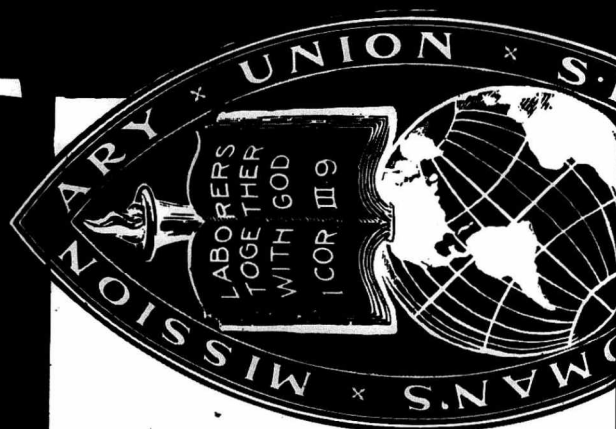


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For This Year

by Lois Marshall

"I wish that there was some wonderful place called the 'Land of Beginning Again'..."

NOBODY has ever found such a land, but the nearest thing to it is beginning a new year. There is always one way in which I celebrate the passing of the old year—I clean house. Oh, I clean house during the year, just as every woman does but this is something special — almost a ritual. I take out each dresser drawer—they're always such a mess after Christmas—and empty it. Then I carefully dust out the drawer, put in fresh clean paper. I go back to the pile of things taken out and pick out only those I shall need for another year. These I put back and then I really dispose of everything else.

As this new year begins, somehow I would like to do just that with my life. There has been so much that has cluttered it. I'd like to dump out all the things of the past year, sort them, throw away those I don't need.

There are some very precious things that I'd put back in place and use again. I would keep prayer and faith, faith in God, faith in man, faith in life itself. Perhaps prayer is putting my faith into words, but I would keep prayer, not just for the dark days, but for strength every day.

There are some memories I shall keep to make future days pleasant. One of my teachers used to say, "If you would make

life pleasant, fill it with things that are beautiful to remember on a rainy day."

Some of my habits are good. These I will keep because they save energy and time. I do not argue with myself about some things. I brush my teeth and give my thoughts to something more important than deciding if that dental attention is necessary. Going to church has become a habit—I do not argue with myself each Sunday whether or not I shall go. That is a good habit. I have other similar ones of church attendance and service and I shall take them with me into the new year.

One big lesson I would like to take into the new year is a lesson I have learned about the value of time. Time is perhaps the one realm in which there is no aristocracy. No king with all his wealth and power can buy more than twenty-four hours in his day, but the beggar on the streets has the same number of hours in his. So long as life lasts, the present minute and every next minute will have sixty seconds in it. It is not possible to store time in a bank and save it, for if you do not use the passing minute it is gone forever. You can take only a minute at a time from the ocean of time so I shall value every minute of this year.

I think I will find some new space by throwing out old prejudices and limited ideas of the Christian way of life. My mind must keep reaching out of smallness into the bigness and vitality of Christ's truth. Outside of my home the world tensions clash because I have been slow in courageous living for Christ. But the persistent noises of need cannot be stilled unless I step bravely forward with him.

With heart cleansed by the power of the Holy Spirit, I can start the new year refreshed by God's grace. I am beginning again.

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COVER—Miss Georgie Mae Oghurn, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union in Chile, represents Baptist work among women around the world. She holds the Chilean W.M.U. emblem with the words "Go Preach," a challenge to every Christian. Photo by Colvin

Our Missionary Opportunity

by Auguste Meister

THE word "mission" means commission or sending. In the early hours of the morn the Risen Lord showed himself first to Mary Magdalene, and gave her the commission: "Go to my brethren, and say unto them . . ." and in the evening of that day he commissioned all disciples: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Ever since then many men and women have heard and followed this call. The first fruit of the gospel upon European soil has been Lydia, a seller of purple in Philippi. The redemption through Christ is for everyone but with the coming of Jesus a new era began for woman.

Through Christ she was lifted out of slavish degradation she had suffered under Judaism and paganism. Out of gratitude and love the Christian woman may and wants to put her life at the disposal of him who has called her with a holy call. In the course of the centuries many people were won for Christ and the church by women. It is not a matter of our own choice, whether we want to be missionary workers or not; we women stand under the sending commission of the Risen Lord.

WHERE are the missionary opportunities in our days? According to the manifoldness of men and conditions they will be different. The content of the missionary message remains unchangeable. But our missionary practice has to consider the world and people of today. Jesus served his co-temporaries in the language of the first century. We have to serve our co-temporaries in the language of the twentieth century.

Our generation is characterized by fear and anxiety, uncertainty, and insecurity. Christ gives those who accept him in faith, sufficient support to stand and a reliable foundation for the whole life. Careworn and heavy-laden the anxious human being

passes his days without rest and peace. The glad tidings of the gospel prove a source of strength and joy. Critically, suspiciously and doubtfully the non-Christian confronts the Christian. Genuineness of our Christian walk speaks more than our words. Sometime ago I had a conversation on the train with a convinced Communist. He objected against the multitude of

Mrs. Jakob Meister and her husband are important to Baptist world life as they lead in Baptist work in Germany. This article is from the "referat" she prepared for the conference of the European Baptist Women at Tollose, near Copenhagen, Denmark, last summer.

Christian confessions; how could anyone know the right faith?

I replied, "The surest characteristic for the real faith is the change and reorganization of a man." He tried to interest me for his aims, and answered: "At first we create new conditions, and new men will be the outcome." I replied that according to the rules of the Word of God, we have to go the reverse way. "At first new men, and through these, conditions will be renewed." Man of our day is being lost in the mass, and suffers from a feeling of abandonment and loneliness. Here is for us women a special missionary opportunity. Like Jesus we ought to see the individual among the many, and take care of these single beings.

CHRISTIAN married life and the Christian family hold a first place among the missionary opportunities granted to us. The Christian wife is the conscience of her husband. For the greatest part she determines the spirit of the house and the home. Her example will influence most strongly the development and future of the children. Let us open our houses to the lonely, single, and endangered ones. On this manner they not only experience the protection of the Christian family but also the influence of Christian life. We should not be indifferent about our neighbors. Days of sickness, material need, deaths are missionary opportunities. In professional life the difference between a Christian and a non-Christian woman will soon be seen and felt. Morally she will swim against the stream, and one will often ask her advice and help.

THE division of our country into East and West brings us many problems for our work. For several years we have invited all leading women of the Eastern Zone to West Berlin for a week of training and Bible study. These days are a special encouragement, and transmit new strength. For the celebration of our jubilee the committee and the enlarged board met in a house of the Inner Mission in West Berlin. In the forenoons our pastors spoke about John 13 to 17. In the afternoons we heard reports and expositions of practical women's work. We also fixed our business matters. We could not have a convention on a larger scale for want of accommodations and money.

Four times we have received permission from the Eastern authorities to print our women's magazine in the East. Every time we see the overruling and good hand of God in this fact. Our editor in the East especially needs our prayers.

In East and West we greatly took part in the European Prayer Week and the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

THE situation of the refugees has awakened in our country new missionary opportunities. The Baptist Women's League

supports seven missionary sisters, working among the refugees. They visit in overpopulated and Catholic districts, walk long distances to lonely villages, and contact people who don't know what more to do, and cannot help themselves. By means of this refugee mission, in some places new churches have sprung up.

In Berlin our women have their own work among homeless girls and women. Every year some find the way to Christ. Approximately 800 Baptist deaconesses try to call people to Christ by nursing the sick and in hospitals, children's, young and old people's homes. Also the midnight and prisoners' mission belongs to our missionary opportunities.

After the war, many people of our nation were reached by the tent mission. Through special women's meetings in our five missionary tents we touched many women. We were surprised to find such a great number who do not know anything about a personal experience of the salvation from anxiety and sin through Jesus Christ.

But we do not want to forget those who are imprisoned for their testimony for Christ. They need our constant intercession. And we have many mothers, suffering severely under the unchristian influencing of their children.

IT was never so necessary as today to be a witness of the living Christ by word and walk. Many doors are closed, but others were opened. A missionary worker should never become dependent on success or failure. It is our task to sow the seed; what will spring up is God's business. We never ought to lose the vision for God's power and glory, neither for us personally, nor for the work we are called for. But we also should know the power and subtlety of Satan. Above all shines the certainty that the omnipotence of God is greater and stronger than all demon forces.

The first part of John 9:4 may be translated differently: "I must work . . ." or "We must work." United with Christ we ought to and want to stand unerringly in the missionary service of God who has sent us—"while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."



Maillory Hall and corner of recreation building of the junior college

***Life for the girls
of Seinan Jo Gakuin,***

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in a thoroughly Christian atmosphere***



Missionary Marlowe teaches oral composition in English



1,400 girls in Field Day exercises make an impressive sight. The school buildings are in the background.

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Life at Seinan Jo Gakuin

Picture Story by Rose Marlowe

*The fifty-yard dash,
Field Day exercises!
The students participate in many types
of sports at the school*



*How the girls love to
get a joke on the teachers!
Miss Marlowe joined in the game only to
discover she was "the
old goose" surrounded
by "the young gosling"*



The school library is a busy place indeed, for research and reading



Is She a "Baptist Devil"?

by Hal D. Bennett

EVEN a good map may not show Montegut, Louisiana. Look for Houma, across the river about seventy-five miles from New Orleans and more south than west. Montegut is south of Houma. Terrebonne Mission is still farther south of Montegut.

Evelyn Stanford of Genoa, Arkansas, first found Terrebonne seven years ago, when she was a summer student worker from Ouachita College. Home Missionary Berkman Deville had begun Baptist work there eight years before that but had gone to another field. By the time Miss Stanford first came, the work was all but dead. She came another summer—the need drew her. Five years ago she returned to stay.

Not much could be done at Bible teaching when hardly a person could read. She opened the school, teaching kindergarten through the sixth grade.

Most of the people are descendants of the Houma Indians, Frenchmen, Spaniards, Englishmen and a few Germans who years ago sought refuge in this trackless, sea level tidewater marsh. They all intermarried so are fairly dark-skinned, their coarse black hair showing their Indian ancestry. Their dialect is a "marsh French," and most of their names are French.

Until only a decade or so ago they saw little of the outside world. Parish priests would visit their community for funerals, sometimes for a wedding when somebody took the trouble to marry. Illiteracy was the rule, although these people know their water trails and survival lore like they know the backs of their paddle-calloused hands. Shrimping, fishing, and trapping are their main sources of income. A few work for the oil companies.

Morals were not too often mixed with their usual religion. They live a rough life much of the time, with plenty of whisky on payday.

Townpeople further north would refuse to sit beside Miss Stanford on a bus

when they learned she was working with the marsh people. This is gradually changing. The priest insisted early that he must teach his catechism to the school children. When she refused, he had the parish school board rent her building out from under her. The parish school was opened, with plans to close it as soon as "that Baptist woman is gone."

The few Baptists began praying for a certain piece of land facing the oil field road that now runs along Bayou Terrebonne. When a Baptist man managed to buy the lot, they got an old army barracks. Miss Stanford lived in it for a year, shooing out the mice, mosquitoes and lizards at times.

Miss Stanford found it was no use to try to write outside for help. Important letters failed to get answers; the mail was being rifled. They caught on when a summer worker had her mail torn open, but sent on through. Complaining did no good.

Before long the Home Mission Board took over the property and put two small buildings on it. One is the school and chapel; the other, Miss Stanford's little

A one hundred yard board walk is used for safe trips over the marshlands



house. The front room is her combination kitchen, dining room and living room. Next there's the modern bath, small hall and a clothes closet. Then at the back is her bedroom. She has both electricity and running water. Everything is neat, efficient and scrupulously clean. She seems happy, but one worries about her living there alone.

At the last revival three schoolboys and a younger child accepted Christ and joined the main chapel at Point au Chien. That makes eighteen from the Montegut mission. All had been at least nominal Catholics.

This does not set well with the nearest priest. He told the children that the missionary put something in the refreshments she served that would make Baptists out of all that ate them. Not long ago he invited all the school children to bring the Bibles Miss Stanford had given them, so he could see them. The children complied, only to see him start burning "the Baptist Bibles the Baptist devils had given you."

Bertha Billiott, nine years old, is a hot-headed little Baptist. She teaches her cousins and friends the choruses and Sunday school lessons. Bertha idolizes her sister Gloria who has finished the mission school and is now in Acadia Baptist Academy, Eunice, Louisiana.

In the new chapel Emmett LeBeouff, now fourteen years old, was the first to profess faith. He has already announced his call to be a Baptist preacher.

The vacation Bible school enrolled forty-one last summer, with thirty-one in daily attendance.

Miss Stanford thinks that living with the people has paid off more than anything else. She has the school, the chapel, the house, and gives first



The station wagon carries the children to church

one baby, although that is out of her line. She helps clothe all twenty-two of her school children, and numerous others up and down the bayou. She has learned to balance herself in the tricky little bateaus and pirogues the people use.

Mrs. Billiott, mother of Bertha and Gloria, told of the first time she and her mother heard the gospel over a French language broadcast. "We used to go to the mass. But we never got anything to feed our souls until we heard it on the radio. We accepted Christ in our hearts. Then we prayed for the others. Some have been saved, but there are still many others lost."

Catholic opposition helps more than it hinders. The people are waking up to the outside world. Mrs. Billiott and many of her neighbors resent the attitude of the priests who serve there. Some families are threatened for going to the mission or school, and are told they will be made to move out of their rented houses if they keep on with the Baptists.

Studying the people's faces before, during, and after the church service, it is quite evident that they love Miss Stanford. They have a loyalty built on shared living and sacrificing, but it is not easy to be a missionary among the French-speaking people of lower Louisiana.



... from Bernalillo, New Mexico

We are indeed grateful for the many gifts sent to us for our Indian friends in response to the "Christmas in August" project. We especially appreciate the spirit of love in which they were sent. Our needs have more than been supplied and we have shared with the other missionaries for the need on their fields. We need to say thank you for every box; we do not want to miss anyone.

Please continue to pray for religious liberty for the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico. We are experiencing God's blessing in our missionary endeavor with the Indians in spite of continued opposition and persecution. A sixty-year-old man and his daughter, the mother of three of our Baptist believers, from one of the Pueblos on this field, were baptized last summer.

Now the Lord has added six more to our number. This makes a total of thirty Indians to be baptized in this mission building since it was dedicated on November 13, 1949. Truly the Lord has blessed.

—Doris Roebuck

... from Maui, Hawaii

Our new Kahului church building is over a year old now. It is like having lived in a tent eight years and then suddenly receiving a brand-new house! The building is made of hollow tile. The walls of the auditorium, choir loft, and rostrum are made of redwood. Everyone loves its simple beauty. Our kindergarten uses one large room daily and the U-shaped building is fast filling up during our regular services. Our Sunday school attendance has boomed since we have been in the new building.

The church is located in a rapidly-growing housing area, where the people own

their homes and are planning to live there the rest of their lives. Formerly we were reaching children and young people in the main, with few adults attending. Now what a joy to have young adults coming!

Buddhism is really on the march in the islands again. Recently here the one Buddhist temple spent over \$50,000 remodeling their building and had a two day dedication service with hundreds attending. They are employing an English-speaking Buddhist priest to work primarily with youth and young adults.

About a month ago a teenager accepted Christ and made public her decision. Later on, when visiting in the home, the father told us his daughter had come home and told him that she'd given her life to Christ. That is almost an unheard of thing here where the children are afraid to become Christians because the Buddhist parents forbid it. Then the father said, "She's begging me to go to your evangelistic service on Thursday night." That again was a new thing for us for the young people have not, so far, been able to bring their parents. Imagine our joy to see our teenager sitting by her father on Thursday night in church! Pray for her and her family.

—Mrs. E. J. Tharpe

... from Tokyo, Japan

W.M.S. meetings are relatively new for the women of Keisen Baptist Church in Tokyo; in fact, their church itself—and therefore their missionary organization—is hardly three years old.

Meeting day comes around twice a month for the Keisen women. And every meeting adds a little more to their missionary knowledge and conviction. Recently they had a meeting that was particularly impressive.

For one thing, it turned out to be the first meeting where a program was presented without reading from the printed program material. Both women who spoke did so with conviction and without notes. For another thing, it was missionary Mary Neal Morgan's debut for a Japanese talk of some length. She led the devotional period, discussing the greatness of God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Using a program written especially for Japanese women by Missionary Kay Sanderson (Mrs. Robert H.) Culpepper, two members of the Keisen W.M.S. spoke about Lottie Moon and Ann Judson. Dressed in the manner of women in the day of these pioneer missionaries, they spoke in first person to tell of their work for the Master and the love which impelled it.

Mrs. Sakurada, representing Lottie Moon, changed from first person to third at the end of her talk; and with emphasis on Lottie Moon's contact with Japan and her people, she told of the missionary's death as the ship on which she was returning to America lay at anchor in Kobe.

Twenty women were present at the meeting. One was an old Japanese woman who didn't have the slightest idea how to find the right place in the Bible when various passages were used. To her and to all the members, though now quite accustomed to seeing women in western dress, the attire of Mrs. Sakurada and Mrs. Ishikawa was strange. The first reaction was surprised laughter; but everyone listened attentively and seemed to catch the spirit of the stories presented.

The program climax was a powerful challenge to real Christian witness by every member. "You see," said Mrs. Sakurada, who only at Christmas of 1951 heard the story of Lottie Moon's life, "we, too, must follow in her train."—Johnnie Johnson

Mary Neal Morgan makes her first talk in Japanese before Keisen W.M.U.



Young Japanese women participate in W.M.U. activities

... from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

We have marked our Brazilian W.M.U. Convention for January 22, 23, and 24, 1953, to be held at Siao church, Sao Salvador, Bahia. Our theme is "Looking at the Fields," and our watchword is the same as the W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1953. In Portuguese it is, "Levantai os vossos olhos, a vede as terras, que ja estao brancas para a ceifa." Our song is not the same as we do not have it translated, but we chose one that fits in nicely. It is "Onde os Obreiros?" (Where are the Workers?)—Minnie Landrum

... from Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa)

"My brother thinks it would be a good thing to know this new God!" That was the reply received when I asked a college boy, a native of Taiwan (Formosa) the reaction to his testimony during his visit home. This student found the Saviour in May. He had been attending English Bible classes and had asked to come for a talk.

Following church services, I asked, "How would you like to know more about this new God?" He replied, "I would like to know more about this new God."

LOOKING FORWARD

by Emily K. Lansdell

I strolled out to Lexington Road to look at the work being done on the street adjoining our campus. The foreman joined me and began talking. He was interested in knowing something about the folks who live in the Georgian structure which houses the Training School. With a wave of his hand toward the building he asked how many young women lived there. I told him, and then he exclaimed rather dubiously, "And all those young women training to become ministers!"

You are interested, too, in knowing something about the people who are living at 2801 Lexington Road this year and what they are doing.

This fall 113 young women are boarding students at the Training School. Last fall the dormitory enrollment was 101, and in 1950 there were 87 young women living in the building. It is particularly gratifying to note that the enrollment has grown in spite of increased charges for room and board.

Twenty-one of these 113 young women come from Virginia; 17 from North Carolina; 14 from Kentucky; 12 from Alabama; and 10 from Georgia. Other states represented among the boarding students are South Carolina, Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, and the District of Columbia. Five foreign students are in this boarding group: Miss Yuriko Yagi from Japan; Miss Lillian Lu and Miss Frances Tsou from China; Miss Dorothea Mallau from Germany; Miss Annie Hagstrom from Finland. Mrs. Adeola Adegbite from Nigeria was a visiting boarding student for the month of October. The presence of these students from overseas lends an international atmosphere, stimulates our thoughts, and broadens our outlook.

Among the day students there are about forty men from the neighboring Seminary. Perhaps it is the first time in the history of the school that men are enrolled in classes at the Training School.

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

Dr. Maxfield Garrett, president of the University of Seinan Gakuin in Japan, is a visiting lecturer at the Training School this year. Another addition to the teaching staff is Miss Virginia Burke who came to the Training School from the South Richmond Baptist Center in Richmond, Virginia.

New classes have been added this year and other changes made in the curriculum in keeping with the expanded program in social work and in missions. Dr. Garrett is conducting a missions seminar where problems of the missionary's task are studied and discussed by furloughed missionaries, nationals, and student volunteers. The field work program under the direction of Miss Katheryn Bigham, graduate of Boston University School of Social Work and a former missionary to China, has been revised, more supervision provided, and a general orientation to field work offered to first year students. Miss Burke, who majored in arts and crafts at the University of Oklahoma, is teaching a class in these skills. Other new classes in the curriculum this year are child welfare, music in worship and recreation, and creative drama as a group work technique. An added feature to the story telling classes taught by Miss Miriam Robinson is regular radio broadcasting.

Because of additions to the curriculum and staff the students are now taking about half of their classes under teachers who are actually members of the Training School faculty. This fact and other evidences of progress make us hope that the school will soon be able to be accredited.

The Training School is looking toward the next session when we will open under a new name with more staff members and considerably enlarged curriculum. Surely we will not undertake to train preachers, but with God's help we do hope to equip Christian workers at home and overseas to minister to the needs and problems of people in the spirit and power of the Christian gospel.

ANNIVERSARY ACCENTS

by Margaret Bruce

Our Young People

MAY is coming, faster than you think. With it will come the new magazine, just for GAs. For a long time Girls' Auxiliary counselors and members have realized that they needed their own magazine. As an extra special part of their Fortieth Anniversary a missionary magazine will be provided for girls from nine to sixteen years of age. The magazine will be slanted toward girls, but will also carry helps for counselors and organizational plans for officers and members.

What will its name be? That's what everybody wants to know. GAs will answer the question, for they are being given the opportunity to name the magazine.



See that the girls in your church postmark their suggestions by midnight January 20, addressed to the young people's secretary at Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama. There is no limit to the number of names each girl may submit, but she must be sure that her suggestions as well as her name and address are clearly written. A committee of G.A. members and state young people's secretaries will choose the name from those submitted.

The girl who suggests the winning name will be given a trip to her state G.A. camp or houseparty.

The GAs in your church will also need your help in attaining their fortieth anniversary goals: securing leadership training, organizing new Girls' Auxiliaries, saving their G.A. magazine, and reaching every Standard of Excellence.

1953 not only marks the Fortieth Anniversary of Girls' Auxiliary, but it is also the Forty-fifth Anniversary of the Order of Royal Ambassadors. Begin now to plan for the boys in your church to attend the Royal Ambassador Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, August 18-20. Six thousand are expected to attend this first convention-wide Royal Ambassador gathering.

Yes, we are asking you to promote these anniversary activities in your church. It will take time, thought, and effort; but who wants to be idle?

In A.D. 109 Roman legions built an aqueduct in Spain. For eighteen hundred years it carried water. Then the Spaniards

decided to divert the water to modern pipe lines and preserve the aqueduct for posterity. It was not long before the walls cracked from the heat of the sun and the aqueduct began to fall apart. What ages of service could not destroy, idleness ruined rapidly. Foster your W.M.U. young people's organizations and realize the joy of usefulness.

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Hints to Committee Chairmen

To Stewardship Chairmen

With the coming of the New Year, you will remember that 1953 is designated by Southern Baptists for ADVANCE IN STEWARDSHIP. All organizations, agencies and institutions are co-operating in this emphasis. The plans of the year will culminate in Christian Stewardship Week, October 18-25, when every Southern Baptist church is expected to have an all-church School of Stewardship, using a new series of graded stewardship books prepared for that study.

As stewardship chairman, you will be expected to lead your Woman's Missionary Union into full co-operation in the plans of your church for participation in this great program of stewardship advance. Here are some things which you can do:

1. *Know the plans.* There will be much about all of the plans for the year in your state Baptist paper and all Southern Baptist publications. Be sure to read everything you see. Leaflets promoting the emphasis may be obtained from the office of your state executive secretary.

2. *Attend meetings.* Don't fail to be present in associational meetings and on other occasions when the stewardship advance program is discussed. Encourage other members of your missionary society to attend such meetings.

3. *Share what you know.* Take advantage of every opportunity to share with others what you know about the plans for Advance in Stewardship. Visit circles and young people's organizations to tell about the plans. Mention the emphasis each month when giving your report at the business meeting of your society.

4. *Begin planning now for the October School of Stewardship.* Co-operate with your pastor and other church leaders in seeing that no other church activities are planned for that week. Keep the school constantly before members of W.M.U. organizations that they may become inter-

ested and include attendance on the sessions of the school in their church schedule of the year.

5. *Continue to promote all W.M.U. stewardship plans.* Be faithful in the use of W.M.U. literature. Have stewardship programs in the circles. Present a stewardship pageant or play sometime during the year. Study stewardship books in circles and young people's organizations. See that the Stewardship Education Plans for Young People are used in all the organizations. Plan for the observance of Church Night of Stewardship. All stewardship activities in Woman's Missionary Union will help prepare your church for Church Stewardship Week and will aid in the promotion of Southern Baptist ADVANCE IN STEWARDSHIP.

Mrs. C. D. Crumman

To Community Missions Chairmen

"Come to our home for dinner tomorrow" were welcome words to the young Japanese girl who was a student at the state university. She was hungry, for she had been pinching pennies to make ends meet. And far away from her family and friends, she was very lonely. The love and friendship she found as she visited often in this Christian home warmed her heart. Her new friends shared not only their home, but their faith in Christ. Today, she is in Japan again, no longer a Buddhist, but a living witness for Christ!

To give your women a vision of the opportunities for witnessing wrapped up in their own homes, distribute the tract "My Home is My Mission." Order free copies from your state W.M.U. office.

Has the film "Bible on the Table" been presented in your church? It can be rented from your Baptist Book Store, rental \$8.

One community missions chairman arranged to have it shown not only to the W.M.S. but also to the young people's organizations, even including the Sunbeams. Afterwards, in their own meeting, the Sunbeams talked with their leader about the picture. They decided each boy or girl could put the Bible on the table at home and ask that the family read it and pray together. As a result, many a home in that community had family worship one day anyway! For several families, it was the beginning of daily family worship.

Are you including activities suggested in the new leaflet "Christian Living in the Home," (free from your state office, in your community missions program? Remember, more Christlike homes build a more Christlike community.

Edith Stokely

To Mission Study Chairmen

This is the conclusion of "Demonstration of the W.M.U. Achievement Chart." (See last month) You could use this at your next W.M.S. business meeting.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTOR: But look at those next ones. Five or ten hours to teach a book! Whoever would know enough to teach ten hours?

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: The Extensive Study Course requiring five hours gives opportunity for class discussion. This is a natural procedure when everybody has read the book and time is allowed for the members to give their opinions and impressions. In the Intensive Study Course the members read the book, participate in class discussions, do outside reading and report on it, and work out a project. I think that's wonderful. I've never had time enough to use extra books and articles as I want to.

W.M.U. PRESIDENT: I've been doing a little figuring. If all four circles have one Picture Course, two do a Relay one, an Extensive Course, and two an Intensive Course that would be 235 points, wouldn't it?

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: I thought so too at first but regardless of the number of

courses held each type is counted only once. We can earn only 120 points in Category II.

LIBRARIAN: I'm interested in the next category, Mission Reading. Our library is full of books. Maybe we can get more women to read them.

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: Yes, I hope we can. But be sure that the books are listed in *The World in Books* catalogue if we want our reading to apply on the Standard of Excellence requirement. We should have no trouble in earning these 35 points.

MSC No. 1: I see the Missionary Round Table is in this category. We are having such fun in ours. We plan to start another one in the society in February. This will make three for our society. But we can't count but 25 points, can we?

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: That's right. One Round Table or three count the same number of points.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTOR: I'm going to suggest to the Y.W.A. counselor that her girls organize a Y.W.A. Book Club. I heard one of the girls says the other day that the reviews in *The Window of YWA* made her hungry to read current books but she couldn't afford to buy all them.

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: You see how contagious this thing is! The first thing you know we'll be getting all the possible points in this category.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTOR: My G.A. and R.A. counselors will be so enthusiastic over the help and encouragement that you are going to give their boys and girls. We hardly have enough books on the library shelves for the missionary reading required in G.A. Forward Steps and the R.A. Ranking System. Now if five G.As. and five R.As. read one mission book each, will that be 150 points?

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: No, just 15 points are possible for the G.A. no matter how many read. One girl reading a book not studied in class can earn the 15 points for the organization. The same rule holds for the boys too. But that's not going to keep you from encouraging all of them to read more mission books. (next page)

To Mission Study Chairmen . . .
(continued)

W.M.S. PRESIDENT: I'm so glad the Church School of Missions is on the chart. Surely we shall not have any trouble in getting all our organizations to participate! Maybe we could have simultaneous Schools of Missions in our association. Maybe in that way we could have a missionary speaker every night.

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: Notice the next activity in Category IV. This is the Correlated Church Study Course. Do we all understand how we co-operate in the study course weeks promoted by the Training Union and the Sunday school?

MSC No. 1: I think I do. It is stated very plainly here in the Year Book. Look on page 20 under d. (Reads.)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTOR: That's a fine piece of correlation and I am going to encourage the counselors to urge their members to attend the class where the mission book is taught. That way they can get class credit and receive individual awards too.

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: Now will all of you turn to the Standards of Excellence for the young people's organizations? They are on pages 29-33. We want to read the mission study points on each. (Call on four women to read them.) If you followed carefully you noticed that all the points except the Sunbeam Band requirement are identical. When an organization reaches the standard, 30 points may be recorded making a total of 120 points for all young people's organizations.

MSC No. 1: I don't think we'll have to worry about this next category. I know Mrs. (Mission Study Chairman) never fails to attend the associational mission study institute and always sees to it that we go along too. No teacher can afford to miss this opportunity to prepare herself to teach better.

MSC No. 2: I'm eager to find out more about these projects. I think all the circles would like to help with the missionary Bulletin Board. For one week I'd love to display some of the materials I used in

teaching the second chapter in *Scattered Abroad*.

MSC No. 3: Oh, I'd like for my circle to prepare a Missionary Exhibit. We have lots of pictures, curios, and costumes from Latin America.

MSC No. 4: I think the BWC would love to give a missionary play.

LIBRARIAN: Well, I'm stumped. What are missionary birthday cards?

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: This has turned into a regular popcorn meeting! The birthday cards, Mrs.? A birthday card is sent each member of your circle, but it carries a picture and a bit of information about the missionary whose birthday is the same as yours. The Prayer Calendar now lists the missionaries on their birthdays. The young people's organizations would like this project too.

W.M.S. PRESIDENT: Well, you know the whole chart when understood is really a challenge. Take for example this last project. (See "Study the Community" in leaflet *Explaining the Achievement Chart* and summarize.) Many of us are as ignorant about our own community as we are about a foreign country.

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: Now you see the whole Achievement Chart with all its variety in study suggestions, missionary reading and projects. What shall we do with it?

ALL (speak quickly, one after another): Let's accept its challenge. I'm ready to try it. Many of these things we've already been doing. I like every bit of it. So do I.

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: Thank you for coming and for your enthusiastic response. May God bless us in our mission study efforts this year.



It's Happening Now

by Marjorie Moore Armstrong

A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT

ON the seventh anniversary of the United Nations our Junior Hi sons and I gave a tea for our newest neighbors—the families of a Brazilian Air Force attaché and a member of the staff of the World Bank.

Promptly at four, Mrs. Pinto de Moura and her teenage sons, rang our doorbell. From across the street came Mrs. Quandt, a Hungarian, her two daughters and a school chum named Ann. After tea, we lighted the seven white candles on a blue cake—official UN colors. Since it was Ann's birthday, too, and one boy celebrated his the day before, they blew out the candles.

Simple, but it dramatized for my boys two things: the UN is still a living organism after seven years, but peace after all is a personal matter of practicing good neighborliness—both facts vitally important to the world's teenagers!

By displaying posters of the new UN home on New York's East River, the boys associated the party with the UN headquarters they had visited. They remember well Mr. Malik's first speech of the new session in the Security Council chamber. They listened (via radio headphones giving simultaneous translation) as he called the U.S.A. a warmonger, a hypocrite, and an imperialistic nation trying to dominate the world.

"Why does he say those things?" one asked. "He knows it's not so!"

"Yeah," agreed the other, "Why do we let 'em into our country anyhow?"

Briefly I tried to show that Russia is using her membership in the UN to convert people of the world to her point of view and win their allegiance; but that very same loud-speaker gives us a chance to answer those charges and appeal to their minds and the universal desire for peace.

As our one international peacemaking

instrument on the political level, with a present membership of sixty nations, the UN is our only organization for saving ourselves from World War III.

It is a national fad nowadays to debunk the UN. A handbill listing ten "losses of sovereignty" by the U.S.A. reminded me of the question asked in our Human Rights discussion at Ridgecrest: "Can the UN tell the U.S.A. when to go to war?"

The U.S.A. has not scrapped her Constitution. The Congress is the only authority which can declare war for us. The UN Charter specifically states that "nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the UN to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state or shall require the Members of to submit such matters to settlement under the present Charter; . . ."



The question stems from the Korean "undeclared war" generally termed a UN "police action." But the UN did not order American boys into Korea;

this move was made by "Executive Order" in the U.S.A.

The U.S.A. delegates to each UN session, appointed by the Department of State, are honor bound to abide by the stated policies of the U.S.A. and must reject agreements not compatible with our government or our current policy.

The UN has its faults, and some of them can be eliminated only by a Charter revision. We can urge our representatives to move toward improving the UN, to make it more effective in dealing with world crises.

And we can pray for those who serve us in the UN. It is a tough assignment.

Is this your question?

Points one and two are our hardest points to reach on the Standard of Excellence. We have fifty members in our W.M.S. Five of these are shut-ins. Is there such a thing as an Honorary Roll or should these shut-ins be kept on the main roll? We won't drop them.

Surely you would not drop your faithful shut-ins from your W.M.S. roll. But with five unable to attend you still have forty-five able ones. The one-third average would mean just 16 2/3 women present at each meeting. No doubt you have forty at many meetings, so you can reach that wee 16 2/3 average readily. Count your attendance at the program meeting each month, add the figures at the close of twelve months, and divide by twelve: you

Standard of Excellence Record
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

1. ☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP IN MEMBERSHIP

2. ☐ THE REGULAR CIVIL SERVICE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

3. ☐ TEN PER CENT (MEMBERS IN FUTURE)

4. ☐ REGULAR REPORTS TO STATE DEPARTMENT

5. ☐ INFORMATIONAL PERIODICALS

6. ☐ SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

7. ☐ OF STUDY: CLASSIC AND MODERN MEDICINE

8. ☐ COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

9. ☐ IN W.M.S. ORGANIZATIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TOSSERS

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surely will go far beyond the Standard of Excellence requirement. And if you have worth-while programs with excellent publicity and good enlistment efforts and still do not win a net gain of 10% new members, maybe you have enlisted all the eligible women in your town.

What are the new books in the graded home mission series for us to study before week of prayer in March?

For W.M.S., *The West is Big* by McClellan, price 50c; for Y.W.A., *Adventuring with God* by Inlow, price 50c; for Intermediate R.A. and G.A., *Lo, I Am With You* by Moye, price 50c; for Junior R.A. and G.A., *Americans, Too* by Ellis, price 50c; for Sunbeams *He Loves Me, Too* by Mojica, price 50c; for Teachers, *Spanish-Speaking Americans* by Burland, price 50c.

How can we get the women to attend associational W.M.U. meetings?

Announce, invite, arrange transportation, be sure the program is worth while and moves along without any spots of lagging interest. Some associational meetings drag out reports until the speaker's time is too limited, then women stop going. Reports are necessary but can be given in brief sprightly fashion that is interesting and stimulating. Be sure all the women hear even if you have to use a loud-speaking system.

Are the women from the different societies recognized by standing for a rapid roll call? Do the women share in the program from time to time?

The associational W.M.U. has often been called the key to successful W.M.U. work, so keep your associational meeting strong.

TRY THE PEACH TEST

If there were five peaches on a plate and one of them was bad, and the plate were passed to a group of five Christians, which one would take the bad peach?

It is generally conceded that the fourth person would take the bad peach. Most Christians would hesitate to leave it for the last person, but they are not unselfish enough to deliberately take the bad peach first.

If you were first, would you take it?—Selected

Oklahoma

The three BWCs of Enid held a joint meeting with eighteen present and six visitors from the day circles. Why not try this in your city or town?

Thanks to their "Newsetter" for the nice compliments about ROYAL SERVICE. We should be too modest to quote but it expresses exactly what we feel. "Like everything else that has risen in price, the subscription rate to ROYAL SERVICE has gone up to \$1.50. You won't get as many copies of any other magazine for that money. Neither will you get as much reading material as you do in ROYAL SERVICE."

Kentucky

In "Tidings," the BWC paper of the Mary Sampson Circle of St. Matthews Church, Louisville, was announced the meeting of their circle with another of the same name, the Crestwood church, Mary

Your Circle Program

BWCs use program material starting on page 20

Devotional Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1, 2, and 5.

Sing hymns like "Here Am I; Send Me" and "Tell It Again." Have someone lead in prayer.

In your business session, make plans for the March Home Missions Week of Prayer. Have a report from the mission study chairman about your circle plans to study the 1953 mission study book *The West is Big*. The community missions chairman should be ready to discuss plans for community missions projects.

A report of the young people's representative should be made (anticipating Y.W.A. Focus Week, February 8-14). Be sure to include remarks by the steward-

Send us news of your activities

Sampson Circle. Both enjoyed supper and an inspirational program. Wasn't that a charming idea?

The Elkhorn Federation of Business Woman's Circles, Lexington, added four new circles last year and has a membership of more than 600. They have given extra gifts to the Central Baptist Hospital and to a family in eastern Kentucky.

One hundred and eighty-eight members and guests attended the fall annual banquet at the Student Union Building of the University of Kentucky. Miss Lorena Lawell, retiring president of the BWC Federation who became the 1952-53 adviser, presided.

Mrs. Hugo Culpepper, on furlough from Chile, brought a most inspiring message to an appreciative audience. Mrs. E. N. Wilkinson, the pastor's wife, installed the new officers with Mrs. Roy A. Ogden as president heading a fine group of BWC leaders.

Women Missionaries
Among French in U.S.A.

ship chairman, and a discussion of the values of W.M.U. magazines by the literature chairman. She may use the song on page 24.

You may have one of the women tell "Is She A Baptist Devil?" page 8 of this ROYAL SERVICE, and from January, 1953, *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, one may speak on "Belle of Belledeau."

Order a map of Southern Baptist Home Mission Fields free from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia to use in showing the French areas. Refer to back issues of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* for information about our work there.

Conclude with prayer for our women missionaries among the French in the U.S.A.

Program

Baptist Women Around the World by Mrs. Edgar L. Bates



MRS. EDGAR LEE BATES, as chairman for North America on the Women's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, knew well how to prepare this program material for us. Her parents were missionaries and she served in Burma. She is now Dean of Women at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Program Outline

Hymn: "Send the Light!"

Hymn: "Christ for the Whole Wide World!"

Scripture Reading (by three women):

John 4:1-8, 21-35; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Quoting 1952-53 W. M. U. Watchword: John 4:35b

Quoting 1952-53 Program Theme: Choosing the More Excellent Way

Prayer that Christian women may look with concern and see without prejudice the hungry souls, hungry bodies, and hungry personalities around the world

Hymn (in unison or a quartette): "All People," see page 21.

A Heritage and a Challenge

Early Days of the Women's Committee

Interest during and After the War Days

Today

Australasia

Europe

Africa

Latin America

Orient

North America

You and I Now

Closing Hymn: "Come, Women, Wide Proclaim"

Closing Prayer

Program Plans

For a poster or individual invitation, use a picture of the entrance to the Baptist World Alliance and the address (See picture in January World Comrades or the Window of YWA). With an air of mystery, print—

Behind this door:
1628 16 Street N.W.
Washington 9, D.C.
at—on—day
Thrill!

You will need a world map. Have you a globe? Set the globe on the front table with evergreens or seasonal decoration around it. Put maps of different continents on the walls.

Are you eating lunch together? Serve some dishes typical of countries mentioned in the program. Use the interesting place mats of hemisphere design with Scripture verses in many languages (price 15c doz., \$1 per hundred, from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama.) These could become program folders with program outline typed or mimeographed to fit inside.

If you have in your community a person who has attended any Baptist World Alliance Congress, ask for an account of it, especially of the warmth of fellowship and encouragement to stalwart Christian living which such meetings give.

In "A Heritage and a Challenge" two women could be in costume to represent 1790 and 1843; as speaker mentions the dates, they could tell in turn what transpired; then the speaker continues. Or you may have this topic and the next two presented by three or four women in informal conversation, drawing the facts into what they are saying to each other.

Here is a chance for national costuming, too.

As six women to dress in appropriate costume and in turn stand beside the six women who are presenting the work on the different continents.

Additional Material: You may order from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, a booklet, "Jesus Shall Reign," price 25c, which gives more fully "Highlights and Hopes of the Women United in the Baptist World Alliance." It contains pictures of many of the women mentioned in this ROYAL SERVICE program.

ALL PEOPLE

TUNE: Doxology

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

WILLIAM KETHE

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.

ISAAC WATTS

In every land begin the song;
To every land the strains belong:
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,
And fill the world with loudest praise.

—ANONYMOUS

A Heritage and a Challenge

Have you ever asked yourself the question, "What is the place of Baptists in the world?" You know the place they occupy in your own home town, your state or even your country. But do you realize that, if you visited any one of fifty-four other countries there would be Baptist friends on hand to meet you at railway stations, airports or landing docks?

How would you find these people? No travel agency, no newspaper or directory Guide gives you the names of these world-embracing

World Alliance, which you would consult. From its offices you would receive immediate and accurate information as to Baptist leaders in whatever country you had selected. Not only would you discover that Baptists live in many countries but that we are truly one family, bound together by this Alliance in bonds of love and sympathy.

The account of the birth of the Alliance has been told many times. But a story of such vision, courage and perseverance bears repetition. Probably the ideal of a Baptist denomination united around the world has been cherished in many hearts. The first recorded note of such a hope came from the pen of Rev. John Rippon in 1790.

He was the first editor of the British paper, *The Baptist Register* and in his dedication of the new venture he wrote these pregnant sentences, "This infant publication, under the protecting hand of its benevolent patrons, is most affectionately dedicated to all the baptized ministers and people in America, England, Wales, the United Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Poland, Russia, Prussia and elsewhere with a desire of promoting an universal interchange of kind offices among them, and in serious expectation that before many years elapse (in imitation of other wise men) a deputation from all these climes will meet probably in London, to consult the ecclesiastical good of the whole."

Thereafter there is no further word of such an organization until 1843.

This time a Baptist minister in Virginia wrote for *The Religious Herald* an imaginary account of a meeting of the World's Association of Baptists in Constantinople in 2,042. More than fifty years elapsed before concrete action was taken to implement this vision. But then events moved comparatively rapidly. A handsome white-haired editor of *The Baptist Argus* of Kentucky, Dr. J. N. Prestridge joined hands with Dr. R. H. Pitt, editor of *The Religious Herald* of Virginia to urge upon readers of the papers and leaders of the denomination in many countries around the globe the importance and value of a world-wide organization.



Mrs. Adoola Adagbha Nigeria	Senora Virginia Perez de Pella, Cuba	Dona Esther Silva Brazil	Mrs. T. J. ... England	Mrs. Paul Clifford England	Miss Kuchner Denmark	Miss Sue Sells Hawaii	Mrs. Ayaka Hino Japan
Miss Lutz Chapple Great Britain	Senorita Teresa Vidal Argentina	Miss Lutz Lee China	Miss Gine Bassi Italy	Mrs. E. J. ... Denmark	Mrs. Zau China	Mrs. Y. K. Chang China	
				Mrs. K. ... Denmark	Mrs. H. ... Burma		

British Baptist leaders espoused the cause and issued an invitation. So in London, England in 1905 the vision became reality and the Baptist World Alliance took form at its first Congress meeting.

Even through the prosaic printed words describing that meeting there glow the tumultuous enthusiasm and happiness of 2,000 delegates, gathered from all parts of the world representing practically every Baptist organization on earth. Wholeheartedly they joined in the opening hymn, "From distant climes, from every land, behold us, Lord, before Thee stand." How appropriate was that for a group of people differing in customs but essentially one in their distinctive beliefs!

Across the intervening years, the Baptist World Alliance has pursued a somewhat checkered course. It started strongly and grew well, only to suffer partial eclipse in two World Wars. Now, benefiting by the vigorous leadership of Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of the United States in the post-war years and under the statesmanship of the present president, Dr. Townley Lord of England the Baptist World Alliance is reaching new heights of usefulness and membership. In 1955, it will be fifty years old and a great gathering is being planned in London for the occasion.

Early Days of the Women's Committee

If you should be able to attend that Congress, and if God spares her, you will have opportunity of meeting Dr. Nannie Burroughs of Washington. Have you heard of her? If not, I deem it an honor and a privilege to introduce her. "Dr. Nannie" as we who know her affectionately call her, was one of the two women who addressed the first Congress in 1905. As women we may be justly proud of our representation at that meeting. Mrs. Norman Mather Waterbury of Boston spoke on "Woman's Work in Foreign Fields." She said, "Earth will not be a perfect garden for our Master until with the roses and lilies of America, He shall find the cherry blossoms of Japan, the lotus of India and the precious black pansies of Africa."

Dr. Nannie, then a young, enthusiastic and gifted leader of her beloved colored folk, spoke on "The Inadequacy of Non-Christian Religions to Meet the Needs of the World." Hers was a memorable and fiery appeal to spread the true gospel and so relieve and bring new hope to despairing women of many lands. Today, Dr. Nannie is head of National Trades and Professional College for Women in Wash-

ington and president of the National Baptist Women of America. She is one of the truly great women of Alliance history, past and present, and is a member of its Executive Committee and of the Women's Committee.

The Women's Committee has experienced some difficulty in becoming established. It is now in its third appearance and we hope that the "three times magic" will prevail. It was first formed in Philadelphia in 1911. There were several notable leaders at that meeting but I should like to introduce one in particular—Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, president at the time of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. One statement she made was a classic, clarion call to Baptist women, not only of her day but of ours. "This meeting will mean little," she said, "if we adjourn and disintegrate and that is all, but if we so keep in touch with one another by our love and our sympathy that Baptist women will in some sense, in the great necessary sense, be a unit around the world this meeting will have meant much." With that challenge ringing in their ears and encouraged by Alliance leaders, Baptist women organized their first Women's Committee. A circular letter was begun to cement the bonds of fellowship.

From 1911 to 1948 the Women's Com-

mittee alternately flourished and declined. In 1928 it was dissolved by the women themselves when two women were given the signal honor of being appointed to the executive committee of the Alliance as full members. These were Mrs. W. J. Cox, then president of Woman's Missionary Union and Frau Berta Gieselbusch of Germany. Wise as that decision appeared at that time, it became apparent as early as 1934 that the best interests of the Alliance would be served by a standing Women's Committee. Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, now deceased, then president of Woman's Missionary Union, presided over a women's session in Berlin that year when nineteen women from different national conventions answered roll call.

Interest During and After the War Days

In 1939, at Atlanta, Georgia, the Women's Committee was reborn with Mrs. Ernest Brown of England as its chairman. Fearless, dynamic, great of heart and mind, Mrs. Brown typifies the strength of the women of the Alliance. Throughout a long life, she has given unstinted loyalty to two causes, her country which she and her husband have served politically; and her church, at home and abroad. Her husband, the Hon. Ernest Brown, was Labor Min-

ister in Winston Churchill's pre-war cabinet. Both have served on the executive committee of the Alliance. Mrs. Brown's tenure of office as chairman of the Women's Committee fell during the war years, and it is well that it was in the hands of so energetic, resourceful and consecrated a woman. Despite all her efforts, the cruel barriers set up by war proved nearly insurmountable and once again the Women's Committee went into eclipse.

At the joyful meeting in Copenhagen in 1947, with the war clouds rolled away, Alliance work became possible once more. A women's meeting was held but it was not until 1948 that the Women's Committee was formally re-elected, this time with Mrs. George Martin of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union as chairman. Her long experience as Virginia W.M.U. president followed by leadership of Woman's Missionary Union has given her insight into all branches of our denominational life. Everywhere she travels she is greeted as "Our Mother."

Events have moved steadily forward until today, the Women's Committee of the Alliance functions on a truly worldwide basis. We have been organized since 1950 by continents. The Women's Committee of the Alliance has six co-chairmen; but it is not wise to speak of the Asiatic representative who is from China. I should like you to become familiar with five of their names. They are Mrs. A. C. Church for Australasia, Mrs. Johannes Norgaard for Europe, Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde for Africa, Mrs. Esther Silva Diaz for South America, and Mrs. Edgar Bates for North America.

Today

Of necessity, this has been just a thumbnail sketch of past history. Now you will wish to meet some of today's leaders on different continents and hear of the progress and plans of this Committee of which you are a member.

Australasia

I shall take you first to Australia, "the land down under" for most of us. It is a fact that Australian women feel very far away from the rest of us and are unable to attend as many meetings as most of us.

Mrs. Church needed four days to fly to London for a meeting.

In their own country, they are widely separated. Territorially Australia is nearly as large as the United States but there are just eight and one fourth million people living there. Distances are tremendous; some of our Baptist churches are more than 500 miles from any other similar cause. Our Committee members are separated by 2,000 miles. Yet Australian Baptist women have had a Federation for

TRY AGAIN

(Tune: *There Is A Happy Land*)

If at first they don't renew,
Try, try again!
You can't tell what folks will do—
Try, try again!
'Tis the law of womankind
Frequently to change her mind:
Call and see what you will find—
Try, try again!

'Tis our magazine they need—
Try, try again!
Full of such good things to read—
Try, try again!
Tell them what it means to you,
Make them want to read it, too:
Then they surely will renew—
Try, try again!

Quoted from The Women's Missionary Magazine

some time. It must be difficult to do almost all planning and to receive all inspiration by mail. But they are a warmly evangelistic, enthusiastic group. They are particularly interested in making friends with workers and students from other lands who are now living in Australia and who need the friendship and hospitality of Christian homes. You would meet a warm welcome in Australia, whether you went there in the heat of their December summer weather, or in the cold of May. Another problem with which they must deal is the aboriginal natives who people their interior.

Europe

Next, I shall take you to Europe—for the European Baptist women were the first to organize continent-wide in 1948 under the banner of the Alliance. To know Mrs. Norgaard, their chairman, is to love her. At Copenhagen in 1947 she welcomed us to the Congress with gentle goodness, warm sympathy and kindly humor as she told us that "having Baptist women from around the world visit Denmark after the war years was like coming from thunderstorms into bright sunshine." Have you ever thought of what a remarkable peace agency the European Union is and can be? No other continent has been so ravaged by repeated wars among its own member nations; on no other continent are the peoples of those warring nations forced to live in such close proximity with one another. Yet, just two years after a devastating war, where hatred and distrust separated men, women and children into two camps, European Baptist women met as sisters. To Mrs. Norgaard, women of all countries have given their hearts. Under her unobtrusive Christian leadership, the Baptist Women's Union has held four continental meetings, where plans have been made for mutual assistance and the promotion of "mutual understanding."

The opening meeting of the European Baptist Women's Union was held in Hamburg in July, 1951. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Bates were present at the great tent meeting, with 1,200 German Baptist women in attendance. When the French Baptist woman leader rose to address the gathering, there was a noticeable stiffening among the women: an odd withdrawal in their eyes. It was not hostility, but reservation. Then she spoke, "My sisters," she said, "I see marks of suffering and deprivation and sorrow on every face. We have all suffered much because of and through each other, without it being the fault of any one of us. Let us so work and so pray that never again shall we be separated but may all be sisters in our Lord together." When she finished speaking, there were no reservations in German eyes—but tears.

If you visited Germany, you would find your heart moved very often. Our Baptist women hunger for meetings. They travel

miles in order to gather and have fellowship with other Christian folk. And they love to linger for hours at such gatherings. East Berlin women were so shabby, so tired and so brave. Their life is lived among ruins — broken-down buildings, families torn apart. Housekeeping is a never-ending drudgery of searching for food and improvising clothing. But their faith and trust in Jesus shine all the more brightly. And how they lean on the thought of our interest in them. One woman said, "It may be that we shall be called upon to suffer for our faith. If that should happen, we shall be comforted by the realization that you over in free America are remembering us and praying for us."

We cannot fail such sisters, can we?

Africa

But now we must hasten on to Africa and to Mrs. Ayorinde of Nigeria. She will be known to many, since she was trained in Southern Baptist mission schools and was an official visitor at the time of the W.M.U. Golden Jubilee. She planned the November ROYAL SERVICE program too. Mrs. Ayorinde has a keen, clear mind, is beautifully educated, and she and her minister husband are doing a fine work in Nigeria. Africa is a land of limitless opportunities and tremendous problems. Civil war in South Africa seems almost inevitable. Nowhere else in the world is there such a sore spot, nor are there such tensions between black and white. In one new section of Johannesburg where one hundred thou-

In Africa one of the older women said, "My sisters, I don't know your hearts, but as for me, I confess that I am not so faithful as I used to be in seeking others to Christ. Let us blow upon the embers of our hearts until they glow again that we may win our sisters in great numbers."

sand nationals are being settled, there is only one small Baptist church, seating three hundred! Truly the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Certainly you will pray earnestly for our Baptist women in that land who are striving heroically to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of its people.

Latin America

Our next visit will be to South America and Dona Esther Silva Diaz. Mrs. Diaz is a charming woman, greatly interested in the work of our Baptist Alliance. There are two great language groups in South America, Portuguese-speaking and Spanish-speaking. Evangelical work in some parts of the continent has made greater progress in the past decade than in any other part of the globe—notably in Bolivia, Uruguay and El Salvador. The women of El Salvador meet for the Baptist Day of Prayer around the world in December and the interdenominational World Day of Prayer

in February. In addition, they have their own Day of Prayer which they call "The Burning Lamp." On that day the women follow one another in prayer in the church all day so that during the whole time there is "The Burning Lamp" of prayer. In other countries of the continent, Argentina for example, it is not so easy to work. But our Baptist women have eighty missionary societies in Paraguay and Argentina. They are particularly concerned over the children and young people and ask for prayer for them because the religious teaching they receive in the public schools is not according to our Baptist principles.

South American Baptist women are hoping to form their union sometime soon. I know that you will be praying that this may be done so each of the countries can help the other.

Orient

And so to Asia. In the summer of 1951, the curtain of silence fell between us and

our line, earnest, consecrated young Christian Chinese leader. Correspondence would make an already difficult life even more dangerous. She is so sweet, so quiet, so gentle but so steadfast in the faith. Will you bear her up unceasingly in your prayers? She typifies the many, many thousands of our Baptist women who have been cut off from contact with the Western world but who are preserving the faith in their own families.

Although we have no news of China, we do know, according to statistics supplied by World Dominion Press that there are 1 1/4 million Baptists in South Asia. Twenty-two per cent of all Protestants in India and Pakistan are Baptists and the percentage is even higher in Burma.

Recognizing the place Christian women are taking in the East, the Baptist Union of India, Burma and Ceylon has elected a woman as vice-president. She is Mrs. Jonadab who is not only a wife, mother and grandmother but a teacher as well. She carries on all her various duties with the grace and charm of an Indian Christian lady whose life is devoted to all that is highest and best.

North America

But what of North America? In 1951, the North American Baptist Women's Union came into being in hope and faith. All women members of the Baptist churches of North America within the fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance became, automatically, members of the Union. This is your Union. It exists to promote closer relationships between our groups here and abroad, to provide information about the Alliance, and to suggest opportunities open to Baptist women for service to the Alliance.

The Union represents eight conventions—the National Council of American Baptist Women; Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention; the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention of America; the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, Incorporated; Woman's Missionary Union of the Hawaiian Baptist Convention; the Woman's Auxiliary to the Baptist Union of Western Canada; the Women's Missionary Societies of Ontario and

Quebec; and the United Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces.

On its executive committee among others are Mrs. Martin, your executive secretary, Miss Alma Hunt, and Dr. Blanche White. Mrs. Blanche Wigginton,

A — D — V — A — N — C — E
This good year of '53
Advance to tithe, advance to give,
Advance to serve, advance to live,
That means you, that means me!
A — D — V — A — N — C — E

Mrs. A. B. Hodge and Miss Violet Rudd of the National Council of American Baptist Women are splendid women whose names you do not know so well. In its first year, with God's help, the Union budget of \$8,200 was exceeded. It has been possible to hand over \$3,000 to the Women's Committee of the Alliance to permit publication of needed Christian literature. Two thousand five hundred dollars has been set aside to assist the women of South America to form their Continental Union. Much useful information has been sent out continent-wide. There are gratifying stirrings of interest—many indications of an aroused awareness among Baptist women of the value and meaning of the Baptist World Alliance. Great plans are being made for 1953. The first North American Baptist Women's Congress is slated for Columbus, Ohio, from November 24. Few, now living, were privileged to be present at the birth of the Alliance. But many of you can be pioneers and have the thrill of attending the first continent-wide Congress of North American Baptist women.

Do you not feel the urgency of the hour? We have been assured that one believer can do much for the kingdom. But there are now over eighteen million Baptists in the world. What an army of the Lord we could be—please God we shall be! Eighteen million people, aroused, determined, willing to sacrifice and to work could turn this world upside down.

THERE are few wars in history that have brought more suffering to the innocent than the conflict in Korea. Out of a small population, over a million civilians have been killed. And in both North and South Korea, the people have had little choice in their fate. Much of their land has been fought over two or three times,—few have homes or resources left. The blows fall hardest on the weakest—women and children suffering immeasurable hardships.



You and I Now

Have you ever asked yourself the question, "What is the place of Baptists in the world of tomorrow?" If you have, you cannot escape realization of the only possible answer—what you and I make it! In union lies strength and in the Baptist World Alliance is our surest hope of strengthening our Baptist witness in tomorrow's world.

There is a quaint Burmese saying which I shall quote, "When I point one finger at another person, I point three at myself." Try it (ask all the women actually to try it with you) and you will realize how true are those words. Whether you travel or whether you stay at home Baptists of the world have become your neighbors and your concern. Seek the opportunity of attendance at Columbus, Ohio, November 2, 1953 and/or London, England, July 16,

Visual Aids for January

by Mildred Williams

The following visual aids may be used to enrich the January program. The materials may be ordered through your Baptist Book Store.

MOTION PICTURES

ADVANCE IN EUROPE presents the seminary in Zurich, the Training School and orphanage in Rome, and evangelistic activities in Italy and Spain, 22 minutes; sound; rental, \$5.00.

THEY THAT WERE SCATTERED ABROAD—22 minutes; sound; rental, \$5.00. The film shows missionaries, who formerly served in China, beginning new work in Korea, Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong, Malaya, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, Macao, and Indonesia.

ADVANCE IN SOUTH BRAZIL shows the impact our mission program had on the lives of a young couple in Rio de Janeiro, 27 minutes; sound; rental, \$5.00.

FILMSTRIP

THE CHALLENGE OF ASIA — 46 single frames; purchase price, \$5.00. The filmstrip visualizes Southern Baptists' responsibilities in the Orient today.

Are you a Sunbeam Leader?

For the G.A. anniversary we are changing from *World Comrades* to the new G.A. magazine (see page 13) and the quarterly *"Sunbeam Activities: Plans to Be Used by Sunbeam Band Leaders."*

All subscriptions to *World Comrades* will be transferred to the new G.A. magazine unless a subscriber asks us to do otherwise. See blanks on inside back cover of January, 1953 *World Comrades*.

Every leader will be pleased with the larger Sunbeam material. In sending new subscriptions between now and May, please state you are a Sunbeam Band leader so your subscription plate will be filed for the change.

1955. There we want you to meet these leading women of the continents and many others. They will become real to you and you will never forget the experience!

But if you cannot go, there is still the mirror of God and the eyes of prayer. With his help, you can see Baptist women of India, China, Australasia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America. The Women's Committee of the Alliance has been handed down to us from noble, tireless handmaidens of the past as a heritage. Its fellowship in prayer and mission zeal beckons as a challenge to our accurate understanding of life for others in our own day. Will you feel yourself a part of this great host of women seeking to live for Christ?

Letter-ettes . . . from page 11

we knelt in prayer, I prayed for him in English. When I asked him to pray, he hesitated and said that he could not pray in English. So I suggested that he pray in whatever language was easiest for him. He speaks both Taiwanese and Mandarin as well as Japanese and English. Immediately he began to pour out his heart to the Lord in Japanese, the language in which he had done his primary school work.

The Lord understood, and the boy got up happy in the joy of salvation. Twice he was heard to say, "My heart was never in this condition before." After having attended Pastor Quick's class for inquirers for a period of weeks, he was baptized along with sixteen others.

Two Taiwanese classmates have come to church with him and have been saved. He tried to pray in English the other day for the second classmate who had accepted Christ. I remember this sentence: "Lord, make him—make him in the heart of God."

We are happy to see these Chinese who are natives of Taiwan find the Saviour along with those from the China mainland. When Miss Ola Lea left for furlough, I continued her English Bible class with a group of Taiwanese doctors at the University Hospital. When asked when they had first heard of Jesus, numbers of them said they had heard the year before when Miss Lea began the class. Continue to pray for us here and for the Christians on the China mainland.

—Josephine Ward

. . . from Jeltje Krause-Boiten,
The Hague, Holland

I must tell you that I was delighted to get so many letters in response to my letter printed in *ROYAL SERVICE*. I shall try to answer them now by telling you of our work here.

In Holland there are 6,631 Baptists in fifty-one churches. Our magazines are *De Christen* (the Christian), our weekly; *De Kandelaar* (the candlestick) for the women; *Jong Leven* (young life) for the youth; *De Vleermuis* (the bat) for the Intermediates;

De Kinder vriend (the childrenfriend) for the Sunday school children; *De Zaaier* (the sower) for evangelization.

Our hope is to soon get our own mission field. Till now we are co-operating with the Baptist Mission Society of England in the Congo. Our biggest difficulty is that we have the money available in Dutch currency, but cannot send it out of the country.

Here in The Hague, we have 200 church members. Our Sunday school is only for children from three to fourteen years of age. Then they go to the Intermediates and youth meetings. The girls have been re-organized after the example of your work. It works fine. For our women's meetings we often take the programs as worked out in *ROYAL SERVICE*. Your organization into circles is wonderful. We plan to do the same, adapted to our circumstances.

Last year we started some new branches of work. We wished there was a Dutch Bible course. So ripened the plan of translating and spreading. Every fortnight eleven young people came together at our home to work, translate, discuss, write, stencil, and forward. All come on Saturday, directly from their work and stay often until deep in the night.

Our Intermediates started to collect old paper, etc., to sell and spare the money for a projection lantern. Having no money, they started this action.

There are many housewives among us who can never afford a day out, so we started a special "second hand action" for giving the members "a day out" to the Baptist Camping Centrum. Everybody brings clothes and other things he or she cannot use any more and are of no use for the poor relief board, to sell for a small amount. So we gather the money for this purpose.

Also "new" is the Junior department of our music band. Soon they will play for the first time in one of our services. One day we also hope to have a children's choir.

I bring you the kindest greeting of The Hague "Zusterhulp" (sisterhelp). As winter gives place to spring, so in our spiritual life we may feel the quickening of God's spirit in our hearts and lives. God bless you all.

Our Daily Bread

by Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Jr., Virginia

The missionaries are listed by birthdays. For detailed addresses, see directory in *Southern Baptist Home Missions and The Commission*

1 Thursday "And the Lord shall guide thee continually"—Isa. 58:11 Rev. Melvin Bradshaw, *Miss Cecile Lancaster, Kokura, Japan, Miss Cornelia Brower, Temuco, Chile, ed. ev., *Rev. J. Daniel Luper, Pernambuco, Brazil, Rev. Avery Richey, Palmer, Alaska, Mrs. Raymond Spence, Nagasaki, Japan, ev.

2 Friday "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go"—Ps. 32:8 Miss Edythe Montroy, Iwo, Nigeria, Miss Mary Demarest, Hsin Chu, Formosa, ed. ev., Mrs. H. H. Muirhead, em., Brazil, Rev. William R. Strassner, Negro ed. ev., Raleigh, N. C.

3 Saturday "I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord"—Jer. 1:8 Rev. J. A. Abernathy, Pusan, Korea, *Mrs. V. L. Frank, Hong Kong, China, Miss Genevieve Gonzalez, Cienfuegos, Cuba, ev., Miss Elizabeth Rea, em., China

4 Sunday "Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour"—Zech. 8:16 Miss Marjorie Spence, Temuco, Chile, Rev. L. R. Brothers, Ibadan, Nigeria, *Miss Frances Talley, Kokura, Japan, Miss Edith Weller, Belem, Brazil, ed. ev., Rev. P. H. Hill, ev., Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, Mrs. Leslie Watson, Mrs. Alvin Spencer, language school, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. Elizabeth Escobedo, ev. among Spanish-speaking, San Antonio, Tex.

5 Monday "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son"—1 Cor. 1:9 *Rev. H. H. Culpepper, ed. ev., Buenos Aires, Argentina, Miss Minnie Berry, field worker, HMB, Rev. Rogelio Paret, Santo Domingo, Cuba, Mrs. J. N. Thomas, Barranquilla, Colombia, ev.; annual meeting Guatemala W.M.U., Morales, Jan. 5-6

6 Tuesday "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear"—Isa. 65:24 *Mrs. W. R. Medling, ev., Kumamoto, Japan, Miss Edith Chaney, RN, Ire, Nigeria, Rev. S. M. Weaver, Negro ed. ev., Houston, Tex., Rev. A. N. Murray, Negro ev., St. Joseph, La.

7 Wednesday "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, 'This is the way, walk ye in it,' when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left"—Isa. 30:21 Rev. Tolbert Welch, Negro ed. ev., Kansas City, Mo., Rev. Isaias Valdivia,

ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking, Harlingen, Tex., Rev. Luciano Marquez, R.A. secretary of Cuba, ev., Regla, Cuba; annual meeting Chile W.M.U. Jan. 7-8

8 Thursday "He maketh the storm a calm"—Ps. 107:29 Rev. Erhardt Swenson, pub. ev., Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mrs. B. W. Orrick, ev., Montevideo, Uruguay, Rev. Matthew Sanderford, appointee for Uruguay, language school, San Jose, Costa Rica

9 Friday "Then I proclaimed a fast there . . . that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us"—Ezra 8:21 Rev. James Bartley, appointee for Uruguay, language school, San Jose, Costa Rica, Dr. John Hughes, Zurich, Switzerland, Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt, Jaguapara, Brazil, *Dr. R. F. Rickelson, Shanghai, China, ed. ev., Miss Louise Whitmore, GWC, East St. Louis, Ill., Rev. F. J. Rodriguez, ev., Calabazar, Cuba, Rev. Genus Crenshaw, Indian ev., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

10 Saturday "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? . . . Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee"—Acts 9:6 Miss Josephine Scaggs, ed. ev., Joinkrama, Nigeria, Rev. George Bowdler, Sr., ev., Cipolletti, Argentina, Mrs. M. E. O'Neill, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Artesia, N. M.

11 Sunday "To be spiritually minded is life and peace"—Rom. 8:6 Mrs. Marion Moorhead, Sapporo, Japan, *Mrs. Hubert Tatum, Hilo, Hawaii, Mrs. Ulman Moss, Barquisimeto, Venezuela, Mrs. John DePodre, Anchorage, Alaska, *Rev. V. L. Frank, Hong Kong, China, ev., Rev. H. B. Ramsour, ed. ev., Hilo, Hawaii, Dr. James McRae, Ajloun, Jordan, med. ev., Dr. J. T. Williams, em., China, Mrs. Matias Garcia, ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking, San Antonio, Tex., Rev. Wilson Boggan, Indian ev., Sulphur, Okla., Samuel Garcia, MF

12 Monday "But God . . . hath quickened us together with Christ"—Eph. 2:4-5 Miss Mary Fredenburg, RN, Eku, Nigeria, Miss Victoria Parsons, RN, Davao City, P. I., Mrs. J. W. Moore, em., China, Rev. Van Earl Hughes, ed. ev., San Jose, Costa Rica, Miss Amelia Rappold, GWC, New Orleans, La.

13 Tuesday "But continue thou in the things which thou has learned . . . knowing . . . that from a child thou hast known the

holy scriptures"—2 Tim. 3:14-15 *Mrs. John McGee, Igeda, Rev. Leonard Lane, Lagos, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. L. C. Smith, em., HMB, Miss Viola Williams, Carver GWC, New Orleans, La.; W.M.U. young people's secretaries and R.A. secretaries in semiannual conference, Jan. 13-17.

14 Wednesday "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God"—Heb. 10:5 *Mrs. George Hays, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. Hubert Hardy, Concepcion, Chile, ev., Mrs. Allen Bedford, appointee for Argentina, language school, San Jose, Costa Rica, Rev. M. S. Blair, ed. ev., Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rev. C. C. Fuller, Negro ev., Oak Ridge, Tenn.

15 Thursday "But without faith it is impossible to please him"—Heb. 11:6 Rev. Raymond Spence, ev., Nagasaki, Japan, Dr. J. F. Ray, em., Japan, Mrs. L. B. Olive, em., China, Bruce Olive, MF

16 Friday "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"—Heb. 11:6 Mrs. Emma Ginsburg, em., Brazil, Mario Cavazos, Samuel Flores, MF

17 Saturday "Use hospitality one to another without grudging"—1 Pet. 4:9 Mrs. Coleman Clarke, ev., Kyoto, Japan, Rev. Virgil McMillan, language school, Tokyo, Japan, *Mrs. C. W. Dickson, ev., Parahiba, Brazil.

18 Sunday "The God of all grace . . . stablish, strengthen, settle you"—1 Pet. 5:10 *Dr. Donald Moore, med. ev., Tungshan, China, Miss Audrey Fontnote (M.D.), language school, Tokyo, Japan, *Mrs. R. A. Jacob, Pingtu, China, Mrs. J. I. Miller, Valparaiso, Chile, ev., Miss Christine Garnett, em., Cienfuegos, Cuba, Rev. Milton Leach, Jr., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Fort Worth, Tex., Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, Emergency Home, New Orleans, La., Rev. Gabe Paxton, Indian ev., Shawnee, Okla., Mary Jacob, Martha Jacob Wade, MF

19 Monday "Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge"—2 Pet. 1:5 *Mrs. A. L. Gillespie, RN, Osaka, Japan, Mr. Marvin Garrett, Oyo, Nigeria, Rev. Hiram Duffer, Torreón, Mexico, Rev. Joseph Underwood, Recife, Brazil, ed. ev., Miss Monda Marlar, RN, appointee for Southern Rhodesia; semiannual meeting W.M.U. state presidents and executive secretaries, Jan. 19-22

20 Tuesday "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day"—2 Pet. 3:8 Miss Mary Sampson, ed. ev., Kaohsiung, Formosa, Rev. Charles Bryan, San Jose, Costa Rica, Rev. Emelio Planos, Marianao, Cuba, ev., *Dr. Jeannette Beall, med. ev., China, Mrs. C. A. Hayes, em., China, Rev. Alva Bonham, Japanese ev., Sacramento, Calif.

21 Wednesday "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise . . . but is long-suffering to us-ward"—2 Pet. 3:9 Mrs. Samuel Qualls, Campinas, Brazil, *Rev. M. W. Rankin, China, ev., Mrs. Gerald Seright, language school, Sao Paulo, Brazil

22 Thursday "Be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets"—2 Pet. 3:2 *Mrs. S. Emmett Ayers, China, Rev. W. E. Haltom, Hilo, Hawaii, *Rev. J. C. Powell, Oyo, Nigeria, ev., Miss Jessie Green, ed. ev., Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, Rev. Vicente Barrios, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Santa Rosa, Tex.; annual meeting Brazil W.M.U., Sao Salvador, Jan. 22-24

23 Friday "Keep yourselves in the love of God"—Jude 21 Rev. David Mayhall, Iwo, Nigeria, *Dr. G. W. Strother, Shanghai, China, ed. ev., Mrs. Enrique Pina, ev., Havana, Cuba, Rev. B. Frank Belvin, Indian ev., Oklahoma City, Okla., Willis Strother, MF

24 Saturday "Do good to them which hate you"—Luke 6:27 Rev. E. L. Copeland, ed. ev., Fukuoka, Japan, Rev. D. D. Cooper, Shawnee, Okla., Rev. Truett Black, Albuquerque, N. M., Indian ev., Miss Fannie Taylor, Rev. E. L. Kelley, em., HMB

25 Sunday "And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only"—Matt. 17:8 *Rev. W. E. Allen, ed. ev., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Miss Emma Watts, special appointee, RN, Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, Miss Mary Ellen Yancey, Nigeria W.M.U. young people's director, Ede, Nigeria, Mrs. L. C. Quarles, em., Argentina, Rev. A. Worthington, Indian ev., Newkirk, Okla., Geneva Worthington, MF

26 Monday "In Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ"—Eph. 2:13 Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dr. J. C. Pool, Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, ed. ev.

27 Tuesday "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins"—Eph. 2:1 Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Miss Lillian Williams, Barranquilla, Colombia, ev., Dr. C. G. McDaniell, Rev. Wilson Fielder, em., China, Florence, Gerald Fielder, MF

28 Wednesday "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense"—Ps. 141:2 Rev. Harold Reeves, language school, Bangkok, Thailand, Dr. R. C. Moore, ed. ev., Santiago, Chile, Mrs. Carrie Rowe, em., Japan, Rev. J. W. Shepard, em., Brazil, Rev. Frank DiMaggio, Italian ev., Birmingham, Ala.

29 Thursday "Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain"—Matt. 5:41 Mrs. H. C. McConnell, ed. ev., Santiago, Chile, Rev. Earl Fine, appointee for Ni-

Our World in Books

BY GEORGIE FANCHER

Do your New Year's resolutions include one about reading? To know more about the opportunities for service afforded women, these books give a good start. Lift your horizons and enrich your lives as you "give heed to reading" this year.

THE SERVICE AND STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCHES

by Kathleen Bliss, Alec R. Allenson, Inc., \$3

Out of a discussion of the life and work of women in the churches at the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948 came a request for a survey to provide more adequate up-to-date information on this topic. Dr. Bliss here presents the facts obtained through that survey and her own evaluation of these facts.

The material covers the church work of women in forty-five countries. As stated by the author, the modern pattern of women's work is three-fold. It consists of, first, the numerous voluntary organizations of women in most of the churches; second, women who serve as full-time paid workers; third, the growing participation of women in the management of church affairs both on local and national levels. According to statements here, the modern missionary movement of the last century created a minor revolution in the churches as it opened the way for drawing women into its service and opened to them other opportunities without parallel in the whole of church history.

The book is an attempt to show what women have done with their opportunities for service in the past and to suggest ways in which this service can be enlarged, the churches enriched, and the Christian message strengthened today.

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geria, Miss Frances Moreno, McAllen, Mrs. Jose Saenz, Uvalde, Tex., Rev. Frank Ramirez, Deming, N. M., ed. ev. and ev. among Spanish-speaking, Abel, Josephine Saenz, MF

30 Friday "And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely"—Rev. 22:17 Rev. J. G. Morris, Bangkok, Thailand, Rev. Hugh McCormick, Honolulu, T. H., Rev. Robert Standley, Fortaleza, Brazil, *Mrs. Donald Moore, Tungshan, China, ev., *Miss Gracia Bailey, ed. ev., Manaus, Brazil, Mrs. C. F. Frazier, Indian ev., Coolidge, Ariz., Betty Jean McCormick, MF

Since Southern Baptists do not hold membership in the World Council, little reference, except in a general way, is made to the work of Baptist women in the South. Yet to gain a world view of women's work in the churches this is an excellent supplement to such books as **FOLLOWING IN HIS TRAIN** by Ethelene Boone Cox.

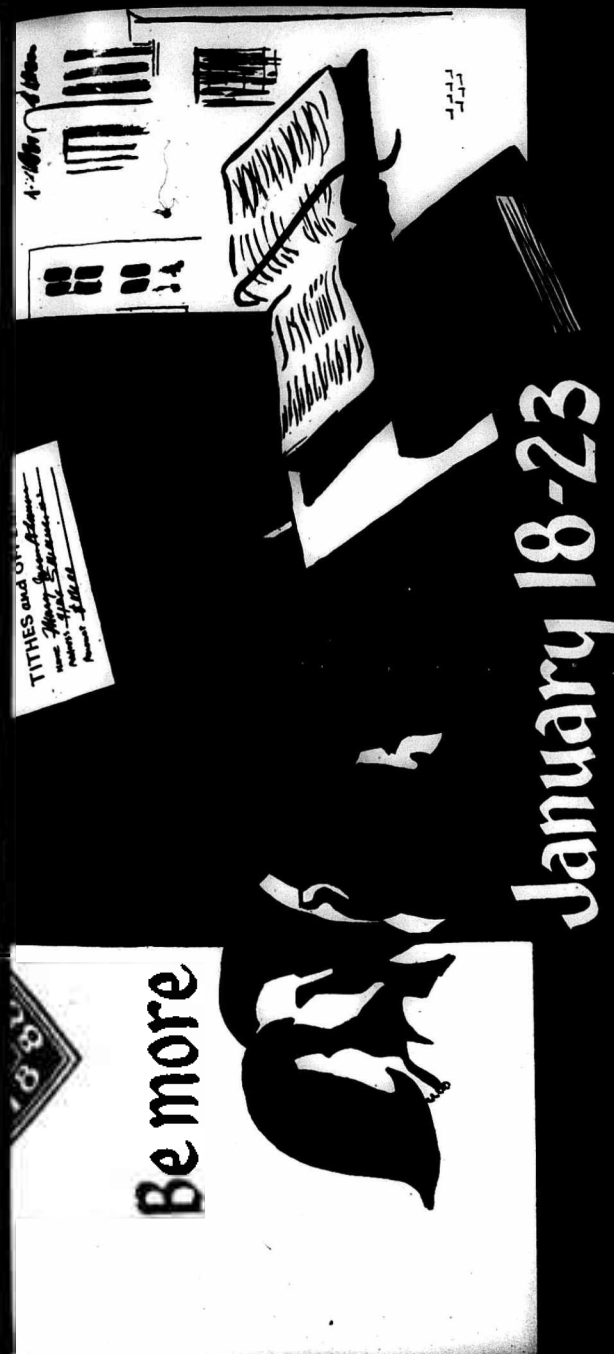
LATE ARRIVAL by E. M. Almedingen, Westminster, \$4

This is a fascinating autobiography of Edith Almedingen to whom Russia, Italy, and England have been home. Her girlhood was spent in Russia during the early years of the Revolution. In 1922 she left Russia for Italy wearing a coat made from a blanket and carrying little in the way of luggage except her diploma from the University of Petrograd. She was going to visit an aunt whom she had never seen. This was to be only a temporary stop for she had two goals in mind—to be a writer and to get to England. After many difficulties and disappointments she succeeded in attaining both.

The way she faced life in strange lands and, in spite of hardships, moved steadily toward her goal makes interesting reading. It is a book in which the heroine's major interests were people and the democratic ideal, and she found her faith in both more than justified.

31 Saturday "But he knoweth the way that I take when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold"—Job 23:10 Rev. Clyde Clark, appointee for Venezuela, language school, San Jose, Costa Rica, Mrs. W. Joel Ferguson, ev., Oyo, Nigeria, Miss Celia Perez, ed. ev., Havana, Cuba, Mrs. W. W. Simpson, Indian ev., Philadelphia, Miss. Mary Ellen Simpson, MF

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United Nations assembly opens with meditation

Delegates to the seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly observe a minute of silence, dedicated to prayer or meditation, at the start of the first meeting. This is the first session of the General Assembly to be held in the United Nation's new \$68,000,000 headquarters

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