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ONE TRACT

That Broke and Built a Home

by Orvil W. Reid, Mexico

IN COLIMA, after the great earthquake that left thousands homeless, I wrote a special message to the victims. I put the message in an envelope along with the Gospels of Luke and John, an evangelistic playlet, "Cripple Tom Finds a Great Treasure," and other gospel tracts. We gave them out in about two thousand homes.

A year later, I received a letter from a young man saying that he had found the "Cripple Tom" tract in the home of a relative and that he had been saved through its influence. He sent money for a Bible, which we sent to him along with other literature.

After a few weeks, I was in that city and sent the man a note inviting him to the services. He was the first person to make his public profession of faith when the invitation was given. After the service he told me that when the Bible came and he began reading it to his wife, her parents and his

parents, all became angry and agreed that he had to burn the Bible or she would leave him.

One day she said to him: "You must choose today between me and that book. If you destroy it, I will stay; if you keep it, I will leave."

In answer to her threat he said, "I love you and do not want you to leave, but if you go and if you return, this book will still be here, and I will be reading it."

Some months later, I preached again in the Colima church and noticed the same young man in the congregation, seated with a young woman. When I gave the invitation, the first person to make a profession of faith was that young woman.

After the services the man said to me, "This is my wife. She came back to me about two weeks ago and now I'm so happy that she, too, is a Christian."

They were both later baptized into the Baptist church. It costs about one-half penny to publish the tract that saved this home. Somebody gave it through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It might have been you!

We do not know who gave the money that meant the salvation of these and many other people around the world through the ministry of the printed page, but God knows and he rewards. In one year, our office received seventy-five professions of faith by mail from people who had read some tract. If that many wrote us, we feel sure that hundreds were saved or helped toward their salvation.

Some day we will have the joy of knowing those whom our personal testimony, our prayers, and our offerings have won to the Lord. I sometimes think that this will be one of our greater joys in heaven. I wonder also if we shall ever know of the souls we might have won if we had been more faithful and had taken our mission in life as Christians more seriously.

Home in Any Language

Can you guess to which country or people these words for "home" belong?

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| 1. heim | Brazil |
| 2. lar | Israel |
| 3. casa | Japan |
| 4. chukka | Switzerland |
| 5. chia | Italy |
| 6. beyk | China |
| 7. hotei | Choctaw Indian |

Answers: 1. Switzerland 2. Brazil 3. Italy 4. Choctaw Indian 5. China 6. Israel 7. Japan

Growing Up in W. M. U.

by Elizabeth D. Russell

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world." Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." Therefore, "Let your light so shine" (John 8:12, Matt. 5:14, and Matt. 5:16).

"Knowing that countless people grope in darkness and giving attention to His commands, I assert my allegiance to Jesus Christ, and to His church and its activities, attempting with God's help to abide in Him through prayer, to advance in wisdom by Bible study, to acknowledge my stewardship of time, money and personality, to adorn myself with good works, and to accept the challenge of the Great Commission."

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever" (Daniel 12:3).

I am sure that those of you who are working in the auxiliaries of Woman's Missionary Union will recognize that I have quoted watchwords and allegiance from Sunbeam Band through Young Woman's Auxiliary. These verses represent in a measure my spiritual growth as it was guided by these organizations. I know God used them to place upon my heart my responsibility in the mission program. There have been many mountain tops with him that I would like to share with you.

I was converted when I was eight years old. I was just a little Sunbeam—yet it is still a vibrant experience in my mind. My first thought after accepting Christ was of my playmate who was not a Christian. I am sure that such verses as "Ye are the light of the world," which I had learned in Sunbeams, contributed to the impulse to share my experience with her.

I shall never forget Girls' Auxiliary days! Two women stand out very definitely in my mind as representative of G.A. coun-

selors. They had a love for Jesus and a love for girls. They probably did not realize the extent of their influence upon those in their organizations. I am thankful that one of them was persistent in her efforts to encourage me to learn the necessary material to advance in the G.A. Forward Steps. Scripture verses that I learned in Girls' Auxiliary have stayed with me and their deeper meaning is being revealed day by day. As a Junior G.A. it was hard for me to learn Isaiah 53:4-6. At the time I did not fully understand the wonderful significance of this prophecy of our Lord, but how rich it has become as I have experienced its meaning.

Another outstanding memory of G.A. was our study of the life of Basil Lee Lockett. I had known since I was a Sunbeam that God wanted me for special work, but the day we completed our study of his life I felt in a new way the call of God to let my light shine. My heart was closer to accepting the real challenge of the Great Commission. How wise were those who chose the material for the Forward Steps and for mission study! Everything learned was fashioned to give to the G.A. some of the very essential materials for a spiritual foundation.

I shall always remember how thrilling it was to be crowned Queen at G.A. camp. It inspired me to go on to attain the title of Queen Regent.

I don't suppose there is any other time in our lives when we are more alive to the multitude of interests around us than when we are Intermediates. The world looks so wonderful, and yet it is a very crucial time in our lives, for our interests are taking shape. My first experience in G.A. camp was as an Intermediate at Coker College. David Anderson, ex-Margaret Fund student, a pastor and son of missionaries to China, was in charge of the vesper services each evening. The vespers were held in the



Mr. and Mrs. Russell and their little daughter, Rhoda Louise

amphitheatre. Mr. Anderson chose for his subject of the week, "Seeing Jesus Only." There, after a busy day, in the loveliness of twilight, surrounded by Nature in all her glory, he focused my attention so completely on seeing Jesus only that I have never forgotten it. Jesus became an individual to me that week and was no more just a Divine Being in a far-off heaven.

"The biggest contribution that Young Woman's Auxiliary made to my life was in unfolding the reality of missions to me. It was because of a task assigned to me in Y.W.A. that was bigger than I was that I learned the true meaning of the words, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Cor. 9:7-8). I began to learn that if my life was to be effective I must be willing to give cheerfully for Christ's glory the things that I held most precious.

A missionary came to Mars Hill College while I was there. One night she spoke on the verse of Scripture, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24). I had read that verse many times before, but it took hold of my life that night, and I realized that I must be truly willing not just to talk about dying for Christ, but really be willing to die physical death, if necessary. More than that, to be willing to crucify myself with Christ, to die completely to self so that I could truly live for him. When I fought that battle and grasped that truth, such joy and peace and calmness came into my life as cannot be expressed in words.

Since then it has been easier for me to love people sincerely and to realize in a greater way the lostness of men without Christ. This experience prepared my heart for the theme song of Y.W.A. week at Ridgecrest that summer, "Where Cross the Crossed Ways of Life."

Yes, I am thankful for the place of service that God has chosen for me—that of being a pastor's wife. How grateful I am for the wonderful avenues of service opened to me in this capacity. My prayer is that God will lay it upon the hearts of the members of Woman's Missionary Union to take up the light, that many more young people may be led closer to our Master as they work in these organizations.

An Indian Mother's Lament

If in the golden streets were heard no baby laughter,

How empty heaven would be!

And so, dear Lord, till I rise and follow after,

I send my 'Little Swan' to Thee.

If in the ivory mansions, no babes were ever sleeping,

What beauty heaven would lack!

And so,—to wake, and smile, when I have ended sleeping,

Your 'Little Swan', dear Lord, comes back.

ELSIE NORTHRUP CHANEY

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OUR COVER

Quiet moments of prayer as a family group strengthen young hearts against the insecurity of today's turmoil. It is possible to "find time" if the desire for family worship is strong enough to make arrangements.

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The Pleasure is Ours!

by Mrs. Samuel D. Wallace, President,

Miami Baptist Association, Woman's Missionary Union

WE WERE thrilled when we learned in 1950 that we would be hostess to the annual W.M.U. meeting at Miami, Florida in 1952! We have been blessed as a result of your presence in our city at the 1946 convention, and now look forward to your return.

The state of Florida is a veritable cornucopia of beauty and charm. There is a favorite spot in the sunshine state for everyone. Some like to bask in the warmth of the Gulf Coast as it draws up the magic of the Gulf Stream on its sweep northward along the coast of Florida. We find in this region Key West, Fort Myers, Punta Gorda, Venice, Sarasota, Bradenton, Naples, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Clearwater, Tarpon Springs and other cities with many points of interest. Inland, Gainesville, the home of the University of Florida, and Tallahassee, the state capital, stand out as show places to the Convention traveler with many other inviting cities such as Orlando, Leesburg, Ocala, Kissimmee, Sanford, Lakeland and Bartow.

Down the East coast of the peninsula

we see, busy Jacksonville, "the Gateway City," historic St. Augustine, the nation's oldest town. Then come Daytona Beach, with its famed smooth beaches, New Smyrna, Cocoa, Melbourne, Vero Beach, Fort Pierce, Stuart, the Palm Beaches, Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood and Miami with the cluster of towns surrounding it.

Fabulous Miami! Emerging from the role of a tiny fishing village of 256 persons in 1896, to a permanent population of more than 300,000 in 1952, she occupies forty-six square miles of incorporated areas. Today she stands one of the nation's most modern cities. There are more than 101 flourishing industries testifying to the well-balanced economy of the city. Schools and churches have steadily multiplied with its phenomenal growth. There are more than seventy-eight schools with an enrollment of some 73,250 students. There are two colleges and 250 churches of which forty-six are Baptist churches now in the Miami Association.

The natural loveliness of this enchanting state defies description—so we say to you:

Come take in the whole colorful panorama of Florida's attractions. Visit her seven hundred miles of silvery beaches, her sparkling lakes, pools and rivers, swimming with fish and fowl. The blue Gulf of Mexico and the aquamarine Atlantic Ocean promise pleasure and recreation for all. An abundance of gay tropical flowers and blossoming trees decorate a "land where every bush is aflame with the love of God."

As we meet together, we offer to you our hospitality and our love. We expect that you will bring to us new ideas, new plans, fresh enthusiasm and greater zeal. Together we shall lift our voices in gratitude and praise for the blessings of the past and pray for the continued guiding hand of God, for greater power and wisdom in making plans for the ongoing of his kingdom.

There is an old saying, "Once you get Florida sand into your shoes, you will always come back." To thousands of Miami visitors this has become truth. Come again and enjoy to the fullest the sunny hours and the great spiritual inspirations that await you in Miami, Florida, May 11, 12, 13.

I Returned Home to Rio

by George B. Cowsett

HERE was one of the most exciting moments of my life! I was approaching Rio de Janeiro, Brazil after an absence of seven years and three months. From the plane window I could see what used to be a common sight to me, the mountains of Rio, particularly Sugar Loaf, Corcovado, and Tijuca peaks. The latter, 3,960 feet high, is inside the city limits. There was the inland bay, Governors Island inside it; an island with some 40,000 inhabitants connected to the mainland by ferries and a bridge, and the ocean through the mouth of the bay.

Yes, I was back home in the city of my birth and residence until I went to college in the United States, except for the occasional furloughs that my parents had. Perhaps the greatest thrill was to see my missionary parents. I had not seen them for about three years and nine months.

I immediately realized that I was in a foreign country. Arriving late that Saturday afternoon in July, my father said I was to preach in his church the next night. Then it dawned upon me how much of their language I had forgotten during my absence. I stumbled through that sermon, but by the end of the two months that I was there, much of my Portuguese had come back to me, for I used to speak it as well as the Brazilians speak it.

One of the greatest moments in a preacher's life comes when he is ordained. It was especially meaningful to me to be ordained by an ordaining council composed of my father, J. J. Cowsett, other missionaries who had known me from the time I was grow-

ing up there, T. B. Stover, A. R. Crabtree, J. L. Riffey, Edgar Hallock, W. E. Allen, A. Ben Oliver, and some Brazilian pastors, including the president of our Brazilian Baptist Convention, Manuel Avelino de Souza.

What changes did I find in the Baptist work in Brazil during the time I was absent? One thing I noticed especially was the fact that a few churches were putting up their own church buildings. When I was there, most churches were meeting in residences in which the walls had been knocked out to make room for the auditorium. Unfortunately many others still have this arrangement.

Another big change I noticed was the Publishing House. They had outgrown the shops they built in 1936, and use them for



Publishing House where George's father is overseer

Thomas Coelho Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro



sons and daughters of home and foreign missionaries receive Margaret Fund scholarships while in college. George Cowsett, Margaret Fund student, tells about his chance to visit his parents by delivering an automobile for a businessman in Rio. The two Cowsett daughters were in Brazil on a visit also and the family was together for the first time in four years.



George Cowsett

their offices now. The printing shops have been moved to a new building, some 4,000 square feet in size, built in Quonset hut style. My father is overseer of the printing plant and I was surprised when he took me out there for the first time and actually drove into the building. I received a blessing just looking at one of the big automatic presses running off about 2,000 sheets an hour, 16 pages of the Bible to the sheet. Yes, I thought, that is what Brazil needs, Bibles the people can buy and read, not Bibles withheld from the public as the Catholics do for fear their members might be converted by reading it. Not only do they print Bibles, but all religious literature, state papers, quarterlies, religious books, etc., all in the Portuguese language, of course.

Another difference was the many new missionaries that have gone to Brazil since I was there. It is encouraging to see many new ones, yet still more are needed.

Not only did I see some differences but also some things that have not changed. There seems to be an almost business-like desire to carry the gospel to the nation. The missionaries and Brazilian pastors seem to be totally of one accord. Their great zeal and their dedication to the task before them is remarkable. Each man doing his part feels responsible not to some human person but directly to God. That is one reason many of us are Baptists.

I was again reminded of their concern over their candidates for church membership. As in other mission fields, though invitations are given, a person is not voted on for baptism in regular church services but in the church conference. At that time the candidate is examined thoroughly to be sure that he is truly saved. To them, accepting the salvation of our Lord is no small matter and they do not want to have a person think he is saved when he is not. Many questions are asked them during the church conference, they are not rushed into

baptism. I recall one young man in my father's church who said he was a Christian, but was not yet ready for baptism. He wanted to be sure of his salvation before he was publicly acknowledged as a Christian. So did my father.

Another thing that had not changed was the large number of people being converted compared with the number of Baptists we have in the country, 100,000. The work is growing in great proportions. In this land where they have been taught by the Catholic religious leaders that the end justifies the means, many people are turning to the gospel. Churches are actively trying to reach the people. In the church bulletin of one church in which I preached, I found that they had five missions, besides other evangelistic services in the open. All this for a church with some 300 members!

Leaving Rio I arrived in Dallas, Texas, the next day after twenty-eight hours of consecutive flight, except for about six stops. My life was certainly blessed by this trip. Though I had opportunities to preach and to speak to groups, I came away realizing that I was not yet in a position to be of real service to that country. I would have to wait until I finished at Southwestern Baptist Seminary and then if the Foreign Mission Board saw fit to appoint me, I would be in a position with the help of God to spend the rest of my life in service to that country so in need of the gospel. Then through years of association with these people I may come to have a wisdom and understanding of them that the older missionaries now have. It was I that profited by this trip to Brazil; with the help of the Lord perhaps they will profit from my trip the next time.

Youths Look at Their Parents



*The youth and his parent walked together,
And as they made their way, so thought
the youth;*

*"You are mine—for worse or for the better,
You are my hold, my anchor and my
inspiration—*

*You made me, and are so near the measure
of all*

*That I will be, I'll walk with you in sun
or rainy weather.*

*And so—oh, parent, lead me where you
would have me to go—*

No greater influence, will I ever know"

The influence of our parents is great, yet most of us feel at times that parental leadership is nothing more than a host of do's and don'ts, a series of refusals, and an undue use of authority. It must be admitted, at least we young people will admit, that parents do make mistakes in their leadership. They may "fly off the handle" and be unreasonable, or be too busy to listen when we want to talk things over with them. We know that Mother has faults and Dad has a few peculiarities himself; nevertheless we want to be loyal to them because we belong to them and they belong to us. We don't demand that they be exactly what we want them to be for we certainly aren't perfect ourselves.

In a survey made in Seattle, Washington, by Dr. Kathrine Taylor, ten things were revealed that young people expect of their

Nancy gave this message on the Florida W. M. U. young people's night program. She is sixteen years old and has been star camper twice at G. A. camp.

parents. Among these were:

That parents teach them something about religion.

That parents help them in social problems.

That parents love and have confidence in the young people.

That parents help them in their emotional and physical development.

You can readily see that what we expect from our parents is love, guidance, and help.

In a panel discussion by high school students on "What We Want Our Parents To Do For Us," Chet, a high school senior, commented, "My parents help me by providing a home base where I can go for advice and counsel. I get a feeling of strength and security knowing my parents are backing me."

Mary then said, "My parents are always ready to help me too, but they want to tell me what to do. They plan that I am to become a teacher and go to the university here, but I don't want to teach and I want to go to another school."

Ted said, "My parents are just about like yours, but one minute they say I am grown-up and the next minute I am just a little kid. Now what are you going to do about that?"

Tom said, "My mother is always after me, 'Did you eat a good lunch?' 'Have you got your rubbers on?' 'Do you have your lessons?' I used to think she worried about me too much, but I have found that she is only interested in what I am doing and doesn't mean to be nosey."

Although we need plenty of help from our parents, too much help is a burden. Lowell was an only child who spent most of his time with his parents. Although he was in very good health, his mother drove him six blocks to school every morning, called for him again at noon, and waited

by Nancy Richbourg

for him after school. Whatever came up at school—a class meeting or a basketball game—Lowell always had to ask his mother. The least change in his schedule called for a conference with her. What will happen to Lowell when he is expected to act independently?

Truly the home is the first school of religion and our parents are our first teachers. They influence and teach us when we are most impressionable, and are learning the most in the shortest time. If our parents do not teach us well, we must learn our lessons the hard way, when we are grown. These illustrations come out of the classrooms of the home.

A friend and I were discussing smoking. My friend said, "My father and mother have always smoked so why shouldn't I? I see nothing wrong with it. I think my family are fine people."

After a heavy snow a farmer was slowly making his way to the barn to care for the stock. Hearing someone behind him, he turned to see his small son who cried out happily, "Look, Daddy, I'm walking in your footsteps!"

Two brothers never come to church except on rare occasions. They greatly admire their father who never attends. If he realized how closely they were following in his footsteps, would he watch more carefully his direction?

In a group of about ten girls discussing family problems, all but two of us were worried about the possibility of our parents separating.

Recently a Sunday school teacher saw the father of one of his boys at church. "We missed Bill at Sunday school this morning," he said. "Bill wasn't there?" exclaimed the father, "Why I brought him and left him!" Now really can we blame Bill?

There is a story of a young Christian secretary who attended a party at which the governor was to be present. Cocktails were served and she was beginning to feel

out of place, when the governor arrived. As he shook hands with everyone present, a watchful waiter offered him a cocktail. Without a moment's hesitation the distinguished guest declined. This action must have made a tremendous impression on those present. How we need more men and women in public life with courage and conviction like that!

Some time ago at the funeral of a steel worker, one of his fellow workers said to a deacon, "I helped build the dome on your church." Noticing a great scar across his face the deacon asked, "Did you get that scar working on our church?" "No, I fell seventy-eight feet down an elevator shaft and I still live to talk about it!" "Isn't that most unusual, almost a miracle?" asked the deacon. "Not almost, it was a miracle. I am here today because I have a praying mother."

From adult Christians young people expect good examples and consistency in what they say, in what they believe, and in what they do. It is a true saying, that what you do speaks so loudly that we cannot hear what you say.

We young people face a future sure to be hard and trying. Great problems will rest upon our shoulders. Character and moral strength that are built up in a home in communion with God are essential for the supreme test.

HOME

These characters are read "katei" and mean "home" in Japanese. The top one "ka" is the word usually meaning "house." The bottom one "tei" is "yard" or "garden."

There are home things that are essential to a Japanese garden. There must be trees, some small, some large; there must be a brook or running

water, a stone lantern, and stones—large ones covered with moss, and also small ones.

Do you see the reason for putting this word for garden with the word for house to make it a home? For complete harmony in the home, there must be older people and younger ones together. The running water shows that as the family has existed for centuries, so it will continue. The lantern gives light and brightness to it all. The moss on the bigger stones also indicates the continued existence for many, many years.—from Miss Florence Miller

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Keep Your Love Alive

by George W. Hill

days is upon finding the right person in marriage, whereas the real issue is in being the right person to guarantee the stability of the home. If we were to begin asking, "What may I give to the marriage?" and not "What shall I get from it?" the whole atmosphere of the home would change almost overnight.

There is really nowhere in all the world that the practice of simple, Christian virtues is more needed, and often more neglected, than in our homes. If it is true that "marriage is a holy and honorable estate, ordained of God" and "what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder," then every husband and wife is under divine obligation to let nothing interfere with their solemn pledge of lasting devotion. It is as true in marriage as in any other human situation that "God is love; and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." There is no finer way to keep love alive in the home than to walk in daily fellowship with God, the source of all human affection.

ONE of the most difficult problems confronting the Christian today is to keep his love alive in a world organized for hate and war. Virtually every one of his love relationships tends to be corrupted by the loveless atmosphere of our time.

The very institution which most needs the power of love to keep it intact—marriage—is sorely threatened. You know the statistics which tell the sad story of marital failure. Suffice it to say that the United States leads all the nations of the world in the percentage of its homes which go on the rocks.

The process of breakdown is always accelerated in a time of emotional unrest and war. In recent years we have seen hundreds of couples plunge into hasty marriages after an inadequate period of friendship, filled with romantic illusions, totally unprepared emotionally and spiritually for the mature responsibilities of building a durable home. Ours is a day of easy marriage and easier divorce. Many who might otherwise give real creative energy and wisdom to building the kind of home which would last "so long as we both shall live," now confront their marriage responsibilities tentatively and with the feeling that if a happy and completely satisfactory marital adjustment doesn't ensue immediately and almost automatically, it's easy enough to get a divorce and try again.

Unfortunately, most of the emphasis these

MARRIAGE is not the only place where love is seriously challenged in our day. Just being alive in a world that is highly organized for war and hatred puts one's Christian love to a serious test. Human life is cheap; we read so many casualty statistics every day that we become almost indifferent to them unless one of the statistics happens to take on flesh and blood as a person we knew. In these days it is very easy to get caught in the floodtide of hysteria, to divide the world up into the "good" folks (who are all on this side of the Iron Curtain) and the "bad" folks (who are all on the other

side). Self-righteousness comes easy and guilt tends to run along national lines. Love for fellowman (in the usual Christian sense) goes out the window and only those tough sentiments which keep us in fighting trim are regarded as worthy and manly. To talk about introducing the spirit of love and forgiveness into our international relationships sounds strangely irrelevant.

But the amazing thing is that in the long run—in God's long run—it is the spirit of Jesus, and not of Caesar, that will win the victory. This is the judgment of history, and the mere fact that men choose to disregard it doesn't in any way affect its truthfulness. The Christian has a special ministry of conciliation to render in days like these and no one should be misled into thinking that this is easy. In a world of hate, the love of Christ needs to be held higher. In a world dominated by the sword, Christians must hold the cross of Christ aloft, and hear him say again, "They that take up the sword shall perish by the sword."

In a world of stubborn men and nations that don't know how to admit it when they are wrong, the spirit of Christian forgiveness and humility has an indispensable relevance. In a world where evil creates more evil and where strength creates counterstrength, so that the only way we really know how to act is retaliation, it would be a refreshing and hopeful thing for Christians to say with one voice, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you . . . If your enemy is hungry, feed him, if he is thirsty, give him drink . . . Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good."

IT IS hard to keep our love alive and sensitive in a world of deadening need. None of us possess sufficient imagination even to dream of the immensity of human need. It is very easy to become an isolationist in spirit today, to think that the

only thing in all the world that really matters for Americans is to keep the cost of living and taxes down.

We have not seen the bloated bodies of the starved dead in our streets, so it is almost impossible to imagine such conditions. For those who have hearts made sensitive by the compassionate Christ, who have heard him say, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me," there is the possibility of keeping love alive by engaging in saving acts of Christian mercy. CARE packages, relief for Korea, blood bank donations, investment in the missionary program of our great denomination, all of these provide a practical means by which those sensitive to human need may save themselves from the frustration of helplessness and at the same time keep their love alive in a world of need.

Even the church needs the message of love today, for it cannot escape the pressures and tensions of a loveless world. 1st Corinthians 13 was written for us; dare we live it?"—FBC, Pasadena, California

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Guadalupe Camara:

One of God's Handmaids

by Arah Swindle

LIKELY you have never even heard of Guadalupe Camara. Few have, outside of her own circle of family and friends. First sight shows you only a matronly Latin-American mother whom forty-eight years have touched lightly. Closer contact reveals a oneness with God; foundation of her serene security. In her home one feels family unity. Indeed the wholehearted co-operation of each member of her family makes possible her full and varied career of mother, pastor's wife and missionary-teacher.

"When did you feel the urge to teach?" I asked. A smile made friendly little crinkles at the corners of her dark eyes.

"It began when I was little more than an infant," she answered, "with my very first knowledge of the gospel, which came when a few missionaries from America arrived in our little Mexican town. They opened classes in English and Bible and distributed evangelical literature. Father and Mother were Roman Catholic, but neither of them could read or write, and they were fiercely determined that their children should have 'learning.' For this reason we were allowed to attend the mission classes.

"The Bible memory texts and gospel hymns which we learned quickly, became my special delight, and I was inconsolable when our teachers left after a very short stay. Daily I gathered my small friends together and we played mission school. By common consent I was always the teacher."

Guadalupe Camara's brown face grew pensive. She tucked a stray lock of black hair in place as she went on.

"Years passed. Troubled years which pushed the Mexican people through the

revolution. My father changed our residence to the city of Monterrey. My sisters and I were rapidly approaching young womanhood. In the hurry of changing from childhood to adolescence, I lost my energy and became listless and nervous. Our doctor prescribed country air. This prescription took the family to the nearby village of Garcia for several months.

"One day as I strolled down the street, lonely and homesick, I heard a sound that stirred the deepest chords of memory—Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of Life."

"Several voices were singing my favorite childhood hymn. The sound came from a nearby building and drew my feet as a magnet draws steel. Two young men leading the singing were Methodist missionaries, and although the hour was three o'clock, they had not eaten that day because no one in the village of Garcia would sell food to Protestants. Much troubled, I hurried home to tell my family. My father was indignant over the village inhospitality.

"Why did you not invite them here to eat?" he demanded. Overjoyed, I hurried to guide the hungry missionaries to our door.

"That day the Bible was read, gospel hymns were sung and prayer was offered in our home. Father was enchanted.

"As often as you come this way," he said to the young men, "you are to eat with us."

"Immediately the landlady raised our rent. When my eldest sister Angela asked the reason, she said, 'Because you are Protestants.'

"Back in our home a few months later, the memory of our pleasant contact with the young missionaries remained with us.

One Sunday morning Angela and I sought out an evangelical church. Everything was strange for we were unaccustomed to attending church. We went in and sat down. No one spoke to us but we sat entranced through the devotional service. Soon everyone went out and we were left sitting alone.

"Let us go, it is over," I whispered. Angela nodded solemnly and we quietly rose and went out. What was our surprise on reaching the street, to hear singing coming from various parts of the building. We wanted to go back but were ashamed to re-enter after having left. The next day Angela recounted our experience to a friend.

"Oh," said her friend, "they were only going to the classrooms. Each class has a room where they go for study; then after the lesson all come back to the auditorium. They must be very careless, not to welcome strangers. Come to our church next Sunday; you will not be left sitting alone."

"On the following Sunday this friend walked across town to guide us to her church, the First Baptist Church in Monterrey. That morning she opened the gate to the pathway that was to lead us to Christ."

WITH her love for teaching and the gospel, you may be sure that "Lupe," as her friends called her, quickly found a place in religious activities. Before she was baptized, she was elected to teach a class of girls in the Baptist Sunday school, and within three years she had become a leader in church work. She continued to study, finished school and had four years in teachers college. Later she served as a teacher in one of the Baptist schools.

In 1935 she married Pastor Camara. After three years in the Baptist Seminary he eagerly awaited the opportunity to live up to his name.

To care for his first charge, a small mission, Pastor Camara and his wife walked three miles to each service. In due time, Neomi, a tiny daughter arrived. Carried in the arms of her young parents, she too, attended the services.

For four years now, the Camaras have made their home in Texas. In the First Mexican Baptist Church of Pharr, a small town ten miles north of the Mexican border, they found their present work. They

are happy in the U.S.A. and God is using them among their own people.

Besides little Neomi, now a seniorita of fourteen, George, thirteen, Sara, ten, Sergio, eight, and Eunice who will soon be five, brighten the Camara home. All are quiet, well-mannered, bright-eyed children, sturdy, eager and full of life.

"What of the children? Have they made early decisions as to their life work?"

Lupe Camara's expressive eyes grew tender at that question. "Yes," she answered, "Neomi wants to be a missionary; Sara says she will be a teacher, like Mama; George plans to be a doctor, but little Sergio says he is going to be a missionary-doctor. Eunice is too small to choose yet, but she loves to sing and memorize Bible texts, and she loves kindergarten."

"What would you say has been the greatest factor in making your children conscious of the fact that each life should render service to God?"

The answer was unhesitating and firm—"Prayer."

"Many factors have had their part," she continued, "but both my husband and I feel that regular family worship has been the greatest single influence for good in our children's lives. Often their friends come for worship. We have had as many as thirty children in our home for evening worship services. On the few occasions when it has been necessary for us to be absent past the worship hour, the older children have gathered their little brother and sisters and any small friends who were present, and carried on the service just as if we were there. We feel that such experiences build a firm foundation on which they can stand as they reach the age when they must face life on their own."

Mrs. Camara finds one of her chief joys in the fact that her tiny pupils take home the teachings gained in the kindergarten and incorporate them into their play and daily activities. Some have taught their parents to offer thank before meals. Others have led one or more of the members of their family to church and Sunday school attendance. Indeed, it is not unusual for whole families to be won this way.

"For," comments the wise teacher, "there is no better way to reach parents than through their children."



... from Johnni Johnson, Tokyo, Japan

All of us who represent you in Japan are continually "standing in the need of prayer." One main reason is that all of us together are so few in the midst of eighty-four million who do not know Jesus Christ. And even when we consider our Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran and other friends, we're still too few among crowded masses.

Yes, some of the millions are individuals to us: university students, shopkeepers, businessmen and housewives, young people in our Bible classes and churches. But most of the millions here are crowds to us. We see them in railroad stations, in city squares, in narrow winding streets, and this hurts worse. Most of the people we pass on the streets stand a good chance to live a lifetime without knowing one person who is a Christian!

Yes, we are studying the language. And we have contact with Japanese people. And by the grace of the Lord there are Christians in Japan today who call themselves Baptists. But listen, there are ten thousand places in Japan—cities, towns, and villages.

Virginia Hightfill, missionary in Tokyo, helps Japanese G.As. with their hand work



And all the Christians put together have entered only one thousand of them!

Indeed it is not easy to preach the gospel in Japan. Shintoism and Buddhism have deep roots here; so have immorality and superstition and idolatry. But in the face of it all we must work and pray—and so must you! Nor is the task confronting Christians in America who call themselves Southern Baptists an easy one. A Japanese newspaperman, visiting in the United States at the beginning of 1952 put it this way: "The big question is how much moral and spiritual growth America will attain in the future." This man called it "the challenge of destiny" for he believes that where America goes, the rest of the world will go.

Then perhaps you, with us, are standing in the need of prayer. And, of course, you pray, as we do. You would have prayed much had you been one of the kin who stood at the entrance to Illinois' New Orient mine No. 2 on Christmas Eve, 1951.

You prayed much if your son was—and perhaps still is—a prisoner of war in Korea. Now that word of his safety has reached you, you have said, "Thank God," but have you continued to pray?

And you would pray if you were in Tokyo. For here, maybe more than any place else in the world right now, you can feel the pulsebeat of a nation seeking her way out of the maze of defeat-born ramifications.

The more you pray for America and for Japan and for the rest of the world, the more you will have to do. Only concerned men and women carry burdens, and the concern the world needs today is God-given. If you pray enough maybe you will come to rejoice more at the news of one new Christian in Japan than at the report of ten fighters downed in Mig Alley.

If you pray enough, really pray, you will be seeking—and finding—ways whereby God's kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven.

... from Pauline Jackson,
Manhuassu, Minas Gerais, Brazil

Perhaps you would like to know how we are going about the Lord's work in this place. Our first opportunity is in our home. Perhaps you think living on the

Yugoslavia Needs Your Help!

Clothing, soap, yard goods, and food are all needed. Write to Foreign Mission Board for address and information about a family. Check with local post office officials if you desire to send food. Check also for regulations on mailing the package. Mark package GIFT (Poklon). Do not send boxes to Richmond.

second floor with four little children might not be desirable, but it is the nicest home we have had since we married ten years ago. Our boys call it our "Ship House" because we have such wide decks on two sides where they, with all their playmates, share bicycle, marbles, hammer and saw and a bit of "scrapping." In the morning the sunshine fills our house from the northeastern side and at night on the southern side we look up and see ourselves at the foot of the Southern Cross. Each window frames a beautiful picture of God's very own handiwork.

We begin our day with God's Word as we sit down to breakfast. There is a constant stream of vegetable women, with heavy baskets on their heads, to whom we give printed gospels and invitations to our services. We feel that the people who come to our door offer the best opportunity of giving the gospel. If they have something to sell, we have something better to give; if they come asking for material help, we give them a spiritual blessing as well. We hope that in this group there are some who will come to know our Lord Jesus. Many have already attended some of our services.

This section of the town is blessed with one other Christian home—this family attends the Presbyterian church and has co-operated with us wonderfully in establishing our present congregation. Right by our home, there is a little new street with seven brand new homes in which not a single one knows the new life in Christ. It has been our privilege to witness for Christ in each one of these homes and we trust there shall be real spiritual victory soon. There are easily one hundred families within five minutes' walk to whom we have the responsibility of sharing our Christ.

Down on the street floor there is a large hall which is dedicated to the organized work of our congregation. You will realize that this would be the same as a mission carried on by one of your churches in the States. We regularly have our Sunday school at 3 p.m. You may think this is a strange time but in this way we do not come into conflict with the other evangelical groups. This morning one father told me how fine he thought it was that his children could go to Sunday school in the afternoon too. You can understand this when you know there are no playgrounds, no supervised play, no toys in their homes for the most part. They would have just spent the afternoons in the streets and alleys.

I try to visit some each week in both Christian and non-Christian homes. This is one service which gives me the most pleasure but which is the hardest.

Little four-year old Janet loves to say the prayer before meals. Her thoughts are her own. One evening at supper she prayed something like this: "Thank you for the good food you have given us, bless Daddy and help the people at the service. Bless all the sick people in the hospitals and make them well and all the soldiers in the war." A Brazilian pastor was with us that night and said, "Surely that was a world prayer."

... from Floryne Miller, Kokura, Japan

Some copies of our Japan W.M.U. magazine now go to Korea each month and twenty copies to Hawaii for Japanese-speaking and reading people there. We send out six hundred copies a month. We all work hard at getting it written, mimeographed and mailed out and we are grateful for the good these materials do.

Since January we are including programs for each age group. Our executive board meeting was a good one. Since we went way over our 300,000 yen goal in our World Day of Prayer Offering, we set next year's goal at 400,000 yen. Already at three meetings I have attended I have heard the women making definite plans as to how they can increase their gift for this year. Such interest is completely thrilling, believe you me!

Hints to Committee Chairmen

To Community Missions Chairmen . . .

"Church has beginning in a home." This should be the headline for a story about Rivermont Baptist Church in Danville, Virginia. The Associational W.M.U. accepted the challenge to sponsor a mission. The first meeting was a small group for a prayer service in a home. From that beginning there came a W.M.S., then Sunday school and worship services every Sunday afternoon in a home, vacation Bible school in the summer, and now a Training Union for the young people.

The whole story covering about three years cannot be quickly told, but today there stands a newly organized Baptist church ministering to the needs of the people in a fast developing residential area. And it all began in a home!

Look around you. Is your town or city growing in all directions at once? Does it seem that new houses are springing up overnight? Who lives in these houses? Where do the people go to church? Visit in these homes and find out. Chances are you will discover a number of Baptists, some who have been quite active members elsewhere, but who feel your church is a little too far away to reach.

Talk over what you have learned with your pastor. Then with the church back of you, enlist your workers and begin to hold Sunday school and worship services in a Baptist home in that area. Perhaps one of your members lives in that neighborhood and will use her home. Or you may have discovered in your visiting, a couple who seemed eager to have a Sunday school available for their family and would open their home to such services. What a privilege it would be to have a church begin in one's home!

You may live in a rural area, and there may be no need for a new church. But there may be families in your community who are unenlisted because they lack transportation. Try to arrange it for them. If

you cannot bring them to church, then take the ministry of the church to them in their homes. The Bible's message can be taught on any day of the week, even to just one family in its own home.

Edith Stokely

To Stewardship Chairmen . . .

There is something new in stewardship literature—a study book for Sunbeams! The title will arouse your curiosity. It is *Bonny Baptist and the Sunbeams*. Now who could Bonny Baptist be? She is a Baptist church standing on a busy corner of Merryville, "pointing her steeple-finger toward the sky." How did a church get the name "Bonny Baptist"? What do the Sunbeams do? Where does stewardship come in? For the answers to these questions, read the book.

The author, Martha Jo Walters Milne, is a pastor's wife and the mother of four children. She dedicates her book, "To my four Sunbeams. One who was, Two who are, One who will be." You can see that she should know how to write for little children and she proves that she does in this delightful book. You will be charmed with the way she has brought stewardship teaching into the story of this church. The word "stewardship" is not used—too big for Sunbeams! But the teaching is there, the Sunbeams learn about tithing, and wonderful things happen to Bonny Baptist.

Are you asking how this book concerns you? Remember that you are stewardship chairman not only of the W.M.S. but of the young people's organizations of your W.M.U. as well. So, it is your responsibility to plan with your Sunbeam leader for a class studying *Bonny Baptist and the Sunbeams*. Summer is a good time to bring children together for several morning sessions, or for an all-day class with picnic

lunch and other "playtime" features. Teaching Helps (15c from your Baptist Book Store) prepared by the author will guide the teacher in planning study periods and activities to make the class more interesting to the children.

Bonny Baptist and the Sunbeams is not only a text for class study but a beautifully illustrated storybook which children will enjoy. Older children will like to read it for themselves and younger ones will enjoy hearing it read. Encourage mothers to buy the book for their children. Buy a copy for yourself, then visit circles where there are mothers of little children, displaying your copy and offering to order books for the mothers who wish to buy them. *Bonny Baptist and the Sunbeams* should be a prized possession of every Baptist child. Order it from your Baptist Book Store, price 35c.

While you are planning for Sunbeams, plan stewardship classes for R.As. and G.As. also. *Genny, Penny and Kan* is the delightful stewardship book for Junior R.As. and G.As.; order from Baptist Book Store, price 35c; Teaching Helps, 10c. The Intermediate stewardship book, *These Dared to Share*, will be ready for summer classes. We will tell you more about it on this page another month.

Mrs. C. D. Creamer

To Mission Study Chairmen . . .

A number of requests for help in conducting mission study conferences at the quarterly meetings of the association, have come to me. Here is a suggested outline for the third quarter.

1. Goals:

No doubt you set up goals for your association in the first quarter (Oct.-Dec.). Check these to see how far you are from attainment.

II. Subjects to Discuss:

1. Review duties of the local mission study chairman. Emphasize the fact that it is her duty to help plan the young people's classes. The last quarter (July-Sept.) is a good time to have the study of a book on soul-winning, prayer, or stewardship.

2. Remind the chairmen to check the

mission study point on the Standard of Excellence for W.M.S. and young people's organizations.

3. Reports (for the local chairman to give to the associational chairman). These will vary, as many associations have their own forms. If yours does not, use outline on page 25.

4. The Mission Study Institute. Perhaps you have not held your institute. The fourth quarter will be a splendid time as the foreign mission books in the new series are to be available by the middle of August. You may want to use these books as the basis of methods of presentation. Make it clear that only teachers are wanted in the institutes. The goal should be at least five teachers from every W.M.U.

5. The Foreign Mission Graded Series. The theme is *Advancing into New Fields*. Encourage the chairmen to begin now gathering materials on these countries: Southern Rhodesia, Hawaii, Thailand, Indonesia, Korea, Malaya, Formosa, Central America (Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala), Ecuador, Venezuela, Philippines.

III. Some Mission Study "IIs" (Mrs. Jack DeVore, state mission study chairman from Illinois). End the conference with a challenge. Try this pungent way to press home routine but vital emphases. IF possible, arrange for the fourth quarter class to be held in the circles.

IF you have to have a one-day class see that your members read the book before the day of study.

IF some of your members cannot or will not buy a book, insist on having sufficient copies for all to use.

IF you are the mission study chairman do not minimize your job. You are to the W.M.U. what gas and oil are to a car—driving power.

IF you would be a good mission study chairman remember "courage and perseverance have a magic talisman before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish into air."

Mrs. William M. M. M.

It's Happening Now

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

Our two "little men" went off to school one morning with official "excuses" from afternoon classes. Arithmetic and physical education were less important than the debate on Universal Military Training. Nothing the 82nd Congress has before it is more vital to eleven- and twelve-year-old Americans boys—or to the world they live in.

The advocates of U.M.T. have put up the same old threadbare arguments this year that we've been hearing for a decade. They hope to wear their opponents down, and they can succeed with some. But a strong group—a majority, we hope and pray!—still believe militarism is obsolete, an armaments race leads to war, and that U.M.T. is a form of slavery for America's young people. It's a negative program!

How we ache for leadership in a program that is positive!

Psychological warfare, for instance, or rather, an effort to win the loyalty and allegiance of men everywhere for liberation and for peace. You would have been pleased to sit in on an unofficial conference devoted to that subject recently. At the invitation of my congressman and a colleague, who refuse to believe atomic warfare is inevitable, and who believe in the power of words to convey ideas and inspire action, more than 500 men and women met together for a day and a half.

The date, Washington's birthday, was chosen with a purpose; so was the place—the Washington Room of the Washington Hotel in Washington. "I cannot tell a lie" is still the best policy for a person or a nation; truth is our weapon. By telling the truth we can win the confidence and friendship of all people of good will. By using our wits and our famous know-how, we can devise foolproof ways of getting the truth to people everywhere.

The conference furnished a platform for

such eloquent men as Robert Vogeler, the American businessman recently released from a Hungarian prison; Bonner Fellers, retired army officer who directed MacArthur's psychological warfare program and brought the Japanese to surrender; Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee; and, of course, the sponsors.

But the most convincing words were spoken by those who are blood kin of the millions of Soviet victims: men from Latvia, Russia, China, Czechoslovakia. The Voice of America is not enough, they declared. It is amateurish, apologetic, and negative. The same money could be much better spent than it now is. "The miserable people in the satellite countries don't care to know how rich America is," Mr. Vogeler asserted. "They want to know if Americans sympathize with them, if they really care what happens to those behind the Iron Curtain. They want to be assured that they can some day own the half acre of ground they till, and bring up their children as free men."

Among those listening anxiously to this talk were persons I could spot in the audience: Vicente Villamin, Philippine columnist; Dorothea Mallau, Baptist preacher's daughter, and Velte Erdmanis, Latvian former D.P., both of Berlin now at Westhampton College; Joseph Ku of the Chinese Embassy; a Polish countess whose presence in that meeting, if publicized, would endanger her family in Russian territory.

"To counteract the lies being proclaimed by every medium we must tell the people that Americans are people of good will. They do not want war, they do not hate the Russians. The Kremlin and Soviet communism is our common enemy, and the U.S.A. can be counted on to help liberate Russia and all the victims of Stalin."

This is the message we must get to every person behind the Iron Curtain. Not more money but more effective use of what is now available for this type of crusade was the plea of these spokesmen for the enslaved people.

Such a crusade is not only less costly than atomic warfare; it is more truly the American, and the Christian, way to deal with evil.

WORD OF THE MONTH

BY MARGARET BRUCE

May is a very important month. It is the month in which mothers are especially remembered and honored. It is the time of graduation and commencement exercises, and of May Day celebrations. But for Girls' Auxiliary its primary emphasis is Focus Week, and that's the reason that the word of the month is Focus.

During the week of May 11-17, Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week will be observed as all of the G.A. activities are measured for their effectiveness by girls, counselors, parents, and friends in the church and community. See suggestions given in the May issue of *World Comrades* for measuring the size, study, stewardship, and service of the Girls' Auxiliary in your church.

One of the interesting features suggested



BLESSED are the mothers of the earth, for they have combined the practical and the spiritual into one workable way of human life. They have darned little stockings, mended little dresses, washed little faces, and have pointed little eyes to the stars, and little souls to eternal things.—WILLIAM L. STIDGER

Our Young People

for Focus Week is the Stay-at-Home Night. We're hoping that the girls will plan a party for the entire family. Some girls can surprise their mothers by cooking supper and washing dishes. After supper the family will sing hymns, play games, and listen to missionary stories told by their G.A. members. Such a party would be a wonderful way to start Mother's Day celebrations and to observe G.A. Focus Week.

Yes, your W.M.S. will want to focus on Girls' Auxiliary members during the month of May, but there are others who also need your attention.

Soon young men and young women will return from college, and you'll want to help them invest their summer. Members of Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A.'s are being encouraged to sign "My Promise to Share" cards. On these cards they indicate their willingness to teach mission study classes, to organize Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassador chapters, and Young Woman's Auxiliaries, to lead such organizations, and to help in summer camps.

Almost every church and association needs those who are willing to serve in such challenging ways. You can encourage and assist the young people in your church and association to fulfill their desire to share their time and talents.

Focus your attention, also, on Ridgcrest Y.W.A. Camp, June 12-18. Write to your state young people's secretary and have her make travel plans and reservations for the young women in your Y.W.A. Dr. Donald F. Ackland will conduct the Bible study; Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler will lead the vesper services. There will be missionaries from home and foreign mission fields, many denominational leaders, and scores and scores of young women from all our S.B.C. states and several countries overseas. The young women from your church must be there, too.

Remember the word of the month—Focus.



A Day at the Training School

At seven o'clock in the morning, the rising bell rings loud and clear, practically jarring me out of bed. I catch forty more winks, then manage to rouse myself enough to crawl out of bed, get into my clothes and fumble my way down to the dining room. That first cup of coffee does the trick and our table conversation quickly takes on the lively course it follows at all our meals, for we discuss everything from the embarrassment resulting from having to recite in a seminary class to the world situation.

After breakfast, we go upstairs to the chapel for a time of prayer and devotion, led by one of the girls. Each student has an opportunity of planning and leading a family altar one morning during the year. It is an awesome experience. Some have called it the "fellowship of the knocking knees," yet you know you are truly among friends who are eager to hear those thoughts which will help set the tone for the day.

After our worship, I go back to my room to get ready for class, then set out on my morning trek across the valley and up the hill to the seminary where my first two classes are held. At times I feel like the little engine who said, "I think I can, I think I can," as I tear up the hill, hoping I'm not late to class. Between the two classes, I go to the seminary chapel which is led by a member of the faculty or a visiting speaker. The beauty of the chapel helps create a worshipful experience in itself and it is always a thrill to hear the wonderful singing of the students. The speaker never fails to leave some meaningful thought with us as we go through the rest of the day.

I return to the Training School for another class, coming down hill most of the way this time, after which I dash to the kitchen to do my housework. We all have a job to do each day, anything from running the dishes through the dishwasher to



BY MARY LEE RANKIN

The daughter of Mrs. Rankin and Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, is a Junior at Woman's Missionary Training School, Louisville

keeping the reception office. My housework for this six-week period is serving lunch. My family was truly impressed while I was at home Christmas by my proficiency in doing various household duties. We all enjoy doing our work, for we feel we have a part in the ongoing of the school itself and we get to know a lot of the girls better, too. Singing and laughter can often be heard echoing out of the kitchen as the housework is being done.

After I have eaten, I get my things together to go to field work, for I have afternoon classes only two days a week. Tuesday afternoons, I go to the Good Will Center which is sponsored by the Training School. I have a club group of teen-age girls. My part is to try to become as much a member of the group as possible and guide them in their planning, rather than to be the leader, for the girls have their own officers and make most of their own plans. I usually tell them a character building story of some sort and help create an atmosphere of Christian action and fellowship in the club. We sing, play games and do various types of handwork. After the club meeting, I visit in some of the homes of the girls, to become better acquainted with them and to try to reach the family and their needs.

We get back to the Training School in time to relax a bit before supper, and take a stroll in the lovely park which is just across the road from us. After supper, some

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Latest Word from the Training School

This article is substituted for the BWC Exchange. All W.M.U. members will be interested in news of the Training School. Pray for those attending the Miami Annual Meeting as they make plans and decisions

BY EMILY K. LANSDELL

The trustees of the Training School gathered in Louisville on February 27-29 for their annual meeting. Twenty-seven representatives came from states as far as Texas and Florida, Maryland and Oklahoma. It was their responsibility and privilege to earnestly reconsider the distinctive function of the school and face squarely the question whether or not Woman's Missionary Union should continue to maintain and support a separate institution at Louisville.

In advance of the meeting, information was supplied the trustees so that they could have ample time to study the matter carefully and prayerfully and could have the opportunity to talk with other leaders in their states.

When they arrived in Louisville, the trustees were ready to look at the problems with understanding and without prejudice. They approached the task in a spirit of prayer. Mrs. George R. Martin directed the discussion so that each representative had opportunity to speak freely. After a full day of deliberations, a decision in which all seemed to concur was expressed but action was postponed until morning.

The next morning Mrs. Leslie M. Bowling from Baltimore, Maryland, led in the meditation. She read Psalm 25 and then quoted from the book of Esther: "... and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14). We were all conscious of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

When the motion was made, the trustees stood together, unanimously favoring the recommendations.

The trustees felt that Woman's Missionary Union should not only continue to support and operate a separate institution in Louisville, but that the faculty, curriculum, and building should be enlarged in order to meet more adequately some chal-

lenging needs in the training of Christian workers along the lines of missions and Christian social work. It was recommended that classes be opened to men who might like to take the specialized curriculum which the school hopes to offer. The motion was made that the name of the school be changed. The recommendations of the trustees will be presented to the WMU Meeting in Miami.

The trustees realized the need for social workers who are motivated by Christian principles and spirit. They saw the need in Christian vocations for those with training in social work. The missionary needs this training to understand how to handle relief among starving homeless people. The local church worker ought to have some knowledge and techniques to enable her to cope with problems of juvenile delinquency, of divorce courts, of the down-and-outs financially, morally and spiritually. Many workers at home and overseas should study child welfare.

All Christian workers need an understanding of people and a knowledge of how to help them individually and in groups. Our Baptist orphanages and other institutions are becoming alert to the need for such workers. An increasing number of young people are interested in investing their lives in Christian social work.

From the foreign field we hear today over and over again that missionaries, both men and women, need more specialized training. Missionaries need a better grasp of the social, economic and political affairs affecting the life of the people they would serve, a greater knowledge and appreciation of the culture and religions of the country to which they go. Even in home missions it is essential to have an understanding of the problems and principles of dealing with one of another race or culture and to have an insight into personal adjustments to be made in everyday relations with fellow missionaries. Some missionaries need such specialized skills as

Latest Word from the Training School . . . Continued

methods of teaching adult illiterates.

All Christian workers, men and women, need missionary education to enable them to see the necessity of world missions. They themselves must become world Christians and be able to accept the challenge and privilege of helping to train children, young people and adults in world missions.

Perhaps it is within the province of this school to entertain these and more such ambitious dreams for the future. To pursue such a course keeps faith with the original purpose in founding this school and with the purposes of Woman's Missionary Union.

A few months ago I found in our files

a pamphlet by Mrs. George B. Eager, vice-chairman of the original Training School committee. The title is "The Latest Word from the W.M.U. Training School." No date was given, but it must have been written forty years ago. In it she said, "When in May 1907, W.M.U. took charge of the embryo school, the only resource was faith—faith in God, faith in themselves. The thought of the past years, indeed, should breed in us perpetual benediction, but no less should our hearts be full of joyous hopes for a future that, under God, will loom larger and larger."

This is still the latest word from the Training School.

Your Circle Program

(Business Woman's Circles use program on page 24.)

Our W.M.U. Training School and the Margaret Fund

From this number of ROYAL SERVICE, ask women to tell about Margaret Fund student, George Cowser; in Letter-ettes, tell about Pauline Jackson who attended the Training School and whose husband was a Margaret Fund student. Or tell "Growing Up in W.M.U." by Elizabeth Russell, who once was a Training School student. Have a graduate or former student speak about the school.

Be sure to read "My Day at Training School" by Mary Lee Rankin, on the Training School page. Look in previous ROYAL SERVICE magazines for Training School information. See article beginning on page 21.

Write to your state W.M.U. office for a leaflet about the Training School. Also write your state office for Margaret Fund information.

See the page in the W.M.U. Year Book about the Margaret Fund. Look back in April, 1952, ROYAL SERVICE for the article by Margaret Fund student Geneva Worthington.

In May, 1952, *The Window of YWA*,

read "Our Supreme Need" by a Y.W.A. who felt that Christ was and is her supreme need.

From *World Comrades*, May, 1952, have a G.A. tell "What Family Worship Means in My Home."

In April, 1952, *Ambassador Life*, see or invite a Royal Ambassador to tell "Doctor's Assistant in Nigeria" by a "missionary kid," Paige Seats.

The Commission, May, has an article, "Quintet of M.K.s.," the story of the five Mein children, all of whom attended Georgetown College as Margaret Fund students.

In *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, May, see an article, "Missionaries in Training," which will be of interest to the circle.

Pray for the youth of the world, that they might realize the responsibilities that are theirs. Pray that the Margaret Fund students will feel God's presence as they study to become better men and women.

(If you do not have all these magazines, use the material available. You would not have time for all of these.)

Is this your question?

In counting the number of circles in a W.M.S., should the BWC be counted?

Is three hours really enough for a mission study class?

No, it really isn't. We need an hour for each chapter. Couldn't you give that much time to learning about God's world, so far from him, that we Christians are to bring back to him?

What should a local mission study chairman report to the associational mission study chairman?

(1) Number classes held in: W.M.S. Y.W.A. G.A. R.A. and Sunbeam Band

(2) Number reading a missionary book: W.M.S. Y.W.A. G.A. R.A. and Sunbeam Band

(3) Number Missionary Round Tables.

(4) Number Y.W.A. Book Clubs.

(5) Did your church have a School of Missions?

(6) Did any of the W.M.U. organizations participate in the Correlated Church Study Course?

Is the W.M.U. supposed to do anything about the Focus Weeks for young people?

Fostering would suggest that the W.M.U. do something "extra special" for the organization in focus. May 11-17 is GA Focus Week. Help them have a Mother-Daughter banquet or tea; plan with them so that the girls have some responsibility but be sure it is a really lovely affair for them.

How are delegates to W.M.U. Annual Meeting chosen?

Delegates are chosen according to state plan. Write to your state executive secretary and see if you can be one of the sixty delegates from your state. If you cannot be included in the sixty, you can have a good seat as a visitor.

How could it be left out? It is a circle of the W.M.S.

Should the W.M.U. president go to the BWC meeting regularly?

Does she not visit other circles? Of course, she should go to visit the BWC as she does all the circles.

Does the W.M.U. community missions chairman have any responsibility for BWC community missions?

The W.M.U. community missions chairman should assign community missions projects to the BWC in conference with the BWC community missions chairman, as to other circles. A W.M.U. chairman, mission study, stewardship, etc., has responsibility toward all circles and young people's organizations.

A Day at the W.M.U.T.S.

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of us chat together over the daily paper in the reading room. Then I go to my room to settle down for an evening of studying.

At 10:15, all the girls on my hall stealthily slip into one of the lounges for a surprise birthday party for my next door neighbor. We thoroughly enjoy our parties and gather for one at any suggestion.

I have just been told that I have a telephone call, which should close my day. I just might socialize some this week end. Needless to say, there is good fellowship between the Training School girls and the seminary students!

I would like to say that my days here mean a lot to me. I feel that I am better preparing myself for the work I shall be doing when I finish. My mind is led into deeper thinking and I am constantly challenged by the things I learn and hear. I shall value, too, the friendships made.

We lead a normal school life here, but we also try to make this a Christian community of living and studying.

Program The Multitudes Need Christian Homes

Planned by Deane Gregory Maynard

Mrs. L. F. Maynard works with our Home Mission Board among Negroes in Mobile, Alabama, continuing the efforts begun there by her late husband

Program Outline

Topic: Homes (Youth)

Hymn: "Come Women, Wide Proclaim"

Devotional Period: The Heavenly Pattern
Prayer: For Grace to Follow God's Plan for Homes and Families

Hymn: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"

Talks: Homes Where Missionaries Were Prepared

1. Dr. Hallie G. Neal
2. Miss Virginia Wingo
3. Mrs. Sam Mayo

Music (quartet): "Steal Away to Jesus"

Talk: Homes—A Primary Concern on the Mission Field

Music: "Into A Tent Where A Gipsy Boy Lay"

Talk: Making Our Homes Missions Conscious

Prayer: For the Homes and Youth of the World

Discussion: Challenge to Homes of America

Music (solo): "One Sweetly Solemn Thought"

Benediction

Program Plans

Make a poster of pictures of many types of homes,—American and foreign. Above pictures print a large question mark and print the word "Homes." Below pictures, print the question, "Does the life inside matter to you?" Give time and place of meeting.

Make small colored folders cut in simple house shape. If for individual announcement, type or write "Will the seeking multitudes find Christian homes?" If folder is to be used in the meeting, enclose also

an outline of the program and the needed devotional material.

See blackboard or poster suggestions in the devotional material. The devotional leader should notice that she is responsible for the closing dedication also which should be carefully planned.

Display a large map of the world on which pictures of homes of various countries are fastened before, or during the program as the countries are mentioned.

If desired, the platform may be a living room with missionaries represented as gathered there, reminiscing about their experiences. If such dialogue is used, be sure that all taking part are thoroughly familiar with the material and speak distinctly. One person may tell the stories in "Homes Where Missionaries Were Prepared" and another speak on "A Primary Concern on the Mission Field," etc.

The Heavenly Pattern

On Mount Sinai, in instructing Moses for the establishment of acceptable worship, God directed that men "serve under the example and shadow of heavenly things." God told Moses, "See that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed thee in the mount."—Hebrews 8:5

To establish happy and acceptable homes on earth, we need to know and to follow the pattern of devotion and fellowship existing with God in the eternal home. The Heavenly Father changes not, so the qualities of life and personality above are ever the same. Those qualities of spirit first manifest in the heavenly home are the qualities acceptable to him in the homes of earth.

(The following may be presented by two women reading alternately the statements and the Scripture proof; or the statements

may be read by the leader, and the Scripture passages read in unison, copies having been placed in the hands of the women. Poster or blackboard display of the italicized words will help.)

1. From the beginning there was in the heavenly home, love expressed in parental devotion. John 17:24—"Father . . . thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

2. In the eternal home there have always been counsel and agreement. Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make. . ."

3. Ever in the home above there has been co-operation in work. Genesis 1:2—"And

the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." John 1:1-3—"And the Word was with God, . . . And without him was not any thing made that was made."

4. Always manifest in the heavenly home was a will to share, to forgive, and to suffer that others might be blessed. John 3:16—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life." 2 Peter 1:4—" . . . that ye might be partakers of the divine nature."

5. High and holy purposes of the eternal home always proceeded in the wisdom of patience. Galatians 4:4—"When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his son . . . to redeem."

6. The heavenly home is established in righteousness, instruction and obedience. John 17:25—"O righteous Father . . . I have known thee." John 5:30—"I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." John 14:26—"The Holy Ghost . . . the Father will send . . . He shall teach."

7. Communion in petition existed always in the heavenly home. John 11:41-42—"Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always."

8. In the eternal home there has ever been diversity in the expression of personality, but unity of spirit. 1 John 5:7—"There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

Devotional Leader: As the homes of earth are established after the pattern of the eternal home these earthly homes will be happy and blessed.

Today we would pray that love for and obedience to Christ may spread throughout the world. Many evils beset our homes and we must be aware of them and aroused to protect our homes and our youth.

Program Chairman: We know that homes established in the Lord produce lives of great Christian usefulness. Many missionaries have spoken gratefully of the lasting impressions and strength for Christian wit-

Visual Aids for May

by Mildred Williams

Rolling Stones is the story of a boy whose restless parents lived in a trailer home and moved from one town to another. The sexton and minister led the parents to see the influence this was having on the boy's life. Through their ministry the family became stabilized. 30 minutes; sound; rental, \$8.00.

That Boy Joe is a 20 minute, sound film renting for \$2.00. It recognizes that juvenile delinquency is a continuing problem. Some of the causes and preventive steps are presented.

Life with Junior will give parents and leaders an opportunity to study the personality, needs and activities of Juniors. 18 minutes; sound; rental, \$3.00.

Bible on the Table shows a family that has family worship. Through their influence, another family learns how the right Christian atmosphere can be maintained by the family's reading the Bible and praying together. 30 minutes; sound; rental, \$8.00.

At Home with God (a filmstrip) shows how a typical family established and maintained family worship. 70 single frames with two, 78 r.p.m. recordings; purchase price, \$15.00.

nessing which early training and the example of their parents gave to them. A few have shared some tender memories with us.

Home Where Missionaries Were Prepared

Dr. Hallie G. Neal, for many years a medical missionary to Mexico, tells us: "One of five children, I was reared in a very small town where there were five saloons and no churches. A tornado had swept the churches away when I was four years old. There was no Sunday school, but my mother taught us the Bible in our home and invited our little neighbors.

"I was converted when I was eight years old, due to my mother's teaching. When I was ten she took two older sisters and me to a revival meeting in the country church where our grandparents were members. The sisters were converted and the three of us were baptized.

"Once while yet a very small child, I told my mother a falsehood and when she took me to the kitchen I expected a switching. But she took me in her lap and talked to me of how bad and wicked it was not

to tell the truth, and what God thought about it. That made a more lasting impression on me than any punishment. She taught us to respect the Sabbath day, and did most of her cooking the day before. She did not let us play boisterous games on Sunday. I helped my father in the store and he taught me to give honest weights and measures.

"We received our Baptist state paper in which 'Aunt Nora' edited the children's page. Reading it I got my first love for missions.

"By the time I was twelve we had a Baptist church built in our town, but a lot of the time we had no pastor. Mama was instrumental in getting a Sunday school started, but she was not contented until we had a prayer meeting. When no one would lead the meeting she said, 'Well, if you won't, then I will.' And she did. With that, some of the men were put to shame and after the first meeting one of them took charge. That has helped me on the mission field many times. When others will not take the lead, I will not let a thing fall through, if I have to do it myself."

Program Chairman: When the churches were swept away, the saloons were still

Virginia Wingo

Miss Virginia Wingo, president of our Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome, Italy, says: "In our home there was an informal time of family worship just before bedtime. Usually my father read the Bible and prayed. Sometimes we knelt; sometimes we just sat as we prayed. But it was a very special time of seeking God's guidance. The words my father often used, 'Lord, choose all our changes for us,' have recurred to my mind repeatedly with assurance of God's guidance—given my willingness.

"The reading matter which was available in our home did much to turn my thoughts toward missions. Those books which told the life stories of real people who witnessed for Christ in other countries and in the homeland were always fascinating.

"From my earliest childhood I loved W.M.U. because my mother was very active in it, both locally and in our state organization. Because she was well acquainted with the W.M.U. secretaries and other leaders, I was privileged to know them. Mother's contacts gave me the opportunity to know those who later offered me the chance to study at the W.M.U. Training School from which the Lord has led me into large opportunities for joyous service."

Mrs. Sam Mayo, missionary to the migrants in Southern Baptist Convention territory, tells: "I was reared in a wonderful Christian home where every influence led toward helping me to make a Christian dedication of my abilities. One of the happiest memories of my childhood is that of Saturday night each week when my father gathered the family together to study the Sunday school lesson and to read to us the

Baptist state paper. This custom has been carried into my own home. Saturday night is always our night at home; studying God's Word, talking about his work, preparing for his day. Incidentally, I learned more about the Bible, faith and righteousness, in my father's Saturday night class in those early days than anywhere since.

"My life has been influenced greatly by being connected with W.M.U., my home co-operating fully, from Sunbeam age on



Mrs. Sam Mayo

through. I would not exchange the memory and the influence of my Christian home for all the wealth in the world.

"The burden of my heart is for our migrant children who do not have Christian homes. It is bad for the children to be ill-housed, ill-fed, ill-clothed; but the worst thing is not to have God-fearing parents. We are working to help meet this need of many children."

Program Chairman: When do we have a time of Bible reading and prayer with our children, with our families together? And what do we and our children do on Saturday night to prepare for Sunday? Do we receive Christian leaders in our homes now? Do we keep our children in the activities and meetings of all our church organizations? We feel sorry for underprivileged children who are "ill-housed, ill-fed, ill-clothed" but all children need more than shelter and food and clothes. Are we really giving attention to the spiritual development of our children? Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7, Deuteronomy 10:12.

The House Built on Sand

by Charles A. Wells

A house is no better than its foundations. You can build a very expensive home, have elaborate modern conveniences, luxurious furnishings, but if it does not rest on the enduring qualities of life the expensive investment will be in vain. Happiness cannot be created by material things. All over America are homes that cannot survive the inevitable storms of life, for they are built on the shifting sands of physical attachment, religious indifference and selfishness. The first waves of emotional distress or testing privation will bring selfishness into selfishness, a spiritual concept of life adds something enduring to mere physical attachment. Are you building your home on sand, or on the rock of eternal values?



A Primary Concern on the Mission Field

Program Chairman: On any mission field one of the first and deepest concerns of the missionary is for the homes of the people. By example as well as precept, missionaries strive to lift the home life of the people as they bring them into fellowship with Christ.

Mrs. W. H. Berry, missionary to Brazil, says, "My work on the foreign field has been largely a continuation of the Christian testimony in our home. During my first years of service, I had a family of small children, so my activities were limited to the home and local church. I found that the testimony of a real Christian home sometimes can have greater effect on the lives of those who do not know our Saviour than any spoken word. It has been a great joy to me to have many people say that in our home they found something to strengthen their faith in God.

"Also, in all my later personal work of evangelizing and visiting in homes, I have

"The Only War We Seek"

Do you know what it is?

"The good old fight against man's ancient enemies . . . poverty, disease, hunger and illiteracy."

We lost it in China—to communism. Will we let communism win in the struggle for about a billion people "who will have a lot to say about the kind of world we live in for the next several generations"? Read and see how to win, not lose.

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stressed the importance of family worship. In our W.M.U. we also stress the privilege that is ours as mothers to establish strong family ties. It has been a blessing to hear many on our field here in Brazil give testimony to the fact that their homes have been brought closer to God because of this teaching."

From Miss Christine Garnett, of Cuba, we have this expression, "My dedication to Christian missions was made as a little girl at family prayer when the tall father whom I adored, let me trace with my finger the words he read in the big Bible. I saw myself teaching others to read the Word. Many times since, when I have been discouraged, strength has come from the memory of those hours.

"In my church in Cuba, Christian Home Week is almost Christian Home Month. People have been brought into the Baptist church by the nights when the church membership has gone into four or five different homes with a program. I attribute the preaching of one of our finest boys largely to the night when we went into his home. His mother had been a Home Department member, ill with tuberculosis. The father ill with the same malady, sat up in bed and listened. After that night the whole atmosphere in the home changed. The son became most co-operative, teaching boys and leading earnestly in prayer for all the work."

Mrs. Herbert Caudill speaks further of the work in Cuba as she says: "At our annual summer institute for pastors and workers in July, I gave a course on the Christian home to the pastors' wives and other women and girls who wanted to attend the class. Many have said that they hoped we would always have such a course. Many took copious notes so as to teach the book in the churches or missionary societies back home. They have urged me to write the translation of the book, *The Little World of Home*, by Dr. and Mrs. Wilfred Tyler, into Spanish."

From Israel comes word of deep concern for the home life of the people. The missionary tells of visiting a Jewish family of nine who live in two small rooms. By taking gifts of used clothing and of food sent from the homeland, it was possible to give some relief. When they were told of the

Lord Jesus, their Messiah, they asked for a Hebrew Bible. The father and mother welcomed the message of salvation and asked to be taught more. They now send their children to the Bible classes, the father saying, "I want them to learn the truth."

For work among the Jewish people in America, Rev. Frank Halbeck, of the Home Mission Board, says: "Our program of Jewish evangelism is based on the need for personal visits in the homes of Jewish people.

"In advising people about this visitation I sometimes suggest that an appointment be made for a visit with a Jewish family. Be a good listener. Encourage those visited to talk about themselves. If the opportunity presents itself, tell what Jesus Christ means to you. Show a kind loving attitude. You may ask to read the Holy Scriptures. It is often helpful to present, at the opportune time, a tract or two. Remember that the Holy Spirit will be your guide.

"I know of fine W.M.U. members who are visiting the homes of their Jewish neighbors. Also, I know a Business Woman's Circle which held one of their programs in a Jewish home and the Jewish lady was delighted to have them."

Dr. Nannie H. Burroughs, president of the National Baptist Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to N.B.C. Inc., is an outstanding leader who also knows that homes are vitally important. Dr. Burroughs has said: "A church is not worth the cost of the building, upkeep and services unless the members go home and build their households on Christian ideals."

In addressing their annual convention she spoke truths that are applicable to all women. "The Negro is doing entirely too much moving about. This ceaseless shifting of individuals and families is creating a staggering social problem of broken homes and divided, incomplete families . . . The church is not doing enough to counsel and guide and stabilize individual and family life through this crisis . . . the downward road is crowded. Something definite, constructive, and moving should be done to deliver the masses from the bondage of their death.

"The rural Negro woman is the loneliest, the most neglected, the most needy woman in the whole world. Her home is bare, her

mind unnurtured. She plods on through stark needs. Her spirit is unbroken, but it is also uninspired. She does not need to come to the city; she can live right where she is and become a tower of new strength, new beauty, and new glory. She can be taught where she is. She can glorify what she has, and she can make what she needs.

"Some of us put too much stress on the uncertainties of the period through which we are passing. We have nothing in the world to do with uncertainties. We are God's servants. We are under Divine orders, and we must go on planning, and building, and believing."

Program Chairman: For all these homes—for our own and our neighbors', we have a deep responsibility. Our own homes must be so definitely Christian, that young people growing up in them will know definitely and assuredly the Christian answer to communism, to racial prejudice, to worldliness and materialism, and to war. The reading matter in our homes, the radio and television programs, attitudes toward Sunday, the blessing spoken at the table, the family worship, the harmony and loving atmosphere, all make or mar our children as they grow.

There is a beautiful hymn which many of us love. Miss Elizabeth Hale, missionary to China, who did wonderful work even while in internment camp, says that its message had a great influence over her as she grew up. Her mother used to sing her to sleep with it. And there was fixed in her heart a yearning to tell the blessed story everywhere.



Miss Elizabeth Hale

*Into the tent where a gipsy boy lay,
Dying alone at the close of the day,
News of salvation we carried, said he:
"Nobody ever has told it to me!"*

*Tell it again! Tell it again!
Salvation's story repeat o'er and o'er,
Till none can say of the children of men,
"Nobody ever has told me before."*

Making Our Homes Missions Conscious

Rejoicing in the Christian home of her youth, Mrs. M. L. Garrett, now serving in Nigeria, says: "How wonderful to have been brought up in the atmosphere of Christian friendliness! My father, a faithful layman, has always been a friend to all, and has friends galore. As far back as I can remember, our home was always open to every Christian worker. My mother loved them too, and I learned to know many ministers, missionaries and others, especially W.M.U. leaders. To me they seemed the happiest, finest people in the world. I'm sorry that 'hotel entertaining' has taken the place of 'home hospitality'! Knowing Christian leaders in our home had a great influence toward my dedication to mission service."

"Two of my mother's early teachings have kept me going many times when I have been separated from home by oceans. One, 'If someone else can do it, I can.' The other—she told me when I was nine years of age and going to my first camp—"If you ever get homesick or feel blue, just look around for someone who feels worse than you do, and keep busy helping them,—then you'll forget yourself."

"When it was learned that I was entering foreign mission service, the members of my mother's Sunday school class one after another tried to console her. Her reply to the whole class assembled was: 'Ladies, I've never been happier than I am now. When the Lord gives you children, he gives you those children to mold. If you talk about clothes all the time, they are clothes-conscious. If you talk about money all the time, they are money-conscious. If you talk about society all the time, they are society-conscious. Mr. Wooten and I have tried to make our home missions-conscious. My daughter could not help herself. And I've never been happier than now that I know she is going to be a missionary.'"

Challenge To American Homes

Dr. Robert V. Seliger, assistant in neurology at Johns Hopkins University Medical School, recently wrote: "Parents must realize that the first inoculation center against

vice, crime and other anti-social behavior is the home. There a child learns what is good for himself, his family, and society. He acquires his sense of values from happy and loving relationships with his parents and the standards that surround him."

"The teen age brings glandular changes and increased excitability. Emotional instability is one of the reasons why teenagers are easy pickings for dope pushers. Teenagers often need help in finding healthy outlets for their emotions, and in acquiring constructive goals. Youth is the great strength of any nation. American youth that is fine, responsible, and big-hearted, can help make a world of hope and freedom,—the kind of world we all want to live in."

We know that those things which have built strength and character for Christian life and service in the past will still prove effective and are still available.

Devotional Leader: In this program we have followed our missionaries as they have gone out from homes established after the pattern and will of God. They have shown us the deep concern they feel for the homes of the seeking multitudes over the earth. We have rejoiced in the manifest power of God working with them in transforming homes and making them useful for the gospel.

Let us think again of those qualities of life and personality seen with the Father in the heavenly home and acceptable as pattern for homes of earth: (review blackboard or poster words) love, parental devotion, counsel and agreement, co-operation in work, a will to share, to forgive, to sacrifice for others, high and holy purposes, patience, instruction in righteousness, obedience, communion in prayer, diversity of personality coupled with unity of spirit.

We wish that in every earthly home there might be development and training in such graces as will prepare for eternal life in heaven.

Can we today rededicate ourselves and our homes to that end?

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Rejoicing in the Christian home of her youth, Mrs. M. L. Garrett, now serving in Nigeria, says: "How wonderful to have been brought up in the atmosphere of Christian friendliness! My father, a faithful layman, has always been a friend to all, and has friends galore. As far back as I can remember, our home was always open to every Christian worker. My mother loved them too, and I learned to know many ministers, missionaries and others, especially W.M.U. leaders. To me they seemed the happiest, finest people in the world. I'm sorry that 'hotel entertaining' has taken the place of 'home hospitality'! Knowing Christian leaders in our home had a great influence toward my dedication to mission service."

"Two of my mother's early teachings have kept me going many times when I have been separated from home by oceans. One, 'If someone else can do it, I can.' The other—she told me when I was nine years of age and going to my first camp—"If you ever get homesick or feel blue, just look around for someone who feels worse than you do, and keep busy helping them,—then you'll forget yourself."

"When it was learned that I was entering foreign mission service, the members of my mother's Sunday school class one after another tried to console her. Her reply to the whole class assembled was: 'Ladies, I've never been happier than I am now. When the Lord gives you children, he gives you those children to mold. If you talk about clothes all the time, they are clothes-conscious. If you talk about money all the time, they are money-conscious. If you talk about society all the time, they are society-conscious. Mr. Wooten and I have tried to make our home missions-conscious. My daughter could not help herself. And I've never been happier than now that I know she is going to be a missionary.'"

Challenge To American Homes

Dr. Robert V. Seliger, assistant in neurology at Johns Hopkins University Medical School, recently wrote: "Parents must realize that the first inoculation center against

vice, crime and other anti-social behavior is the home. There a child learns what is good for himself, his family, and society. He acquires his sense of values from happy and loving relationships with his parents and the standards that surround him."

"The teen age brings glandular changes and increased excitability. Emotional instability is one of the reasons why teenagers are easy pickings for dope pushers. Teenagers often need help in finding healthy outlets for their emotions, and in acquiring constructive goals. Youth is the great strength of any nation. American youth that is fine, responsible, and big-hearted, can help make a world of hope and freedom,—the kind of world we all want to live in."

We know that those things which have built strength and character for Christian life and service in the past will still prove effective and are still available.

Devotional Leader: In this program we have followed our missionaries as they have gone out from homes established after the pattern and will of God. They have shown us the deep concern they feel for the homes of the seeking multitudes over the earth. We have rejoiced in the manifest power of God working with them in transforming homes and making them useful for the gospel.

Let us think again of those qualities of life and personality seen with the Father in the heavenly home and acceptable as pattern for homes of earth: (review blackboard or poster words) love, parental devotion, counsel and agreement, co-operation in work, a will to share, to forgive, to sacrifice for others, high and holy purposes, patience, instruction in righteousness, obedience, communion in prayer, diversity of personality coupled with unity of spirit.

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17 Saturday "Love . . . doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own . . ."—1 Cor. 13:4-5 Rev. and Mrs. Manuel Quintana, Mariel, Rev. and Mrs. Heriberto Rodriguez, Ranchuelo, Cuba, evangelism

18 Sunday "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day . . ."—John 9:4 Rev. and Mrs. Isaias Galarza, El Paso, Miss Amelia Diaz, Beeville, Texas, evangelism and educational evangelism, Spanish-speaking

19 Monday ". . . be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."—1 Cor. 15:58 *Rev. and Mrs. James Humphrey, educational evangelism, Ede, Miss Helen Masters, medical evangelism, Ogbomoso, Nigeria

20 Tuesday "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound in every good work."—2 Cor. 9:8 *Miss Ruth Pettigrew, educational evangelism, Hunan, *Miss Irene Branum, medical evangelism, Kweilin, Mrs. L. W. Pierce, emeritus, China

21 Wednesday "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love . . ."—1 Thess. 1:2-3 Rev. and Mrs. W. Judson Blair, Rev. and Mrs. Jack B. Matthews, evangelism, Buenos Aires, Argentina

22 Thursday ". . . he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it . . ."—Phil. 1:6 *Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, educational evangelism, Shanghai, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. John Lake, emeritus, China

23 Friday "He is the Rock, his work is perfect . . ."—Deut. 32:4 Miss Doris Christensen, Indian evangelism, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Jee, Res-

cue Home, Miss Mary Beth Harris, Good Will Center, New Orleans, Louisiana

24 Saturday "Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked?"—Eccl. 7:13 Rev. and Mrs. J. Daniel Luper, evangelism, Pernambuco, Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Watson, emeritus, Brazil

25 Sunday ". . . but tarry ye . . . until ye be endued with power from on high."—Luke 24:49 Mrs. J. L. Moye, Rev. and Mrs. Eulogio Garza, San Antonio, Texas, evangelism, Spanish-speaking

26 Monday "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you . . ."—Acts 1:8 *Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Rankin, medical evangelism, Canton, Mrs. S. J. Townshend, emeritus, China

27 Tuesday ". . . All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."—Matt. 28:18 Miss Martha Knox, Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Howard, Jr., evangelism, Tokyo, Japan

28 Wednesday "But we preach Christ crucified . . . unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God . . ."—1 Cor. 1:23-24 Rev. Peter Chen, Chinese evangelism, Greenville, South Carolina, Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Sanchez, emeritus, Home Mission Board

29 Thursday "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth . . ."—Rom. 1:16 Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Bequer, Cienfuegos, Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Calleiro, Jr., Yaguajay, Cuba, evangelism, Laura Calleiro, MF

30 Friday "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."—Eph. 6:10 Rev. and *Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Kunshan, China, evangelism, Mr. Johnson on special assignment, Jakarta, Java, Mrs. W. E. Sallee, emeritus, China

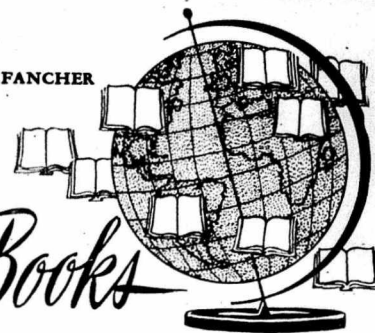
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