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Mrs. W. J. Cox

Thank You, Mrs. Cox

WITH the resignation of Mrs. W. J. Cox, our Woman's Missionary Union suffers a severe loss. We shall miss her counsel in Executive Committee, on the Board of Managers of W.M.U. and other important administrative committees. Speaking as president at convention-wide and state meetings and camps for eight years, Mrs. Cox came to be admired and loved, and when she could no longer be president but became treasurer, that affection continued.

Through eighteen years each of her annual reports has been a thing of beauty for she picked up bare figures and clothed them with an appreciation of their part in the business of missions that made them vibrant for the Lord. Behind the amounts of money Mrs. Cox saw people, and people were never routine to her.

As chairman of the Margaret Fund, she wrote personal letters of warm advice to these students so far from their parents. The burden of bookkeeping for the W.M.U. Training School at Louisville, Kentucky, centered in her treasurer's room in Memphis.

One of the years when Mrs. Cox led vespers at Y.W.A. camp at Ridgcrest, she spoke on "Star Trails" and was persuaded to let those valued messages be published. On a flyleaf of the book is a quotation beginning, "Women are the poetry of the world." Some women are jingly, limping poetry, some lack rhyme or rhythm, but Mrs. Cox has been endowed with rare spirit and grace. She has given herself in such complete dedication that the Lord has crowned her life as an exquisite poem of rare beauty, cherished in loving hearts with utmost appreciation.

As we attempt to say an ever inadequate "thank you" to her, Miss Mattie Morgan, who has been associated with Mrs. Cox, becomes acting treasurer for our Union.



Sachie Ma and Joya

Woman's Work in New Zealand

by Mrs. A. E. Prince

THE foreign mission work of New Zealand Baptists is done in Brahmanbaria, Chandpur, and Tripura State in India. These Provinces have a population of 2,809,543. The density of population in Brahmanbaria is 1,426 per square mile, 1,706 in Chandpur, and 93 in Tripura State. In U.S.A. we live about 45 to a square mile. The prevailing religions are Moslem, Hindu, and Buddhist. New Zealand Baptists have sent about seventy-five missionaries to these fields since the Baptist Union was organized in 1882.

New Zealand Baptists have two missionary organizations promoting this work. The New Zealand Missionary Society is a dominion-wide organization, formed in 1885. It began missionary work in India and Pakistan immediately, and has continued to direct the foreign mission work of the Baptist Union since that time. The Society is an auxiliary to the Baptist Union of New Zealand, and its annual meetings are held during the sessions of the New Zealand Baptist Assembly (we would say Convention). All missionaries for foreign service are appointed by this Society with the approval and the blessing of the Baptist Union.

The Baptist Women's Missionary Union

of New Zealand was formed in 1904. Its main purpose is to disseminate missionary information, pray for missions, and enlist the women of the churches in contributing food and clothing, tithes, and offerings. The B.W.M.U. had five branches (organizations) in 1904, and this number has now increased to ninety-five with membership of 2,300. This membership is divided into two classes—active and "country." The active members are the same as in the States.

"Country" members live too far away to attend regularly, or are not able to attend because of age or illness, or preventing responsibilities. There are 1,720 active members of the New Zealand B.W.M.U. at present. Their motto is "Ye also helping together by prayer" (2 Cor. 1:11).

The B.W.M.U. has two auxiliary organizations—the Missionary Shareholders, and the Ropeholders. The Missionary Shareholders are the younger women of the church who are employed during the

day or who are mothers with small children. This organization meets once a month, in the evenings, in the home of some member. Their motto is "Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only" (Jas. 1:22). (more next page)

Mrs. A. E. Prince was with her husband while he served as interim pastor of Auckland Baptist Tabernacle, New Zealand. In the annual meeting of the New Zealand Baptist W.M.U., there was special prayer for the work of our Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. The "fellowship of kindred minds" is an inspiration to all women



Officers of the Baptist Tabernacle Baptist Women's Missionary Union. Mrs. Prince is fourth from the left.

The organization for children is called the Ropeholders. They meet monthly after school and are taught about the missionaries and their work on the field. The children memorize Bible passages, make scrapbooks, knit singlets, pull overs, frocks, and bed covers. They contribute money for missions; they make booklets for the children in the Manurewa Children's Home in Auckland, and also for people in the hospital.

Last year the B.W.M.U. gifts for foreign missions totaled five thousand pounds, or approximately fourteen thousand dollars.

The annual report for 1951 shows that two hundred and sixty-three food packages were sent to India and Pakistan, and that one hundred and forty-eight packages of clothing and bedding had been prepared at the sewing meetings. The food packages are made up regularly by the B.W.M.U. and the Missionary Shareholders. On the appointed day, from time to time, the women bring canned goods of all kinds, especially meat because of its scarcity in India. Special prayers of thanksgiving and dedication are offered; then a committee packs the goods for shipment. Clothing and linens are brought in the same unselfish manner.

The Baptist Women's Missionary Union meets monthly. They do not have such literature as ROYAL SERVICE, *The Window of YWA*, and *World Comrades* for program material. They read letters from the missionaries, with whom they must keep constantly in touch by correspondence. They have guest speakers—returned missionaries on furlough, or others who are in some way connected with the missionary work, or one of the good-speakers among their members. Members of the Missionary Shareholders often address B.W.M.U. meetings.

The great feature of the monthly meetings is prayer. After letters are read, and addresses given, the members spend much time in prayer. They know their missionaries as personal friends, and pray for them by name. Many of the missionaries went out from the Baptist Tabernacle, and a number of returned missionaries now hold membership in the Tabernacle.

The Dominion President of the New Zealand B.W.M.U. holds office for one year only, and is succeeded in office each year by the vice-president chosen the preceding year. Miss Nellie Wilkinson is B.W.M.U. president this year. The dominion secretary, and also the treasurer, hold office for longer periods. Mrs. D. Binnie, a member of the Baptist Tabernacle and a member of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Committee, has been the secretary for four years. Her predecessor, Miss E. Hainsford served for twenty-five years.

Community missions, as we know it in the States, is not done by the B.W.M.U. of New Zealand. The B.W.M.U. as an organization gives only to the support of the foreign mission work of the New Zealand Missionary Society and the Baptist Union.

"Witness Week" is one of the highlights of the year's program for the women. Many members take part in the Sunday services as well as the various meetings during the week. The object of this special week is to create renewed interest in missions, especially to (turn to page 21)



Mrs. Doris Binnie, Dominion Secretary of B.W.M.U. and member of W.M.U. Committee, Baptist World Alliance.

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COVER: When you consider Europe, remember that you are free to worship but most people in Europe are not. Many are premed to follow a state church, or are forbidden any worship. Do not be careless! It is not freedom from worship but freedom of worship we cherish. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

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Mrs. Hartman interviews Mrs. Lord in the lobby of the W.M.U. building

First Lady of the Baptist World Alliance

WOULDNT YOU imagine the wife of the president of the Baptist World Alliance to be a very busy and a very charming person? Mrs. F. Townley Lord is just such a woman. We talked; I asking questions, she answering them in her easy manner, and I began one of the most enjoyable half hours I have ever spent.

"This is my third visit to the United States," she told me in her soft British accent. "The first trip coincided with the election of my husband as president of the Baptist World Alliance at the Congress in Cleveland, Ohio in 1950; the second time, we were here nearly four months working for the Alliance. This trip is purely a personal one to visit old friends. I love to travel but I cannot go with my husband everywhere. He is planning a trip to South America and I shall have to stay at home during that one."

I asked about her London home. "We live in a three story house, six miles from

London, in a suburb called Colders Green. We call our home a 'manse' though I suppose you would call it a parsonage. It seems very empty to us now with our son and daughter living away but they visit often and bring our granddaughter too.

"My day begins early—and with a cup of tea. Then breakfast, with more tea, bacon when we can get it, and then only about three ounces a week, but no eggs. We are allowed about one egg for a person a week.

"After Dr. Lord is off to work, he is editor of the *Baptist Times*, you know, there is housework to be done. Then I answer the mail. How I do love to receive American mail! I read most of the American religious publications and periodicals when I can get them.

"I usually try to do my shopping in the mornings too, although I can only hope for the best in my food purchases," continued Mrs. Lord. "Meat, of course, like fats, sugar and tea, is rationed, with about

by Ruth Hartman

twenty cents worth of meat allowed for a person a week.

"As to clothes, I prefer tailored dresses. America is dressing herself in nylon these days and we would love to, but our weather is so different from yours, I'm afraid we would appear too conspicuous. Yes, I'm afraid we do have fog, but, please, banish the thought that we Britishers live in a continual swirl of it! Naturally, there is more of it in the large cities due mostly to smoke."

I was still interested in the subject of food so I asked what American dish was her favorite. "I love your salads," she replied. "I am constantly amazed by the amount consumed in this country. Such crisp lettuce! We have no way to keep our foods that fresh, as most of our people have no refrigerators or even ice boxes. We do have 'larders' in the cellars which keep things cold but most of us have to live from day to day.

"Teatime? Of course. Most families stop for tea, usually about four o'clock. We have with our tea, biscuits (cookies) and very thin strips of bread and butter, which I have yet to see served with tea here. I agree, with the Lord Mayor of London who said after he returned home from the United States, 'The first thing I want is a good thin piece of bread and butter!'"

Do you entertain often, I wanted to know. "Entertaining isn't easy because of food rationing but we do seem to manage somehow. After dinner, when we have no meetings, we enjoy the wireless. We have no television set ourselves but television is growing in popularity in England. We have no sponsored programs. The people pay a license of about three dollars a year for their radio programs and six dollars a year for their television programs."

Again she spoke of her husband and I could not help but notice the pride in her voice. "Week ends are always busy. My husband is pastor of the Central Baptist Church in London, a downtown church, which of course, I am most interested in too.

"I don't belong to any clubs. American women seem to have so many. I do attend meetings of other organizations and do quite a bit of speaking. No one is more nervous than I as a speaker. I shall never lose it. I go through agony and feel as limp as a rag when I am done. I must have a table in front of me, for self-support, I suppose. That is all I require, physically that is."

I did not see how she could possibly have time for a hobby in this crowded life but she answered, "I love to sew and make many of my own things and my granddaughter's. I do believe though that the piano is my first love and if I had more time, I am sure music would be my hobby."

I had been saving a certain question and was eager to hear her answer. Had she seen the new Queen Elizabeth?

"Indeed I have. I have seen all the members of the royal family. We were guests at a garden party when her engagement to Prince Phillip was announced. She is very highly respected and admired. The people feel deeply the loss of the King and sympathize with the Queen who is so young to bear such heavy responsibilities."

There was one more question. The Baptist World Alliance is planning to meet in London in 1955. I knew that for such an event she and the other Baptist women must be very excited and already busy with preparation. What important part was she to play in it all?

I think her answer summed up our whole conversation as she looked at me with dark brown eyes (was there a twinkle in them?) and said, "My husband is the president. I'm not."

Dr. and Mrs. F. Townley Lord of London, England





Above: The kindergarten at Tsuno.
Below: The "tea party" at the home of Mr. Kurogi. Dr. Gardner is shown at the far right on the first row

"Jesus loves me! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so"

sung in Japanese by twenty kindergarten children welcomed by husband and his interpreter, Dr. Kawano, as they arrived in Tsuno, for a three-day meeting. With the children had come their two teachers. One of them, Yoshii San, was not a professing Christian.

The politeness of the Japanese was shown by their gracious welcome everywhere members of the Preaching Mission went. To the station at Tsuno had also come the pastor, Mr. Tsu-chi-kawa, and other believers. They presented two armfuls of flowers to their honored guest, who already had one bouquet. I wonder how he felt, and looked, carrying those flowers! Crowds from the street followed their usual custom and rushed in to see the foreigner.

At Tsuno, Norfleet began to follow real Japanese customs. He and Dr. Kawano

My Husband Tells Me About Yoshii San

by Mrs. E. N. Gardner

Dr. E. Norfleet Gardner was one of seven Southern Baptist preachers selected to go to Japan last fall on the Preaching Mission. We asked Mrs. Gardner to tell us what he had been telling her about his experiences in Japan.

stayed in a Japanese inn, slept on a *futon* (bedroll) placed on the *tatami* (matting) and ate Japanese food with chopsticks from a foot-high red lacquer table. At the first meal, four kinds of fish were served, one of which was raw. Dr. Kawano ate from this dish with relish; Norfleet was to try the dish later! I am told raw fish has a sweet flavor.

In this city there was no building in which the services could be held until Mr. Hidaka offered his large reception room on the outside for the meeting that first night. The sermon was preached through the interpreter on Romans 1:16 . . . "No cause for shame," with the firm belief that it is only the gospel that can save Japan, economically, socially, and spiritually.

Two days later it was a privilege for Dr. Kawano and Norfleet to visit the kindergarten and see again the children and their teachers. What bright, eager faces the children have, just like children everywhere! This visit gave an opportunity to learn more about Yoshii San. She was a quiet, earnest woman. Yoshii San's husband was formerly a teacher but for two years he has been an invalid, helpless from his waist down. Day by day she leaves him to go to her work at the kindergarten. They have three small children and upon the mother rests the responsibility of supporting the family. How much she needs the strength that Jesus gives! Yoshii San requested the prayers of the minister.

Everyday was full of many and varied experiences. The visit to the kindergarten was followed by a "tea party" in the home

of one of the active members of the church, Mr. Kurogi. Mr. Tsu-chi-kawa, Dr. Kawano and Norfleet walked slowly down the narrow, unpaved street toward the business section of town on their way to the tea. As is customary in the Orient when a foreigner walks down the street, a curious group followed and increased in number as they went along. Norfleet and the others had not realized that Yoshii San was in the crowd, until at the intersection, she pointed to the right and said, "Sensei, my home."

As I listened to this part of the story I was reminded of the experiences of Jesus as he went about teaching and healing. There was always a crowd following him. This particular experience in Japan brought to my mind the story of the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was healed.

"Do you wish us to go to your house and have prayer with your husband?" the minister asked. Her face glowed with gratitude and a nod of her head gave assent. Yoshii San ran ahead to tell her husband visitors were coming. The men turned the corner and followed her. The house was small, typically Japanese. The sliding side next to the street had been removed, the floor of the house was about a foot above the level of the street, and there lay Mr. Yoshii on his bed. Mr. Tsu-chi-kawa, Dr. Kawano and Norfleet, with Mrs. Yoshii, stood on the ground and talked with him.

He was a man of intelligence and manifested great patience, but for him there was little hope of recovery. Even doctors

in Tokyo had not been able to diagnose the cause of his affliction. Earnest prayer was offered for the invalid father, the three little children and the brave mother. It was an humble home that needed the constant presence of Jesus to supply strength for every hour.

From this scene, which stirred the deepest emotions of the visiting minister, the men went to the tea. Later in the afternoon there was opportunity to speak to thirteen hundred high school students in a neighboring city. How eagerly they listened while upon their request they were told about youth in America! The youth of Japan need Christ just as the young people of our own land need him. They have inquiring minds and want to know the truth and what there is in life that may be depended upon.

The story of Yoshii San would be incomplete without knowing what happened at the evening service. The service proper had closed and many remained after the benediction. The after-service gave time for the signing of autographs, which many of the young people wanted, afforded opportunity to talk personally with this one or that one, and to have a chance to get better acquainted with and better understand the people. In this after-service Yoshii San came forward to say that after they had visited her home and offered prayer, she decided that she wanted to surrender her life fully to Jesus.

There are others in Japan like Yoshii San. Will you not pray for her and for our other sisters in that land?



When it is time for breakfast, Miss Scherrer helps the cooks Ruth Speck and Adele Hohl. Bjorn Jorgensen, son of seminary students from Denmark, looks on eagerly.



In the seminary dining room, Miss Scherrer passes a plate to Jeremia Hodoroaba of Rumania.

Miss Scherrer is a trained nurse and has worked in France and England. She knows just what to do when the students are sick. The patient is Tadeusz Kozek of Poland, now of Belgium.



She Keeps the House at Zurich

Miss Heidi Scherrer has been house mother since 1949 at the Baptist Theological Seminary, at Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. Her work is varied and of great importance in the life of the Seminary.



"I simply don't know what we would have done without these clothes from America!" Miss Scherrer said as she measured a pair of trousers on student Jan Auke Brandsma of Holland; the wee spectator is Senorita Celma, daughter of students from Spain.

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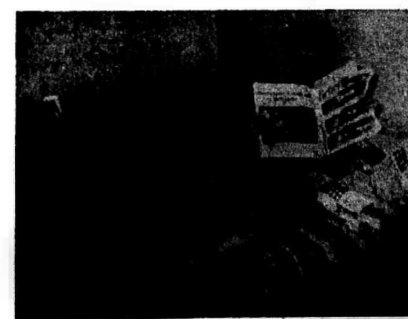


Post card sketch showing location of our European seminary

Picture Story by Marjorie Moore Armstrong



A new kitchen and dining room are going up at Ruschlikon and Miss Scherrer goes out at intervals to check details with workers.



At the end of the day, Miss Scherrer looks through American magazines to find new recipes and household hints.

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Chizuko Sakita (marked with an X) and her class at Seinan Jo Gakuin College

My Testimony

by Chizuko Sakita

This declaration of faith, translated by Dr. Hara, was read by Chizuko before Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Bombing Alarm! It makes me tremble over at the thought of it. From many people it took away happiness and hope, and threw them into utter misery and darkness. At last it involved me. I was one of its victims.

After the war, hearts of people were desolated. Everybody became a little self-centered devil, tender feelings as love and sympathy toward misery entirely vanished, and I felt lonely. "I am utterly alone, I must be by myself throughout this cold and hard world," was my thought. I even cursed God who made me to live in this bitter world.

One day I took up a woman's magazine without any idea why and found a little article entitled "The Way to Overcome Misfortune." It said that the way to overcome misfortune was to meet it with a pleasant spirit. God who rules our destinies knows all. He knows everyone of us far better than anyone can, and he does not send misfortune to us that we cannot overcome some way. How indignant I was when I read it. Scornfully I turned away from the book.

But that thought came back to me again and again, especially when I met with difficulties. One day a good friend of mine

strongly invited me to go to a church with her. For the first time in my life I went to a church. People were happier and wanner there and I found that they were praying and working for others, especially for the sick in heart and body. It was the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

I began to read the Bible. How my whole heart thrilled when I read that verse in I Corinthians 10:13! Gradually heavenly light began to shine in my dark heart. As the light grew stronger, a desire was born that I, too, enter Seinan Jo Gakuin College.

Five years had passed since I had finished my high school. My parents never gave me O.K. and we were poor. Out of my own little spending money I paid my entrance examination fee and my application was accepted as the last one of the year.

I made exams all right. But I found that my war-stricken high school training was a very shallow one. My parents were not willing to provide my college expenses, and day after day I had to struggle both mentally and financially to keep up with my class and work to pay my college expenses. (She worked from Saturday noon to midnight. Then from eight Sunday morning until midnight, and all day Monday. Her teachers only by chance discovered these long hours of toil.) Often I met

him face to face as I gazed at my report card. Often I read, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal." Often I meditated what "treasures upon the earth" meant. To my hard heart that knowledge was revealed. Fame and happiness were treasures upon the earth. "Treasures in heaven" meant salvation of soul through the Son of God. Only such treasure makes

both myself and the world really happy.

When I was thinking of these things, Dr. John L. Slaughter came and gave us a strong appeal and led me to decide for Christ in order to lay up treasures in heaven.

In a few more months I will graduate. So I wish to go out of this school into the world to be a light in the darkness of Japan. May God lead me to live a life of light both for myself and the world.

From Where I Sit

by Zenona Harris

WHETHER we like it or not, we are at war. Our young men are still getting greetings from Uncle Sam; reserves are being called into service; casualty lists grow. The boys who have been to Korea tell us there is only one other word that better labels that situation, and that word is probably too harsh for our readers.

As the wife of a chaplain recalled into the Air Force, I have noticed, at least from where I sit, a difference between the military personnel of World War II and of the present crisis. The same is true of civilians in the two periods of history, for we are making history—such as it is. Many of the soldiers and airmen seem to be marking time until the date of their discharge; not so many seem interested in a military career. Consequently, in some quarters, there is but little initiative, absence of a sense of responsibility, and lack of real discipline.

In one resort city, nice girls refused to date soldiers because they decided, through false reasoning, that all soldiers are inferior in character. When one woman in that city, her family untouched by war, heard that the army camp near town would soon be getting several thousand more soldiers, she exclaimed disgustedly, "Oh, we won't be able to get around in the streets!" Yet the

boys were not asking to be sent to this post. Most of them had been drafted into the army. Undoubtedly they would prefer the farm back home, or the home town, or the college they were attending when they were called up.

Businessmen are reluctant to hire military wives, yet many civilians in the community, both men and women, work in the offices and on the grounds of the army camp and the air force base located here. The military help to balance the economy of the city during the winter months when the summer tourists are gone. Yet, when spring comes, out go the soldier and his family if the apartment or house they are occupying can bring more income from vacationists. One day a private summed up the general attitude in these words to his chaplain: "The people here are parasites; they're out to get all they can out of everybody who comes to town."

In this city there are some encouraging things to put down on the credit side. Directly and indirectly, the church is the major force that is helping to change the picture. After noticing numbers of soldiers and airmen in all the services I attended at one Baptist church, I questioned the pastor's wife about their program for the military personnel.

"We have no events especially slated for

*August 6, 1952, marks the seventh anniversary of the release of the atom bomb over Hiroshima.

From Where I Sit . . .

the military," she said. "We work together as a church and consider the boys in uniform as part of the church family. They like it this way." The results prove the wisdom of this plan. Soldiers and airmen teach in the Sunday school, sing in the choir, are active in the youth organizations, and visit in the homes. "I feel more at home here than I do in my own church back home," has been said more than once.

One middle-aged couple maintain an "open house policy" which has meant much to the boys in uniform. These two people get letters from almost everywhere we have men in the service. The Business Woman's Circle concentrates on the hospital at the army camp, going out regularly to visit and take gifts, candies and cookies. The young people work up appropriate programs and present them to these boys. The result is that many of the patients go to this church when they get well.

During the summer, one evening a week is given to a forty-five minute hike up a nearby mountain where a vesper service is held. People of all ages, including members of the church, soldiers and airmen, and tourists, make up the group. As the sun goes down behind the mountain, they gather around a fire for a last few minutes of inspirational fellowship. Tourists as well as the military have written the church letters of appreciation for this service.

This church is going about its task in the right spirit, for the servicemen prefer to be a part of the whole, not separate. This attitude will do more than anything else to help the boys maintain a stability of personality.

The First Methodist Church here apparently never closes its doors. Something is going on every day and evening in much of the building. A large part of the basement is given over to a recreation setup. Military personnel are made to feel this is their place, too, and they do not hesitate to drop in and participate in the activities.

One group has a "Christian Canteen" in the downtown business section for men in uniform. A Catholic boy went to his Catholic chaplain and said, "Father, they gather around the piano down there and

sing gospel songs; is it all right for me to go to the place?" His chaplain told him that if no services were conducted, he would be permitted to go to the canteen. The Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. are also doing much for the servicemen and their wives.

The chaplain can help to bridge the gap that in some places exists between the civilian and the military. The ministerial alliance in this city I mentioned invited the chaplain to attend their meetings. He accepted this invitation and the preachers have really taken him in. Several churches have asked him to speak; he participated in the community Thanksgiving service; he

WHEN you get so that it takes great big troubles to trouble you, and little bits of things to make you happy, then you are on the right track.

taught in a school of Christian living promoted by the churches; he had a turn for a week as speaker on "Moments of Inspiration," a daily feature over a local radio station; he was on a committee to plan the Sunrise Easter Service which is broadcast over a nation-wide hook-up. The members of the committee insisted that the chaplain read the Scripture at this service.

At all meetings he is given an opportunity to put in his "two-bits worth"—which he does. Through this association with the ministers, the chaplain was asked by a local newspaper to write an article for each Sunday during one month. When the men see their chaplain identifying himself with the community they are encouraged to do likewise.

It is not by the listing of a number of little things which we can do as an organization for the boys in uniform who live in our town or pass through it, that we will fulfill what is required of us in community missions. Rather, it is an attitude within us as we relate ourselves to the servicemen. When we do this rightly, we will find ours an ever-largening circle reaching out to take in the strangers among us, most of whom, because of our warm inclusive spirit, will want to be included.



by Elaine Neeley

Enlarging Our Vision of Missionary Education

Back of the Christian worldwide missionary task stands the local church. The vitality and influence of the witness of our many missionaries is either extended or limited by its missionary vision and fervor.

Faced with this fact, we attempt in our missionary education classes at the Training School, first, to help students to formulate for themselves a philosophy of missionary education. Today's students who are the future leaders in our churches and in all phases of denominational life need an adequate idea of the relationship of the local church to the world mission enterprise. They also need to know what we must include in our program of religious education to insure large support of our missionary task.

One of the most satisfactory definitions of missionary education is found in Harner and Baker's book, *Missionary Education in Your Church* (\$1.25 from your Baptist Book Store). "Missionary Education is the sum of all our efforts to cultivate in children, young people, and adults a Christ-like concern for people of every class, race, and nation; an intimate knowledge of how the Christian fellowship is being extended both at home and abroad; and a hearty participation in all endeavors to enlarge this fellowship of Christian faith and brotherhood until it covers the earth." This statement not only gives a definition, but also sets up a goal. The second phase of our classes in missionary education deals with a study of methods and materials that will help to realize this goal.

During the school year of 1951-1952 in our survey course in missionary education, we studied the need in our churches for a well-rounded program of missionary education and we studied the various organizations of Woman's Missionary Union. The students made a survey in the Baptist churches in Long Run Association in Kentucky to try to determine the extent to which these churches are reaching every

member with a missionary challenge. It would be too difficult to give the results of this survey in this brief article, but the answers to one question show the trend of the answers to the entire questionnaire. The question was "Do you believe that your congregation in the past year faced its full measure of missionary responsibility and worked unitedly at a program of missionary education designed to reach out into everything the church did and to everyone it touched?" Over sixty-six per cent of the replies stated that their churches had not faced their full measure of missionary responsibility. About fifteen per cent more answered "partly" or "perhaps not." Making the survey revealed to some of our students the tremendous task they face as they go out to work in our churches.

During the second semester, the students in both the survey course and the advanced course, had as guest lecturers, representatives of Woman's Missionary Union—Miss Margaret Bruce, Miss Juliette Mather, Mr. Ivyloy Bishop, Mrs. William McMurtry, and Miss Edith Stokely.

The advanced course included a study of prayer and the missionary enterprise, stewardship education, mission study, and community missions. To vitalize the teaching of mission study books, we had two three-week periods of special study led by Miss Irene Chambers of the Home Mission Board and Miss Frances Roberts on furlough from Paraguay.

While an accurate measurement of the missionary vision and fervor of our local churches cannot be obtained from a study of gifts to the Cooperative Program, such a study does point out the need for a more inclusive program of missionary education. It is our hope that through our classes in missionary education, our students will be fired with a determination to arouse individuals to an acute awareness of their worldwide missionary responsibilities.



LETTER-ETTES

... from Virginia Mathis and Mary Lucile Saunders

Manila, Philippine Islands

'Tis in the land of the Philippines we truly are and how very well do we know it! The glare is so bright, dark glasses are welcome indoors; whatever our activity or non-activity, we still "drip"; outside our window a two-story house is being built "by hand" a-la-Chinois; no two people seem to be speaking the same language; and it costs a young fortune to mail an air letter back home... but we love it... for us this is God's country and here are the laughing, loving, living multitudes we are to "love in general, like in particular," and serve to the best of our abilities by his empowering love.

Introductions are never very easy but it does seem that being introduced to a land and a people is one of life's most trying experiences. First, *quarantine* where our "yellow books" declaring our state and quality of health are presented for examination until we find ourselves feeling like heifers up for import undergoing examination for the "hoof and mouth" disease. Second, *immigration*, and even at the beginning, a careful scrutiny of our passports and visas prior to disembarkation. We had enough of waiting upon the pleasures of others, for it to begin to penetrate that we were now entering into a world where we should always and ever be "under sufferance" and that can do plenty to the healthiest of egos.

Third, *customs*, that most modern chamber of horrors and surely no refinement of futility, helplessness, and frustration has been omitted here in Manila. It is enough to say that we had the necessity of practically buying our car over again in the form of a thirty per cent tax that covered not only the car but the shipping charges

overseas. Fourth, but not least, *mail*, their tardiness and costliness. Arriving ahead of one's mail is hard enough but when what costs you 10c costs us 25c and what cost you 25c costs us 45c for only one-half ounce, you can see what it does to a fella's budget to write letters. Who'd ever have thought we'd find ourselves weighing friendship as against bread; nevertheless, we'll be choosing friendship as long as we dare.

And yet, even first impressions have within them brighter moments to erase quickly those first irritations. Wearily leaving the docks (after our first day at customs) we stopped at a nearby station to buy gas and have the car checked for use. While waiting we found ourselves in conversation with a charming, young, well-educated Filipino gentleman, a station inspector. Soon came the inevitable question as to what brought us to the Philippines. Missionaries! You could see an immediate change of expression from casual politeness to deep interest on his face.

Momentarily he hesitated, as if wondering if he dared express himself, then he said shyly, "I was brought up in the Catholic church but I am not a fanatic. I'm still searching for the ultimate truth." With that breaking down of his reserve, the questions about our work came quickly. When we asked him for his card, a carry-over from Chinese courtesy, he gave it to us without hesitation. Then we knew he was really serious. This was no matter of making conversation for conversation's sake or a salesman's habit of friendliness. His gir-

Virginia Mathis and Mary Lucile Saunders



ing his card proved the personal integrity of his search.

How true, how true that the hearts of the Filipinos too, as well as the Chinese here in the Philippines, are crying out for the "ultimate truth." As we Southern Baptists enter more fully upon the service of our Lord in this great Catholic country, let us not forget to be fervent in prayer that we minister to the great millions of the majority as well as to the thousands of the minority. Both groups are in the heart of God.

... from Helen Masters

Ogbomoso, Nigeria

I've had the best time! I was visiting a missionary at another mission station where we have medical work. She had received her White Cross packages from one state. Because she is so busy, she could not unpack them all at once. She had fifteen barrels, I believe it was, on her back porch and did some each time she got a chance. So together as we talked, we worked.

Sample medicine went into this basket, baby diapers in one pile, safety pins into a sack, baby bottles into a big bath, baby dresses into a stack. Then towels and washcloths on the end of the table and bandages into an empty barrel. By the time we had caught up on our visiting, the medicine basket had run over. I separated it into smaller piles as to the kind of medicine; now it is ready when she needs it.

I really jumped up and down when we found some pajamas for men. Because her patients are all women, she said I could have them for my boys.

Then we found some beautiful pillowcases with embroidered edges. They are for presents, probably. We unpacked some pictures for Sunday schools, shirts for little boys, dresses for schoolgirls, cotton, powder, adhesive, bandages, pads and all sorts of things. Because I needed some things, she shared diapers, pins, bottles, nipples and baby dresses with me. I was so thrilled.

She said that through the White Cross, enough linens came to keep them going. I too, have enjoyed receiving White Cross packages. I am not sure that the people at home know how much all of these things mean to us. *Western women have worked*

in a medical institution, they don't realize the material it takes (everything under the sun) nor would they realize what it means to us fully unless they have been in the mission field and tried to get to a store and buy something. Often even if there is plenty of money, the things are missing.

I join with the other medical missionaries to thank the women for their trouble, sacrifice, and love as they collect all of these things.

... from Christine Garnet

Cienfuegos, Cuba

We had our Home Mission books from nine to twelve this Saturday morning in my home. Not all the members were present, for a school excursion interfered, but we hope that a great vision came to those who studied.

Each one has a notebook, "Estudios Misioneros." When some half dozen books are studied, it will be filled. Today, the book was "Tia Tells a Story" by Miss Mildred Matthews. Examples of the use they make of the notebooks are interesting.

"Jose Who Was a Girl" has a short sketch, with blanks to fill in. Below this a small braid of hair with a ribbon on it is tied into the page. A hairdresser gave me the hair; I made the braids.

"Martin and His Oil Lamp" has a table, a small lamp, a boy, and two books pasted on the page (some did it very artistically); and below they wrote place of birth, schools attended, and present work.

"Moises of the Three Nations" will be remembered by small maps of Africa, Spain, United States and Cuba. Arrows from the first three point to Cuba. Needless to say, songs, prayers, and lunch were sprinkled in; the last a treat from the mother W.M.S.

These organizations are new here and the going is hard at times. Yet, last week some eighteen gave a fine temperance program in our mission where we hope to build a church building, and that was a howling success. Miriam (pronounced Mee-riam) led that program with ease and individuality.

You see, my boys and girls usually come from Catholic homes and so are divided between two faiths. (turn to page 11)

Hints to Committee Chairmen

To Community Missions Chairmen . . .

There is a bird known as the indigo bunting. One bird lover describes it in this way: "likely to be recognized because bird sings in the heat of day, and late summer when most other birds voices are still."

Could it be said of your W.M.U. that its members are likely to be recognized in the community because they serve Christ in the heat of day, and late summer when most other people do nothing? Several summers ago a church in a Canadian city displayed two large signs. One bore the brief message, "The secret of success is constancy of purpose," and the other sign read "This church closed during July and August!" The secret of success in community missions is not only constancy of purpose, but also constantly working to achieve that purpose of winning people to Christ and making the community more Christ-like. There should be no vacation from community missions in your plans.

August is a good time to show special kindness to the old and infirm people around you, and to their families or others charged with their care. The days are long and hot, and it is easy to be irritable and cross and full of self-pity. Have your individual members plan to spend a morning or afternoon with the aged, reading, talking, playing games, doing handwork. Some who are known as shut-ins can get out if they have help, and they are eager for a change. Arrange to take them to church, for a walk or a drive, or to visit friends. Such activities will not only give pleasure to the shut-ins, but also some free time to those who take care of them. If there is a home for the aged in your community, check with the authorities and plan some special treat such as a drive or a picnic.

Here is a special word to you as chairman. The W.M.U. year is drawing to a close. Don't let yourself think, "Just a few more weeks and my year will be up. Some-

one else can struggle with this job." Rather, consider seriously continuing as community missions chairman. It takes a year to establish contacts in the community, to begin to know all the opportunities for Christian service, and to get a vision of what could be done. Pray earnestly and make your decision as the Lord directs.

Edith Stokely

To Mission Study Chairmen . . .

The mission study chairman has the responsibility of enlisting not only the women who attend the study classes but also others in the society in the reading of at least one missionary book during the year.

Look for a minute at a few figures in the annual report. There are 596,838 women enrolled in our local societies. To have met the mission study point on the Standard of Excellence, 397,892 women should have read a book. Actually only 282,522 society members fulfilled this requirement. How many of the 115,370 who did not read a book were in your society?

Informed, praying Christians are interested in kingdom affairs. A real understanding of the life of the plain peoples around the world is necessary if we work out effectively together a fruitful system of international life based on Christian principles. We cannot afford to be strangers.

Does it make any difference to the cause of missions what the women and young people in your society and organizations think about the rest of the world? A distinguished Latin once said, "He does not love his country who does not love all countries." Have you outgrown that patriotism which looks askance at everything and everybody outside the boundaries of your own nation? If you have not, try reading a few missionary books.

"The world is infinitely unfinished," wrote Professor Hocking. Do you wish to

help determine "the shape of things to come" in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ? If you are ignorant of or indifferent to the hazards that such a determination involves, better take up reading mission books.

Have you ever considered the possibilities that lie in books on prayer to accomplish the ends set forth for missionary reading? In this quarter when you are urging your women to study a book on one of the fundamentals, why not encourage them to read Laubach's *Prayer: The Mightiest Force in the World*, \$1.25 or *Prayer and You* by Helen Shoemaker, \$1.75. Both of these books are listed under the subheading "For Reading and Reference" in the "Missionary Fundamentals" section in *The World in Books* catalogue and can be bought at your Baptist Book Store. You will recall that in last month's ROYAL SERVICE there were suggestions for teaching *The Lower Levels of Prayer* by G. S. Stewart. From *The World in Books* women and young people can select books for missionary reading in fulfillment of the Standard of Excellence requirement.

There are only two months left in this year in which to urge the members of your society and young people's organizations to read. If you need help in advertising books, call on your committee and the church librarian. They can take copies to the auxiliaries, the R.A. chapters, the circles, and the general meeting of the society.

Nobody can afford to be small of soul and mind in days like these when the needs of mankind are so varied and tremendous. Lancelot Abercrombie, English poet, puts it this way:

"But it is written in the heart of man,
Thou shalt no larger be than thy desire."
What, then, is your desire for yourself and for the women and young people in the Woman's Missionary Union in your church? Surely it is not to restrict the spirit's sight within the orbit of a candle gleam.

Mission books can create in the heart of every Christian a larger desire to know, to understand, to help, to love, and to grow.

Mrs William M. Murray

To Stewardship Chairmen . . .

Have you seen a copy of *The Other Woman*? It is a stewardship play especially adapted for presentation by members of Woman's Missionary Societies. It pictures a young housekeeper and mother (there are thousands like her in our societies) struggling with her monthly budget. She can't make it balance. Somewhere she has "mislaid" \$9.85. As she tries to trace the money, "the other woman" comes, as an Indian, and then as a Chinese woman, reminding her that there are millions of women in the world to whom \$9 would be riches. The way the young housekeeper is led to see her duties and opportunities as a Christian steward makes the play.

This play is very simple to present. Desk furniture, a pile of bills and checks, a telephone and a framed picture of a child are all the properties needed. There are only two characters—the woman with budget troubles, who wears a house dress; and the other woman, who wears Chinese and Indian costumes. Copies of the play may be ordered from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala. Since there are two characters, you should have two copies which sell for 5c each.

In the packet of stewardship leaflets (15c) is a play similar to *The Other Woman*, only much shorter and very simple to present. It is *The Test of the Tithe* (5c each) and it also has only two characters. It can be given in five minutes, so is good for a stewardship chairman to use as a means of making her monthly stewardship report attractive. Or it could be used as a part of any stewardship program.

In the W.M.U. Year Book is found a list of other stewardship plays and pageants. Those especially good for presentation by members of W.M.S. are *Budgeting for God*, *The Things That are God's* and *Waked Up* (all priced at 10c each). Order one of these stewardship dramas and plan for presentation. The women who participate will enjoy it and all will receive lessons in stewardship presented in an impressive way.

Mrs. C. D. Cheaman

Oklahoma

Enid, Oklahoma, "Newsette" suggested a seventh goal to add to those of Florida published in April, 1952, ROYAL SERVICE.

7. Every member a subscriber to ROYAL SERVICE.

Thanks, "Newsette"—we didn't dare add it ourselves!

Tennessee

The fourth annual session of Baptist Business Woman's Circles of Tennessee met in Memphis with their general theme, "The Power of Jesus' Name." Miss Ethel Holman is president of the Tennessee Business Woman's Federation.

The afternoon session was held at Bellevue Baptist Church, with special music by the Bellevue Quartet. Mrs. M. K. Cobble, president of the Tennessee W.M.U., led the devotional period. Special speakers were Miss Mary Northington, executive secretary of the Tennessee W.M.U., Miss Mary

Christian, representing the Baptist Book Store, and Miss Kathleen Manley, of Joinkrama, Africa, medical missionary.

At the annual banquet, Miss Margaret Bruce, convention-wide young people's secretary, was the guest speaker of the evening. Then followed a "Get Acquainted Hour."

The week-end meeting ended after an hour of forums discussing community missions.

Kentucky

All Aboard in Kentucky!

At the state BWC Federation banquet in Danville, Kentucky, the table decorations were made up of all types of transportation. Toy automobiles, jeeps, buses, airplanes, trains, all suggested travel to W.M.U. Weeks at Ridgecrest and at Cedar more in Kentucky. Programs were attractive with a mountain highway picture and road signs. With the modes of travel, there were clever replicas of road signs, "Curve," "Danger," "Road under Construction," even "Detour," etc.

The idea gave everyone the thought of going to these wonderful gatherings and Kentucky is expecting a big delegation, according to their state federation president, Miss Edna Moody.

The BWC of Heights Baptist Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico is less than one year old. They have not as yet reached the Standard of Excellence but this is their goal. Right, seated, is Mrs. Bessie Dial, BWC adviser



Georgia

Approximately two hundred women attended the spring banquet meeting of the Rebooth Federation of Business Woman's Circles held at the Tattnell Square Baptist Church in Macon.

Dr. W. Carl Hunker, missionary on furlough from China and the Philippines, brought a missionary address. His presentation of our work and the needs in the Far East was graphically done. An offering of eighty dollars was made to send Bibles to Korea. Miss Martha Cooper, president of the Federation, presided. Mrs. Rabun Wood, Georgia state president of the BWC, was present.



(l to r) Miss Martha Cooper, Dr. W. Carl Hunker, and Mrs. Rabun Wood

Christmas in August?

Help your young people plan a "Christmas Tree in August"—bring their gifts for Indian boys and girls. Missionaries need gifts early so every child will be remembered at Christmas, knowing that he is loved because of Jesus.

Last year there were enough gifts for all our Home Board Indian workers to distribute to their boys and girls in New Mexico.

What to put in your boxes: dolls, balls, crayons, scissors, colored paper, pencils, socks, washcloths, good clean clothing, handkerchiefs, etc.

How to address boxes:

Mrs. Lee M. Roebuck
Baptist Indian Mission
Box 204
Bernalillo, New Mexico

Rev. L. M. Roebuck gives Chescenia Panama, Indian girl from Jemey N. Mex., one of the Christmas presents sent by Sunbeams and G.A.'s.



It's Happening Now

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

Do you remember Wendell Willkie's famous announcement that America enjoys a vast reservoir of good will around the world, created largely by Christian missionaries? That reservoir, according to the most recent round-the-world travelers, is drying up. They report that this nation of ours is beginning to be distinctly unpopular.

Why? The missionaries are still in service; the staff is even bigger than it was in Willkie's day. Billions of dollars' worth of goods and services, and millions of tons of free food and used clothing have been sent by the American people to war victims and underdeveloped areas since World War II, and now our famous Point IV program promises more abundant living in many parts of the world through American "know-how." Why should America lose the popularity it has so long enjoyed?

Some say that the person on top is always hated. With the British Empire dwindling, the U.S.A. inherits some of the ugly feeling Great Britain used to bear. Call it jealousy or covetousness, or inferiority complex, they say the person or nation who experiences great success wins only ill will from the less powerful neighbors.

Others say it is all due to Soviet Russia. The propagandists for communism must blacken the name of democracy if communism is to win. Therefore Africa and Asia know more about Scotsboro, Alabama, and Cicero, Illinois, today than they do about Chicago or New York—our lynchings and race riots have been played up because they deny our claim of democracy.

The world is afraid of America, some observers declare. We talk of peace, boast of our good neighborliness, and, although up to our ears in debt, we play Santa Claus to all the world's peoples, but we keep building up our military strength and we lead the armaments race. "Ambitious for

empire," the Communists shriek. "America wants to rule the world!" And the United States is not always on the side of the nations struggling for independence and freedom.

The upsurge of nationalism in Southeast Asia alarms us; we urge a United Nations deputation to insist that the Indonesians respect international law and wait to be liberated. "What does Indonesia care about international law?" Dorothy Thompson demanded in a speech to Congressional wives recently. "It is fighting for survival. We didn't care much for international law either in 1776!" These new nations have a right to expect sympathy from a nation which declared its independence not yet two hundred years ago.

At a reception in the Embassy of Iraq this spring, my husband found himself the center of a good deal of interest among host and hostess and guests. One of the women attaches explained it: "You cannot know how grateful we are for what he has done. You see, our country is small and weak. It's the Mesopotamia of the Bible, but is just now coming into its own as a modern nation and we have no influence in international councils. Of course we can hardly expect a big nation like yours to know all of our history and become acquainted with our struggles for freedom, much less to take our side in the United Nations. But when one congressman speaks out, we are just overwhelmed with gratitude."

What had he done? Merely expressed his disapproval of the action of the United States in abstaining from voting to put the Indonesian question on the agenda in the Security Council. The U.S.A., up to now, has maintained the position that any grievance from any nation can be brought to the international council for discussion and if possible for solution. My husband protested this change of policy when, for some unknown reason, the United States delegation simply declined to vote to allow the question to be aired. All the world wonders why—particularly the Arab world.

Our loss of prestige as a nation among nations seems to be due not so much to envy, or resentment, but to disillusionment. The United States was founded by religious refugees. They wanted a home,

place to worship God, a place to live in freedom. The world accepted the fact that it is in God we trust; our Constitution confirmed it, and our government was built on the idea that no man is good enough to rule another without his specific permission.

Now that this nation is strong and wealthy and mature, we seem to have lost our ideals. We proclaim no spiritual message. Even the Four Freedoms, which brought most of the world into the last war on our side, have been laughed off as "doodling on scraps of paper." Two incidents can be cited.

Two old friends were chatting together in Shanghai in 1937, according to Dr. Henry Pitt Van Dusen. The missionary said to the businessman, "How is it that you have spent most of your life here, winning the friendship of the Chinese people for business reasons, only now to be selling fuel oil to a nation which is dropping bombs on her women and children?"

The answer is a classic denunciation of American idealism. "Well, Jim," he said wistfully, "you know how it is. We'd do business with the devil himself if he paid cash." For all the good it may have accomplished in foreign parts, American business interests too often show more concern for dollars than lives.

A Brazilian congressman and his wife, in this country to learn English, confided their misgivings to us around our dinner table one evening. "We are simply appalled at the encroachment of the Catholic hierarchy into politics in this country," they said. "As Evangelicals in Brazil, we know how treacherous that influence can be. We have long admired America for maintaining separation of church and state, but you're slipping!" They referred to the latest move to send a full-fledged ambassador to the Vatican, and to other evidences of clerical fascism in American government.

Elections are being held all over this country in 1952. The big general election is only a few months off. No intelligent Christian can neglect to register before the deadline, or to vote when election day arrives. This is a "nation under God," and it is up to us to elect godly men and women to run it.

Women's Work . . .

(from page 2) reach women who do not hold membership in the B.W.M.U. Dr. Prince started in the Baptist Tabernacle a custom of having brief reports from the mission fields each Wednesday night, followed by a season of prayer. This helps to keep the needs of the mission fields before many church members who are not in the women's organization.

"Witness Week" is usually held during the last week in April. At this time, the members conduct prayer meetings in the homes. The object of prayer in these home meetings is the mission work in India and Pakistan.

This is also called "Self Denial Week." Offering envelopes are provided for a special offering for foreign missions during that week. Their goal last year was ten thousand pounds—approximately twenty-eight thousand dollars. The New Zealand Missionary Society and the whole Baptist Union co-operate with the B.W.M.U. in this offering. They gave fifteen thousand pounds last year.

The B.W.M.U. established a "Home of Hope" in Brahmanbaria for destitute women and orphan children. One morning a small baby was found outside the door of the home. The matron, Miss Bradfield, took this cast-off baby into the home. After months of proper nursing and feeding, "Joya" developed into a bright and cheerful child. A radiant Christian woman, "Sache's Ma" was given the joyful task of caring for little Joya. She has a little daughter called "Sache" and gets her name from the custom in India of naming a mother after her child when speaking of her.

This "Home of Hope" maintains an excellent mission school. Year by year, women and girls go out from this center of Christian activity, radiantly transformed and well trained for service.

A Cottage Hospital has been built in Agartala by the gifts of New Zealand B.W.M.U. with modern equipment installed throughout. For this hospital the Ropeholders make their quilt tops each year. This hospital is not adequate but the B.W.M.U. gifts will add to it as time passes.

Your Circle Program

Many states are preparing in August for the observance of state mission program in September. If your state is, see your state papers or communications for materials in addition to the regularly prepared mission program. Every W.M.S. member should know well the work of her state missions.

Other circles will continue the study of "Lower Levels of Prayer" as outlined in July ROYAL SERVICE. Mrs. William McMurry, our convention-wide mission study chairman, gave excellent teaching helps. If you did not start the study in July, get out your July ROYAL SERVICE, turn to page 29, and make use of these plans. The world needs prayer; learn how to pray; then pray.

Letterettes ...

(from page 15) Just a few have Baptist parents, and a very few had Baptist grandparents. Most can get money for many things, but for the church, nothing. Others earn very small amounts; they are already out of school and working, and long hours too. Of this little, some can give offerings; others must turn it all over to parents. Usually the word "tithe" brings a family row. And a group of them are studying in evangelical or Catholic schools, and government institutions.

It is very hard to get those who attend Catholic schools to come to us, for if they come frequently, they are punished by their teachers and their grading is lowered.

Sunday baseball of the big leagues is a great hindrance—it means no Sunday school for many, and so necessary teaching is lost. But a happier, brighter, more alert bunch of boys and girls you never saw.

So many young people in the States go to summer camps, and there catch the missionary vision and hear the call to service. Only some thirty can attend our camp in Yumuri. But we are dreaming of and working toward a larger camp, and surely

My State Needs My Saviour

(BWCs use program on page 24)

Sing hymns like "Open My Eyes, That I May See," and "I Will Sing the Wonderful Story."

From this ROYAL SERVICE, page 6, tell "My Husband Tells Me About Yoshii San."

From August, 1952, Southern Baptist Home Missions, speak on, "Witnessing Here and Now."

Invite a Y.W.A., G.A., or R.A. to your meeting or ask a circle member to tell stories from the young people's magazines as follows:

"Glimpses from Switzerland" in *The Window of YWA*, August, 1952.

"Building in the West" in August, 1952, *World Comrades*.

"Learning to Talk Again" in July, 1952, *Ambassador Life*.

that will mean better G.A. and R.A. youth.

So while you study and work for the Lord, pray for our bright, black-eyed, black-haired—and sometimes, black-skinned—boys and girls.

You'll Want These!

Place mats for your luncheons and banquets

Place mats come in two designs:

- (1) Outdoor scene with children and the Christian flag, done in burnt orange and green
- (2) Hemisphere with Scripture verses in many languages, done in light blue and dark red

Specify which design you wish. Price is the same, 15c a dozen or \$9.50 for 100. These are made by one of the best supply houses in the U.S.A. They will be useful and attractive for any meal of your W.M.U.

RELAY THE NEWS

by Margaret Bruce

Radio relay is the newest method of communication now being used in the South by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. Telephone conversations fly through space without wires or cables. Signal beams like beams of searchlights are focused from one relay tower to the next. A clear line of sight is needed between towers, as signals are amplified at each tower before going on to the next. This "Voice Skyway" is an important milestone in the improvement of communication facilities in the South.

You may not have the use of radio relay to communicate news of the Sunbeam Band Focus Week August 10-16, but you can use a word relay to broadcast the plans for this important week. Tell the members of your church, W.M.S., children's parents, and others about the arrangements for making Sunday a day of worship for Sunbeams. Tell them about the Book Party to which the children will go dressed as characters they have studied about in mission books. Tell them about the mission study class, the summer Christmas tree, the World Comrades Day, and other delightful plans which will make Sunbeam Focus Week outstanding in your church.

World Comrades Day should be a happy day for the children. A magazine subscription campaign will be fun for Sunbeams as they go from home to home telling parents about the pages they like most in their magazine. With mothers co-operating, the pilgrimage can be a progressive party with lemonade, cookies, candies, and fruits served along the way. Such a day will not only be fun for the children, but will give parents the information they need about the Sunbeam magazine. Through *World Comrades* the entire family can share experiences with missionaries and children of every land.

Recently a letter came from a young friend in India who reads *World Comrades*. She says: "In *World Comrades* at

Our Young People

March, 1952, we read about Cuba. The people of Cuba and the crops of the island resemble ours. The trees and fruit and houses are almost our type. We prayed for your home missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering. 'Faith without works is dead.' Our Sunday school girls unanimously voted to send \$10 for the Annie Armstrong Offering. We know it is a very small amount, but are sending it with a prayer that our dear Lord will bless our mite and use the money for his glorious work in Cuba."

When we know, we become interested; we respond. So relay the news; communicate with others about the week of August 10-16. Help observe Sunbeam Focus Week in your church.

MENUS

for European Luncheon

The World's Favorite Recipes, over 100 Tested Dishes from the United Nations. (Price \$1.) Order from Harper & Brothers, 49 East 33rd Street, New York, N.Y.

A World of Good Eating, Or Recipes from Around the World. (Price \$1.25.) Order from Mrs. Ross Black, 1719 29th Ensley, Birmingham, Ala.

Each has some good recipes for European dishes, and from other parts of the world also. A few recipes you will never want to use because they suggest wine flavorings, but there are many others you will find delicious and interesting.

Program

Consider Europe

Planned by Mrs. George R. Martin

Mrs. Martin is chairman of the Women's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance in addition to president of W.M.U.

Program Outline

Quiet Music

Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign"

Prayer

Bible Meditation

Europe in the World Picture
European Women and the Gospel
European Baptist Women at Work
Baptists of Europe Federate
Southern Baptists Are Helping

Closing Prayer Hymn: "Blest Be The Tie"

Program Plans

Have a large map of Europe. (Order "Map of Africa, Europe and the Near East" free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.) Mark Italy, Spain and Switzerland showing our work there.

Use curios, costumes, and flags of the nations. The greeting committee might give small souvenir flags to each one present. Order a gummed sheet of small flags of 82 nations (price 25c) from your Baptist Book Store. Many magazines have attractive travel advertisements which will make excellent posters in announcing this meeting.

Ten minutes before the program starts, have quiet instrumental music, selected from European artists. The closing hymn, "Blest be the Tie" is the theme song of the Baptist World Alliance. Sing it as a prayer with the Amen.

In the Roll Call of the Nations, let the representatives of the nations in costume sit in a semi-circle with a long table in front of them. Above the back of each chair fasten a good sized flag of that nation. (See if G.A.s working on Forward Steps have flags you can borrow.) In the center, above the others, have a Christian flag. The reports will be effective if read, but other talks should be spoken, not read.

Bible Meditation

Theme: Missionary Commands of Jesus

Leader: Jesus, the great missionary, has given his message to the world. His definite missionary commands are found in every Gospel, reiterated to his disciples, under varying circumstances.

In Matthew is found the Great Commission.

First Woman: Reads Matthew 28:18-20

Leader: Mark repeats the same thought in his gospel.

Second Woman: Reads Mark 16:15-20

Leader: Luke has preserved for us the command laid upon the disciples when Jesus appeared in the upper room.

Third Woman: Reads Luke 24:44-49

Leader: In John, too, we find it in other words.

Fourth Woman: Reads John 20:21

Leader: In the opening chapter of Acts, Luke records yet another expression of the same command.

Fifth Woman: Reads Acts 1:8

Prayer: Chain of prayers by these five women with the leader closing the prayer

Program Chairman (Introducing the subject): In our program today, we are to consider one of the most important continents on the globe. Here are millions of people of many races and cultures, and with many needs. We hope you will enjoy knowing these new friends. We want you to be interested in them. We want to share with you some of the tragic facts surrounding their lives. We want to make you feel that giving the gospel to the continent of Europe is a grim and glorious world necessity!

Europe in the World Picture

Europe occupies a strategic place in the world picture today. This leading continent has become the problem continent of the world. To correctly understand Europe, we must consider the many streams of influence which flow from her cultural, political and religious backgrounds. Some are of ancient origin and some of modern. But from them Europe has acquired her traditions, her social customs, her political strategies, her educational concepts and her ecclesiastical systems.

We should consider Europe because of its teeming population. About five hundred million people live in a space a little larger than the United States. This population is equal to the combined populations of North America, Central America and South America. It has scores of races, language groups and nationalities. Its people range in development from cultured royalty to primitive peasants.

But Europe is not only a geographical area; it is a way of life. Its civilization has dominated many parts of the earth. Our own American civilization is European in background. The new world would be greatly impoverished if contact with Europe ceased. The importance of Europe may be measured by the extent to which her disasters and wars have affected the rest of the world.

When Paul turned westward from Troas in obedience to his heavenly vision, the gospel was planted in European soil. The Christianity we know today stems from the missionary activities of European churches. So, from the standpoint of the kingdom of God, Europe is one of the most important parts of the earth.

It is an area where the battle for full religious liberty is still being fiercely fought. Most of the countries still have state churches, and full religious liberty does not exist where there is a state church, whether it be Catholic or evangelical. It would seem there is less religious liberty today in Europe than at any time during the past one hundred years. If the battle for freedom is lost in Europe, it will be more difficult to maintain in other parts of the world.

Europe occupies a large place in the

ist world. The Baptist World Alliance through its officers, committees, and congresses is ever alert to its problems and shares with European Baptists in all their great needs.

European Women and the Gospel

Christian women of all races and nationalities throughout all generations, will remember that it was the wife of a Roman governor who warned her husband that the Man to be tried was of supreme importance.

When the missionary to the Gentiles crossed the border from Asia, the birthplace of Christianity, into Europe, its second stronghold, he found Lydia and her prayer group. They opened the doors of opportunity to Paul. We salute Priscilla (Acts 18:2, 26) and Phoebe (Romans 16:27) and other women of the first Christian century and find in their devotion a challenge to our own lives in this our day of opportunity.

In more modern times, women have played no small part in the Christian conquest of Europe. Their role may not have been dramatic but their influence has been powerful.

Toward the close of the sixth century the great Roman missionary Augustine, faced Aethelbert, the Saxon King of Kent. The king agreed to accept Christianity. Yet behind that scene stands the Christian queen, Bertha of France, wife of Aethelbert. She was a Christian of such faith and fortitude, gentleness and spiritual force that her royal husband had been half won to Christianity before the missionaries arrived.

Vladimir, the Russian king, was converted and baptized in 988. The whole population of the capital city, men and women, followed to the river and were baptized. It was the influence of his Christian grandmother, Queen Olga, which led him to accept Christianity and become a missionary as well as a king.

Another dramatic scene has been immortalized by Henry van Dyke in his "First Christmas Tree." On Christmas Eve as he faced the fiend throng gathered around the sacred oak of Thor, Boniface, our hero, that tree and the pagan gods were destroyed. The scene for the Christian era was the birth of the Christ child.

women missionaries, like Lioba; a scholar, a teacher, the director of a mission school, she was a "Priscilla" of this later generation.

Much has been written of that meeting in the home of the Widow Wallis in England in 1792 when the modern missionary movement was begun. Someday when our Lord bestows his distinguished medals, we will learn of millions of other modest homes opened to the disciples of Jesus Christ, from which his gospel has gone forth with power to redeem the community and world.

European Baptist Women at Work

In the spread of Baptist sentiment in Europe, we find once more the influence of European women. Without argument, Johann Gerhardt Oncken is the Baptist apostle of continental Europe. We are told that Oncken's grandmother had a tremendous influence upon the boy. Her prayers and admonitions had much to do with the questing spirit and the conversion of this matchless Baptist leader. In Sara Mann, the Lord gave Oncken a helpmate who faithfully stood at his side in the hardest trials of his life. It was not easy for this young English woman to leave the warm circle of family and friends in England, and undergo such hard conditions in a strange land.

In those decisive days when European Baptist leaders were fined and imprisoned, their goods confiscated, their children torn from their arms to be christened by a state church, the Baptist wives and mothers and sisters bore the greatest burdens and suffered without murmur. Through the years they have been heroes in practically every country in Europe.

When the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee met in London, in 1948, leaders from every European nation were invited to discuss a European Baptist Federation. Someone asked, "Why not invite the leaders of the women also?" Dr. W. O. Lewis, European Secretary of the Alliance, invited the women leaders, and representatives from eleven nations came. After days of deliberation, the European Baptist Women's Union was organized. Once more "in the fulness of time," the handmaidens of the Lord were ready for his service.

In August, 1949, this group met in Rusch-

bikon, the Baptist Seminary in Zurich, and spent one week in fellowship and planning. In 1950 a number of these leaders attended the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Cleveland. Last August, 1951, they met for a week in the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany.

Program Chairman: Perhaps you would like to listen to the roll call and hear reports from those present.

Austria—Mrs. Rosa Fullbrandt, Salzburg, reporting:

"For a long time there was only one Baptist Church in Austria, the one in Vienna founded in 1869. We now have seven new churches, one in Vienna, and the others in the western area. Only three have their own chapels. We have a total membership of 1,500. Our buildings are few, but our Baptist groups meet in the homes.

"About ninety per cent of the population in Austria is Catholic. We enjoy freedom of religion, but it is easily understood that intolerance is often felt in a country where Rome has the majority of adherents. This is felt in the schools, in fields of culture and politics. This pressure calls forth difficulties in our mission work. During the past year our women have been organized in the various churches. We are a small group but we believe God is with us."

Denmark—Frau Johannes Norgaard, Tølløse, reporting:

"Baptist work was started in Denmark in 1839. There are now 7,240 members. The Baptist Women's Union was founded in 1927. We have fifty-six organizations with a membership of 2,600. Baptists are the greatest free church group in Denmark. We have seen the urgent need of training our young people, so our Danish Baptists built a Folk high school. Young people may come fresh from the plow or kitchen or whatever they have been doing and take a five months course. Our foreign mission work is in the Belgian Congo. May God make us faithful to use the opportunities he has given."

England—Mrs. Ruth Pepper, St. Albans, reporting:

"The Baptist work was begun in 1610. We now have 340,000 members. The Bap-

tist Women's League numbers more than 100,000 members. Over 1,000 local organizations of the League are active throughout Britain. Generally, there are weekly meetings.

"At the Annual National Rally, as many as 10,000 women have been present. The League works in close co-operation with the Baptist Missionary Society. A special feature is the work of our deaconesses. These trained, consecrated young women give invaluable help in needy areas. Often they are instrumental in starting churches or in carrying on the work until a pastor can be found. We praise God for their gallant work and for the continued stream of new recruits to their glorious task."

Germany—Frau Auguste Meister, Berlin, reporting:

"The Baptists of Germany had their beginning in April, 1834, when Johann Oncken and seven others were baptized in the River Elbe, near Hamburg. In 1951 we had 531 churches with 100,149 members. Over 5,000 were baptized during the year. We have over 800 deaconesses who work in our churches, hospitals, and homes for the old people.

"The 25,000 Baptist women of our Baptist Women's League are actively engaged in missionary and Christian social work for the welfare of the entire world. In spite of all our hindrances, we want to fulfill, with God's help, our task."

Finland—Mrs. Helmi Sihvonen, Kolho, reporting for the Finnish-speaking Finns; Mrs. Cecelia Sundquist, Beikars, reporting for the Swedish-speaking Finns:

"There are 1,000 Finnish-speaking Baptists. The organization of the women has not been easy, but we do a considerable relief work for the poor in North Finland."

"For centuries Finland has had two languages, the Swedish and Finnish. The most outstanding of our pioneer workers was Erik Janson, who was converted in Chicago, in one of the Moody meetings. Nearly two-thirds of Finland's Baptists are Swedish-speaking."

France—Mme. Y. LeNormand, Morlaix, reporting:

"In 1810, the first Baptist group, consisting of six members, was organized in

France. Today, most of the fifteen small Baptist churches are found in small towns. It is our plan now to try and build churches in the larger places."

"The churches are made up largely of women. It is sometimes hard to begin an organization for women, since they have most of the church responsibility. We support an orphanage, and a small Baptist clinic. Last summer we conducted three camps for our young people."

Holland—Mrs. D. Bakker-Edam, Amsterdam, reporting:

"Baptist work began in Holland in 1840. Today there are 7,000 Baptists. The Netherlands Baptist Women's Union numbers 1,500 members. We collected 2,500 guilders (one thousand dollars) last year, 50 per cent going to home missions and 50 per cent to foreign missions. An additional 1,000 guilders (four hundred dollars) was given as part salary of a home missionary in Rotterdam. Dutch Baptists have one missionary in the Congo. Three young women are now in training to go to Africa. The Dutch Women's Union publishes a twelve-page monthly magazine."

Italy—Miss Gina Bassi, Florence, reporting:

"At present there are about 4,000 Baptist church members. There are fifty-two churches and thirty pastors. There are twenty-six students in the Rivoli Bible School and four finishing in the Waldensian Seminary in Rome. The Taylor Orphanage provides for one hundred boys and girls. The Armstrong Memorial Training School is preparing young women for definite Christian service. There is an ever-growing Woman's Missionary Union with 2,000 members, in more than fifty groups.

"The Baptists in Italy will keep faith with those of the past whose interests, prayers and faith cost so much in toil and blood."

Norway—Mrs. Gurli Ohn - Proymer, Trondheim, reporting:

"In Norway, Baptist work was begun in 1860 by a Danish sailor who had heard the gospel in New York. In 1916 the Norwegian Baptist Women's League was founded. There are now 1,700 members in 130 societies. These represent a great spiritual force in the local churches. Nine-

ty-seven per cent of the population of Norway belongs to the Lutheran state church. We still have religious freedom, and are grateful for the constantly increasing connection with our sisters in other lands."

Sweden—Mrs. Doris Strutz, Stockholm, reporting:

"In 1848, five persons were baptized and that night constituted the first Baptist church in Sweden. We now have 37,000 members. Some two-thirds of Swedish Baptists are women. In the Congo, we do our foreign mission work. Of the 135 women's organizations, the largest, Stockholm, has 1,100 members. We have a new law in Sweden granting religious liberty. We are grateful indeed for this."

Switzerland—Mrs. Hanna Crabtree, Zurich, reporting:

"The Baptist movement in Switzerland goes back to the time of the Protestant Reformation. Today there are ten churches with 1,400 members. The Swiss woman has no vote. In her local church she may vote. There is little organized work for women. Progress is not easy in a country dominated by two great forces—the State Church and the Roman Catholic Church. We are encouraged by the presence in our midst of the new Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon, founded in 1949 by the Southern Baptist Convention."

Portugal—Maria Jose Pires dos Santos, reporting:

"We organized our societies into a Union in September, 1949, during the meeting of the Portuguese Baptist Convention. We are glad to be a small part of the European Baptist Women's Union. We hope the work of our women will grow. The gospel is beginning to reach more people and we take courage."

Spain—Josefina Mata de Santacana, reporting:

"At present our Union is composed of twenty-three societies with a total membership of 592. Four of these are full-graded Unions, having all the young people's organizations. In humility we solicit your prayers."

Program Chairman: Our hearts have been stirred as we have listened to these re-

ports. As never before, we are conscious that our European Baptist women need our prayers and our financial support. It may be that God is calling us to change the history of a continent. We owe European Christians—even European Christian women—a great debt. North America heard the gospel through Europe and founded its government upon Christian principles and evangelical patterns. Shall we withhold anything from them now, whether it be intercession, or missionaries, or money?

Baptists of Europe Federate

In London, in 1948, European Baptists began to talk of forming a federation. In Paris, in 1950, some definite plans were made, and in Hamburg, in 1951, plans were consummated for the first meeting. This meeting will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 29 to August 3, 1952. To this meeting will come Baptist representatives from many of the countries in Europe. Visitors will be there from all parts of the world. The theme of the Federation program is "Baptists and the Evangelization of Europe."

The European Baptist Federation, the European Baptist Women's Union and the Ruschlikon Seminary should send out forces during the years to come that will assure unity and peace for all who dwell on this continent.

Southern Baptists Are Helping

Baptist leaders of the world met in London in 1920 to consider ways of helping war-torn Europe. Southern Baptists were asked to sponsor Italy, Spain, Romania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and Russia. At the present time we are only able to work in Italy and Spain and to help the national work in Yugoslavia.

Italy

Southern Baptists have been working in Italy since 1870. Baptist history is being made in Italy today. By the side of the Italian workers are the missionaries of our Foreign Mission Board: Dr. and Mrs. W. Dewey Moore; Dr. and Mrs. Ben R. Linton; Dr. and Mrs. Roy Starmer; Dr. and Mrs. Albert Craighead and Miss Virginia

Wingo. Miss Grace Tyler of Georgia, has been recently appointed to work in the Rome Training School. Alice Moore (Mrs. Dewey) brings us up to date on the happenings in Italy:

"These late years have witnessed the beginning of a great building and enlargement program. New, larger, and better-equipped church buildings have already been built in Turin, Bari, Cagliari and other places. The boys' dormitory at the Taylor Orphanage has a new wing. The Marie Mathis Chapel and the Fraser Dormitory, at the orphanage, have been completed. Bethany Institute, known as the Armstrong Memorial Training School, was completed in 1950. A Home for the Aged is now under construction.

"A semi-monthly magazine, *Il Messaggero Evangelico* (The Evangelical Messenger); a monthly evangelistic paper, *Il Seminatore* (The Sower); and a monthly magazine for Baptist homes, *Alleluia*, carry articles of inspiration and help, as well as news to Baptists and other evangelicals.

"Through the reviving action of God's spirit, the work is now developing rapidly. New missionary centers are continually being opened. The call for help from new areas is persistent and challenging. Our great need is for trained national leaders. To carry on the work as it is at present, we need about twenty men on the field. In spite of the serious, determined, subtle opposition of the Roman Church, we know that God is leading on."

Spain

Dr. J. D. Hughey gives us interesting news from our work in Spain:

"Delegates to the Spanish Baptist Convention in September expressed belief that a brighter day was dawning for Baptist work in Spain. An encouraging feature of the work is the almost spontaneous growth of groups of believers who will be the nuclei of new churches. In Malaga, Elda, and other places, Baptists are saying: 'We need a pastor and a church building. Can the Mission help us?'

"Intolerance on the part of the Roman Catholics and government agencies has been accomplished by great spiritual blessings for evangelizing Christians. Forbidden to use a building bought from them by Southern Baptists, the Teachers of All Saints

continued to hold services in their small chapel, and people were turned away for lack of standing room. The entire town became aware of the injustice being done the 'Protestants,' and ninety per cent of the people were sympathetic with them.

"When the American ambassador intervened personally with highest authorities of the nation, permission was granted to use the new chapel. Spain has not given up her ideal of Catholic unity, with its denial of religious freedom, in order to obtain American aid. But it is possible that the Ambassador will be able to obtain permits for the Second Baptist Church of Madrid, the Second Baptist Church in Barcelona, and other churches."

Ruschlikon

Our study would be incomplete if we did not have a word from our seminary in Zurich. The President, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, speaks to us:

"As the spring semester of 1952 began, we had enrolled thirty-nine students, representing twenty different nations—Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Lebanon, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, the United States of America, and Switzerland.

"The international character of the seminary is making a strong contribution to understanding and Christian co-operation between men of differing national backgrounds. Many problems do arise, but it is heartening to see how Christian love can remove provincial prejudices and unite in comradeship those who were so recently 'enemies.' The spirit of Ruschlikon is prophetic of a better day in the relations of Christians across the national and linguistic boundaries of Europe. The future of Christianity in Europe does not depend on the actions of its enemies, but upon the consecration of those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Pray that all of the men in the seminary may become flaming evangelists, able to give a reason for the faith that is in them. The men and women of Europe, with its ancient traditions, diverse cultures, high scholastic attainments, and deep frustration, can be saved only through faith in Jesus Christ. If we believe that, our Christian responsibility is clear."

Our Daily Bread

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

This is the second month the missionaries are listed by birthdays. For detailed addresses, see directory in *Southern Baptist Home Missions and The Commission*. SUGGESTION: Look ahead and send birthday cards, without expecting replies.

1 Friday "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord..."—*Jas. 4:10* Mrs. Jonathan Durham, ed. ev., Port Harcourt, Nigeria, Rev. Harold Hurst, appointee for Honduras, Central America, Miss Irene Chambers, field worker, HMB, Miss Joan Carter, GWC, East St. Louis, Ill., Rev. Leon Craig, Negro ev., Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. E. C. Branch, Indian ev., Lakeside, Ariz., Carlos Branch, MF

2 Saturday "...to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."—*Jas. 4:17* Dr. Frank Connely, Tokyo, Japan, Rev. M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, T.H., ev., Mrs. Wilson Fielder, China, Dr. S. L. Watson, Brazil, em., Rev. C. B. Melancon, Stowell, French ev., Rev. C. F. Landon, Dallas, Tex., ev. among deaf, Florence and Gerald Fielder, John Melancon, MF

3 Sunday "...Render... unto God the things which be God's."—*Luke 20:25* Mrs. J. A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Rev. Deaver Lawton, Bangkok, Thailand, ed. ev., Mrs. Francis Cassidy, ev., Spanish-speaking, San Marcos, Tex., Rev. Robert Falls, Indian ev., Avery, Okla.

4 Monday "Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth..."—*Jas. 5:4* Rev. John Thomas, Barranquilla, Colombia, Mrs. M. A. Cal-leiro Sr., Marianao, Cuba, ev., *Miss Grace Wells, ed. ev., Shanghai, China, Miss Ruth Womack, med. ev., Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Miss Irene Anderson, San Antonio, Rev. D. M. Regaldo, Rio Grande City, Tex., ed. ev. and ev., Spanish-speaking

5 Tuesday "Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?"—*Mal. 2:10* Mrs. J. W. McGavock, pub. ev., El Paso, Rev. Gilbert Oakeley, ev., Spanish-speaking, Abilene, Tex.; summer revivals

6 Wednesday "...If ye abide in my

word, then are ye truly my disciples;"—*John 8:31* Mrs. Leland Harper, ev., Asuncion, Paraguay, Mrs. T. H. York, Italian ev., Tampa, Fla.; pray for peace today—the seventh anniversary of dropping the atom bomb on Hiroshima, Japan

7 Thursday "...Thou shalt love... thy neighbour as thyself."—*Luke 10:27* Mrs. Lonnie Doyle, Santarem, Brazil, *Rev. W. W. Lawton, Shanghai, China, ed. ev., Mrs. Garreth Joiner, ev., Quito, Ecuador, Dr. William Gaventa, med. ev., Eku, Nigeria, Miss Elizabeth Lundy, GWC, Atlanta, Ga.; W.M.U. Conference, Ridgecrest, N. C. and "Pioneer Week" at Gloria assembly, N.M., August 7-13

8 Friday "But I say unto you, Love your enemies..."—*Matt. 5:44* Mrs. J. A. Lunsford, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Miss Sara Frances Taylor, Rosario, Argentina, ed. ev., Rev. Paul Bell Jr., ev., Spanish-speaking, Fort Worth, Tex., Jane Lunsford, MF

9 Saturday "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."—*Rom. 12:21* *Dr. John Watts, Zurich, Switzerland, Mrs. Ralph West, Ogbomoso, *Rev. W. Joel Ferguson, Oyo, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. C. J. Lowe, em., China, Miss Edelmira Robinson, sec. ev., Havana, Cuba, Mrs. B. Frank Belvin, Indian ev., Oklahoma City, Okla., Mrs. Ignacio Villalpondo, ev., Spanish-speaking, Kenedy, Tex.

10 Sunday "...What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common."—*Acts 10:15* Miss Mary Crawford, Honolulu, T.H., Mrs. Clem Hardy, Manao, Brazil, ed. ev., Miss Emily Head, special appointee, med. ev., Barranquilla, Colombia, Mrs. C. J. Lowe, em., China, Rev. Charles Whaley, Kokum, Japan, Mrs. Davis Saunders, Igede, Nigeria, ev., Mrs. John Hubbard, Indian ev., Oklahoma City, Okla.; Sunbeam Focus Week, August 10-16

11 Monday "...Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."—*Acts 10:34* *Mrs. H. B. Canning, med. ev., Eku, Nigeria, Dr. A. R. Crabtree, ed. ev., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rev. Filomeno Hernandez, exg. Catalina, Cuba, Miss Cristina Aguilera, San Benito, Tex., Rev. I. B. Williams, Tucson, Ariz., ed. ev., and ev., Spanish-speaking

12 Tuesday "...Christ liveth in me..."—*Gal. 2:20* Rev. Albert Craighead, Rivoli, Italy, Mrs. Robert Culpepper, Tokyo, Japan, Rev. Rafael Fraguera, Placetas, Cuba, ev., Mrs. H. M. Harris, em., China, Miss May Perry, ed. ev., Abeokuta, Nigeria, Mrs. Norman Kelley, Indian ev., Phoenix, Ariz.

13 Wednesday "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham."—*Gal. 3:7* Mrs. E. A. Nelson, em., Brazil, Mrs. W. C. Harrison, ed. ev., Porto Alegre, Brazil, Mrs. M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, T. H., Mrs. Alejandro Pereira, Cumanayagua, Cuba, ev., *Dr. A. W. Yocum, med. ev., Chengchow, China, Mrs. Andres Viera, ev., Spanish-speaking, Roswell, N. M.

14 Thursday "...the gospel of Christ... is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."—*Rom. 1:16* *Miss Jaxie Short, Mrs. C. L. Culpepper Sr., ed. ev., Hong Kong, China, Rev. James Foster, Baguio, P.I., Miss Juana Garcia, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Young Men's Mission Conference, Ridgecrest, N. C., August 14-20

15 Friday "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"—*Rom. 3:23* Rev. J. E. Jackson, ev., Mindanao, P.I., *Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, ed. ev., Shanghai, China, Rev. A. N. Porter, em., HMB, Rev. Lee Roebuck, Indian ev., Bernalillo, N.M.

16 Saturday "...If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."—*John 7:37* Rev. E. L. Morgan, em., China, Mrs. Edwin Dozier, Tokyo, Japan, Rev. Robert Lindsey, Jerusalem, Israel, ev., Rev. Carol Eaglesfield, ed. ev., Ibadan, Nigeria, Mrs. C. F. Landon, ev. among deaf, Dallas, Tex.

17 Sunday "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."—*Matt. 6:12* Mrs. W. C. Newton, em., China, Rev. Her-

PROGRAM TOPICS FOR 1952-1953

Theme for the year: Choosing the More Excellent Way
Scripture: "and yet show I unto you a more excellent way"—*1 Cor. 12:31b*

October	Choosing the More Excellent Way (Christian Citizenship)
November	Awakened Nigeria Learns of Love
December	Where Jesus Walked (Israel and Lebanon)
January	Baptist Women Around the World (Emphasis on Women's Committee) Enlistment
February	Winning the Mormons to the Right Way
March	Where Catholicism Misses the Way
April	Our Neighbor—Mexico
May	The Excellent Way for Excellent Youth (Emphasis given to 40th anniversary of Girls' Auxiliary and 45th anniversary of Royal Ambassadors)
June	The Values in Christian Education
July	Lifting the Lepers
August	American Indians and the Jesus Way
September	What is the Advance Program Doing to us? (Stewardship)

bert Caudill, ev., Havana, Cuba; staff and all who go to Ridgecrest, state assemblies, and camps

18 Monday "... thou art no longer a bondservant, but a son..."—Gal. 4:7 *Miss Irene Branum, Kweilin, China, Miss Georgia Miller, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, med. ev., Mrs. Worth Grant, Tokyo, Japan, Miss Martha Hairston, Sao Paulo, Brazil, language study, Mrs. P. H. Anderson, Dr. P. S. Evans, Mrs. L. W. Pierce, em., China, Rev. T. W. Thompson, Negro ed. ev., Tyler, Tex.

19 Tuesday "... one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."—Matt. 23:8 Mrs. Morris Wright, language study, Tokyo, Japan, Rev. Garreth Joiner, ev., Quito, Ecuador, Miss Sophie Lanneau, Miss Pearl Caldwell, em., China, Rev. S. P. Mireles, ev., Spanish-speaking, Kingsville, Tex.

20 Wednesday "There is... one God and Father of all, who is above all..."—Eph. 4:6 Rev. J. R. Allen, Belo Horizonte, Mrs. Raymond Kolb, Recife, ev., Mrs. J. J. Cowser, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. John Watts, Zurich, Switzerland, ed. ev., Mrs. Rudolf Vidaurri, ev., Spanish-speaking, Belen, N.M.

21 Thursday "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind."—Eph. 4:23 Miss Minnie Landrum, Rio de Janeiro, missionary director, Brazil W.M.U., Rev. Juan Naranjo, Colon, Rev. A. C. Queen, Havana, Cuba, ev., Mrs. Carlos Garcia, ev., Spanish-speaking, Waelder, Tex., Mrs. James Bartley, appointee for Uruguay

22 Friday "... if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature..."—2 Cor. 5:17 *Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Mendoza, Argentina, Rev. A. G. Dunaway, Shaki, Nigeria, ev., Miss Lenora Hudson, ed. ev., Kokura, Japan, Rev. Bert Lewis, Negro ed. ev., Charleston, S. C., Mrs. Daniel Cantu, ev., Spanish-speaking, Raymondville, Tex.

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24 Sunday "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."—John 8:36 Miss Bertha Hunt, em., Brazil, Miss Vera Campbell, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. Winfred Harper, Abeokuta, Nigeria, ed. ev., Mrs. Mike Mojica, ed. ev., Spanish-speaking, Fort Worth, Tex., Mrs. M. V. Gonnissen, Indian ev., Taos, N.M.

25 Monday "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us..."—Ps. 90:17 Rev. C. K. Rand, Rescue Home, New Orleans, La., Rev. Luis Flores, ev., Spanish-speaking, Belton, Tex., Mrs. Sammy Morris, Indian ev., Ada, Okla.

26 Tuesday "... worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."—Ps. 29:2 Mrs. S. E. Stephens, em., China, Rev. R. Elton Johnson, ed. ev., Corrente, Rev. Gene Wae, ev., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; annual meeting Japan W.M.U., Hiroshima, August 26-28

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28 Thursday "But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."—2 Cor. 10:17 Dr. Eugene Hill, ed. ev., Singapore, Mrs. J. H. Benson, Mexico, Mrs. George Green, Nigeria, em.

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31 Sunday "... he hath set the world in their heart..."—Eccles. 3:11 Mrs. A. L. Dunstan, em., Brazil, Rev. Horace Buddin, ev., Goyania, Brazil

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