turned to prayer something happened. In the tenth chapter of Acts we see him in the process of transformation, the horizon of his thinking is being pushed back to embrace wider areas and to include greater sympathies. "He climbed up on the roof a narrow Jew; he came down a broad and hospitable soul; he went up a provincial and came down a missionary."

Are we as individuals and as a church provincial or missionary? When we read again Acts 10:34-48 and Acts 11:1-18, we see how often such phrases as these are repeated. "No respecter of persons," "Lord of all," "Everyone that believeth," "Holy



Haven't you some good clean used clothing to spare for needy praying people? Send it to The Slavic Missionary Society, Inc., 5537 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago 40, Illinois.

"Parcels of used clothing are continuing to come in to this office from readers of ROYAL SERVICE. These parcels include many precious articles of clothing. The letters which we have received in acknowledgment of the parcels sent to Europe encourage us to do all we can, as, in many cases, the recipients regard the parcels received as being a definite answer to their cry unto the Lord for help.

"The need is still urgent, and we can make use of anything in the line of good used clothing. Practically all of the clothing and food which we send goes to believers who for the most part are Baptists though others receive help from us as well." C. L. RUMBALL, Executive Secretary, SMS

Spirit fell on all," "On the Gentiles also," "What God hath cleansed make thou not common," "God gave unto them the like gift," "To the Gentiles also."

"No pious Jew would have sat down at the table of a Gentile," writes Edersheim. "If a heathen were invited to a Jewish home, he might not be left alone in the room else every article of food or drink on the table was henceforth to be regarded as unclean. If cooking utensils were bought of them they had to be purified by fire or water, knives to be ground anew, spits to be made red-hot before use, etc." When Peter learned that the good news was for the Gentiles also, he found that it cost to be a part of God's missionary program. *What has the growth of the missionary idea cost you?*

Paul's Missionary Method

Is there anything in the New Testament more dramatic than Paul's journey across Asia? He set his face toward the commercial capitals of the Eastern world. Forbidden of the Holy Spirit in each place he trudged on. "The Spirit suffered him not." As the Quakers say, "There was a stop in his mind against it." The result of Paul's obedience to that mysterious inward restraint was Europe. It shifted the balance of power and altered the face of the world. As Benjamin Kidd has demonstrated, the great Western empires sprang out of that remarkable journey, that complete submission. It was always so. Carey planned to evangelize the South Seas, but the inward voice said India. Livingstone chose China. The voice said Africa. Realizing what Europe in the past has meant to the world, what Carey has meant to India, and Livingstone to Africa, one cannot question the wisdom of following the still small voice.

Throughout his missionary work, whether in the synagogue or by the riverside,

making tents or preaching from the steps of a Roman citadel, traveling over land and sea or as a prisoner bound to a Roman soldier, Paul's message was always the same (Romans 1:16), the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the promised Messiah. And always with the same results: some believed and some doubted.

In the first century A.D. the message that won the hearts of the people was Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life. In the twentieth century A.D. it is the same message. The way of life has not changed.

Missions—Our Reason For Being

Program Chairman: Christ came to reconcile man to God; to bridge the chasm that sin had cut between the Creator and his creation. God did not send his Son into the world to destroy it, but to save it. Christ came to set up a kingdom of righteousness and love. The accomplishment of this purpose he made the primary work of his church. He promised it his presence. No Christian today would deny that our supreme business is to carry the saving knowledge of Christ to all mankind both at home and abroad.

Nothing has happened in the world today to warrant our changing the message or disregarding the command to take the gospel to all mankind. It is true that was, a new race consciousness on the part of millions of dark-skinned peoples of the earth, a refusal of the "have-nots" to be exploited longer by the "haves," clashes between big industries and labor unions, and the determined efforts of the Communists to produce a worldwide revolution have made it difficult for Christ's followers to work in many lands today. Yet nothing fundamental has been changed. The command to go still stands. The promise that God will be with us has not been withdrawn. The good news is still, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Millions are still in darkness stumbling blindly along life's road. "And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent?" These are still logical questions requiring reasonable answers.

And Christians are still answering them in the age-old ways.

Southern Baptists are still sending out missionaries, though not enough, either at home or abroad. These "sent ones" are telling men and women everywhere about an everliving person who was not held to a cross by nails but by love for them. As in the days of Paul this knowledge melts one man's heart while another turns away in cold indifference. Here are the stories of three people who heard the word of the gospel, were transformed by it and went out into glad service because of it.

Rita

When Rita was thirty years old she lost her husband, her little boy and both her parents. Stricken with grief and despair she entered a Benedictine convent. Now the Benedictine vows are strict and to a healthy, able-bodied young woman they were exceedingly irksome. It was hard to arise at two o'clock in the morning to pray for the dead in purgatory and keep fast while the Sisters ate bountiful meals. She rebelled against these rituals and as a punishment she was forced to stand thirty minutes at a time with her arms held out straight in front of her.

Time drew near for her to take the third vow. Shaving of her head was part of this ceremony, so she wanted to put it off. She said that she did not feel that she was ready to take this step and asked that the date be postponed. No sooner was her request reported than she was called before the Mother Superior and the abbot. They told her that she would be sent to a mental institution for life if she did not go through with the ritual.

Rita knew nothing to do but wait. The date had been set for the completion of the vow. Three days before the time she managed to hide a skirt, blouse, jacket and a dress. That evening she took care of some little children whose parents were attending a meeting at the convent. When the mothers came for the children she quickly changed into the clothes which she had hidden. Quietly she stepped out into the dark and sped down the road.

She hitchhiked a ride and then walked the rest of the way to New Orleans. She had no money and was terrified at the thought of being followed and taken back.

to the convent. The next day while she was wandering about in the city she saw a church, and thought she might find work and a haven through it.

The pastor was away but the church secretary phoned one of the teachers at the Baptist Seminary. Rita had stumbled into the Coliseum Place Baptist Church. The professor called in a student who had been a Catholic and they went to the church to see the young woman. For three hours they talked, listened and prayed. The Lord blessed their witness and Rita, the rebellious nun, became Rita, the submissive Christian. She joined the Coliseum Place Baptist Church, and through the help of the workers found a position. Happy Rita!

Frank

Frank Clendenen is a young civil engineer from the States who works for a large sugar plantation in Hawaii.

This is not solely Frank's story, for his is inseparably linked with that of the Kahului Baptist Church.

On the island of Maui the plantation owners held all the desirable land and would not sell to the Baptists though they had been asking to buy for eight years.

During this time the believers met in a Buddhist hall, the missionary residences, and in buildings leased from the local naval air station. Then the plantation officials promised a very undesirable spot several feet below the level of the highway. Since there was no choice and land of any sort was better than none the church accepted the offer.

There was no architect on the island. But in God's providence a Baptist architect from Texas who had come to share in the dedication of Olivet church in Honolulu offered to draw plans for the new building.

One day while the architect and Mr. Ed Tharpe, the missionary, were in the plantation office, they met our young engineer. He was courteous and helpful, asked intelligent questions and seemed genuinely

interested. The missionary invited him to church. To his great surprise Frank came the very next Sunday.

In the days that followed, they learned that Frank had just returned from his vacation in California. He had been the typical, successful American businessman in a foreign country. Life on the island had been gay, uninhibited, and marked by

no concern for missions, the missionaries or the laborers who are generally exploited by these big plantations. But the Lord had dealt with Frank's heart, while he was at home. The cost of his decision was high. He gave up the girl of his heart because she was not a Christian and also turned from a tempting offer at home to return to the islands so that he might witness for the Lord before his business associates and friends. He did not know any Christians with whom he could have fellowship.

In the weeks after that first Sunday, Frank grew spiritually, putting himself more and more into the life of the church. He took a class of boys, the first Sunday school class he had ever taught. He became sponsor of a teen-age Training Union, helped in the Christmas program and in the socials for the young people, in every way identifying himself with the Lord's work. These were testing days for him. Those of his friends who attended any church, went to other better known and more established churches. Self-interest and a concern for what people would think were laid aside. But he had great joy in his personal life and in his service for the Lord.

When Frank learned that the lot on which the Kahului church was to be built was not suitable, he wanted to help the mission get another location or additional frontage to bring the lot up to road level. This seemed an impossibility to those who had struggled eight years to get any land at all.

For two whole days Frank went from one office to another. He returned with

the great news that the mission could have either additional frontage or a new lot! They chose the former, making possible very spacious grounds for the church. On Sunday, April 21, 1951, the Kahului Baptist Church had its ground-breaking service. And no one there was happier than Frank whom God had used to make that day possible.

Can a man be quite sure that in the hour of perplexity, he will be rightly led? Yes, if he has no will of his own and will give God time. Like Paul, Frank Clendenen's will became God's will. He heard and followed where God led.

Senhor Jovino Ottoni

Senhor Jovino Ottoni was one of the best educated men in the little town of Simoesia (see moe-shia) Minas (mee-nas) in the interior of Brazil. He was a pharmacist and for years had treated the sick people of that region where there was no medical doctor. As a justice of peace and later as mayor he exerted great influence over civic affairs.

Unfortunately Senhor Jovino became a victim of drink and gambling. These vices had gradually enslaved him until they had not only destroyed his influence, but had brought untold suffering and unhappiness to his wife and lovely children.

Senhor Jovino realized that he was being ruined by these evil habits and, when sober, he longed to be freed of them. But how? He had no power within that was strong enough to resist the temptation. He asked his wife and the local priest to *rezar* (say prayers) for him. He repeated all the prayers he knew but to no avail. Then one day he had an experience which changed the whole course of his life and that of his family.

Sometimes when Senhor Jovino felt nervous and despondent, he would go into the woods alone and spend the day hunting. He would carry along his gun, some sandwiches and his bottle of "cachaca," strong Brazilian liquor. On this eventful day, as he entered the woods he passed by the little home of a Baptist family. There were signs of poverty, but Senhor Jovino noticed at once the unusual neatness of the place and the cleanliness of the children outside. Just as he was about to pass on, the father came out and invited him in. Senhor Jovino hes-

Visual Aids for January

by Mildred Williams

The following projected visual aids will help to visualize the missionary message in the Bible.

For a more complete list of visual aids, refer to *Focus: A Catalog of Audio-Visual Aids*. Ask Baptist Book Store for a copy or write Audio-Visual Aids Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville 9, Tennessee. If you desire to receive monthly audio-visual aids bulletins and other publications, send your name and address to the Nashville office.

The individual 2" x 2" Kodachrome slides may be purchased in cardboard readymounts for 50 cents each. Prices quoted on filmstrips are purchase prices; prices quoted on motion pictures are rental prices. Order all materials early through your local Baptist Book Store.

MOTION PICTURES

The film, *THE CALLING OF MATTHEW*, presents an imaginary story of Matthew's call as recorded in Mark 2: 12-17. 28 minutes; sound; rental, \$8.

AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST is based on selections from Acts. Barnabas goes to Tarsus and persuades Saul to assist him in the work at Antioch. Saul and Barnabas are sent out as missionaries. 30 minutes; sound; rental, \$8.

SIMON PETER, FISHERMAN. The film, based on Mark 1: 16-19, shows the calling of the first disciples and the beginning of our Lord's early ministry. It is a dramatic story of what happens when Jesus enters a person's life. 32 minutes; sound; rental, \$8.

FILMSTRIPS

CALLING OF MATTHEW—35 single frames; captions on pictures; no manual; \$2.50.

AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST—35 single frames; \$2.50.

SIMON PETER, FISHERMAN—34 single frames; \$2.50. Scenes are taken from motion pictures listed above.

INDIVIDUAL SLIDES

- Ha 598 The Call of Abram (Gen. 12: 1-4)
- N 26 The Burning Bush (Ex. 3: 5)
- Ha 647 Joshua's Call (Josh. 1: 1-19)
- N 99 "Here Am I; Send Me" (The call of Isaiah) (Isa. 6: 8)
- Ha 51 "The Mission of the Apostles" (Matt. 28: 18-20)

itated but out of his Brazilian courtesy accepted the invitation.

Going inside, the pharmacist was impressed again with the cleanliness of the house and the manners of the children. He began to wonder what made the difference between this family and many others he knew of like financial status.

In a little while, he excused himself, saying that he must be on his way. The father, Senhor Sebastião insisted that he return for lunch. Senhor Jovino thanked him kindly explaining that he had brought his own lunch.

As he walked along Senhor Jovino could not still the many questions that arose in his mind. Why was this poor family so happy with such meager material comforts? What made them so different? What was that intangible something he had felt in the atmosphere of that home? And he, himself? He was educated, had been influential, was well-to-do financially, but utterly wretched. Why? He felt a sense of shame and weakness, of great emptiness of conscience. Oh, for the power to overcome drink and gambling! Oh, to be free from the unrest and misery that made his days and nights a torment! Here his thoughts were interrupted by a voice. Senhor Sebastião was calling him to come have lunch. He went.

As they sat down at the spotless table, Senhor Sebastião said, "Who is it that gives us the sunshine and rain that make our seed grow? Who is it that has provided this food and all the good things we enjoy?" Senhor Jovino, somewhat surprised at such conversation answered, "Why, certainly it is God." With innate Brazilian poise and the calm assurance of a true Christian, Senhor Sebastião replied, "Then don't you think that we ought to thank him for all these things?" And with these words he led the daily family worship. It was so simple, yet how much those few minutes meant to a soul in darkness and despair!

Senhor Jovino stayed all that afternoon to talk about how to find peace of soul. When he left, Senhor Sebastião gave him a New Testament. And the seed that was sown in Senhor Jovino's heart that day resulted in his conversion. At last he had

the long-sought-for power to break the chains of drink and gambling.

Several months later his entire family was converted and baptized. Today in this pharmacist's lovely home there is a growing Baptist congregation. Senhor Jovino is a great soul-winner. His consecrated, clean life is indeed a living epistle read and known by all of the people in that region near Simoesia.

"The works that I do in my father's name, they bear witness of me." So the works done in Christ's name on the mission fields of these and other lands bear witness of him still.

The Source of Missionary Power

Many years ago on Washington Street in Boston and on Broadway in New York one could see in some of the windows of the stores cards which read: "To rent with or without power." Anyone could rent the store and by paying something extra could have power furnished from the engine in the rear.

There are churches and Christians trying to satisfy the heart-hunger of the world with half-truths given in the strength of human energy alone. They are operating "without power." They have not paid the "something extra."

In the last two verses of Mark's Gospel he tells how the universe seemed divided into two parts with the Lord in the undimmed brightness above sitting on the right hand of God while down below in murky darkness "they went everywhere preaching the Word." High in Heaven and away down on earth—there seemed to be no connection between the two parts—then these electrifying words: "The Lord working with them." Sinners were saved, miracles were performed, God was glorified. There is heavenly light for the earthly task! There is the magic gift of his presence. Though Christ is ascended on high, he is still working with us who are empowered by his spirit and impelled to share the entrusted gospel. Are we doing all we can to carry out the commands of God's Word that seeking people may have the good news?

Our Daily Bread

by Mrs. W. B. Pitard, Jr.,
North Carolina

1 Tuesday "... The just shall live by faith."—Rom. 1:17: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."—Heb. 11:1 Pray that during the new year Christians may witness with renewed strength and power in all areas of life

2 Wednesday "... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,"—Heb. 12:1 Miss Mary Ortiz, educational evangelism, San Antonio, Rev. and Mrs. Epifanio Salazar, Brady, Rev. Isaac Soria, Brownsville, Texas, evangelism, Spanish-speaking

3 Thursday "Now the God of peace... Make you perfect in every good work to do his will."—Heb. 13:20,21 Miss Ola Lea, China, special assignment, Taipei, Formosa, educational evangelism, Miss Sophie Lanneau, Mrs. T. J. League, China, emeritus

4 Friday "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Gal. 6:9 Pray for the annual meeting of the Chile Woman's Missionary Union, Valparaiso, January 4, 5

5 Saturday "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."—Isa. 60:1 Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Crews, Flagstaff, Arizona, Rev. and Mrs. Fred A. Bloomer, Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

6 Sunday "... he that keepeth thee will not slumber."—Ps. 121:3 Pray for Mrs. William McMurtry, mission study director, Woman's Missionary Union, and for state mission study chairmen

7 Monday "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him..."—Ps. 145:18 Rev. and Mrs. Clem D. Hardy, medical evangelism, Manaus, Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Fielden, special appointees, in language school, Sao Paulo, Brazil

8 Tuesday "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God."—Isa. 40:1 Miss Helen Ige, Richmond, Rev. and Mrs. Toshio Sakamoto, Los Angeles, California, Japanese evangelism and educational evangelism

9 Wednesday "... he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."—Matt. 10:39 Pray for the annual meeting of Guatemala, Central America, Woman's Missionary Union this week.

10 Thursday "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."—Ps. 121:2 *Miss Jane Lide, China, Miss Olive Lawton, China, special assignment, Taipei, Formosa, educational evangelism, Mrs. C. A. Hayes, China, emeritus

11 Friday "The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand."—Ps. 121:5 Rev. Vicente Barrios, Brownsville, Rev. Julio S. Diaz, Fort Worth, evangelism, Spanish-speaking, Miss Frances Moreno, McAllen, Texas, educational evangelism, Spanish-speaking

12 Saturday "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul."—Ps. 121:7 Rev. Thomas Phillips, Morgan City, Louisiana, Rev. Edward W. Brown, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Rev. S. E. Grinstead, Nashville, Tennessee, evangelism and educational evangelism among their own Negro race

13 Sunday "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."—Prov. 3:5 Pray for Student Life-Commitment Day today, also for faculty and students in Baptist theological seminaries and training schools around the world.

Charles Wellborn, speaker on the Baptist Hour, has chosen for the first quarter of 1952 the theme *The Road to Heaven*. Here are the topics for you to remember to listen to and enjoy in January.

January 6 The Insanity of Sin
13 A Faith Which Saves
20 Total Loss
27 The Heart of the Matter

14 Monday "... study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands..."—1 Thess. 4:11 Miss Georgia Miller, Ophomosh, Miss Mary Frances Page, Sapele, medical evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Patterson, Nigeria, emeritus, Mary Nelle Patterson, Margaret Fund student

15 Tuesday "Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee."—Prov. 4:25 Pray for Miss Margaret Bruce, young people's secretary, and for Rev. J. I. Bishop, Royal Ambassador secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, and for young people's and Royal Ambassador secretaries from states in annual conference January 15-19

16 Wednesday "Blessed are they that ... seek him with the whole heart."—Ps. 119:2 Rev. and Mrs. James P. Kirk, Victoria, Espirito Santo, Brazil, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Gene H. Wise, appointees for Brazil in language school, Sao Paulo, Brazil

17 Thursday "Blessed are the pure in heart..."—Matt. 5:8 Pray for Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and those working with him

18 Friday "Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches"—Prov. 24:3,4 Rev. and Mrs. Jose Z. Diaz, San Pablo, Rev. and Mrs. Dellino Martinez, Sacramento, California, evangelism, Spanish-speaking

19 Saturday "... be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."—Rom. 12:2 *Miss Mary Lucile Saunders, educational evangelism, Shanghai, *Rev. and Mrs. I. V. Larson, evangelism, Tsingtao, China

20 Sunday "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."—Ps. 118:24 Rev. and Mrs. Loyce N. Nelson, appointees for Japan in language school, Tokyo, Mrs. Carrie Rowe, emeritus, Japan

21 Monday "My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord."—Ps. 104:34 Pray for Mrs. George R. Martin, president, and for Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, and for state W.M.U. presidents and executive secretaries in semiannual meeting

22 Tuesday "Bless the Lord, O my soul

...—Ps. 103:1 Pray for the annual meeting of Brazil Woman's Missionary Union, Recife, January 22, 24

23 Wednesday "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."—Ps. 95:1 Rev. and Mrs. J. W. McGavock, Rev. and Mrs. Hiram F. Duffer, El Paso, Texas, publication evangelism

24 Thursday "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof."—Ps. 97:1 Mrs. Julius Hickerson, educational evangelism, Cartagena, Colombia, Dr. S. M. Sowell, emeritus, Argentina

25 Friday "Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee."—Ps. 63:3 Rev. Robert Falls, Avery, Rev. and Mrs. Sam Hider, Jay, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

26 Saturday "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so..."—Ps. 107:2 Dr. Potter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and his associates

27 Sunday "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us..."—1 John 3:1 Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Markwood, San Antonio, Texas, Rev. Thomas Lowe, Berkeley, California, Chinese evangelism

28 Monday "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us..."—1 John 3:16 *Dr. and Mrs. F. T. Woodward, Honolulu, T.H., evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Morgan, China, emeritus

29 Tuesday "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."—1 John 4:10 Mrs. Rebekkah Callaway, Richmond, Virginia, Rev. Charles H. Brown, Columbia, South Carolina, Rev. Charles Butler, Atlanta, Georgia, educational evangelism among their own Negro race

30 Wednesday "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar..."—1 John 4:20 *Miss Harriette L. King, educational evangelism, Shanghai, *Miss Catherine Walker, evangelism, Shanghai, Rev. J. R. Saunders, emeritus, China

31 Thursday "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."—1 John 4:11 Rev. and Mrs. George D. Hook, Farmington, New Mexico, Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Gover, Wewoka, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

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Making Missions Our Mission continued from inside front cover

Sometime ago Miss Ione Gray, at my request, provided me with a map of the world showing the location of our missionary personnel. I keep this on the wall of my study, not only so the whole wide world is before me, but also in order that I can think about and pray more intelligently for our 821 overseas missionaries who are working in 32 areas of the earth.

In our home each morning at breakfast we use the Royal Service prayer calendar telling our twins (who are Junior G.A.'s) about the missionaries, then praying for them by name. Southern Baptists need to employ every facility and use every vehicle of the many available to learn more about and have a more vital part in our total missionary strategy. Recently one of our state editors wisely said, "Reading Baptists are leading Baptists." A stimulated missionary thinking is indispensable if Southern Baptists are to give more for missions, pray more for missions, and recruit more volunteers for missions. An expanded concept of missionary thinking will result in expanded contributions to the total missionary program.

The Woman's Missionary Union continues

to do a glorious and significant work in missionary education and in developing missionary zeal. This work needs to be wholeheartedly supported and supplemented by every pastor and every church of our Convention. Likewise, greater emphasis is needed for the missionary programs of our Training Unions, Sunday Schools, and Brotherhoods. If Southern Baptists are to advance, such an emphasis on missionary education is a "must"!

Yes, "missions is our mission." The condition of our bludgeoned, beaten and bloody world serves to enforce the fact that our world needs Christ more than ever. He alone can bind up the world's wounds and lead men out of darkness into light. When we realize that seventy per cent of the world's two and a quarter billions of people are still non-Christian, we begin to see the stupendous size of our task.

Southern Baptists need to spend more than six million dollars to evangelize all the rest of the world while we are spending \$191,000,000 at home. Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette recently said, "The total annual contribution to missions, home and foreign, of all evangelical churches would not build and equip one modern battleship. The entire Protestant foreign mission force is scarcely as large as an army division."

When we Christians begin to see our world as Christ saw it, when we begin to show the compassion for it which Christ showed, we will do better for we will realize the fact that "missions is our mission."



Wim Gina Baati, secretary of W.M.U. of Italy, Rev. Manfredi Ronchi, vice-president and Dr. W. O. Lewis, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance

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each, and we saw Tahitha home and hospital on Monday afternoon and Salome home and hospital Tuesday afternoon. At the second hospital we saw a roomful of twenty-six newborn babies. They were in clothes baskets which were piled on shelves reaching to the ceiling. We ate supper either at the hospital or at the home.

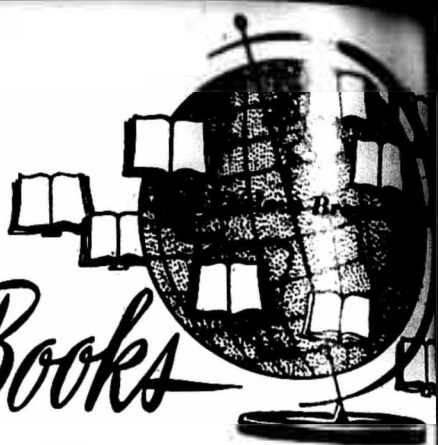
In the evenings we had different things. Monday night Mrs. Bates gave a most interesting history of the Baptist World Alliance. After hearing her, few of us there will ever forget that history. Even the dates were easy for me to remember. Then on Tuesday night we had the pleasure of having Dr. W. O. Lewis, European secretary for the Baptist World Alliance, speak to us.

Wednesday morning the World Day of Prayer committee gave us the program we could use that day and some information about the event. Then came the "thank you's" to Mrs. Martin and other people who had helped in the meeting. Mrs. Martin was presented with a tablecloth which had the names of the delegates written around it. The offering was taken for the German women, and the conference was adjourned.

I have been to many meetings and conferences in little towns and big cities, but those few days in Hamburg will always stand out above all the others when I think of the most interesting experiences I have had as a missionary's daughter in Europe.

Remember the resolutions we made last January about reading? Did you read books this year on new or unusual subjects? Books that would lift your eyes to more distant horizons, or deepen your spiritual life, or help to clarify important issues?

Our World in Books



This New Year again makes us pause, so let us thoughtfully plan our reading program. As a start, perhaps we would like to become better acquainted with three great American women who are living today. How we would like to know them personally, and to think of them as our neighbors and fellow workers.

Meditations by Grace Noll Crowell, Abingdon-Cokesbury, \$1.50

Few Christian women in America are better known or more admired than this lovely Texas author. Her comforting poems have helped millions, and her shining faith has strengthened people all over the world. All who know her through her poetry will be eager to read these heart-lifting meditations. Included in each of the 26 inspiring, provocative messages are original poems and short meaningful prayers, based upon appropriate Scripture texts. Although not autobiographical, Mrs. Crowell reveals her innermost heart and challenging faith on each page of this attractive volume.

Dedicated to the Christian women of the world, here is a book to be treasured as a help in private worship, and a guide to all who seek inspiration for leading devotionals in groups, either large or small. Its small compact size makes it easy to slip into pocket or purse.

Mary McLeod Bethune by Catherine Owens Peare, Vanguard Press, \$2.75

"Put down that book. You can't read." Flinching at these stinging words, little Mary Jane McLeod fled from the big house to her parents' shabby unpainted cabin.

"Please God, let me learn to read—somehow," prayed Mary Jane as she joined her family bending over the hoes, chopping crab grass in the cotton field.

The way God answered this little Negro girl's prayer and led her not only to be educated herself, but to become a great ed-

ucator of her people, makes a thrilling story. Today at seventy-five Mrs. Bethune is at the apex of a distinguished career. She has been accorded many honors, but her heart is with struggling boys and girls.

May those of you who choose this volume for your New Year reading share her high ambition and join with her in her prayer that all young people may have a chance to reach the goals of a good life.

Grandma Moses: My Life's History, Harper, \$3.50

What a woman! Everyone who has heard of Grandma Moses exclaims in just such words. Many women decide their days are about over when they get along into the seventies, but not Anna Mary Robertson Moses. Hale and hearty at ninety-six, she is telling her story as girl, wife, mother, grandmother, and—as artist. Not until she was 80 years old, and her fingers so stiffened with rheumatism that she couldn't do "fancy work" did she begin to paint.

This autobiography reveals much of the lovable personality, sterling character, and simple philosophy of this famous American woman. Her great success has not changed her. Rather it has helped her to strive to paint more and better pictures. She says, "If I didn't start painting, I would have raised chickens. I could still do it now." And when you read her book you know that she could. Her book stands as a testament to courage and hope, proving that life can begin, even at eighty!

Although not due off the press until February 1, place your order now, so that you may be among the first to receive this delightful volume. Including 16 pages in color, and 8 other pages of illustrations.

● Three American women, Grace Noll Crowell, Mary McLeod Bethune, Grandma Moses—what a trio! What a challenge to all American women to use their gifts, time and influence for God's glory in 1952.